



**END OF PROJECT EVALUATION - TERMS OF REFERENCE
2023**

Subject	Final Project Evaluation
Project Name	Empowered Youth Generation in Governance (EYGG) Project
Project Code	7000
Project Timeline	April 1– December 31, 2023
Project Location	Kenya

1. Introduction

The Oslo Center was founded in 2006 and has developed into a focused and professionally strong democratic support organization focusing on supporting democratization processes. The Oslo Centers' vision is to support democratic systems that are responsive to citizens' needs and respect their meaningful participation, human rights, and human dignity. The Oslo Center's approach to democracy assistance is by working with local partners and providing technical assistance to promote and enhance democratic practices by strengthening governance, political and government institutions, and civic spaces.

The Oslo Center works in Kenya to promote democracy through the provision of technical expertise to institutions of democracy and governance such as political parties, parliament, regulatory bodies such as the election management bodies, and the registrar of political parties.

2. Background

The Empowered Youth Generation in Governance (EYGG) project seeks to promote the meaningful participation of youth in decision-making by advocating for accountability and promoting responsive government structures. The activities focus on enhancing the capacity of youths, establishing accountability hubs, and creating a bridge between the youth and county governments to promote accountability and service delivery.

The project worked closely with Youth Leagues from seven main political parties, the Kwale Youth Assembly, and the Nandi County Youth Network and established an 11-member accountability hub task force that provided stewardship to the project implemented in two counties namely Kwale and Nandi.

The project worked to strengthen youth engagement in the governance process through social accountability frameworks that will enhance promoting accountability and better service delivery.

The Oslo Center (TOC) is therefore recruiting a consultant or a legal entity (hereafter: the “Evaluator”) to conduct an end-of-project evaluation that will take place in November and December 2023.

2.1 Project Background

The Oslo Center (TOC), with support from Uraia Trust, has been implementing the Empowered Youth Generation in Governance. The project's main objective is to strengthen youth engagement in the governance process through social accountability frameworks that will enhance promoting accountability and better service delivery in Nandi and Kwale counties. The Project has three main outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Increased youth capacity to meaningfully participate in promoting accountable governance.

- Outcome 2: Increased youth civic responsibility to advocate for accountability in governance structures.
- Outcome 3: Improved elected youth's responsiveness to youth and community issues

The Project has six outputs.

- Output 1.1: Increased youths with skills in social accountability approaches in the target counties.
- Output 1.2: Social accountability hubs/platforms established by the project in the target counties.
- Output 2.1: Youths actively engage in promoting accountability within governance structures.
- Output 2.2: Civic actions undertaken by youths to demand better service delivery from County Governments.
- Output 3.1: Elected youth representatives publicly engage with youth through town hall meetings.
- Output 3.2: Actions/commitments/feedback provided by duty bearers to respond to youth demands.

2.2 Target Groups

The Project targeted youth from seven political parties as well as those in Nandi and Kwale counties to effectively engage with the governance structures.

2.3 Summary of Project Activities

The Project activities were organized along the outputs and included.

- Identification of Ten Member Youth Taskforce
- Training on Accountability Frameworks and Development of Accountability Tool.
- Identification of County Accountability Champions.
- Cascade training for Ward Level accountability champions.
- Development of policy proposals (Memorandums and Petitions)
- Digital and Mainstream media sensitization campaigns on accountability
- Consultative meeting between youth and youth MCAs
- Consultative meeting between the youth and County Executive

3. Context of the evaluation

The evaluation is set to take place in November and December 2023 and take about 20 days.

4. Purpose of the evaluation

The evaluation is oriented toward assessing the Project's achievements and learning toward future programming. Therefore, it shall, firstly, target the Project's implementation dynamics and the level of achievement of its objectives. It shall help the Oslo Center to understand the results of the Project and help the donor to understand the results of their funding. Secondly, it shall gather lessons learned, challenges faced, and best practices and use such insight to generate recommendations that can help the Oslo Center design and undertake similar initiatives in the future.

5. Objectives of the evaluation

The objectives of the evaluation are as follows:

1. To assess the extent to which the Project has been relevant, effective, efficient, and has contributed to the achievement of the impact, and the outcome level results in relation to the project components.
2. Identify the results, impact, and successes of the project.
3. Identify key lessons learned and recommendations, strengths and weaknesses of the Project based on evidence, to improve relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of Project results, and document knowledge basis from the design and implementation to inform similar future initiatives.

