

Invitation to Tender

Coordinator and Interpreter for Webinar Series with Rohingya Civil Society “Supporting Conflict Transformation in Rakhine State”

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I. Background

CPCS is a Cambodian NGO working in the field of peacebuilding and conflict transformation in Asia. Our mission is to strengthen strategic intervention into armed conflict with the overall goal of reaching sustainable and positive peace in the Asia region. CPCS is home to a range of interconnected programmes and initiatives that are informed by on-going analysis and consultation with a myriad of local partners from the various contexts in which CPCS works, including Myanmar, the Philippines, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka.

CPCS focuses on demand-driven interventions that are informed by critical analyses and tailored to the needs of stakeholders within their conflict contexts. To enhance the sustainability of outcomes, CPCS prioritises long-term accompaniment over one-off programmes. Through this approach, CPCS expands safe spaces and creates platforms for dialogue and understanding, which are essential for establishing mutual trust and an environment conducive for transforming conflict. CPCS also works to build relationships with key individuals and institutions directly involved in peace processes, as well as key actors driving or influencing conflicts. These relationships provide a myriad of perspectives on conflict dynamics as well as opportunities to support and strengthen locally led efforts. New projects are frequently identified through feedback from these partners and are designed to fill identified gaps, strengthen conflict transformation approaches, or to bring together key actors to develop new strategies for reducing conflict.

II. Context and Purpose

The conflict in Rakhine state is complex with multiple factors that contribute to the reoccurring violence and instability in the state. While there have been various attempts by national and international stakeholders to provide solutions to the crisis in Rakhine state (i.e Kofi Annan Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, UNHCR's Solidarity Approach, and bilateral agreements between Myanmar and its neighboring countries), it is unclear how these efforts come together to shape the future of the state positively. While the security situation in Rakhine state has relatively improved since the Tatmadaw and Arakan Army (AA) engaged in an informal peace talks since November 2020, the current political landscape in Myanmar remain uncertain with the Military rule imposed across the country since February 1, 2021.

Based on the above context, CPCS shall work with key leaders (men, women, and youth) across Rakhine and Rohingya communities to pursue pragmatic ways forward to end violence and find meaningful and sustainable long-term solutions to end the conflict.

III. Objectives & Deliverables

The Rohingya's participation in any attempt to forge long-term and sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis is fundamental. CPCS' engagement with different Rohingya civil society and political leaders across the world indicate the need to engage leadership at the community level; help them develop deeper understanding of the complexities of the conflict in Rakhine state and its implications to them; and when feasible, develop a collective action points on ways forward.

CPCS shall develop a webinar series on leadership development, conflict transformation, and peacebuilding that is tailored fit to the needs of emerging Rohingya civil society leaders. This webinar series focus on core purpose of building their capacity towards engagement with key stakeholders working towards a comprehensive solution to the conflict.

Deliverables

The consultant shall:

1. Coordinate with CPCS in the designing the process and content of a 13-session webinar series tailored-fit to the context of the target participants;
2. Identify participants and coordinate with them with schedule;
3. Do the interpretation from English to Rohingya during the webinar sessions, and when applicable translate materials needed for the webinar sessions;
4. Conduct an off-the-record debriefing session with the participants after each session to private space to discuss and reflect on the sessions conducted.



IV. Methodology

The consultant shall coordinate with the Project Director on logistical and technical needs during the contract period. All relevant activities to this consultancy shall be done remotely.

V. Timeframe and Budget

A total of thirteen (13) days consultancy service shall be rendered between March 5 to May 28, 2021. Specific dates of the activities shall be determined depending of the availability of the target participants. Remuneration shall be based on CPCS consultancy rate. All expenses associated with activity will be covered by CPCS.

VI. TECHNICAL REQUIRMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS

About the consultant:

- Proven extensive network with Rohingya communities across the world, with priority to those in the Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, and Malaysia
- Knowledge of the conflict dynamics in Rakhine state and Myanmar politics, and familiarity with conflict transformation and peacebuilding
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Fluency in Rohingya language

Deadline: Interested applicants may email their application letter and CV on **February 26, 2021 at 5pm Cambodia time** zsiwa.cpcs@gmail.com, rbc.cpcs@gmail.com, centrepeaceconflictstudies@gmail.com