

## Terms of Reference

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### Ecosystem mapping and analysis of locally-led peacebuilding approaches

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is seeking for the topic Peace (a) consultant(s) to undertake a mapping and analysis of the ecosystem of “Peace actors funding, enhancing and applying locally-led peacebuilding approaches worldwide”. Submission date for the expression of interest (EoI) is October 25, 2020.

#### Background

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is one of Europe’s largest foundations associated with a private company. It is a non-partisan, operational and grant-making institution. Based on the legacy of its founder, the Robert Bosch Stiftung is active in the areas of *Health, Science, Education, Active Citizenship* as well as *International Understanding and Cooperation*. The latter comprises the topics “Peace”, “Climate Change”, “Migration” and “Inequality”. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Under the topic “Peace”, the foundation will support locally-led peace efforts in selected regions while committing itself to a medium to long-term engagement. Furthermore, the foundation wants to contribute to the sustainability of (positive) peace through shaping debates and activities within the international field of peacebuilding that support local actors and enhance locally-led approaches. This research is related to the latter and will be the basis for defining the foundation’s activities in this line of engagement.

Following the definition of Purdue University Peace Project, the foundation understands locally-led peacebuilding as an approach in which the people involved in, and most affected by, violent conflict work together to create and enact their own solution to prevent, reduce, and/or transform the conflict, with the support they desire from outsiders. This approach to peacebuilding aims to amplify local ownership of conflict transformation.

### **Purpose & scope of work**

It shall provide a mapping and analysis of the international ecosystem including relevant actors either funding (donors), enhancing (think tanks, academia) or applying (organizations, initiatives etc.) locally-led peacebuilding approaches worldwide. The foundation seeks to get an overview of both, established and rising peace actors, and the platforms where discussions on (locally-led) peacebuilding approaches are shaped. A special focus is to be set on new, 'non-western' actors. The research shall include the following:

#### **1. An ecosystem actors map, comprising data on**

- **Most relevant private and government donors, donor networks and/or donor initiatives** that are supporting/funding locally-led peacebuilding approaches, if possible include information on the duration and scope of their engagement in the field.
- **Think Tanks and research institutions** enhancing locally-led approaches to peacebuilding on a theoretical or methodological level.
- **International or regional Institutions/ Organizations/ Initiatives and hubs**, applying locally-led peacebuilding approaches in their work.
- **Other actors** (like social movements, political decision makers, media institutions) who are shaping or have the potential to shape the international discourse on and funding attitude towards locally-led peacebuilding approaches.
- **Key spaces and platforms** where the future of international peacebuilding and locally-led peacebuilding approaches are being shaped.

## **2. Analysis & recommendations**

- Analyze the ecosystem map by identifying (funding) trends, key actors and platforms and leverage points for advancing locally-led peacebuilding approaches
- Draw recommendations from the mapping and analysis in regard to a possible engagement of the Robert Bosch Stiftung. What are possible entry points for the Robert Bosch Stiftung to enhance the international field of peacebuilding through strengthening locally-led peacebuilding approaches? Who are the relevant actors for collaboration? What are the risks and challenges for an engagement?

### **Methodology & Deliverables**

The methodology will be finalized with the involvement of the consultant(s) when selected. However, the methodology should include a combination of desk research of existing reports, analyses etc. and interviews with international, regional and local experts (due to Covid-19, the latter can be conducted virtually).

The results of the study will be submitted as a comprehensive document, including

- Executive summary (max. 2 pages),
- Analysis of the ecosystem and recommendations for an engagement of the foundation
- Mapping of actors in the format of a table incl. the name of the entity, type of entity (e.g. think tank, donor, CSO, etc.), brief summary of their objectives and activities in relation to the locally-led peacebuilding agenda, contact information
- Bibliography incl. a list of interviewees.

The (interim) results of the study will be presented to the team (virtually or in person) timely after completion. If necessary, the study will be revised after the presentation.

### **Time frame**

The assignment starts ideally in the first week of November 2020 and ends on January 31, 2021 at the latest. The foundation estimates the research and write-up to take approximately 30 working days and expects intermediate (written & oral) results by December 15, 2020.

### **Qualifications**

The consultant(s) shall possess the following minimum qualifications:

- In-depth knowledge and understanding of locally-led peacebuilding approaches, current peacebuilding and conflict transformation approaches and debates as well as key global developments in this field
- Sound knowledge of and good network in the international donor community & landscape in the field of peacebuilding
- More than 5 year's relevant work experience (including similar assignments)
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills
- Excellent English skills (spoken & written)
- Minimum MA degree or equivalent

### **Expression of Interest**

Applicants who meet the qualifications, skills and requirements mentioned above are invited to submit an expression of interest (EoI).

Both individual applicants or organizations can submit an EoI. The EoI should include the following:

- Curriculum Vitae of the researcher(s), including credentials from past assignments
- Organizational profile (if relevant)
- Written sample of previous work
- Outline of approach and methodology including a detailed work plan(max. 2 pages)
- Financial offer assigning number of hours/days per person to each deliverable proposed

Please send your EoI or any questions you may have to Mrs. Imke Kerber ([imke.kerber@bosch-stiftung.de](mailto:imke.kerber@bosch-stiftung.de)) and Mrs. Miriam Brandner ([Miriam.Brandner@bosch-stiftung.de](mailto:Miriam.Brandner@bosch-stiftung.de)). EoIs are welcome in English or in German. Deadline for submitting the EoI: **October 25, 2020**.