6. Evaluation questions

Below is a list of preliminary evaluation questions ordered by evaluation criteria. This list of questions may be adjusted, reduced, and/or further refined by the Evaluator during the inception phase of the evaluation process. However, all criteria should be tackled by the evaluation.

Relevance

Overarching question(s)

- Has the Project been relevant to Kenya's political and policy context in which it was implemented?
- Did this Project design and methodology address the problem statement identified in the proposal document?

Effectiveness

Overarching question(s)

- To what extent has the Project achieved its overall goal?
- To what extent has the Project achieved the two expected outcomes?
- To what extent have the planned objectives in the log frame of the project, been reached, per indicator, disaggregated by gender and age?

Efficiency

Overarching question(s)

- Were, the activities timely implemented in comparison to Project planning?
- Have the Project activities been considered to be cost-efficient while not comprising the quality?
- What were the outcomes of these choices for effective and efficient Project implementation?

Sustainability

Overarching question(s)

- What is the likelihood of the Project's results being sustained in the future by the target groups? Which elements of the Project are more or less sustainable? How has the Project been able to address this?

Learning

Overarching question(s)

- What are the key lessons learned per objective?
- To what extent has the delivery of response activities contributed to effective, efficient, relevant, and timely delivery of aid and enhanced impact for the beneficiaries?
- What are the best practices from the Project that need to be sustained in future programming?

Results and Impact

Overarching question(s)

- What are the direct and indirect results and impact of the Project?
- What are the impacts of the Project?

- What are the successes of the Project that can be presented to the donor?

7. Methods

The Project’s results chain was defined in a logical framework during the design phase. The Project team therefore tracked instances of progress for each of the two outcomes and the associated progress markers. The Evaluator shall consider the descriptions of progress as one of the key sources of evidence.

Other methods to be used include **quantitative and qualitative interviews** (including with the Project team).

8. Deliverables and timeline

- Appropriate validated draft data collection tools (e.g., methodological guidelines, group interview questions)

b. Evaluation report (in English), also including:

- An executive summary
- Introduction
- Methodology, including sampling and limitations.
- Analysis and findings of the evaluation. The analysis should be done according to the evaluation objectives.
- Challenges, bottlenecks of the Project, and proposed redress.
- Stories of change and quotes from respondents – Stories of the target groups
- Conclusions for each of the end-line evaluation objectives.
- Key results, outcomes, and impact of the Project.
- Recommendations and implementation strategy for future projects
- Annexes

Deliverable	Indicative deadline
Evaluation tools	Three days after the start of the evaluation process
Draft evaluation report	15 days after the start of the evaluation process
Final evaluation report	5 days after the start of the evaluation process

9. Qualifications

The Evaluator - as a whole - must fulfil the following criteria:

- Degree in Monitoring and Evaluation, Social Sciences, or any other relevant field.
- A proven and strong track record of conducting Project evaluations in the field of democracy is required.
- Proven experience in conducting end-of-project evaluation in the field of democracy and governance.
- Strong understanding of the Kenya’s legal frameworks and policies especially around youth development.
- Experience working with political party officials, elected representatives, government officials and complex political processes in Kenya.

- Demonstrable previous experience in collecting project results using outcome outcome-harvesting approach.
- Strong analytical and report-writing abilities.
- Team player and willing to work with Project staff, Youth, Political party officials, elected representatives, and government officials to discuss the administrative and technical pieces of the evaluation.
- Fluency in English, and Kiswahili a plus.

10. Submission of the application

- Along with their resume interested candidates should submit :-
 - A technical proposal explaining their comprehension of the ToR and how they would approach this assignment, summarizing the methodologies, and approaches they plan to use, including a timeline.
 - Their availability to undertake the assignment.
 - A financial proposal outlining their expected fees, including the field logistics costs.

Application procedure

Interested candidates/institutions should submit a technical and financial proposal.

Applications should be submitted to ock@oslocenter.no with the subject line: **END OF PROJECT EVALUATION – 7000-PROJECT** on or before **24th November 2023**.