

Call for Proposals

Final External Evaluation Consultant

Support for Mediation Approaches at Village Level (Continuation) Houaphanh Province, Lao PDR

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Laos is seeking a qualified external consultant or evaluation team to conduct the **final evaluation** of the project *Support for Mediation Approaches at Village Level (Continuation)*, implemented in Viengxay, Xonbao, Add, and Xiengkhor Districts of Houaphanh Province.

The project, implemented from **June 2023 to May 2026**, aims to improve access to justice for vulnerable communities by strengthening legal awareness, community mediation, and conflict resolution mechanisms, with particular attention to women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups. The project is funded by **Bread for the World**, with co-financing from **Helvetas Laos**, and is implemented in close partnership with government justice institutions and mass organisations.

Purpose of the Evaluation

The final evaluation will assess the project's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, sustainability, and coherence, in line with the OECD-DAC evaluation criteria. The evaluation is intended to generate practical learning, document good practices and challenges, and provide actionable recommendations to inform future justice and peacebuilding programming by MCC and its partners.

Scope of Work

The evaluation will cover the full project period and all major components, including:

- Legal awareness and rights promotion at community level
- Mediation and conflict resolution capacity of Village Mediation Committees
- The role and effectiveness of Village Facilitators
- Engagement of Lao Women's Union, Lao Front for National Development, and justice offices
- Cross-cutting issues such as gender equality, ethnic inclusion, and participation of vulnerable groups

A detailed scope, deliverables, and timeline are outlined in the attached **Terms of Reference**.

Qualifications

Required qualifications:

- Master's degree or higher in law, evaluation, social sciences, or a related field
- Demonstrated experience conducting external evaluations, including use of OECD-DAC criteria
- Background in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, mediation, or access to justice
- Strong qualitative research skills, including interviews and focus group discussions
- Solid understanding of the Lao PDR context and justice sector
- Excellent English writing and communication skills
- Ability to reside in Laos or independently secure authorization to work in Laos

Desired qualifications:

- Previous experience working with Lao government partners
- Experience in legal education, mediation, or justice system development
- Ability to communicate in Lao language

Expected Deliverables

- Inception report with detailed methodology and tools
- Final evaluation report (maximum 25 pages, excluding annexes)
- Presentation of findings to MCC and partners

Application Requirements

Interested consultants or teams should submit:

- A cover letter outlining the proposed approach and team roles
- CV(s) of all proposed evaluator(s)
- A technical proposal including methodology and timeline
- A financial proposal with all associated costs
- Two sample evaluation reports

Submission Details

Applications should be submitted by **6 March 2026** to:

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For questions or clarification, please contact the above email address.