



# Foreign & Commonwealth Office

## **MAGNA CARTA FUND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY RULES BASED INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM FUND**

### Call for Bids and Summary of Thematic Areas of Interest

*This invitation is from the FCO's Multilateral Policy Directorate (MPD). Many FCO posts abroad are also making available MCF and RBIS funds; implementers are encouraged to approach posts directly or look online for details.*

This document provides guidance on how FCO will evaluate bids. The Annexes provide guidance on the themes which are of interest to FCO in this budding process.

Advice on how to create bids and submit them is set out in the document called "Instruction Pack for Budding to the MCF and RBIS". The key dates in the timetable are:

- ✓ **21 May 2018 (18:00)** – Submissions of any queries and confirmation of intention to bid.
- ✓ **4 June 2018 (15:00)** – Submission of Project Proposals/bids.

For general queries about this bidding process please email [MSUcorres.HRDD@fco.gov.uk](mailto:MSUcorres.HRDD@fco.gov.uk). For queries about particular project themes, please email the contacts included at the relevant Thematic Annex to this document.

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## Overview of Bid Process

### 1. ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.1 These instructions provide an overview to potential bidders to enable them to take part in the Call for Bids for projects under the MCF & RBIS.

### 2. TIMETABLE AND ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1 The timetable is as follows:

<i>Publication on GOV.UK</i>	<i>11 May 2018</i>
Confirmation of intention to bid, and acknowledgement that you have read this letter and pack. <i>(This will enable FCO to inform you of responses given in response to queries by other potential implementers.)</i>	21 May 2018 (Deadline: 18:00 hours)
Submission of Project Proposals/bids and references <i>(Submissions after 15:00 on 4 June <u>will not</u> be considered.)</i>	4 June 2018 (Deadline: 15:00 hours)
Announcement of results, all bidders informed. <i>(Announcement will be to all bidders, supported by evaluation scores and feedback.)</i>	18 June 2018
Contract signature	By 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018
Project Start	July 2018

- 2.2 Implementers should be aware that the FCO may circulate the answers to any questions raised to all implementers subject to considerations of confidentiality. When submitting questions, suppliers should indicate, with reasons, whether all or part of the question is confidential.

### 3. IMPLEMENTERS' PACK AND RESPONSES

- 3.1 The implementers' pack is accessible via the GOV.UK announcement. The deadline for Submission of Project Proposals/bids is **15:00 on 4 June 2018**.

- 3.2 The FCO may at its own absolute discretion extend the closing date and time specified

#### 4. ASSESSMENT OF RESPONSES/BIDS

4.1 The following table provides an indication of how bids will be assessed by the FCO evaluation team:

Characteristic of bid		Approximate weighting %
1. Whole Life Costs & VFM		30%
2. Project Service Management & Delivery		30%
3. Operational Fit		30%
4. Regulatory Fit		10%

4.2 All Implementers will be scored as above in accordance with the marking system set out below:

Score Key Assessment	Score	Interpretation
Good	4	Satisfies the requirement with minor additional benefits. Above average demonstration by the Tenderer of the understanding and evidence in their ability/proposed methodology to deliver a solution for the required supplies/services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential added value, with evidence to support the response.
Acceptable	3	Satisfies the requirement. Demonstration by the Tenderer of the understanding and evidence in their ability/proposed methodology to deliver a solution for the required supplies/services.
Minor Reservations	2	Satisfies the requirement with minor reservations. Some minor reservations of the Tenderer's understanding and proposed methodology, with limited evidence to support the response.
Serious Reservations / Non compliant	1	Satisfies the requirement with major reservations. Major reservations of the Tenderer's understanding and proposed methodology, with little or no evidence to support the response. The response may be deemed non compliant.
Unacceptable / Non compliant	0	Does not meet the requirement. Does not comply and/or insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the Tenderer has the understanding or suitable methodology, with little or no evidence to support the response. The response may be disqualified as non-compliant

4.3 Whole Life cycle costs are critical and form £30% of the scoring. We have provided a template (ABB) to complete and expect to see a Financial Model submitted that provides the following:

- Costs for Whole Life Operational support (i.e. staff costs), and Variable costs (i.e. events, expenses);
- A description of how the cost were produced (e.g. calculations are clear);
- A breakdown of the cost;
- A resource plan, broken down by grades and rates that underpin the pricing. We expect this resource plan to clearly link back to any delivery plans you submit as part of your response;
- Explanation for any costs, especially any lump sum or administration/overhead fee.

