**Terms of Reference:**

**Subject: Consultancy to conduct a Trends Analysis of Corruption Perceptions Index in Uganda (2017-2023)**

**Introduction**

Transparency International Uganda (TI-Uganda) is implementing the “Uganda Partners for Accountability Activity” which is a four-year USAID supported Activity that aims to reduce leakages and loss of public resources, improve service delivery and support citizens and communities to challenge corruption and demand accountability”

TI-Uganda is the national Chapter of Transparency International - the global Coalition against corruption. It is a registered Non-Governmental Organization with the Uganda NGO Board under Certificate No: 1441 and File No: S. 5914/1559 and its sole purpose is to build a society that condemns corruption, demands for accountability and upholds the principles of good governance.

TI-Uganda was founded in 1993 as a pressure group to bring together people’s voluntary initiatives to enhance accountability, transparency and integrity among Ugandans. In 1996, it attained an international accreditation from Transparency International Berlin, Germany. It is an active contributor to the Transparency International [TI] strategic goals namely; promotion of national anti-corruption reform through concrete research and action, increasing the understanding of the link between corruption and poverty, empowering communities to demand accountable governance and promoting continual institutional development.

Uganda's struggle with corruption is reflected in its consistently poor performance on international and national corruption indices. The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), published annually by Transparency International, has shown Uganda's highest score in the past four years to be a mere 27%. This low score indicates a perception of widespread corruption within the country's public sector. The National Development Plan III, had set a target of 35% score for Uganda in the CPI, highlighting the urgent need for more effective anti-corruption measures.

The CPI is a key indicator used globally to assess the perceived levels of public sector corruption.

**The Proposed Study**

TIU is planning to conduct a study to understand trends in Uganda's CPI from 2017 to 2023. This will provide insights into the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures and inform future strategies.

**Objectives of the Study**

1. **To assess the CPI trends including other corruption trends:** Analyze the CPI trends over the last seven years (2017-2023), identifying significant fluctuations (improvements and decline) and their potential causes. Additionally, produce a comparative analysis of the CPI as well as national and regional surveys (such as National Integrity Survey and Afro barometer) to identify similarities and differences in citizens' perceptions of corruption in Uganda.
2. **To identify key factors influencing perceptions**: Investigate socio-political and economic factors that may have influenced changes in the CPI, including government policies, institutions, public awareness campaigns, and major corruption scandals.
3. **To identify advocacy areas and generate recommendations**: Identify the areas of advocacy and generate actionable recommendations for government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders aimed at improving perceptions of corruption and enhancing transparency.

**Specific Tasks**

1. **Literature Review**: Conduct a comprehensive review of existing literature on Uganda's corruption, including the CPI reports and other topical studies that feed into the CPI scores, Gather quantitative data on CPI scores from 2017 to 2023.
2. **Data Collection**:
	* Conduct Key Informant interviews with key stakeholders, including government officials, civil society representatives, academia and community members to gather insights on perceived corruption trends.
3. **Data Analysis**: Analyze collected data to identify trends, patterns, correlations, and key findings.
4. **Identify Influencing Factors**: Examine external factors that may have influenced perceptions of corruption during this period.
5. **Develop Recommendations**: Based on the findings, propose strategies for improving governance and enhancing public perceptions of corruption.

**Deliverables**

1. **Inception Report**: A detailed plan outlining the methodology, timeline, and approach for the analysis.
2. **Draft Report**: A preliminary report detailing trends, influencing factors, recommendations, and implications for governance.
3. **Final Report**: A comprehensive report detailing trends, influencing factors, recommendations, and implications for governance.
4. **Presentation**: A PowerPoint presentation summarizing key findings to be shared with TIU

**Time Frame**

The entire consultancy process will take a maximum of 30 days.

* Literature review: 10 days
* Conduct KIIs: 5 days
* Report writing and presentation preparation: 10 days
* Responding to TIU comments and finalizing the report: 5 days

**Note:** ***Strict adherence to this timeline is a must***

**Competencies, Qualifications and Experience**

* A Master’s degree in social sciences, political science, or a related field. A PHD in Research or Governance shall be an added advantage
* Proven experience in conducting research or analysis related to governance or anti-corruption.
* Familiarity with corruption indices including CPI and their implications for policy-making.

**Proposal Submission**

Expressions of interest should be sent via email to procurement@tiuganda.org and a copy to info@tiuganda.org by 10th January 2025. Proposals must include:

* A financial proposal detailing costs associated with key tasks.
* A technical proposal outlining the proposed methodology for undertaking the consultancy.
* Detailed CVs of the lead and associated consultants highlighting relevant experience.
* References from similar assignments with contact information.