Terms of Reference
Bangsamoro Youth Socio-Political Participation Survey
(Design and analysis)

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

As part of WFD’s objective to support more inclusive and responsive policy making in BARMM, we are working with diverse civil society organisations to identify key policy issues as a starting point to create opportunities for engagement and exchange with the lawmakers in Bangsamoro Transition Authority. We recognise that civil society has an important role to play in the transition process and a meaningful dialogue with the Bangsamoro Parliament/BTA is in the wider interest of all stakeholders.
In this context, WFD is looking to engage a technical resource to develop a perception survey framework including research design, instruments, implementation guidelines and analyse the resulting data to present findings. This technical resource will work closely with a civil society organisation based in BARMM with network and access all over the region.

The CSO will be primarily responsible for administering the research and survey design in six locations; Basilan, Lanao Del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi Tawi, and Cotabato City and providing data and feedback to the technical resource for analysis.

The aim of this survey is to assess the current participation levels of youth in social and political activity including:

1. perception of democratic institutions in BARMM
2. access to information about the ongoing transition process; including the role of the parliament
3. understanding of challenges and opportunities of the ongoing transition process
4. access to opportunities for participation in decision making and influencing policy issues and debates
5. key policy issues for young people in BARMM

Deliverables:

1. Work with the CSO to develop the youth socio-political participation survey framework; this will include consultations with the CSO on defining reach, scope and methodology of design.
2. Based on these consultations develop research instruments as relevant, such as questionnaires, focus group discussion guides, key informant interview questionnaires.
3. Provide clear guidance on how data will be collected including developing templates for data collection and input.
4. Conduct training on the use of research instruments and template for data collection and reporting.
5. Liaise with the focal point of contact in the CSO to oversee the administration of the research and provide technical guidance and support as necessary.
6. Once the data is collected, analyse the data against agreed framework to present findings in the form of a report. The format of the report will be agreed with WFD.
7. Share the findings in a form of a presentation with WFD.

Timeline.

December 2021– February 2022 (with some flexibility to extend till mid-March). The anticipated level of effort is between 15-20 days.
Qualifications.

1. Experience of conducting and designing mix methods research including developing research tools and instruments.
2. Demonstrated experience of conducting or supervising research to propose policy or programming recommendations.
3. Extensive experience of working with democratic institutions, civil society organisations and independent groups on policy, governance, or development issues.
4. Understanding of the political, cultural and social context in BARMM including key policy and governance issues in the transition period or experience of working in the broader Asia region on these issues.
5. Experience of providing technical expertise to strengthen capacities of individuals/groups around conducting targeted research and surveys will be preferred.
6. Experience of training and development will be preferred.
7. Experience of working in post-conflict and in-transition countries will be preferred.

To Apply.

Please send CV, proposal and budget to saba.gill@wfd.org by 28 November 2021.