**4.4 COMMERCIAL RESPONSE (more detail):** Suppliers shall also be marked on the clear and full pricing provided within their submitted bids (in the returned ABB Financial Model).

4.5 The Value for Money (VFM) assessment will be based on the assessment of Economy, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Equity. In most cases, the bids will vary in size and shape, aims and impact. We will not be assessing like-for-like. In such cases, bids will be evaluated using mainly a benchmark approach. This is especially relevant to assessing the VFM of the rate card and any overhead or support costs.

4.6 When the invite is to bid for a more standard service, such as research, then we will follow the commercial evaluation model set out below, and the most financially attractive offer will score the maximum points available. Scores for bids other than the most financially attractive bid will be awarded on an inverse percentage difference from the most financially attractive offer (Lowest bid / Supplier bid x Available marks):

E.g. Implementer 1 = £100,000 / Implementer 2 = £120,000 / Implementer 3 = £150,000

Supplier 1 = 300 marks (100,000/100,000 x 300)

Supplier 2 = 250 marks (100,000/120,000 x 300)

Supplier 3 = 200 marks (100,000/150,000 x 300)

Etc..

4.7 The score for the “Commercial Envelope” will make up 30% of the total score.

## 5. FCO REQUIREMENTS

5.1 FCO policy priorities for this Call for Bids are set out in the chart below, and in Annexes to this document:

Annex:	Title (of Call for Project Proposals):	Unique Reference (to be quoted when bidding)
A	Torture Prevention	MCF201801
B	Prevention of Death Penalty	MCF201802
C	LGBT Rights	MCF201803
D	Freedom of Religion or Belief	MCF201804
E	Freedom of Expression & Media	MCF201805
F	Freedom Online	MCF201806
G	Responsible Business	RBIS201801
H	International Justice & War Crimes	RBIS201802

5.2 The implementer must demonstrate the capability to deliver outcomes against these priorities, backed up with detailed delivery and resource plans, tried and trusted methods that build confidence, and proven experience evidenced by customer references; all within a compelling financial model.

## 5. Receipt of Bids

6.1 Bids will be received up to the time and date stated. The FCO is not responsible for non-receipt of Bids. Please ensure that your Bid is delivered no later than the appointed time. The FCO does not undertake to consider Bids received after that time. Bids should be sent to: **MSUcorres.HRDD@fco.gov.uk**

## **7. Acceptance of Responses/Bids**

7.1 By issuing this letter and pack, the FCO is not bound in any way and does not have to accept the lowest or any Response/Bid and reserves the right not to award any contract or to accept the whole or any specified part of the Response/Bid.

## **8. Amendments to the Response Documents**

8.1 The FCO reserves the right to amend the enclosed Response/Bid documents at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of Responses/Bids. Any such amendment will be numbered, dated and issued through GOV.UK and/or email. In the event of amendments, the FCO may at its discretion extend the deadline for receipt of Responses.

## **9. Terms and Conditions**

9.1 The FCO Grant Agreement conditions apply to the services offered. A copy of the standard FCO Grant Agreement is included in the pack for reference. The FCO will discuss these standard Terms and Conditions with the successful implementer.

## **10. Confidentiality**

10.1 All information supplied by the FCO to you must be treated in confidence and not disclosed to third parties except insofar as this is necessary to obtain sureties or quotations for the purposes of submitting your bids. All information supplied by you to the FCO will similarly be treated in confidence except:

- i) That references may be sought from banks, existing or past clients, or other referees submitted by you;
- ii) For the disclosure of such information with regard to the outcome of the sourcing process as may be required under UK or EU law, in accordance with any UK legal requirements e.g. the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 etc, or EC directives or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of UK government policy on the disclosure of information relating to government procurements and contracts.

## **11. No Warranty and Disclaimer**

11.1. The FCO and its advisers make no representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the information set out in this Document. Implementers should make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the information set out herein.

