



## **TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR UNDERTAKING AN IN-DEPTH MEDIA INVESTIGATION INTO CORRUPTION, LAND GRABBING AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION IN KARAMOJA'S MINING SECTOR.**

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### **1.0. Introduction:**

Resource Rights Africa (RRA) is a research and development Not for profit organization formed in 2016 to advocate for the promotion and protection of people's rights in Uganda. With smart projects in the right places, we oppose discrimination, inequality, abuse of power and the unsustainable use of our natural resources including oil and gas, minerals, land, forests, water bodies as well as flora and fauna. RRA is one of the most dynamic and robust regional leaders in cutting-edge public policy research and analysis in a range of areas including extractive governance, land, climate change, taxation and gender budgeting.

**RRA's vision is**, *"A just and peaceful world free from human rights violations"*. **Our mission is** *"To empower local communities to achieve a dignified life through creating synergies with duty bearers for equitable access to natural resources in Africa"*.

### **2.0. Background to the project:**

RRA in partnership with HORIZONT3000 are implementing a three year (2020-2022) project titled, **"Community action to promote good governance of mineral resources in Karamoja sub-region"**. The project goal is to promote good governance of mineral resources in Karamoja with the main objective: To increase coordinated civic engagement and improve transparency and accountability in the mining sector in Uganda. The project is being implemented in the districts of Kotido (Rengen, Panyangara), Moroto (Tapac, Katiekile) and Kaabong District (Kamion, Lodiko, Morungore, Timu and Loyoro).

### **2.1. The problem being addressed:**

Most land in Karamoja is under customary tenure and collectively managed. Few people own certificates of land ownership making fair compensation a difficult issue as few can negotiate with the mining companies for the (temporary) acquisition of land. Mining companies rarely engage the affected communities in their mandatory Environmental and Social Impact Assessments in meaningful ways. In addition, local authorities rarely consult with and involve communities in decision-making, resulting in actions that exacerbate rather than resolve already existing accountability and human rights concerns. Vulnerable groups particularly women and youth from minority groups like the Ik, Napore and Tepeth suffer the negative impacts of mining activities. These face exploitation, physical and, for women, sexual abuse, alcohol abuse, child labour, land grabbing by mining companies and authorities. Besides, they are exposed to environmental and health hazards.

### **3.0. Purpose of the consultancy:**

The consultancy is to investigate land grabbing, corruption and environmental degradation in the mining sector in Kotido, Kaabong and Moroto Districts in Karamoja, produce and air a catching, awakening

and evidence based story on one of the television channels. The investigative story will also aid RRA's advocacy actions on transparency and accountability in the governance of mineral resources in Karamoja mining sector.

#### **4.0. Scope of the assignment:**

The assignment involves production of communication content (video and still photos). Specifically, the consultant will produce an investigative story on land grabbing, corruption and environmental destruction in the extractives sector in Karamoja and air it on a National Television.

#### **4.1. Geographical scope:**

The investigation will be conducted in Kotido, Moroto and Kaabong.

#### **4.2. Time Scope:**

One month fixed starting 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2022.

#### **5.0: Key expected outputs to be delivered:**

At the end of this assignment, the consultant is expected to deliver a minimum of the following outputs:

- i. An in-depth investigative story aired on television.
- ii. Raw footage for future use by RRA.

Through the documented material, the consultant should ensure that the following parameters are accommodated:

- i. Clear understanding of issues around minerals and land resources and the human rights violations situation in Karamoja region.
- ii. Emerging issues around the extractives in the Karamoja region.
- iii. Clear understanding of RRA role in the promotion of good governance, transparency and accountability in the natural resources in Karamoja.
- iv. Clear understanding of the project objective which is to increase coordinated civic engagement and improve transparency and accountability in the mining sector in Uganda.

#### **6.0: Qualification Requirements:**

The consultant must possess the following qualifications:

- i. Excellent skills in investigative journalism.
- ii. Excellent interview skills.
- iii. Good inter-personal skills.
- iv. At least 3 years' experience in investigative journalism focusing on extractives industry in the Karamoja sub-region.

#### **7.0: Methodology:**

The Consultant is at liberty to employ a methodology of his /her choice to deliver the assignment in line with industry professional ethics/standards. RRA will not be held liable for any encumbrances that may result from undertaking the assignment. However, the consultant will be required to provide a two-page inception document showing his/her understanding of the assignment, detailed plan of delivery of the assignment plus samples of work previously done.

At inception stage, the consultant will be supported by the RRA team to understand the specific project operational areas/mining sites and stakeholders in the sector to enable him or her develop appropriate delivery methodology(ies).

#### **8.0: Evaluation Criteria:**

Bids will be evaluated based on their response to these terms of reference. Thus, bidders are advised to provide all relevant information to facilitate evaluation of compliance to RRA's requirements.

**Required:** Interested consultants should submit technical and financial proposals including;

- i. Response to TOR, with specific focus on addressing the purpose and objectives of the assignment and methodology to be used.
- ii. Provision of CVs of the consultant(s) including 3 references. Please note that both companies and Individuals working in a team are encouraged to apply for the assignment.
- iii. Sample of similar work/ assignment performed.
- iv. Initial work plan based on proposed methodology.
- v. Detailed budget breakdown based on expected daily rates and initial work plan.

#### **9.0. Financial Proposal:**

The consultant(s) should submit a detailed budget with justifications. The proposal should include a reasonable detailed budget to cover all costs associated with the assignment.

#### **10.Submission date:**

The expression of interest should be sent to RRA not later than 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 5.00PM (EAT).

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\*Only shortlisted firms will be contacted.

\*No phone calls please. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.