

Local Consultant – Effectiveness of Local actors in Humanitarian Programming – Endline (Open to Nigeria Nationals Only)

About The Share Trust/Warande Advisory Centre

[The Share Trust](#) is a non-profit whose mission is to support community driven collective action globally. The Share Trust believes that people should be in charge of what happens in their own communities, and yet only a small fraction of international aid funding makes it to local actors driving the change they want to see.

A significant amount of the work of The Share Trust is done in collaboration with our strategic partner [Warande Advisory Centre](#), based in Nairobi, Kenya. Warande Advisory Centre believes in the vital role of civil society organizations (CSOs) for thriving societies. They provide tailored technical assistance, support, and experiential learning for CSOs to implement community-centered development.

We aim to address this holistically, working to create an ecosystem that shifts power, process and funding to local actors. We employ three core strategies:

1. Supporting Self Help Groups (SHGs), one of the most evidence based and cost-effective approaches to drive community driven development. These groups of 10-25 people meet every week to save, start small businesses and support each other, effectively harnessing the transformative power of gathering to create extraordinary impact.
2. Partnering with coalitions of local and national organizations (LNOs) as they co-design and implement coordinated programming to meet their community's highest priorities. The Local Coalition Accelerator (LCA) is a flagship initiative of the Share Trust and the Warande Advisory Centre—currently being implemented in Uganda, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Kenya and Ethiopia—that provides both financial and technical support to the coalitions over three years. LCA coalitions work with SHGs to ensure decision making and programming are grounded with the most marginalized by channeling and amplifying their voices to drive change; and
3. Bridging the gap between donors (bilateral and multilateral), philanthropy, international practitioners and community driven collective initiatives through research and advocacy to fundamentally change the way that international assistance is designed and delivered.

Project Background

The humanitarian situation in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) states in Nigeria reflects a complex and challenging plight. This region has been significantly affected by the insurgency of Boko Haram and its splinter groups, which has led to a severe humanitarian crisis.

The value of local actors in humanitarian response efforts is increasingly being recognized globally. Local actors are often the first responders when disasters strike, they can have the greatest access to local populations, and they have critical knowledge of the local context and people – including awareness of the security situation. Furthermore, localization can enhance sustainability and preparedness with more relevance due to knowledge of context, maximizing the potential to ensure accountability to affected populations.

Several mapping efforts conducted over the years suggest that, while needs and funding have significantly increased the number of local responders, many remain limited in reach and scope. In light of this information gap, The Share Trust and Warande Advisory Center in close coordination with the Nigeria Local Coalition Accelerator (NLCA) implemented a baseline assessment in April 2024 to understand the role of local actors in effective programming. The assessment was carried out in 4 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Adamawa State including Gombi, Hong, Michika, and Mubi North, and relied on interviewing a set of community leaders as well as key informants from local actors to gather formative data.

Purpose of the Consultancy

The Share Trust is seeking the services of a local consultant to carry out an endline assessment on **the effectiveness of local actors in humanitarian programming**. The assessment will focus on the effectiveness of NLCA members in implementing activities in Adamawa State. The assessment will draw upon the tools and indicators used at the baseline assessment which will need to be revised and improved before adoption. The assessment will be conducted in 4 LGAs of Adamawa State (Gombi, Hong, Michika and Mubi North).

Proposed research questions (to be developed further by the consultant)

- What are the current and recent past challenges and shocks that the population is facing?
- How have the local actors (especially members of the NLCA) responded to the recent shocks in terms of timeliness, reach, responsiveness etc?
- What are the capacities and gaps of local actors in responding to humanitarian crises in Adamawa State?

Proposed Methodology

The consultant will use a mixed methods approach for the assessment utilizing both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. It is proposed that Key informant interviews will be conducted with different community leaders as well as with representatives of local actors. Focus group discussions are also proposed as part of this assessment, to be conducted with purposively selected community members and where necessary with community leaders. The consultant will propose a proper research design for the assessment during application.

Key deliverables

The following deliverables are expected from the consultant:

1. Inception report, detailing the approach and methodology, background and rationale.
2. Raw and cleaned datasets from the Key informant interviews.
3. FGD transcripts and analysis files
4. PowerPoint presentation summarizing the key findings of the assessment, to be presented at a validation workshop to key Share Trust, NLCA and Warande staff.
5. Final report, having been reviewed by the Share Trust and Warande.

Timelines

The consultant is expected to complete the work in 40 working days.

Competencies, Experience, and Skill requirements

A local consultancy firm comprising a diverse team is required to conduct this assignment. The team members are expected to have the following qualification and experiences:

1. The lead consultant/team leader should have a minimum of a master's degree in a relevant field such as Social Sciences, Development Studies, Economics, statistics or related disciplines.

2. A minimum of 7 years' experience in carrying out baseline surveys/ endline surveys/impact evaluations in Nigeria, with a focus on community development, localization, or related areas.
3. Demonstrable academic and practical experience in qualitative and quantitative research methodology, survey/evaluation design and implementation.
4. Familiarity with qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, development of data collection tools, and experience with stakeholder consultations.
5. Understanding of the humanitarian situation in Nigeria
6. Knowledge and understanding of local and national actors environment in Nigeria is desirable
7. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to effectively convey research findings to both technical and non-technical audiences.
8. Strong analytical, facilitation and communication skills.
9. Strong analytical and report writing skills.
10. Data collectors should be fluent in local language.

Application Procedure

Please send a Cover Letter, CVs of all proposed team members, proposed methodology and itemized budget to jobs@thesharetrust.org and copying george@thesharetrust.org. Applications shall be reviewed on a rolling basis.