11.2 This document should not be construed as an offer by the FCO capable of acceptance by you.

***Foreign and Commonwealth Office***  
***11 May, 2018***

**Call for Project Proposal Bids for Prevention of Torture****Call for Bids Reference: MCF201801****1. Introduction and Context**

The UK condemns torture under all circumstances and considers it a violation of human rights and human dignity, having a devastating impact on both individuals and societies.

The UK has funded programmes to encourage states to meet international standards against torture. Through our partnerships with experts in this field, we have delivered successful outcomes such as countries signing up to the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture (OPCAT), and expert training in the field of investigative interviewing.

**2. Objective and Recipient**

Our objective is to continue to reduce use of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment by:

- Encouraging states to sign up to and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, and the establishment of new National Preventative Mechanisms.
- Improving capabilities in investigative interviewing, and monitoring and inspection of detention facilities.

We aim to fund targeted and effective work in priority countries with particular focus on South Asia, East Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa.

### 3. Scope of Work

We are looking for implementing partners who can deliver against our objectives in a range of countries in the priority regions outlined above. Our budget for project work in this field is in the range of £200,000 - £300,000 annually, and depending on the proposals we could be awarding funds for one or more projects.

Potential implementing partner(s) will need expert knowledge of and methods of torture prevention. This includes monitoring and inspection of detention facilities, investigative interviewing, and excellent knowledge of our priority target countries. In addition, you would need to demonstrate a record of successful outcomes in the field of torture prevention that reflect the objectives in Section 2 above.

We would expect projects to begin around July 2018 with a completion date of no later than March 2020. The first year, ending March 2019, must have at least intermediate outcomes to enable us to determine if the further second year (2019/20) is worthwhile. The project(s) will have quarterly reporting on progress towards outcomes, and funding in the second year will be subject to a review mid-way through the life cycle of the project.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018. This would apply to any second year, and therefore 85% of the Year Two budget would need to be accounted for by December 2019.

### 4. Outputs, Deliverables & further Assessments

We will expect implementing partners to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

#### Further information and/or Contact details:

Further information: Homaira Abdullah, FCO Human Rights Policy Unit,  
homaira.abdullah@fco.gov.uk

**Call for Project Proposal Bids for Prevention of Death Penalty****Call for Bids Reference: MCF201802****1. Introduction and Context**

It is a longstanding policy of the UK Government to oppose the death penalty, in all circumstances, as a matter of principle. We believe that its use undermines human dignity, that there is no conclusive evidence of its deterrent value, and that any miscarriage of justice leading to its imposition is irreversible and irreparable. Previously, the FCO has funded projects in countries around the world, notably Commonwealth countries to bring about changes to use of the death penalty and to work towards abolition. Over the past twelve months, we have seen successes arise from our project work in Guatemala, Kenya, Pakistan, and Malaysia.

**2. Objective and Recipient**

For work on the death penalty we aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- increase the number of abolitionist countries, or countries with a moratorium on the use of the death penalty;
- reduce the numbers of executions and restrict the use of the death penalty in retentionist countries; and
- reduce the use of the death penalty against juvenile and vulnerable offenders.

We are particularly interested in conducting work in Commonwealth countries in South Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean, as well Japan and Singapore.



### 3. Scope of Work

We are looking for implementing partners who can deliver against our objectives in a range of countries in the priority regions outlined above. Our budget for project work in this field is in the range of £300,000 - £400,000, and depending on the proposals, we could be awarding funds for one or more projects.

We expect implementing partners to have extensive expertise in the area of death penalty reform. This includes knowledge of legal and juristic practices, as well as demonstrating a track record of successful project delivery in this field. As part of this, you will need to have a network of relevant global contacts and in depth knowledge of the countries we will be supporting.

We would expect projects to begin from July 2018, with a completion date of no later than March 2020. The first year, ending March 2019, must have at least intermediate outcomes to enable us to determine if the further second year (2019/20) is worthwhile. The project will have quarterly reporting on outcomes and expected targets, and funding in the second year will be subject to a review mid-way through the life-cycle of the project.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018. This would apply to any second year, and therefore 85% of the Year Two budget would need to be accounted for by December 2019.

