



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMMISSIONING OF RESEARCH ON “CORRUPTION-MIGRATION NEXUS.

### **Introduction**

The Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice, ANEEJ, is implementing its **“Tackling human trafficking through advocacy to increase investment on Human Capital Development and Civic Engagement project in Edo State”**. The project which is funded by the Embassy of Switzerland in Nigeria, seeks to generate data that will provide evidence to support Public Policy in combating irregular migration as well as strengthen the capacity of Civil Society Organisations to advocate for increased investment in Human Capital Development through budget monitoring that will promote transparency and accountability in public spending needed to engender good governance and sustainable development.

The goal of the project is to improve the knowledge of citizens, media and policy makers around the issues of good governance and Open Budgetary processes that support civic engagement. With increase in transparency in public spending, there will be more investment in education and the health sector which will help address the current poor funding associated with public spending across Nigerian State.

### **Background**

Nigeria is a source, transit and destination country of the problem of human trafficking. A Global Slavery Index (2018) Report ranks Nigeria as the 32<sup>nd</sup> of the 167 countries ranked with the highest number of slaves – 1,386,000. The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) report indicate that the average age of trafficked children in Nigeria, now upgraded to a Tier 2 country on the U.S. State Department’s Trafficking In Persons Report (2019), is 15.

According to Pathfinders Justice Initiative<sup>1</sup>, Human trafficking, is a form of modern day slavery, which involves the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain and is a \$150 billion global industry. Two thirds of this figure (\$99 billion) is generated from commercial sexual

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<sup>1</sup> <http://pathfindersji.org/nigeria-human-trafficking-factsheet/>

exploitation, while another \$51 billion results from forced economic exploitation, including domestic work, agriculture and other economic activities.

Edo State is a globally documented sex trafficking hub, with built in infrastructures and networks which support the sale of human bodies. According to the United Nations International Organisation for Migration (IOM), an astounding 94% of all Nigerian women trafficked to Europe for prostitution are from Edo State, with Italy being the number one destination country<sup>2</sup>. It is also the most trafficked through destination in Africa.

The IOM equally reports that it has registered more than 400,000 total migrants in Libya, estimating that a total of anywhere between 700,000 and 1 million remain in what has become the primary gateway into Europe (91% of migrants attempt the journey into Europe from Libya). According to IOM, as of July 2018, over 60,000 Nigerians remain trapped in Libya, with 50% of them hailing from Edo State.

There are more readily available statistics on the numbers of women who are trafficked from Nigeria into Europe, particularly into Italy. According to IOM, approximately 11,000 women arrived via the Mediterranean Sea into Italy in 2016, again mostly from Edo. IOM estimates that 80% of these young women arriving from Nigeria – whose numbers have soared from 1,454 in 2014 to 11,009 in 2016 – will likely be forced into prostitution as sex trafficking victims. Supra.

Working in collaboration with the revered traditional institution in Benin City, the Edo State Government in August 2017, launched the Edo State Task Force Against Human Trafficking to fight the scourge of human trafficking and irregular migration in the State. The State signed into law the Edo State Trafficking in Persons Prohibition Bill (2018) which was passed by the State House of Assembly.

In December 2016, the European Union (EU) and IOM developed the Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Re-integration in Africa to address the challenges of irregular migration. The Initiative is being implemented in 14 African countries, including Nigeria, where as of April 2019, over 12,000 irregular migrants have been repatriated (mostly from Libya). Omo N’Oba N’Edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Ewuare II, the Oba of Benin Kingdom working with palace chiefs and juju priests had on March 9, 2018 proclaimed the famous renunciation of all curses which had been placed on victims of human trafficking in Edo State by juju priests, all aimed at ending the scourge. Since then, many more trafficked persons have been repatriated.

However, it has been observed that traditional approaches of repatriation of migrants from various parts of the world and the development of skills is not a viable and sustainable solution to end the menace of irregular migration. Poor spending on Human Capital Development and bad governance have been fingered as the major causes of irregular migration in Edo State as

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/country/docs/china/r5\\_world\\_migration\\_report\\_2018\\_en.pdf](https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/country/docs/china/r5_world_migration_report_2018_en.pdf)

poverty, poor infrastructure and weak institutions of state continues to encourage people to leave the shores of the country. There are unconfirmed reports of several persons who were returned via the IOM programme who have now found their way out of the country again in search of greener pastures. This is sequel to the fact that poor human capital development, underdevelopment, corruption, bad governance and shrinking civic space continue to serve as major drivers for irregular migration in Edo. Citizens participation in budget process has not been rooted in the state as the state recently signed on to the Open Government Partnership (OGP)<sup>3</sup> process which provides an untapped leeway for citizens budget in Edo.

It is against this background that ANEEJ has developed this project to achieve the following objectives;

- To build the capacity of Civil Society Organisations to advocate for **increase in Public Spending on Human Capital Development programmes**. To increase informed public discourse through data generation that can influence policy change on Human capital development, Anti-Corruption, Good Governance and migration issues in Edo.
- To promote the principles of transparency and Accountability in the management of public resources through budget monitoring and tracking in Edo State

### **Terms of Reference**

ANEEJ expects consultant to carry out the following:

- Identify all the drivers of migration in Edo State
- Examine how corruption is linked to these drivers of migration
- Identify what efforts have been made by government and other stakeholders in the state to stem migration
- Generate data and evidence on Public Spending on Human Capital Investment
- Proffer alternative approaches to stem the migration crisis in Edo State.
- Identify institutional frameworks to stem the tide of migration
- Identify key institutional framework in place to tackle corruption
- Outline recommendations on how to address corruption induced migration in the state

### **4. Methodology**

ANEEJ expects that key elements and methodology of the consultancy include:

- Source and review of secondary documents relating to corruption/migration nexus in Edo
- Key Informant Interviews (KII) with stakeholders using virtual meetings where physical meetings are not possible
- Focus Group Discussion

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.aneej.org/ogp-aneej-applauds-edo-govt-on-expression-of-interest/>

**Deliverables**

1. List of identified stakeholders and schedule
2. List of identified institutions
3. Research Design (to be approved by ANEEJ)
4. Draft Report
5. Final Report with anexes

**Consultant experience**

The consultant for this task would need to meet the following criteria:

- At least 5-7 years of proven experience in corruption-migration related issues especially in an NGO setting.
- Proven knowledge on migration perceptions.
- Clear, effective communicator in English.

**Submission of Application**

Interested applicants should submit their applications with detailed resume and submit to [procurement@aneej.org](mailto:procurement@aneej.org) within two weeks from the date of this advertisement. Only successful application will be contacted.