

About TAF Africa

The All Rights Foundation (TAF) Africa is an independent not-for-profit organisation incorporated with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria. Founded in 2007, TAF Africa, formally known as the Albino Foundation, was originally established to promote the health, socio-economic rights, well-being, and empowerment of persons with albinism.

However, in 2023, following the approval of the Board of Trustees of TAF and the encouragement of its stakeholders and beneficiaries, the Foundation was renamed The All-Rights Foundation Africa. This change aims to deepen the organisation's reach and open more avenues for robust engagement with persons with disabilities (PWDs) and stakeholders.

About the Assignment

The participation of PWDs in political and public life is not only a fundamental human right but also a vital pillar of inclusive development. It ensures that their voices are heard and that they actively contribute to shaping policies and decisions that affect society as a whole. However, despite their significant population in Nigeria, PWDs remain largely underrepresented in political spaces. This exclusion is driven by systemic barriers and the limited commitment of political parties to create an environment that enables their meaningful participation.

To address these challenges, TAF Africa, with funding support from the European Union, has been implementing the EU-SDGN II Programme, Component 5b: Enhanced Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Political Process, over the past three years. This intervention has sought to bridge the gaps that hinder the political engagement of PWDs and IDPs by making political parties, institutions, and governance structures more accessible and responsive to their needs.

Furthermore, the initiative has focused on expanding the pool and strengthening the capacities of PWDs as aspirants and elected officials. It has also supported legal and policy reforms, alongside other initiatives, engaging stakeholders such as INEC, political parties, NASS, and the media, to increase both the number and quality of PWDs participating in Nigeria's political process.

The intervention has been designed with the following specific objectives:

1. Strengthen legal reforms and other initiatives to promote the inclusion of PWDs, including minorities, in politics, political parties, and in political leadership and decision-making positions.
1. Increase the number of PWDs aspirants for elective offices
2. Enhance the capacity of PWDs aspiring for and holding elected offices
3. Enhance the legal framework for increased participation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the electoral process.

An endline impact assessment is therefore required to measure the project's effectiveness, sustainability, and impact against its stated objectives

Purpose and scope of the assignment

This Rapid Assessment aims to evaluate the impact of project implementation, employing a triangulation method to assess the experiences and perceptions of direct and indirect beneficiaries regarding the project's effectiveness. It will document successes, challenges, and lessons learned, and develop recommendations for a sustainable future.

Specifically, the consultant is expected to:

1. Examine the project progress against logframe indicators and the extent to which intended impact, outcomes, and outputs have been achieved.
2. Evaluate the changes in knowledge, attitudes, and practices of key stakeholders (INEC, political parties, NASS, media, OPDs, IDPs, PWDs) towards inclusive elections.
3. Assess the effectiveness of advocacy campaigns (Able2Vote, Able2Serve, Disability Inclusion Radio Programme, etc.) in improving inclusive civic participation.
4. Evaluate improvements in accessibility of electoral processes (assistive devices, sign language interpretation, priority voting, etc.).
5. Analyse PWD representation in elected/appointed positions at national, state, and LGA levels.
6. Assess the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, sustainability, and scalability of project interventions.
7. Document lessons learned and best practices for future programming on PWDs/IDPs and electoral inclusion.
8. Provide evidence-based recommendations for TAF, PWD community, election management bodies, policymakers, civil society, the EU, and other development partners towards inclusive elections.

Expected Methodology

The consultant is expected to adopt a mixed-methods approach, combining a desk review of project documents, logframe indicators, and monitoring data with quantitative surveys targeting PWDs, IDPs, election observers, and beneficiaries. s/he will also conduct key informant interviews (KIIs) and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with stakeholders such as INEC, political parties, the National Assembly, media, OPDs, and security agencies, where necessary.

Also, the consultant is expected to conduct a comparative analysis of baseline and endline results, complemented by case studies that capture success stories, best practices, and innovative approaches in other parts of the world, which can be adapted by TAF Africa going forward. In addition, the consultant will be expected to conduct SWOT& PESTLE analysis of the intervention, along with the Traffic Light Rating of the project as per the UK's Independent Commission on Aid Impact.

Among others, the evaluation shall answer the following key questions:

1. To what extent were the project objectives and outcomes achieved?
2. How effective were the interventions in enhancing PWD and IDP participation in political processes?
3. What changes in legal, policy, and institutional frameworks can be attributed to the project?
4. How have advocacy (able2vote, able2serve, etc) campaigns influenced public awareness and attitudes toward disability inclusion?

5. What evidence exists of increased representation of PWDs/IDPs in leadership and governance?
6. What are the possible lessons and recommendations for scaling up these interventions?

Institutional Arrangement

The Consultants shall closely work with the representatives of TAF Africa under the direct supervision of TAF's CEO.

Required Qualifications

Experience: A renowned development researcher with a proven track record in PWD-related works and expertise. S/he must have at least 15 years of proven experience in a similar field with verifiable references. A proven practical experience in project/program impact evaluation, particularly in participatory evaluation approaches.

Education: A PhD or M.Sc. in social sciences, Development studies or related field and certifications.

Application: Interested applicant should forward their application as an individual or as an organisation to TAF Africa. Applications should include the detailed profile of the organisation (if applying as an organisation), CVs of key staff members and expected budget.

Assignment duration: 1 month from the date of contract signing.

Main Deliverables

The successful consultant shall be expected to provide the following results:

1. **Inception Report** – detailing methodology, tools, sampling strategy, work plan and report outline.
2. **Draft Endline Report** – with preliminary findings, analysis, and recommendations.
3. **Debriefing and Validation with TAF team.**
4. **Prepare and make a presentation during the Evaluation Learning and Impact Review Workshop** - to present findings to stakeholders and incorporate feedback in the final report.
5. **Final Endline Impact Assessment Report**
6. Detailed list of all personnel involved in the assessment, including data collectors.

NOTE: The final Assessment Report will be submitted in two parts: a) as an abridged version largely in infographics, and b). The full report. The Consultants shall issue three (3) hard copies and one (1) soft copy of each (Word format) of the reports to TAF Africa. All reports and data collected must be forwarded to TAF, with copies of all questionnaires, audio/video recordings (if any), transcripts and all other relevant materials and information collected or generated during the survey.

Timeline

Output	Weeks
Desk review and inception report	1 Week
Field data collection and analysis	2 weeks
Debriefing with the TAF team	1 day

<i>ToR</i>	<i>Rapid Impact Assessment of the EU-SDGN II Programme, Component 5b: Enhanced Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Political Process</i>
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Presentation during the Evaluation Learning and Impact Review Workshop	1 day
Preparation and submission of the final report	3 days