

# **Call for Proposals for an External Evaluator to Assess the Impact of the Berghof Foundation's Somalia Programming**

The Berghof Foundation is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization that supports efforts to prevent political and social violence, and to achieve sustainable peace through conflict transformation.

The Berghof Foundation has been active in Somalia since the beginning of 2015. Over the years, a network of insider peacebuilders (IPN) has been created in Hirshabelle and Galmudug states, consisting of ca. 100 peacebuilders. A similar network is currently being created in the South-West State of Somalia. The aim of the programme is to support and empower local peacebuilders in their efforts to address conflict and support reconciliation in their communities and raise awareness of the nexus between climate change, environmental degradation and conflict.

The Berghof Foundation is currently inviting proposals for an experienced evaluator to conduct an evaluation of Berghof Foundation's Somalia programming (across four active projects, as well as the programming of the past 10 years overall). The evaluation will use a mixed methodology and data collection tools and will aim to assess the impact of the programme, lessons learned, and key recommendations.

## **Goal and Objectives of the Evaluation**

The goal of this assignment is to assess the impact of Berghof Foundation's programming in Somalia to support our ongoing strategic planning and implementation, as well as to ensure sustainability in the long term.

The specific objectives of this evaluation are:

- To set a reliable contextual baseline over the past 10 years.
- To collect in-depth data from the ground to evaluate the effectiveness of different activity streams and assess the impact on various stakeholders with a particular focus on how they approach conflict and conflict transformation.
- Gather intended as well as unintended impacts (positive and negative) of the programming on various stakeholders across different societal groups (different genders, ages, socioeconomic classes/ clans and abilities).
- To identify the extent to which the various activity streams effectively fulfil (or have fulfilled) the programme objectives.
- To assess the effectiveness and sustainability of the programme.

- To highlight new needs amongst communities and other stakeholders, and opportunities for new activity streams that build on what has been achieved through the programming so far.

### **Deliverables:**

The evaluator will collect the data, which will be made available to the team in English in its entirety. The evaluator will also prepare a longer overarching evaluation report on the general programming, including key gaps identified and respective recommendations on how to address them. An emphasis will be put on stories that illustrate impact and outcomes. The evaluator is expected to present the data and findings to the team at the end of the evaluation.

### **Methodology and Data Collection Tools**

The study should apply a mixed methods approach consisting of a literature review, quantitative surveys, and qualitative methods (for example: Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Key Informant Interviews (KIIs)). The consultant, in consultation with the project team, will be responsible for designing the final methodology, developing tools, recruitment and training of enumerators, data collection and data analysis, and drafting, presenting and revising the report. Proposals should include clarity on data triangulation and key methodologies for data collection, as well as justification for the relevance of these methods. Proposal methodologies will also have to include sampling strategies associated with the proposed methods, methodologies for data analysis outlined with justifications and reasoning for any key methods mentioned, Do No Harm strategies, and any proposed strategies for sharing the findings of the study.

### **Requirements of Consultant**

The following skills and experience are expected for the evaluator(s) for this project:

- Fluency in Somali and English (written and spoken), as the consultant is expected to conduct the data collection in Somali and provide the data and reports in English.
- Demonstrated experience conducting conflict analysis, as well as quantitative and qualitative surveys and analysis.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in conducting evaluations.
- Expertise on conflict transformation, environmental peacebuilding and infrastructures for peace is desirable.
- The consultant must be located in Somalia and be willing to travel to the indicated locations.

- Strong quality assurance support from reliable data collection and analysis, with a commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of personal data.
- Demonstrated understanding of conflict sensitivity and awareness that different societal groups face distinct barriers to participation, with the ability to apply appropriate, context-specific measures to ensure data collection is inclusive, representative, and reflects the perspectives of diverse and marginalized groups.

## **Selection Criteria**

Consultant proposals will be selected for:

1. Relevance of proposed methodology to the goal, objectives, and research questions for the project.
2. Quality of proposed methods, conflict sensitivity approaches, and quality control measures. Proposals which employ deliberative democracy tools (such as pol.is or remesh) or other innovative data collection strategies will be viewed favorably.
3. The above-mentioned requirements and qualifications of the candidate(s).
4. Proposed budget in relation to proposed methodology, deliverables, and team.
5. Capability of fulfilling the timeline for proposed activities.

## **Applications**

To apply for the consultancy, candidates should submit a CV and an evaluation proposal of approximately 4 pages to Nura Detweiler ([n.detweiler@berghof-foundation.org](mailto:n.detweiler@berghof-foundation.org)) before 09.00 AM CEST on 04.03.2026. The proposal should outline:

- The profile of the organization, or individual replying to this call for proposal, including a short description of how the proposed evaluator meets the person specifications;
- An outline of the evaluation approach and methodology, as well as a proposed timeline;
- An indicative budget breakdown amounting to a maximum of 20,000 EUR (including travel costs).