### 4. Outputs, Deliverables & further Assessments

We will expect implementing partners to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider to be realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

#### Further information and/or Contact details:

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**Call for Project Proposal Bids for LGBT rights****Call for Bids Reference: MCF201803****1. Introduction and Context**

**Promotion and Protection of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Rights.** The UK government believes that human rights are universal and should apply equally to all people. In some countries LGBT people suffer from discrimination, violence and harassment, and in 72 countries, same sex relations are a criminal offence. The UK is committed to the principle of non- discrimination on any grounds.

The UK has funded programmes to encourage states to meet international human rights standards. Through our partnerships with experts in this field we have delivered successful outcomes that improve institutional protection against discrimination including through removing or amending discriminatory laws, policies and practices; reducing hate speech, violence or harassment based on discrimination; and increasing the participation of minority groups in political and public life, including in positions of leadership and influence.

**2. Objective and Recipient**

Our objective is to continue to support projects that specifically target hate speech, discrimination and/or violence towards LGBT people overseas. Projects must defend LGBT rights by creating safe spaces; improving support services to LGBT people; change public perceptions; transform institutions; and empower movements to address LGBT discrimination.

We aim to fund targeted and effective work in priority countries with particular focus on Tunisia and countries in: Africa, the Caribbean, central and south America, central and Eastern Europe, the Pacific region.

### 3. Scope of Work

We are looking for implementing partners who can deliver against our objectives in a range of countries in the priority regions outlined above. Our budget for project work in this field is in the range of £200,000 - £300,000, and depending on the proposals we could be awarding funds for one or more projects.

Potential implementing partner(s) will need expert knowledge of and experience in the promotion and protection of LGBT rights. This includes access to LGBT human rights defenders and civil society, and excellent knowledge of our priority target countries. In addition, you would need to demonstrate a record of successful outcomes in the field of defending LGBT rights that reflect the objectives in Section 2 above.

We would expect projects to begin around July 2018 with a completion date of no later than March 2020. The first year, ending March 2019, must have at least intermediate outcomes to enable us to determine if the further second year (2019/20) is worthwhile. The project(s) will have quarterly reporting on progress towards outcomes, and funding in the second year will be subject to a review mid-way through the life-cycle of the project.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018. This would apply to any second year, and therefore 85% of the Year Two budget would need to be accounted for by December 2019.

### 4. Outputs, Deliverables & further Assessments

#### Work plan outputs & Deliverables:

We will expect implementing partners to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

#### Assessments: Further information and/or Contact details:

For further information/to discuss project proposals please contact: Elaine Chard, FCO Gender Equality Unit, on e-mail at [Elaine.Chard@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Elaine.Chard@fco.gov.uk)

**Call for Project Proposal Bids for Freedom of Religion or Belief****Call for Bids Reference: MCF201804****1. Introduction and Context**

Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) is a human rights priority for the UK government, as highlighted by the Prime Minister when she reiterated her commitment to 'stand up for the freedom of people of all religions to practice their beliefs in peace and safety'.

75% of the world's population live in countries with high government restrictions on FoRB, with recent evidence suggesting religious hostilities are increasing everywhere except the Americas (Pew 2014). Violations and abuses of FoRB can range from inhibiting the freedom to worship to endemic discrimination or targeted attacks against groups of individuals because of their religious identity. Intolerance and denial of FoRB can lead to instability and conflict. It also undermines prosperity.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office would welcome bids for projects that promote or defend the right to FoRB.

**2. Objective and Recipient**

We are open to projects that promote FoRB in any way. We are particularly interested in projects that tackle gender-based discrimination on religious grounds and projects that support human rights defenders working for FoRB. We are also interested in supporting research that improves understanding of how FoRB is being violated and in the promotion of tolerance through education.

### 3. **Scope of Work**

We are looking for implementing partners who can deliver against our objectives outlined above in a range of countries with individual projects in the range of £50,000-150,000. We would also welcome smaller bids

Potential implementing partner(s) will need expert knowledge of and experience in the promotion and protection of FoRB.

We would expect projects to begin around July 2018 with a completion date of no later than March 2020. The first year, ending March 2019, must have at least intermediate outcomes to enable us to determine if the further second year (2019/20) is worthwhile. The project(s) will have quarterly reporting on progress towards outcomes, and funding in the second year will be subject to a review mid-way through the life-cycle of the project.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018. This would apply to any second year, and therefore 85% of the Year Two budget would need to be accounted for by December 2019.

