



V4P FINAL EVALUATION CONSULTANT

Terms of Reference for Consultant with Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL) expertise to conduct a final evaluation of the EAI Voices for Peace (V4P) Project

Background

Equal Access International is an international not for profit organization working throughout Asia and Africa. A communication for social change organization that combines the power of media with community mobilization, Equal Access creates customized communications strategies and outreach solutions that address the most critical challenges affecting people in the developing world in the areas of peace and transforming extremism, women's and girl's empowerment, governance, civic participation, youth development, human rights and health. EAI is currently implementing the Voices for Peace (V4P) US Agency for International Development (USAID) focusing on P/CVE, radicalization, and conflict resolution in the Sahel region of Africa.

V4P is a 5-year, \$31 million project working to reduce vulnerabilities to violent extremism in the Sahel. Country offices implement activities in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon, with each country following a unique workplan tailored to address locally identified drivers of extremism. V4P uses public media and dialogue, primarily radio shows produced across a network of over 80 local stations broadcasting in over 12 local languages, to create a two-way information exchange between governments and citizens, encourage social cohesion, and encourage behavior change.

V4P seeks an external consultant to assist in researching, writing, and designing the project's final evaluation report. To date, the project has had significant impact across five countries (focused on two "zones": the Liptako Gourma zone and the Lake Chad zone). The project has recorded significant outputs in the domain of media productions, trainings, and citizen engagement. Each quarterly report also includes significant outcomes towards the project's four overall intended changes (intermediate outcomes) and the project goal of reducing violent extremism. In addition, V4P has produced or supported several standalone success stories and reports contributing to the overall knowledge of CVE in the region: in particular, two radio listenership studies, an impact evaluation, and an outcome harvesting report.

The consultant will analyze and consider all of the above information, and peruse previous quarterly/annual reports for additional information, in order to synthesize all of these inputs into a Final Evaluation Report for the project.

The consultant will have creative leeway on the format for this report, which may include tables, graphs, data visualization, photos, or other multimedia in addition to text. The report will likely be approximately 50 pages total, including all media elements and annexes, but there is no required minimum or maximum length.

While the Final Evaluation Report will include an analysis of project’s key indicators (available through quarterly indicator tables), the report is not an external endline evaluation against quantitative indicators recorded at the beginning of the project. Instead, the final report is an opportunity to consider the evolving context, shifting objectives, and trajectory of interventions over the previous five years, and showcase the project’s ensemble of achievements, successes, as well as difficulties and lessons learned.

The consultant will provide services remotely and coordinate with the Senior Technical Manager (Washington DC) and in regular contact with the regional project’s regional leadership (Côte d’Ivoire), and the five V4P country offices.

Statement of Work	Deliverable	Deadline & LOE
1. OUTCOME HARVESTING EVALUATIONS		
Introductory call with V4P Senior Technical Manager, Chief of Party, and Deputy Chief of Party Review of all program documents (weekly updates, quarterly reports, annual reports, studies and evaluations, indicator tables, outcome harvesting database) and interviews with key V4P staff to get a full understanding of process, outcomes, etc.	Introductory call with project leadership List of documents reviewed and people interviewed	LOE: 15 days Deadline: 20 August 2021
Development of a draft Evaluation Report	1 Draft Report	LOE: 10 days Deadline: 13 September 2021
Integration of feedback and production of Final Evaluation Report	1 Final Report	LOE: 10 days Deadline: 31 October 2021
Production of synthesis/summary report, with emphasis on key findings and infographics.	One summary report, not to exceed 5 pages	LOE: 5 days Deadline: 15 November 2021

The MERL Consultant will coordinate closely the EAI Senior Technical Manager and liaise with the Deputy Chief of Party for V4P and work frequently with field based V4P staff to ensure quality and impactful implementation of the task.

Duration of Assignment

The assignment will take up to **40 days** from 19 July 2021 to 15 November 2021.

Logistics

EAI will facilitate the Logistics, Accommodation and Meals for the Consultant if undertaking work-required visits beyond their home of record. However, no travel is envisioned for this consultancy and services are to be provided remotely, with communications over Skype or Microsoft Teams.

Expertise:

- At least 10 years of relevant work experience in international development projects, preferably with USAID,
- Experience working projects involving West Africa/Sahel region; Countering Violent Extremism; behavior change and media; and/or monitoring, evaluation, and reporting.
- Good understanding of complexity awareness modeling.
- An understating of media work, peacebuilding, and CVE work
- Strong analytical skills, including expertise in the modeling and analysis of data, and data visualization
- Proficiency in **English** is required, proficiency in **French** is strongly preferred

Required

The Consultant is expected to share an implementation plan for the assignment indicating the actual dates for the tasks based on the LOE provided.

Interested candidates should send their CV/daily or hourly rate and indicate their expertise to: v2precrutement@equalaccess.org. Please reference "Final Evaluation Consultant" in the subject line.