

## **Terms of Reference (TOR)**

Research on

### **“Economic policies in OPT”**

#### **1. Background**

Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) is in the process of defining its priorities under its programme line of **“Social and Economic Rights”** in Palestine. To be able to build a solid foundation for the work in the field, RLS needs to get an overview on the main economic decisions, regulations and laws that have an impact on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian population.

#### **2. Purpose and Objective of the research**

The overall purpose of conducting the research is to gather and analyze quantitative and qualitative data related to:

- Privatization & economic policies in OPT
- Formal & informal decision making
- Procedures, norms, laws and policies that shape and structure privatization in OPT in relation to access and quality of public goods (e.g. health, education, electricity and water sectors.)
- Distribution of taxes and income
- Different policies in different areas according to the type of political authority ( e.g West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, areas A, B and C, etc.)

#### **3. The objectives of the research**

- a) To collect primary and secondary data that helps to define the status quo of privatization policies in OPT.
- b) To collect any relevant material, existing laws, regulations and policies as well as public & private sector institutions, organizations, unions, networks that are currently involved in work related to this topic.

#### **4. Methodology of the assignment**

The researcher(s) should use a variety of professional research methods including but not limited to surveys, interviews, and focus groups which should be discussed and agreed upon with RLS.

#### **5. Suggested questions of the research**

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- What have been the historical major developments of the economic policies towards privatization (with a focus on public goods) in OPT since the establishment of the PNA?
- What are the national, regional & international laws, policies, agreements and decisions that determine the economic policies of the PA in OPT?
- What are the direct and indirect socio-economic effects of the governmental privatization policies on the Palestinian community, (e.g. access and quality of public goods, changes in the labour market...etc)
- What are the positions of Palestinian political parties, civil society actors and other stakeholders towards these policies.

**6. Baseline research should include at least the following:**

1. LIST OF ACRONYMS
2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
3. BACKGROUND: Main Questions, Objectives
4. INTRODUCTION: An overview of historical developments of the economic policies in OPT in the last three decades
5. METHODOLOGY: Research design, literature review, research methods, tools and techniques of data collection, methods of analysis
6. FINDINGS: Relevant formal laws, policies and decisions; challenges Facing Palestinian communities with a focus on marginalized groups; political parties & non- governmental organizations working on planning, implementing, analyzing, criticising, opposing or acting against the formal privatization policies in OPT,
7. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS
8. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND ACTION TAKEN
9. REFERENCES
10. RECOMMENDATIONS ( optional)
11. CASE STUDIES ( optional)

**7. Time line**

- The duration of the assignment is from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**8. Deliverables of the researcher(s)**

- Final questionnaires, checklists and other data collection tools (drafts need to be discussed and agreed upon with RLS)

- Functional implementation plan of the research including date, time, area, sample size, name of responsible person etc.
- Data collection plan as agreed with RLS
- Data collection guidelines
- All types of data and information collected from the field (both hard and soft copy when available)
- An agreed upon final report, edited and proofread in English.

#### **9. Responsibility of RLS**

- Communicate with respective partner organizations and share the field engagement plan
- Share the secondary information, data, documents related to the assignment
- Provide comments on research tools, plan and methodology
- Regular monitoring of the quality of data collection
- Feedback on research drafts
- Approval of final draft of the research

#### **10. Project location: OPT (West Bank, Gaza Strip & East Jerusalem)**

#### **11. Required skills and competencies of the researcher(s)**

It is recommended that a group of researchers with diverse backgrounds in the fields of development, law and labor law, political science and economy should be employed for carrying out this research.

In addition, the following skills and qualifications are essential:

- In-depth knowledge of political and social developments in OPT, in particular economic affairs, social affairs and laws
- In-depth knowledge of and access to resource persons, interview partners from political and civil society in OPT
- Proven expertise in research and data collection, preferably on a related topic
- Proven expertise in designing, implementing and analyzing different research methods (including but not limited to surveys, interviews, or focus groups)
- Well informed of governmental policies, local NGOs and political parties
- Experience in using participatory approaches
- Fluency in English and Arabic (in writing and speaking)

## 12. Guideline for Application Procedure

The proposal( expression of interest) should comprised of the following sections and adhere to the stated page limit.

<b>Technical Proposal</b>	
<b>Contents</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Pages</b>
Cover Page	1 Page
Table of Contents	1 Page
Understanding of the Assignment	3 Page
Proposed Methodology	2 Pages
Work Schedule	1 page
Team composition along with its rationale	2 pages
Any other relevant information (if required only)	3 pages
<b>Financial Proposal</b>	
Budget detailing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task days and fees (days should be mentioned for key member of the team)</li> <li>• Travel and accommodations ( for focus groups, meetings etc.) with formal invoices</li> <li>• Any other expenditure (please mention nature of expenditure)</li> <li>• Total amount including VAT and/or taxes</li> </ul>	

## 13. Other documents to be submitted:

### A. For Individual Researcher(s)

- a) Maximum two page CV of researcher ( if more than one researcher, CV of the Team Leader) highlighting related assignments completed with client name, contact person and mobile number. The researcher or team leader must be fully engaged with the assignment for its duration
- b) one page CV for additional team members highlighting related assignments
- c) A sample of documents pertaining to previous studies relevant to the call. (minimum of two documents, preferably in English)

### B. For Research Organizations and Firms

- a) Maximum two page organization profile highlighting related assignments completed with client name, contact person and mobile number
- b) Maximum two page CV of the team leader of highlighting related assignments, and her\his role in them.
- c) One paragraph bio for each team member highlighting related assignments and role
- d) Organization's or Firm's Certificate, and VAT registration
- e) A sample of documents pertaining to previous studies relevant to the call. (minimum of two documents, preferably in English)

#### **14. Contact information:**

Interested researcher(s), organizations and firms are requested to submit all required documents in English no later than **10<sup>th</sup> of March** 2018 to the following email address: [info.ramallah@rosalux.org](mailto:info.ramallah@rosalux.org)  
Please include "**Economic policies in OPT**" in the subject field.