### 4. **Outputs, Deliverables & further Assessments**

We will expect implementing partners to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider to be realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

#### **Further information and/or Contact details:**

For further information/to discuss project proposals please contact: Karen Hamling,  
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## Call for Project Proposal Bids for **Freedom of the Media and Protection of Journalists**

**Call for Bids Reference: MCF201805**

### **1. Introduction and Context**

A free and independent media is an essential element of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. As well as being key to the fulfilment of this right, media freedom is also an enabler for a full range of human rights and contributes to broader objectives on good governance, democracy and equality. It can help to create an active, informed, innovative and engaged citizenship thereby providing stability, security and prosperity. It can hold power to account and create an environment where fixed ideas can be challenged and innovation can thrive.

Yet globally media freedom is threatened; press freedom is assessed as being at its lowest point for over a decade and states are increasingly using restrictive legal or policy measures to restrict media independence and create an environment where journalists are threatened, or killed, with impunity.

At a time when technology allows information to be disseminated faster, and by a broader set of actors, than ever the ability to provide credible, independent information is increasingly important.

### **2. Objective and Recipient**

We are interested in bids for projects which support the twin aims of promoting a free and independent media and contributing to the safety of journalists. Approaches may include working:

- with governments to ensure legislative or policy measures are consistent with international obligations on freedom of opinion and expression
- with media bodies and civil society organisations to build capacity and increase resilience,
- with a range of actors to tackle impunity for crimes against journalists and help to create safe environments for journalists and media workers, including training for journalists and media workers to help them identify and assess risks and protect themselves in their work.

### 3. Scope of Work

We expect implementing partners to have extensive expertise in the area of freedom of opinion and expression, as well as demonstrating a track record of successful project delivery in this field.

We will look to target work in countries facing significant challenges to media freedom; this does not mean we will only work in countries considered to be the most restrictive or difficult environments for journalists but also those where there is political will but a lack of capacity. We hope to develop a suite of projects which can be replicated as examples of best practice, regionally and globally. For this reason, we would like to develop a portfolio of projects covering a wide geographical spread.

Projects can be for one or two years. We would expect projects to begin from July 2018, with a completion date of no later than March 2020. For two year projects, the first period, ending March 2019, must have at least intermediate outcomes to enable us to determine whether further work in 2019/20 would be an effective use of resources.

The project will have quarterly reporting on outcomes and expected targets, and funding in the second year will be subject to a review mid-way through the life-cycle of the project.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of annual project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018. Similarly, 85% of further funding for 2019/20 would need to be accounted for by December 2019.

### 4. Outputs, Deliverables & further Assessments

We will expect implementing partners to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider to be realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

### Further information and Contact details:

For further information/to discuss project proposals please contact: Stephen Lowe at [stephen.lowe@fco.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.lowe@fco.gov.uk)

**Call for Project Proposal Bids for Freedom Online****Call for Bids Reference: MCF201806****1. Introduction and Context**

Freedom of Expression is both a fundamental right in itself and an essential element of a full range of human rights. It allows innovation to thrive and ideas to develop, therefore being essential for economic and social development. The UK believes that Freedom of Expression and all other rights which exist offline also apply online, and we consider a free and open internet as a fundamental tool for promoting freedom of expression. In recent years, regulation of access to the internet has been seen, and used, as a tool to restrict freedom of expression in many countries. In extreme cases this includes internet shutdowns.

**2. Objective and Recipient**

Our objective is to support HMG's cyber policy objective of promoting a free, open and secure internet. We are interested in bids that encourage inter-governmental work to counter the closing of access online; protect human rights online; and support activity by civil society organisations from countries most affected by restrictions to freedom of expression online.



### 3. Scope of Work

We are looking for implementing partners who can deliver against our objectives in a range of countries. Our budget for project work in this field is in the range of £50,000-£100,000, and depending on the proposals we could be awarding funds for one or more projects.

We expect implementing partners to have extensive expertise in the area of freedom of expression and particularly online freedoms, as well as demonstrating a track record of successful project delivery in this field. This will include an understanding of cyber policy and relevant legislation in key target countries.

