



## Request for Applications: Case Study - Evaluation of ROLE UK support to iProBono

**Extended deadline for application: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### **1. Background and context**

Advocates for International Development's (A4ID) Rule of Law Expertise UK (ROLE UK) Programme is seeking a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning consultant with expertise in both the development sector and knowledge of the legal or judicial sector to deliver a case study on the value and impact of ROLE UK partnership and assignment support to the work of iProBono with the Law and Policy Forum for Social Justice (LAPSOJ).

#### **1.1. About Advocates for International Development**

A4ID is the charity that empowers lawyers to use their skills to fight world poverty. Through its pro bono broker, legal education programmes and thought leadership work, A4ID is helping the legal sector to meet its global corporate social responsibility to bring about sustainable development.

#### **1.2. About ROLE UK**

A4ID's ROLE UK programme, funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), contributes to building long-term partnerships between the UK legal sector and legal actors in developing countries to strengthen the rule of law and facilitate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We focus on the eradication of poverty; gender equality; reduced inequalities; peace, justice and strong institutions; and partnerships for development.

The ROLE UK programme supports partnerships between the international development and legal pro bono sectors to provide high-quality pro bono legal and judicial expertise.

#### **1.3. Rationale for the consultancy**

ROLE UK provides financial and technical support to activities developed within partnerships towards improving the rule of law and, more broadly, promotes the generation and application of learning and evidence around how to strengthen the pro bono legal sector's contribution to rule of law and development.

ROLE UK typically supports short-term technical assistance by UK legal experts to counterparts in developing countries, which may include trainings, conferences, workshops and other convenings. Further information on the work ROLE UK supports is available here: [www.roleuk.org.uk](http://www.roleuk.org.uk).

The programme team places emphasis on creating the evidence base for the programme's model of working. This includes, first and foremost, assessing the impact of the programme's support on rule of law in target countries. ROLE UK will use evidence to test the value and impact of its partnership and activity support, and to make recommendations for further development of the programme. These will primarily take the form of 'Case Studies' that are delivered by independent consultants. ROLE UK has selected a number of partnership beneficiaries as being of particular interest to the programme. One such beneficiary is the partnership between iProBono and LAPSOJ.

## 2. Objectives

The objectives of the exercise are:

- (Overall) To test the hypothesis that ROLE UK support for short-term activities developed in partnership has led to improved Rule of Law, and that this type of support can affect changes in policy, law and practice;
- To document the support that ROLE UK has provided to iProBono/LAPSOJ;
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the partnership support ROLE UK has provided to iProBono/LAPSOJ;
- To evaluate the impact of ROLE UK supported iProBono/LAPSOJ activities;
- To evaluate how the work with iProBono/LAPSOJ impacts on ROLE UK's overall mission;
- To evaluate the impact that ROLE UK support has had on iProBono/LAPSOJ activities and practices, and any changes that may have resulted from this;
- To evaluate the extent to which support provided by ROLE UK to iProBono/LAPSOJ has provided good value for money relative to the impact generated;
- To provide recommendations to ROLE UK on ways that modification of its support can improve the impact of the work of iProBono/LAPSOJ partnership;
- To provide recommendations to ROLE UK, based on the history of the support for iProBono, on how to improve the ROLE UK programme and its support to assignment beneficiaries:
  - What lessons can be learned about the long-term sustainability of this programme – what does ROLE UK need to learn from this in selecting future assignments?
  - What additional value-added/benefits have resulted which were not expected? How can ROLE UK capture this impact in future assignments?

## 3. Focus and scope

Case studies provide a description and qualitative analysis of a particular ROLE UK-supported partnership, to add depth and detail to the quantitative data collected across all of the activities and partnerships that ROLE UK supports.

This case study should analyse ROLE UK's support to the partnership between iProBono and LAPSOJ in accordance with the OECD-DAC Criteria for Evaluating Development Assistance: Relevance, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact and Sustainability.

iProBono and LAPSOJ have been partnering since January 2018 to advance Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) in Nepal. iProBono is a non-profit organisation which provides holistic counsel to civil society organisations through leveraging the skills and manpower of a wide range of pro bono lawyers. LAPSOJ is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to identifying and reforming laws and policies that are contrary to human rights in Nepal through strategic litigation. Their partnership seeks to address the gap in practical legal knowledge and provide capacity building support for local Nepali Lawyers to develop their own expertise in ESCR litigation.

ROLE UK-supported activities include: capacity-building of local Nepali lawyers to litigate economic, social and cultural rights, monitoring of the legislative review of key ESCR legislation in Nepal, the organisation of a regional forum to enhance inclusive movement building around ESCR themes across South Asia, and a session on economic and social justice at the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Pro Bono Conference.

## 4. Methodology

This exercise is to be undertaken through a document review and interviews with representatives of ROLE UK, iProBono and LAPSOJ. It does not entail any in-country time.

Sources of information made available to the consultant will include:

- All documentation on the iProBono/LAPSOJ assignments and partnership activities to date.



- A list of key persons that ROLE UK suggests interviewing.

The exercise and the consultant will be managed by the A4ID Learning and Development Manager. Final approval of the report will be given by the ROLE UK Programme Manager.

This exercise will result in a report of approximately 10 to 20 pages, including an executive summary. The report will include a confidential annex of recommendations.

The exercise is to be undertaken in January and February 2020 with a final deliverable by **9<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. It is anticipated that this will be up to **8 days work**.

<i>Indicative timeline</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Deliverable</i>
Week c/ on 27 January 2020	Meeting (in London or via conference call) with the ROLE UK team to clarify objectives, finalise methodology, discuss structure of report and build understanding of the programme.	
	Desk-based work, including: development of questions to guide research, review of existing sources, identification and review of additional sources, and preparation of interview questions.	
	Arranging, conducting and writing up phone and face-to-face interviews.	
	Drafting report.	
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Submitting draft report to ROLE UK for comment.	Draft report
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Finalising report and submitting to ROLE UK.	Final report

## 5. Required competencies

- Experience of monitoring and evaluating international development programmes
- Experience of collating, analysing and presenting evidence using qualitative analysis
- Experience of producing and disseminating learning through publications
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- A strong understanding and passion for the role of international legal pro bono work for sustainable development
- A commitment to and understanding of DFID key priorities, promoting the rule of law and encouraging access to justice
- A proven track record of providing similar services to a comparable client

## 6. Application process:

- Deadline for submission of applications: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**
- Applications are to be submitted to [thomas.istasse@a4id.org](mailto:thomas.istasse@a4id.org) (copied to [roleuk@a4id.org](mailto:roleuk@a4id.org)) with the subject line “Case Study - Evaluation of ROLE UK support to iProBono” and to include:
  - CV (maximum 3 pages)



- 1-2-page cover letter which includes how you meet each of the criteria outlined above (please address each criteria in turn, in the order provided above)
  - Your availability in January and February 2020
  - An example of relevant previous written work
  - Proposed costings
  - Name of two referees
- Interviews are expected to take place over the phone with ROLE UK team between **20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January**.
  - Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of quality, experience and value for money. Proposed costings should take into account that the ROLE UK programme is a publicly-funded non-commercial venture.