



Terms of Reference (TOR) for Land and Corruption in Africa II Investigative Journalists Grant

REFERENCE NUMBER: TIK/ALAC/002/2024

DESCRIPTION: Investigative journalists grant -LCAII project.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 9th July 2024

POSTING DATE: 1st July 2024

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Transparency International Kenya (TI-Kenya) is a not-for-profit organisation that exists to contribute to a transparent and corruption-free society. TI-Kenya is one of the autonomous chapters of the global Transparency International movement that is bound by a common vision of a corruption-free world. TI-Kenya employs advocacy, research, citizen engagement, capacity strengthening, and partnerships development as the core strategies for the fight against corruption. TI-Kenya's mission is to champion the fight against corruption by promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability in both public and private spheres. TI-Kenya's work is currently organised around three programmatic focus areas namely, *Citizen Demand and Oversight*; *Natural Resources and Climate Governance*; and *Public Financial Management*.

TI-Kenya has its main office in Nairobi and regional presence in the Coast, Rift Valley, the larger Western Kenya, and Eastern Kenya through its four Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres (ALACs) in Mombasa, Eldoret, Kisumu and Nairobi. TI-Kenya also works with national chapters in the East African Community to implement programmes at the regional level.

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

TI-Kenya is implementing The Land and Corruption in Africa Project (LCA II) which aims to ensure that corruption practices in land administration and land deals are addressed, contributing to improved livelihoods of men and women. By improving good land governance and supporting

more accountable, robust, and transparent institutions in land governance, will contribute to the ‘The Africa We Want’ envisioned in the African Union’s Agenda 2063. We are mobilizing different community actors by using compelling evidence, accessible educational and technological solutions, tailored advocacy, and communications strategies as some of the strategies in the implementation of this project. Following the conclusion of LCA I which ran between 2015-2019, the LCA II is being implemented from 2021-2024. The project runs across 8 countries: Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Madagascar, Cameroon, Uganda and Ghana.

One of the key project’s interventions is building the capacity of journalists on Land and corruption and their role in the fight against graft in the land sector. The project has been carrying out these capacity-building sessions with journalists from Kwale and Nairobi counties. The project seeks to further engage these journalists by providing them an opportunity to pitch investigative story ideas after which the project team will award an investigative grant for the development of the investigative stories.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The project targets all the trained journalists from Kwale and Nairobi counties to participate in pitching their story ideas.

- The project team will later narrow down to two strong stories (two from each of the two implementing counties).
- The successful journalists will benefit from a grant, training, mentorship sessions, and peer learning activities leading up to the publication of investigative stories on land corruption and governance that enhance transparency and accountability in the land sector.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- I. Two journalists from two counties (Nairobi and Kwale) mentored on investigative journalism on land corruption and land governance.
- II. Two investigative pieces are published to inform /enhance good land governance and promote transparency and accountability in the land sector as one of the ways of fighting land corruption.

KEY DELIVERABLES

The expected outputs from this engagement are as follows:

- i. Pitching of stories on land corruption
- ii. Comprehensive work plan and budget
- iii. Completed and published investigative stories

TIMELINES

The assignment is expected to be done and completed within 3 months.

JOURNALIST'S SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- i. Must be a practising journalist (Freelance or employed) who publishes regularly.
- ii. Can demonstrate experience in investigative storytelling.
- iii. Should provide proof that the stories once complete, will be published by a credible outlet
- iv. The story ideas should be viable for completion and publication within the timelines
- v. Should have demonstrated the ability to write/produce stories.
- vi. Should be a broadcast, online or print media journalist.
- vii. Diploma or Degree in Mass Media/ Journalism or related courses
- viii. A good understanding of Kenya's legal framework on land governance

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications will be sent through Google Forms document. Please use this link for the application

<https://forms.gle/XCF6Wws8RdRBMtn78>

Only applications sent through this link will be accepted. The deadline for applications is 9th July 2024 at 5.00 pm.

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