We would expect projects to begin from July 2018, with a completion date of no later than March 2020. The first year, ending March 2019, must have at least intermediate outcomes to enable us to determine if the further second year (2019/20) is worthwhile. The project will have quarterly reporting on outcomes and expected targets, and funding in the second year will be subject to a review mid-way through the life-cycle of the project.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018. This would apply to any second year, and therefore 85% of the year two budget would need to be accounted for by December 2019.

### 4. Outputs, Deliverables

We will expect implementers to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider to be realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

### Further information:

For further information/to discuss project proposals please contact: Sandip Rama at [sandip.rama@fco.gov.uk](mailto:sandip.rama@fco.gov.uk)

## Call for Project Proposal Bids for Responsible Business

Call for Bids Reference: RBIS201801

### 1. Introduction and Context

The Responsible Business Fund within RBIS aims to support FCO policy objectives of delivering security and building prosperity in fragile and high-risk areas by working with the private sector and civil society on specific initiatives that tackle the drivers of conflict e.g. European Partnership for Responsible Business and the Voluntary Principles Initiative.

### 2. Objective and Recipient

We are seeking to deepen and broaden the understanding of the role of businesses in the conflict cycle, through building the evidence base (e.g. impact assessment, best practice, lessons learned) and by reaching out to businesses on topics related to the conflict cycle (e.g. the role of business in transitional justice).

### 3. Scope of Work

- The project is anticipated to start by July 2018.
- The project is anticipated to last no longer than 1 year and all project activity must be completed by the end of the UK financial year in March 2019. As funding might be available for financial year 2019/20, we would be interested in project proposals for up to two years. The second year would be dependent on funding and successful delivery of intermediate outcomes by end March 2019.
- We have up to £75,000 for project work in this area.
- We are looking for project bids for a minimum of £25,000 and maximum of £75,000.
- We are open to funding one or more projects.
- We are seeking one or more implementers with a proven record of effectively planning, managing and delivering project outcomes on time and to budget.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018.

#### 4. **Outputs, Deliverables**

We will expect implementing partners to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

#### **Further information and/or Contact details:**

Further information: Please contact David Corlett (David.Corlett2@fco.gov.uk.) from the FCO Responsible Business Team.

## Call for Project Proposal Bids for International Justice Programme

Call for Bids Reference: RBIS201802

### 1. Introduction and Context

The UK strongly believes that there should be no impunity for those who perpetrate the most serious crimes of international concern, including war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. States have primary responsibility to investigate and prosecute such crimes within their jurisdiction. In order to fulfil this responsibility, States must be both willing and able to do so. Strengthening the capacity of willing States to conduct impartial investigations into complex cases enhances accountability and local ownership of justice processes. It also supports the efficient operation of the International Criminal Court by allowing it to function as a genuine court of last resort in instances where domestic prosecutions are not possible.

### 2. Objective and Recipient

The overall outcome of the programme is to **strengthen the capacity of ODA-eligible countries** to investigate and prosecute the most serious crimes of international concern at the national level.

### 3. Scope of Work

- We are looking for implementers with the necessary legal and geographic expertise to work with judicial systems in one or more ODA-eligible countries (as agreed with the FCO).
- The implementer will work with the host authorities to:
  - identify gaps in legislative, investigative and prosecutorial capacity
  - develop an agreed action plan with local authorities to fill the identified gaps
  - deploy experts to implement the action plan
- Potential for a 2 year contract to start in early summer 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> year will be subject to performance and FCO approvals.
- We are looking to contribute between £100,000 - £250,000 per year towards the total cost of project. This amount could fund one or more projects, depending on the bids received.

All project expenditure must qualify as Official Development Assistance and 85% of project expenditure (and therefore related activity) must be completed by December 2018. This would apply to any second year, and therefore 85% of the Year Two budget would need to be accounted for by December 2019.

#### 4. **Outputs, Deliverables & further Assessments**

We will expect implementing partners to provide quarterly reports and evidence of having made progress towards delivery of outcomes throughout the year. When assessing your bid, we will be interested in your Theory of Change, the impact and outcomes you consider realistic and achievable, how this impact will be measured.

#### **Further information and/or Contact details:**

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