



# Terms of Reference for Consultancy to Evaluate the 2019-2024 National Youth Manifesto of Malawi

## 1. Introduction

Founded in 2012, Youth and Society (YAS) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with mission to promote and defend human rights and democratic governance in Malawi in the principal interest of young people and marginalized groups. Our core approaches include capacity building, public interest litigation, civic education, advocacy, constructive dialogue, research and coalition building. Presently, YAS has four core programs: Human Rights and Civil Society Strengthening, Gender and Social Inclusion, Wealth Creation and Economic Justice and Anti-Corruption and Rule of Law.

## 2. Background and Scope of Work

YAS with funding from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is implementing the Democracy in Young Hands project that seeks to improve participation and representation of women, youth, the elderly, people with disabilities, and people with albinism through activities intended to foster participation and ownership of the electoral processes. The project works towards contributing to Priority Area 2 (Inclusion) of the Malawi Electoral Support Project (MESP) 2022-2025.

In order to unearth critical social, economic and political policy issues affecting the youth and make them a priority for political actors in the 2019-2024 electoral cycle, a coalition of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) dubbed the **Youth-Decide Campaign** developed the first-ever '**National Youth Manifesto**' for Malawi. This Manifesto which runs between 2019 and 2024 is a consolidated statement of the governance and development aspirations and policy demands of young people in Malawi. Through this manifesto, the youth of Malawi are not only confronting and tackling difficult questions about Malawi's democracy, governance and development, but also fostering dialogue with political actors and policy-makers on various policy and programmatic domains affecting the youth including: Education; Health; Youth Employment and Vocational Training; Environment and Climate Change; Mining and Energy; Sports, Culture and Arts; Youth Living with Disabilities; Youth Leadership in Politics and Civic Life; Business Entrepreneurship; ICT and Infrastructure Development; Water and Sanitation; and Corruption.

As the National Youth Manifesto approaches its expiration this year, YAS and its Youth Decide Campaign partners seek to undertake a comprehensive review and evaluation of the National Youth Manifesto. The evaluation aims to assess the effectiveness of the manifesto's implementation, particularly by the government, and inform the development of a new, forward looking manifesto that will address the evolving needs and aspirations of the youth in Malawi during the 2025-2030 electoral cycle.

### Overall Objective of the Assignment

To conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the 2019-2024 National Youth Manifesto in order to assess its impact and effectiveness in advancing youth development, highlight the challenges, and recommendations.

### 3 Key Deliverables

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

- An inception report outlining detailed methodology and work plan
- Draft Evaluation Report for feedback and comments
- Facilitate a stakeholders validation workshop (to be organized by YAS and its partners)
- Final Evaluation Report
- A high quality Power Point Presentation summarizing the assessment
- Presentation of findings to key stakeholders

#### **4 Qualifications and Experience**

The consultant should have experience in qualitative and quantitative research with a minimum of advanced university degree from an accredited institution in any of the following fields: Human rights; public policy, development studies, law, Social Sciences, Gender studies, Youth Development; Political Science, and Governance, with proven experience in conducting similar assignments in Malawi.

#### **5 Duration**

The assignment is strictly for 21 person days

#### **Other Key Requirements**

YAS subscribes to best practices of safeguarding and child protection. As such, the selected consultant and all team members should be ready to sign the Safeguarding Code of Conduct for Youth and Society before taking up the assignment.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit by **email only** the technical and financial proposals with a cover letter explaining their suitability to the assignment, the resume, and 3 traceable referees, not later than **15 September, 2024** to the following contact details:

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**Note:** The Subject for Submissions must be clearly labelled “**Youth Manifesto Evaluation**”