

### Introducing the Evidence Fund Targeting the Eastern Africa Region

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##### *About the Evidence Fund:*

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) wants accessible high- quality research, evaluation and evidence products which target policy, country-specific and regional priorities and are available for use by FCDO and the international development sector. FCDO's Research and Evidence Directorate (RED) has as its mission to develop and deliver new technologies and innovations that can help solve development challenges, test high potential interventions, and support the delivery of His Majesty's Government (HMG) objectives. The Evidence Fund is a co-ordinated effort to support a broad spectrum of FCDO's evidence needs to inform policy and programming decisions. The expected impact of the programme is to help develop evidence-informed policies, programmes and practices which contribute to development outcomes.

In 2022, FCDO appointed PwC and Integrity as Fund Manager (FM) to oversee and manage the Evidence Fund (EvF). The Fund Manager's primary responsibility is to manage procurement competitions for research and evaluation projects, conduct due diligence assessments on prospective sub- contracted Research Pool providers, where relevant, and manage research and evaluation contracting.

The EvF is made up of eight components, four of which is being delivered in partnership with the Fund Manager - East Africa, South Asia, Thematic evaluation and Other regions. The Fund Manager will also have responsibility for several cross-cutting activities in relation to the programme, including knowledge management and dissemination, monitoring and learning, and establishing a technical assistance facility for additional administrative and programme management support to FCDO.

##### ***Thematic Research Focus of the Eastern Africa Region***

**Focal Countries:** *Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan*

- ✓ ***The Emerging Priorities being considered include:*** *Peace, security and governance, building resilience and response to crises (particularly in protracted humanitarian crises), prosperity and inclusive growth; and, tackling vulnerability climate change*
- ✓ ***Thematic Evaluations:*** *These are evaluations designed to make better use of evidence to fill evidence gaps relating to emerging trends and global level development challenges. These include Strategic thematic priorities such as: Climate change and biodiversity, COVID-19 and global health security, girls' education, science, research, technology and data for development, open societies and conflict resolution, humanitarian preparedness and response, trade and economic development*

To give you an appreciation of the range and scope of the work we support, the Eastern Africa Hub of the Fund in 2023 has launched Invitation to Tenders (ITTs) for the following research studies:

- *Support to design of evidence and analysis component of the Ethiopia Crises to Resilience (EC2R) programme*
- *Independent Review of the IPC in Somalia*
- *Kenya Innovation Outlook 2023*
- *Helping Entrepreneurs Access Markets Across Africa*
- *Understanding Market Demand in Kenya*
- *Assessing the effectiveness of climate adaptation interventions in East Africa*

### **Sourcing for Research Suppliers**

The Fund Manager is currently in the process of sourcing for reputable research supplier organizations interested in bidding to implement the various research studies. Kindly provide the following generic information.

1. Legal Name of organization/Consortium \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of authorized contact person \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email address \_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone number (s): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Country (s) of operation within the Eastern Africa Region  
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6. Thematic Area (s) of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed form to: [ke\\_evidencefundeastafrica@pwc.com](mailto:ke_evidencefundeastafrica@pwc.com)