

# Call for Applications:

## AUDIT OF THE AUGUST 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS FROM AN INCLUSION PERSPECTIVE

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### 1.0 Background

The Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD-Kenya) is inviting applications from qualified candidates conduct a rapid audit of the August 2022 General Elections in Kenya from an inclusion perspective. CMD-Kenya is a political parties-based membership organization established in March 2004. The mandate is to enhance multiparty democracy and strengthen the institutional capacity of political parties in Kenya through policy influence and capacity building. The organization provides a platform for political parties, political actors and policy makers to engage in dialogue and cooperate in strengthening multiparty democracy. CMD-Kenya works closely with political parties, political actors, strategic partners and key stakeholders in promoting social justice, political governance best practices, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The right to political choices is a Constitutionally guaranteed right provided for in Article 38(3)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. In all democracies, political parties play an integral role in political selection. They nominate candidates who participate in elections and define the set of politicians from which voters can choose. The enactment of the 2010 Constitution of Kenya and the election sector laws provided for a new life in the country's electoral process. Section 91 of the Constitution requires political parties to abide by democratic principles of good governance, promote and practice and practice democracy including free and fair intra-party processes of candidate selection as well as inclusion. In the end, the legal framework was expected to ensure that Political Parties embrace democratic culture ensuring the inclusion of special interest groups (SIGs) at all levels of governance.

A study by the Carter Center (2018) on Youth and Women political participation in Kenya showed that while these marginalized groups remain eager to participate in the country's political and electoral processes, they face serious financial, societal, and cultural challenges to full participation, including intimidation, harassment, and violence including during party primaries. The Center's study also revealed that political parties often hinder youth and women's participation. In particular, the Carter Center established that approximately 90% of women aspirants said they felt unsafe during the party primary period, with many sharing stories of intimidation, harassment, and character assassination. On their part, youth participants said that because of high unemployment rates, their peers are willing to hire themselves out as protesters and are susceptible to politicians pushing an agenda.

As part of our strategic interventions, CMD-Kenya with the funding support from the Electoral Law and Governance Institute for Africa (ELGIA) is implementing the Strengthening Electoral Accountability and Inclusivity Program (SEAIP) whose goal is to promote an inclusive and accountable electoral process in Kenya. part of the activities under SEAIP sought to prepare political parties conduct inclusive electoral process before the August 2022 elections, providing a level playing field for political participation of women, youth and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

## 2.0 The Consultancy

With the 2022 elections now concluded, CMD-Kenya would like to conduct a rapid audit to establish the extent to which the elections were inclusive and the factors that facilitated or hindered optimal participation of the SIGs in the elections. The assignment will encompass the following:

- a. Undertake an audit of the levels of SIGs participation and representation during the 2022 General Elections.
- b. Evaluate the extent to which the number of SIGs increased or decreased compared to the 2017 General Elections and before.
- c. Assess the factors that facilitated or hindered effective participation and representation of SIGs during the General Elections.
- d. Make strategic recommendations on how SIGs participation and representation in political leadership can be improved in future.

## 3.0 Consultancy Design

The general approach to the consultancy will be participatory where the consultant will work in close collaboration with CMD-Kenya, ELGIA, political parties and the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) in preparation and execution of the undertaking. The consultant will undertake detailed literature review on the subject and also collect relevant primary data from key informants and the candidates to arrive at informed conclusions and recommendations.

## 4.0 Profile

The assignment requires a local consultant with the following qualifications:

- a. A postgraduate Degree in Development Studies, Sociology, Law, Political Science or any relevant social science.
- b. At least 5 years progressive experience in similar undertakings.
- c. Demonstrated experience in undertaking surveys of comparable nature and scope.
- d. Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- e. Experience in working with political parties or similar organizations will be an added advantage.

## 5.0 Application Process

Interested consultants should send their applications to [info@imd-cmd.co.ke](mailto:info@imd-cmd.co.ke), copy [range@imd-cmd.co.ke](mailto:range@imd-cmd.co.ke) by close of business on **24<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. The application should include a concise technical proposal detailing the proposed methodology, consultant profile and proposed budget. ***It is anticipated that the consultancy will be conducted in a single phase lasting twenty (20) working days.***