

## Consultancy: Afghanistan Peace Learning Project Specialist Researcher: Terms of Reference

### Overview

UK-based peacebuilding organisations Conciliation Resources, International Alert and Saferworld are working together on a three-year programme, funded by the UK Department for International Development's (DFID) Global Security Rapid Assessment (GSRA) mechanism, to provide evidence-informed policy and programming lessons and recommendations to DFID, the UK Government and other peace, security and development actors. The programme started on 1 May 2017 and will run until March 2020.

These Terms of Reference outline responsibilities for a consultant Specialist Researcher to support a comparative learning project under this programme looking at peace in Afghanistan, as part of a sub-theme strand of work on *Pathways out of violence for armed groups*. The Afghanistan research project will develop applied learning and guidance on entry points for progress in priority areas for dialogue between the Taliban and the Afghan Government. This current ToR refers to activities that will take place in year 1 of the programme, up to the end of March 2018.

### Deliverables

The consultancy is for an estimated 20 days between November 2017 and March 2018 at a competitive day rate to be agreed, and will involve a field trip to Afghanistan. The Specialist Researcher will be responsible for the following deliverables, all of which will be developed in conjunction with CR:

1. Develop overall project research design
2. Identify potential priority areas for applied learning
3. Develop a research methodology and research plan, including planning for a field visit to Afghanistan
4. Undertake field research
5. Write a report encapsulating research findings to date and recommending research priorities for project Yr 2 – approximately 8,000 words.

The consultant is contracted to provide the deliverables as described above. Payment will be made on receipt of an invoice from the consultant on completion of deliverables as agreed between Conciliation Resources and the consultant.

### Skills and experience

The Specialist Researcher will need in-depth knowledge and experience of peace and transition initiatives and processes in Afghanistan, and have strong research skills and networks. S/he will need to consult with relevant actors and encapsulate literature to identify a number of priority areas for progress for peace negotiations in Afghanistan, and capture these in an accessible and operationally relevant report. The researcher will likely need a good command of English, Pashto and Dari.

**About Conciliation Resources:** Conciliation Resources is an independent international organisation working with people in conflict to prevent violence, resolve conflicts and promote peaceful societies: [www.c-r.org](http://www.c-r.org)

### Interested applicants should send:

- A CV of approximately two pages of A4, minimum 10 point font, outlining relevant experience – a bibliography can be attached as an appendix to your CV.
- A brief supporting statement of no more than two pages of A4, minimum 10 point font, outlining briefly how your experience matches the requirements of the consultancy and why you are interested in the position.

There will likely be an informal interview for shortlisted applicants. Please send all applications to [recruitment@c-r.org](mailto:recruitment@c-r.org) with 'Afghanistan Peace Learning Project' in the title of the email. Any questions please contact the Director of Accord at CR, Alexander Ramsbotham: [aramsbotham@c-r.org](mailto:aramsbotham@c-r.org)

Deadline for submissions: 9 am UK time Monday 23 October.