

<b>Hiring National Consultant for Conducting Political Economy Analysis on Political, Religious and Ethnic Violence in Bangladesh</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	BANGLADESH
<b>Post Level:</b>	One International Consultant and One National Consultant
<b>Languages Required:</b>	English and Bangla
<b>Starting Date:</b>	01 - September - 2023
<b>Expected Duration of Assignment:</b>	25 working days over a period of 2 months

### **1.0 Background:**

The Hunger Project (THP)-Bangladesh is the nation's largest volunteer-driven development organization. The Hunger Project-Bangladesh is an affiliate of the Global Hunger Project, headquartered in New York, a 501c3 organization incorporated in 1977 and in consultative status with the United Nations since 1985. In a radical departure from traditional service delivery approaches and in an intentional drive to overcome Bangladesh's deeply entrenched mindset of resignation and dependency. The Hunger Project-Bangladesh bases its strategies on the principles of: self-reliance, gender, equality, human dignity, sustainability, volunteerism, and local leadership. It has pioneered women focused, community led strategies to empower rural communities to achieve sustainable progress in women's leadership, countering violence, promoting peaceful elections and strengthening local government.

#### **The goal of THP are:**

GOAL 1: Mobilize Rural Communities for self-reliant action

GOAL 2: Empower Women and Girls

GOAL 3: Strengthen Local Government

GOAL 4: Build Alliances for Advocacy and Action

THP has been implementing a FCDO funded project titled Multi-Stakeholder Initiative for Peace and Stability (MIPS). MIPS seeks to build community-based peace volunteer groups and networks, working to identify, prevent and mitigate incidents of political, religious and ethnic violence across Bangladesh to restore political tolerance and harmony. The project will be implemented in a total of 29 districts, including the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region, and engage people across political parties and sectors of society, women and youth in activities that seek to improve their knowledge and understanding of the conflicts that influence their everyday lives, as well as enhance their skills to prevent and deal with conflicts in their communities. MIPS is an Adaptive Programme that seeks to make relevant its implementation plan and approaches based on the contextual changes, implementation learning, stakeholders' recommendations with clear understanding of the stakeholders' interest, incentive and power to contribute in achieving the project targets. The project will also integrate Thinking and Working Politically (TWP) Approach which will be based on a solid Political Economy Analysis (PEA).

To run the Programme with the intended approach and principles, the Programme plans to conduct a Political Economy Analysis (PEA) to identify the entry points and shaping up its interventions and implementation approaches based on the PEA findings and recommendations.

## 2.0 The Concept of a PEA

Applied PEA consists of a set of concepts, questions and tools that provide a clearer picture of the political context in which development assistance is provided. It does this by systematically exploring the underlying reality of policy, contestation and decisions, including those elements that are counter-intuitive. At a strategic level, these insights can help development professionals and local actors to better understand why things work in the way that they do, and to draw practical implications. Applied to specific problems or objectives, they can help to unlock constraints and identify actions, indicating the most realistic space in which to engage.

The three main questions that a PEA will usually address are:

- What is the underlying issue or problem that a team wishes to address (which may lie beneath the more obvious consequences of those problems)?
- Why does this situation persist in this form (such as insecurity or gender inequality)?
- How can change come about?

## 3.0 Objective of the PEA:

The overall objective of the PEA is to document the following aspects related to political, religious, and ethnic violence in the semi-urban and rural Bangladesh.

- Various dimensions, foundational factors, power dynamics, characteristics, types and pattern of political, religious, and ethnic violence.
- Why political, religious, and ethnic violence are so prevalent in Bangladesh by unpacking the interaction between structural condition, formal and informal process and rules of the games, and key agency, networks and actors' interest, incentives and power.
- How the causes of political, religious, and ethnic violence can be addressed by defining realistic pathway of change, identify technically and politically sound and feasible interventions in regard to project goal, and how the analysis can be embedded so that is supports MIPS to think and work politically.
- A list of most vulnerable District and Upazila in terms of political, religious, and ethnic violence.
- Key agencies and political parties and their motivation, measures, progress and gaps in reducing/ controlling the violence.
- The actors who are working in the same field including NGOs/ INGOs and other entities
- International good practices/ success stories.
- Key challenges and recommendations.

## 4.0 Scope of Work/ Key Tasks:

The scope of work includes the following key tasks.

### (a) Prepare and submit an inception report that must include:

- Understanding of the assignment
- Methodology of conducting the PEA

- A work plan indicating what, when, why, How and Who
- Any points the Consultant see is important but not mentioned in the objective and/or in the tasks and the Consultant wants to include that in PEA process.

**(b) Conduction of PEA:**

- Conduct interview with Multi-stakeholders that includes:
  - GOB Officials, Police, local administration, United Nations in Bangladesh, FCDO, Democracy International, IFES, relevant Academicians, USAID, Key Political Party Representatives, THP Representatives, CHT Stakeholders, and with other, as applicable.
- Secondary literature review:
  - Review of relevant literatures for secondary data scanning
  - Review of various international materials to document international good practices, if any.
- Prepare list of stakeholders and their interest to, power on and incentives from the desired change/ outcome.
- Prepare a list of organization who are working on the similar/somewhat similar issue in Bangladesh.
- Ethnic violence intervention of the project will be CHT based. So, while conducting PEA on ethnic violence, focus should be given to CHT ethnic violence issues.

**(c) Submission of draft report**

**(d) Submission of final report**

**5.0 Key deliverables and time frame:**

Sl. #	Key Deliverables	Allocated Days	Date of Submission/ Completion
01	Prepare and submit an inception report	3 Days	3 September 2023
02	Conduction of PEA	12 Days	5 October 2023
03	Submission of draft report	7 Days	10 October 2023
04	Submission of final report	3 Days	30 October 2023

**6.0 Payment Procedures:**

Sl. #	Key Deliverables	% of payment	Payment in BDT
01	Prepare and submit an inception report	10%	
03	Submission of draft report	60%	
04	Submission of final report	30%	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## **7.0 Required Skills and Experience of the Consultant:**

### ***Academic Qualifications:***

Minimum Master's degree in Social Science.

### ***Experiences:***

- Having at least 10 years' experience of conducting various survey applying quantitative and qualitative methods on local governance, human rights, ethnic and gender issues.
- Having at least 7 years' experience in conduction of Political Economy Analysis (PEA) for donor funded project/ interventions.
- Having knowledge/ working experience with any project that dealing with Multi-stakeholder platform for innovative solution and promotion of collective actions for desired changes.
- Having in-depth knowledge on political, religious and ethnic (in CHT areas) violence in Bangladesh.
- Experience of working with national and international NGOs.

### **Language Requirement:**

Excellent command over Bangla and English.

### **Proposal requirements:**

1. A technical proposal in at best 5 pages including timeline and methodology.
2. Rate per day (VAT and TAX inclusive).
3. Your most updated CV.
4. An Expression of Interest (Eoi) indicating experience of accomplishing PEA in last 5 years.

### **Weight for proposal evaluation:**

1. A technical proposal (60 Marks).
2. Academic background and experiences to be demonstrated in the CV and Eoi (20 Marks).
3. Financial proposal (20 Marks)