



# Request for Proposal (RFP)

## Youth Electoral Reform Project – SouthSouth and SouthWest Consortium Partnership for Youth Inclusion and Electoral Advocacy

### Introduction:

Kim pact Development Initiative (KDI) is seeking dedicated civil society organizations (CSOs) and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to join us in forming a national consortium focused on advancing youth inclusion in Nigeria’s electoral processes. This consortium aims to strengthen youth voices in electoral reform dialogues, addressing administrative, legislative, and constitutional dimensions of reform, and engaging youth directly in advocacy efforts ahead of the 2027 general elections. Through this RFP, we invite eligible organizations in Nigeria’s SouthSouth and SouthWest geopolitical zones to collaborate with other geopolitical zones in creating meaningful platforms for youth participation in electoral reform and governance.

### Project Background:

Despite making up a significant portion of Nigeria’s population and registered voters, Nigerian youth face systemic barriers that exclude them from effective political participation. A recent survey by the consortium revealed high dissatisfaction with recent elections, with 94% of youth respondents calling for urgent reforms. This project will support young Nigerians, including those from marginalized communities, in mobilizing and engaging with federal and state legislators, INEC, security agencies, and other key stakeholders to advocate for meaningful electoral reforms. Through structured support and linkages, youth will be positioned to lead these reforms, making their voices integral to shaping Nigeria’s democratic processes.

### Project Objectives:

The primary goal of the Youth Electoral Reform Project is to foster a more inclusive and representative electoral system by:

- a) **Strengthening Youth Voices:** Engaging at least 1,000 young people in reform dialogues and decision-making processes at all levels.
- b) **Building Capacity:** Empowering over 400 youth leaders with the skills and knowledge to advocate for reform priorities, promoting democratic governance and accountability.
- c) **Creating Sustainable Linkages:** Facilitating direct interaction between youth and decision-makers, including federal and state legislators, INEC, and security agencies.





- d) **Advocacy for Reform:** Supporting youth-led advocacy for specific electoral reforms, mobilizing for greater youth turnout, and fostering sustained engagement in electoral processes.

### **Consortium Structure and Reach:**

This project will span Nigeria's 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), with support by a network that will include state-level coordinators and youth networks. The consortium members, representing each of the six geopolitical zones, will bring diverse expertise and resources to ensure the participation of young women, young men, and youth with disabilities. This collaborative approach will ensure that local perspectives inform national electoral reforms.

### **Scope of Work:**

Selected partner organizations will contribute to the following focus areas:

1. **Grassroots Youth Engagement:** Implement awareness campaigns to educate youth on their electoral rights, mobilizing them for electoral reforms.
2. **Advocacy and Dialogue:** Facilitate youth-led dialogues and advocacy sessions with stakeholders, fostering open discussions about youth priorities in electoral reforms.
3. **Capacity Building for Youth Leaders:** Organize training workshops to equip youth leaders with the skills needed for effective advocacy and engagement with policymakers.
4. **Engagement with the National Assembly (NASS):** Support consortium efforts in presenting the National Youth Electoral Reform Priorities Recommendations to the NASS Joint Committee on Electoral Matters and the Committee on Constitution Review.

### **Expected Long-term Outcomes:**

- **Increased Youth Participation:** Enhanced participation of at least 1,000 young people in electoral reform dialogues and decision-making processes.
- **Strengthened Stakeholder Collaboration:** Improved collaboration among youth-focused CSOs and other electoral stakeholders, fostering a cohesive network for sustained advocacy.
- **Greater Awareness and Responsiveness:** Increased understanding of youth electoral reform priorities among policymakers and the public, supporting the development of effective electoral systems.
- **Empowered Youth Leadership:** Over 400 youth leaders empowered with advocacy skills and knowledge, advancing democratic governance and accountability.





### Timeline:

This is a two-year project, and successful organisations would be required to submit a budget that will fit into the overall outcome/objective of the consortium.

### Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be a registered CSO or NGO operating within SouthWest and SouthSouth geopolitical zones.
- Have a minimum of three years' experience in youth engagement, civic advocacy, or anticipating for electoral reform.
- Demonstrate a commitment to gender inclusivity and the inclusion of marginalized communities.
- Be capable of conducting outreach and advocacy across multiple states.

### Proposal Requirements

Proposals should include:

- **Organizational Overview:** Description of the organization's mission, experience, and previous projects related to youth or electoral engagement.
- **Proposed Approach:** Detailed plan describing methods for engaging youth and mobilizing advocacy efforts.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation Plan:** Framework for assessing progress, with clear KPIs and metrics.
- **Value Addition:** Explanation of how the organization's involvement will enhance the consortium's reach and effectiveness in promoting youth-led electoral reform.

Kindly note that organisations will need to undergo due diligence and share supporting documents as part of the selection process if scaled to the next phase.

### Submission Details:

Proposals are due no later than November 12, 2024, to [ssarki@kimpact.org.ng](mailto:ssarki@kimpact.org.ng) with "Youth Electoral Reform Project (Geopolitical zone)" in the subject line.

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