

## Local partner organization for anti-corruption private sector work – Malawi

The Basel Institute on Governance is looking for an experienced partner to support its private sector focused corruption prevention work in Malawi.

### Technical information

**Contracting authority:** Basel Institute on Governance

**Application deadline:** 15 Feb 2021

**Anticipated provider selection date:** 1st March 2021

**Delivery timeline:** Between 1st March 2021 and 10th May 2021 (dates for each deliverable to be agreed between the selected provider, Collective Action Division, and agreed with the project partners).

### Background

#### About the Basel Institute on Governance

The Basel Institute on Governance is an international and independent not-for-profit organisation working worldwide with the public and private sectors to counter corruption and other financial crimes as well as to improve the quality of governance. Registered as a Swiss foundation with headquarters in Basel, the Institute operates globally and maintains field operations in Africa, Eastern Europe, and Latin America.

#### The Collective Action Division, Basel Institute on Governance

The Basel Institute's Collective Action team helps companies and multi-stakeholder groups with advice on anti-corruption Collective Action. Collective Action is an innovative approach to tackle corruption, raise standards of business integrity and level the playing field between competitors. It involves collaboration and sustained cooperation between stakeholders in the private and public sectors, civil society and international organisations.

We develop and facilitate Collective Action initiatives that bring together businesses and other stakeholders to solve problems of corruption in industry sectors and markets worldwide.

## Context

### Tackling Serious and Organised Corruption (TSOC) Programme, Malawi

The Basel Institute has been commissioned by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Malawi, to implement the Tackling Serious and Organised Corruption (TSOC) programme. The programme focuses on strengthening investigation and prosecution capacity with a view to recovering stolen assets. In addition, the programme supports a range of prevention-related activities in relation to the anti-money laundering and counter financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) framework and engages with non-state actors such as journalists, civil society organisations, and the private sector.

Based on our research conducted on the private sector in Malawi, the work will focus on corruption prevention activities in procurement relating to infrastructure and construction. There will be a particular focus on corruption reporting mechanisms, early detection tools, and collective mitigation strategies that can help reduce opportunities for corrupt practices.

### Objectives:

- Conduct Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) to better understand corruption risks in the tendering process, the mitigation tools that currently exist in Malawi and ultimately brainstorm viable steps and mechanisms to effectively reduce corruption before it manifests in infrastructure projects. Stakeholders will include (1) company representatives and industry associations (2) active multi-stakeholder initiatives and (3) mandated corruption response bodies.
- Lead and coordinate the ongoing discussions and engagement with a core stakeholder group to ensure stakeholder buy-in and propose further guidance for proposed activities.

### Deliverables:

- Produce a research report summarising the status quo of corruption reporting mechanisms in Malawi in preparation for the FGDs.
- Plan and conduct three FGDs in line with the Basel Institute's Collective Action methodology.
- Write up a post-delivery report, identifying the participants, summarising the discussions, and key take-aways and action items.

- Identify a key-stakeholder group and facilitate two follow-up meetings and record next-steps proposed in coordination with Basel Institute.

### Competencies:

We are looking for a registered local partner organisation with a successful track record of working with both the private and public sectors, and capable of facilitating the development of a collaborative private sector-oriented corruption prevention approach.

### Institutional requirements:

- Experience working in donor-funded programmes in the private sector and/or anti-corruption context.
- Experience working collaboratively with private and public sector stakeholders
- An extensive private sector network that can be engaged
- Strong research capabilities and resources
- Established organisation - registered NGO or company - with a local office, with a minimum of 15 staff preferred

### Personal competencies of the implementing expert/s:

- At least 10 years of experience working in, or with the private sector
- Thorough knowledge of the business landscape in Malawi
- Native-level English speaking and writing skills
- Strong track record in research and report writing
- Experience working with senior-level private sector and government employees

### Remuneration

The Basel Institution will review expressions of interest received in accordance with the competency criterias outlined. Shortlisted applicants demonstrating credible experience, expertise, and the requested contact details to assess the delivery of their past work will be invited to submit a financial proposal for their work.

## Expression of Interest submission

In reference to the competencies listed in the section above, your expression of interest should include a cover letter outlining your institution's capabilities as well as detailed CV/s and writing samples of the expert/s that will be working on the implementation of this project on behalf of your institution (in English and merged into a single PDF file). Please also include an overview of your team's - or organisation's - experience implementing similar projects. This experience overview must include contact details, such as client names, contact phone numbers, and email addresses of clients or project partners (ongoing or former) who can vouch for your work and contribution on the referenced projects.

Please send your applications to [proposal@baselgovernance.org](mailto:proposal@baselgovernance.org) by **15.02.2021**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.