**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

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| Assignment | To conduct a study about access to legal aid services in Tanzania after the enactment of Legal Aid Act of 2017 and its Regulations of 2018  |
| Location of the assignment | Tanzania, United Republic Of |
| Period of Assignment  | 70 days  |
| Type of contract  | Consultancy contract  |
| Open to  | Scholars with a proven track record in consultancy and research work  |
| Deadline for submitting applications  | July 24, 2020  |
| Submit to | research@tls.or.tz  |

**ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT**

The call for applications invites experts to conduct research about access to legal aid in Tanzania after the enactment of Legal Aid Act of 2017 and its Regulations of 2018.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**Tanganyika Law Society abbreviated as TLS is a statutory professional organization established by an Act of Parliament - the Tanganyika Law Society Ordinance of 1954. Currently TLS is governed by the Tanganyika Law Society Act, Cap 307 as amended.

One of the core components of TLS statutory mandate outlined in the TLS Act, Cap 307 is to assist the Government, Judiciary and Parliament in all matters affecting legislation, and the administration and practice of the law in Tanzania. Other TLS statutory mandate include; to facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession and others, to protect and assist the public in Tanzania in all matters touching, ancillary or incidental to the law, and to represent, protect and assist members of the legal profession in Tanzania as regards to conditions of practice and otherwise.

For TLS to execute its mandate, research has become one of the most important components to its operations. TLS Monitoring and Evaluation Department is tasked with coordinating research activities with a guidance and oversight of Research and Publication Committee.

**RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

The overall research objective is to conduct a study about access to legal aid in Tanzania after the enactment of Legal Aid Act of 2017 and its Regulations of 2018.

The specific research objectives are;

1. To examine the prevailing policy, law, and practice on the issue of legal aid in Tanzania.
2. To analyze the gaps in response to the cause of legal aid in Tanzania.
3. To examine the role of Law Society in promoting legal aid services for the needy.

**DELIVERABLES**

1. Inception reports
2. Validation report
3. Final report

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

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| **Criteria**  | **Weight****(%)** | **Max Point** |
| **Technical proposal (70 %)** |
| Demonstrate proven skills in consultancy and research work | 15 | 15 |
| Demonstrated experience in conducting research and consultancy in similar/related assignments  | 15 | 15 |
| Demonstrate evidence of involvement in a multi-stakeholders research activities  | 15 | 15 |
| Methodology and work plan | 25 | 25 |
| **Financial proposal (30%)** |
| Budget  | 10 | 10 |
| Evidence of previous research grant  | 20 | 20  |

**QUALIFICATION NEEDED**

* The Principal Investigator should hold a PhD in law or any discipline of the social sciences
* The Principal Investigator should be a citizen of Tanzania
* Should demonstrate a commitment and proven track record in research, consultancy and publication work
* The Principal Investigator should be assisted by a team of assistant researchers with undergraduate qualification or higher
* At least two (2) assistant researchers should be advocates of High Court of Tanzania
* Non-Tanzanians interested in the assignment can only work as assistant researchers and shall comply with the immigration laws

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

When submitting the technical proposal, interested applicants are requested to attach the following;

* A recent CV of the Principal Investigator indicating his/her academic record, relevant work experience, list of publications and at least 2 academic referees
* Profile of assistant researchers explaining why they are more suitable for the work

To submit your expression of interest (EOI) please send the technical proposal, along with financial proposal to research@tls.or.tz. The deadline to submit expressions of interest is July 24, 2020.