Supporting Democratic Stability in the Bangsamoro Programme – Phase 2

Background.

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) is the UK’s democracy assistance agency, working in partnership with political parties, parliaments and civil society organisations around the world to create more inclusive, accountable and transparent democratic systems. WFD strengthens the capacity of these key democratic institutions, helping ensure they have the systems, knowledge and skills to perform effectively. WFD also fosters improved democratic processes, bringing together individuals and institutions and encouraging them to work together to solve concrete problems, applying democratic values and principles.

Over the course of 2021-2022, WFD is leading on supporting democratic stability in Bangsamoro Philippines through the UK Conflict Stability Security Funding (CSSF) managed by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development (FCDO). Recognising the establishment of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) being a key entry point for locally owned institutions and processes to develop and adopt inclusive and accountable practices, the programme is designed with the overall aim of supporting the implementation of BOL. The programme will support the establishment of BOL by strengthening locally owned institutions to become increasingly accountable, inclusive and pluralistic.

The programme is designed around four outputs as follows:

1. Strengthening the Bangsamoro parliament as an institution and developing the expertise of its members and staff.

2. Supporting more inclusive and responsive policy making by creating more opportunities for engagement between parliament, government, and civil society.

3. Supporting Bangsamoro women as political leaders and politically active citizens to coalesce around shared objectives and agenda and to be equipped with the right expertise to identify and influence key policy and legislative change.

4. Supporting the development of existing and fledging Bangsamoro political parties and brokering dialogue between them around the emerging rules of the game within the new system of governance.

Objective.

WFD is looking to hire a parliamentary programmes facilitator to support work on developing and delivering a four-part series of Parliament 101 masterclasses for MPs and staff of the Bangsamoro Parliament. This will involve working under the guidance of WFD’s Senior Parliamentary Adviser to develop learning modules and resources. This will be a collaborative process where the available content will be reviewed and presented in an easy-to-understand format. The facilitator will also be required to translate the learning materials in Filipino. The four masterclasses will cover the following topics:

1. What is the role of Parliament?
2. What is the role of MPs?
4. What is Parliament’s role in conflict?

It is envisaged that these masterclasses will be delivered in a face-to-face setting (if permitted by local Covid guidelines) with selected MPs and staff. The facilitator will lead and deliver these sessions with remote support from the Senior Parliamentary Advisor who will be available to answer any technical questions raised by the participants. The facilitator will be required to deliver these sessions in Filipino.

**Deliverables:**

The parliamentary programmes facilitator will be responsible for the following:

1. It is anticipated that the facilitator will already have knowledge of the local context and understanding of how parliament works. They will further build their knowledge by conducting desk research and by going through any reading materials provided by WFD.
2. Develop the content for the four modules under the guidance of WFD’s Senior Parliamentary Advisor along with translations.
3. Design the session and prepare materials for masterclasses, drawing up a reading list and supplementary resource materials for MPs and staff.
4. Deliver the masterclasses in Filipino and document any lessons.
5. Submit a brief ‘sessions report’ after each masterclass to WFD for review.
6. Work with WFD’s Programme Manager to establish communication with participants between masterclasses to ensure that additional learning needs and queries of the participants are addressed.

**Timeline:**

October – December 2021

**Fees:**

PHP 300,000

**Requirements:**

Experience of working in the governance and democracy sector.

Understanding of the parliamentary processes and procedures.

Experience of training/facilitating and developing training content.

Knowledgeable about the transition process in the Bangsamoro and the role democratic institutions can play to promote good governance.

Experience of working with government and parliamentary officials/staff.

Experience of working independently as in as in teams.
Experience of working in a fast-pace, deadline driven environment.

Open to flexible working.

To Apply:

Please submit updated CV to saba.gill@wfd.org by 7 October 2021.