

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

LOT 4_ 'Stakeholder perception, support or otherwise for Galamsey, Mining in Forest Reserves, Community Mining and related matters'

Project: Building Active Actors and Systems to Support (BAASS) Deforestation-Free Commodities in Ghana and Liberia

Introduction

The Nature and Development Foundation (NDF), a modest environmental non-governmental organisation (NGO) is inviting qualified and interested person(s)/organisations to express interest in conducting a study on 'Stakeholder perception, support or otherwise for Galamsey, Mining in Forest Reserves, Community Mining and related matters in Ghana'.

Background

Mining in Ghana is a double-edged sword, providing substantial economic benefits while posing significant environmental and social challenges. Irresponsible mining has become a critical issue in Ghana and has been recognized, arguably, as the leading cause of land degradation and deforestation in the country. In recent times, it has been linked to numerous environmental violations, including water pollution, soil degradation, and loss of biodiversity. In many cases, these violations have devastating impacts on local ecosystems and communities, highlighting the need for effective monitoring. The impact is so conspicuous and pervasive that it now attracts more airtime and political attention than any other driver of deforestation. There are differing views on mining depending on the actors. In some communities, the youth and some opinion leaders are captured as supporting any form of mining while other people chastise mining as the threat to their very existence. Nature and Development Foundation (NDF) therefore wish to conduct an in-depth study of the mining sector to understand stakeholder perception, support or otherwise for;

1. Galamsey,
2. Mining in Forest Reserves,
3. Community Mining and related matters.

The study should also reveal what factors are hindering community actions and inactions to ensure that actors operate in a responsible manner. What will it take to get actors in the sector to comply with rules and regulations governing mining? What are the recommendations for action-oriented solutions to the menace?

This study is part of the project, 'Building Active Actors and Systems to Support (BAASS) Deforestation Free Commodities in Ghana and Liberia'. The project is receiving funding from UK Aid through the Forest Governance Markets and Climate (FGMC) Programme. The project aims to increase the capacity of state and non-state actors towards reducing deforestation through legal timber trade and responsible mining.

Study Objectives

The objective of this study is;

- ❖ **To Understand the varied perspectives of different stakeholders —local communities, CBOs, Government bodies, and mining companies toward Galamsey, Community Mining and Mining in Forest Reserves.**

Scope of Work

This assignment will involve the following which is not an exhaustive list:

- Conduct a desk review of Ghana's historical and current extent of mining.
- Identify key stakeholders, including Local Communities, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Government Bodies, Mining Companies, and Regulatory Authorities in the mining sector of Ghana.
- Prepare and collect primary data, analyse and produce reports on stakeholder perceptions of galamsey, community mining, mining in forest reserves and related matters (impact of mining activities).
- Identify the drivers behind (support of or opposition to) the different types of mining
- Provide recommendations to inform policy and practice based on the study's findings.

Who can apply/ Team/Qualification?

The assignment must be carried out by a qualified individual(s) with appropriate experience in similar research work(s) and must have a minimum of a master's degree.

Travel

Travelling to representative mining communities in the Eastern, Western, Ashanti, Ahafo among others is essential for credible data collection.

Timeframe

A total number of 28 man-days is allowed. The study should be completed preferably by October 2024.

How to apply

Please apply by sending

1. Summarized CV(s) of the consultant(s) proposed to undertake the study



2. A maximum of a two-pager summary of your capabilities including evidence of similar work previously undertaken by the consultant(s) and two or more referees.
3. Proposed daily rates (in Ghana Cedis) for the proposed consultant(s)

Please send these documents to info@ndfwestafrica.org stating the title of the assignment as the subject of your email.

*****APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The deadline for submission of interest is Sunday, 31st August 2024.

Please note that only short-listed consultants will be contacted.