Consultant – Justice Finance Programme, ODI Global

Application deadline: **Friday 6 November, 23:59 (GMT)**
Department: **Justice Finance Programme, Finance and Fiscal Research Group**
Location: **London, UK (remote working may be possible)**
Fee rate: **To be negotiated**

ODI Global is looking to recruit an individual consultant to enter into a framework contract for up to 185-220 days a year for our Justice Finance Programme, within ODI Global.

ODI Global's Justice Finance Programme takes a people-centred justice approach, exploring how financing can support civil justice systems that work for people. Our global research considers how smarter approaches to financing could better address people's (including small businesses') everyday justice problems.

Our work is inspired in part by lessons on public financial management from other sectors. We also consider the relationship between justice and economic growth. We work closely with international organisations engaged on justice issues, including the OECD, the World Bank and the World Justice Project and are a member of the global Justice Action Coalition and were the lead authors of the Justice Financing Framework. Our latest research looks at AI and the potential for universal affordable access to front-line justice (due to be published on 19 October)

Main areas of work

Research and policy advice

- Undertake research, author research reports, policy briefs and other documents for publication on justice finance including on:
    - **Resourcing analysis:** What are the global trends in public funding of civil justice? What are the current (highly fragmented and siloed) funding levels for front-line civil justice services, and how could they be better managed to deliver greater impact?
    - **Coverage analysis:** Using legal needs survey data, what is the current coverage of front-line civil justice services for the most common legal needs, and how far would these need to be scaled up, cost-effectively and affordably, to make a significant impact on the justice gap?
    - **Cost-effectiveness analysis:** What are the most cost-effective front-line civil justice services? Within existing budgetary constraints, what is the scope for re-prioritisation?
    - **Scaling solutions:** How could the most cost-effective, nationally affordable solutions (including AI) be developed, tested and scaled up?

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- **Public financial management barriers:** What are the public financial management-related barriers to innovative, scalable solutions to the justice gap?
- **Investment case for civil justice:** What is the evidence base for public investment in civil justice relative to other sectors? How could this be strengthened? What are the political economy considerations?
- **Links between justice and economic growth:** What is the evidence of the linkage? And what are the most effective justice interventions to increase growth (such as the development of specialised commercial courts and regulatory reform)?

Dissemination

- Carry out public affairs work, representing ideas, knowledge with the aim of informing policy
- Disseminate the results of research through peer-reviewed channels, the media, meetings, conferences etc. and respond to ad hoc media requests
- Use and build relevant networks

Project Management

- Undertake general oversight of work projects and help with coordinating the work of project team members as appropriate
- Assist in the engagement with and reporting to funders

Business development

- Develop research proposals, expressions of interest and full project proposals for ODI Global
- Develop new concepts and ideas to extend intellectual understanding and inform policy
- Assess, interpret and evaluate the outcomes of research, and develop ideas for the application of research outcomes
- Monitor and analyse developments in the external environment

Skills, knowledge and experience

We are looking for an economist or social scientist with:

- A post-graduate degree
- Strong background in public financial management and/or microeconomics
- Strong research and analytical skills, including working with quantitative data
- Knowledge of the justice sector
- Fluency in English and the ability to write clearly and persuasively
- Excellent interpersonal skills (including presentation) and proven ability to collaborate in a team of senior and junior researchers

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Desirable:

- Experience in coordinating the work of other researchers
- Proven ability to fundraise
- Fluency in another language (e.g. Spanish) would be an advantage

Application

Please submit your CV with a supporting statement outlining your suitability for the role to ffrecruitment@odi.org by **23:59 (GMT) on Friday 6 November**. The email should include your most recent daily fee rate/expected fee rate.

*Please include **"Application, Justice Finance Programme"** in the subject line of your email.*

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