

Anotace

Czech Forum for Development Co-operation (FoRS) is searching for an evaluator of a European project focused on development effectiveness. The evaluator shall have Masters university degree or higher in social science and development cooperation, demonstrated competence in Monitoring and Evaluation and experience in evaluation and assessment of impact of capacity building, networking and/or advocacy projects, as well as proficiency in written and spoken English (Czech is highly desired). For further information and ToR please consult <http://www.fors.cz/en/news/news>.

Development Effectiveness Project Evaluation Consultant

Czech Forum for Development Co-operation (FoRS)

FoRS is a platform of 46 Czech non-governmental non-profit organisations (NGOs) and other non-profit subjects involved in development co-operation, development education and humanitarian assistance. FoRS organisations share the common interest of pursuing more relevance and effectiveness of the Czech and international foreign development cooperation and enhancing its positive impacts on people living in developing and transforming countries. In 2003 FoRS co-funded the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development CONCORD. For further information on FoRS please consult at <http://www.fors.cz/en>.

FoRS Presidency project “Civil Society Organisations Development Effectiveness”

Within the first six months of 2009, the Czech Republic held the Presidency of the EU. On this occasion, FoRS has been carrying out a project representing the main activity of FoRS during the Czech EU Presidency and a contribution of NGOs to the Presidency in the field of development cooperation. The project has been funded by the European Commission and the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The main project priority topic, chosen by FoRS organizations during their preparation for the Czech EU Presidency in 2007, was *aid/development effectiveness*. Other priority topics of the project have been good governance, sustainable technologies, migration, agriculture and rural development, gender and development and inclusive development.

Project duration: October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009

Project Objectives

Overall objective: To contribute towards effective EU development co-operation through engagement of civil society and enhanced public and political support.

Specific objective: To formulate and share principles on development effectiveness in CSO practice and to promote these towards public and political stakeholders in the context of the Czech Presidency of the EU (first half of 2009).

Project Outcomes

1. The Czech CSOs and international partners are engaged in the global process on CSO development effectiveness: forums allowing discussion on principles of development aid effectiveness are created and shared conclusion documents are adopted.
2. Strengthened NGO capacities for networking and effective development cooperation interventions.
3. Policy makers, media, CSOs and general public are informed on character and impact of the national and EU development cooperation.

Main Objective and Scope of the Evaluation

Scope of Evaluation

The overall objective is to generate knowledge and best practices how to set and implement a large scale project such as the “Civil Society Organizations Development Effectiveness” project implemented by FoRS. Further, it is important to assess the sustainability of the process of CSOs towards development effectiveness started during the project.

Objectives of Evaluation

- Assess progress made towards the achievement of results at the outcome and output levels with a special focus put on future implications/sustainability;
- Assess the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the project, gender being an additional evaluation criteria as an essential aspect of development effectiveness and a cross-cutting issue of the project;
- Identify lessons learned and provide practical recommendations for future activities of FoRS.

Timing and Deliverables

Evaluation period: November 16 till December 4, 2009 (to be confirmed)

Evaluation seminar: December 3, 2009 (to be confirmed)

Draft evaluation report: to be delivered by December 10, 2009

Final evaluation report: to be delivered by December 17, 2009

The evaluation will take place in English (desk study, interview with key informants, focus group and CONCORD, the final report) and ideally in Czech as well (some interviews and partially desk study).

Expected Profiles of the Evaluator

The evaluator shall have demonstrated competence in Monitoring and Evaluation; shall have relevant related track record, training and specific professional qualifications in the said area of M&E. Effective training or facilitation skills and flare in report writing is essential.

The concrete required qualifications and experience of the evaluator are as follows:

- Masters university degree or higher in social science and development cooperation;
- Familiarity with the process of development effectiveness;
- Extensive experience in evaluation and assessment of impact of capacity building, networking and/or advocacy projects;
- Proficiency in data analysis and report writing (a sample may be required);
- Proficiency in written and spoken English; Czech is highly desired.

Submission of proposals

The expression of interest should be submitted to marie.zazvorkova@fors.cz **not later than October 30, 2009, 5 p. m.**

Further information and terms of reference of the evaluation can be consulted at <http://www.fors.cz/en/news/news>.