

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

INDEPENDENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The GBVF Response Fund seeks to appoint an Independent Impact partner to support the evaluation and learning of its RFP2-funded GBVF interventions.

Applications close on

05 JUNE 2026

AT 17:00 SOUTH AFRICAN TIME



RFP2 INDEPENDENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

1. BACKGROUND

The GBVF Response Fund was established to mobilise and allocate resources towards addressing Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) in South Africa, in alignment with the National Strategic Plan on GBVF (NSP). Under its first funding cycle (RFP2), the Fund supported Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) over a two-year implementation period (2024–2026). These interventions focused on prevention, response, capacity strengthening, and systems-level support. The Fund now seeks to commission an independent evaluation to assess the performance and contribution to impact of RFP2-funded interventions.

2. PURPOSE OF THE EVALUATION

The purpose of this evaluation is to:

- I. Assess the performance and contribution to impact of RFP2-funded interventions
- II. Generate evidence on effective approaches to preventing and responding to GBVF
- III. Inform strategic decision-making for RFP2 and future funding cycles
- IV. Strengthen learning, accountability, and adaptive programming within the Fund and its partners

3. OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of the evaluation are to:

- I. Assess relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and contribution to impact of funded projects.
- II. Analyse the effectiveness of the capacity development model, implemented through Grant Management Partner.
- III. Identify good practices, innovations, and lessons learned.
- IV. Document impact stories and case studies.
- V. Provide actionable recommendations for programme improvement and scale-up.

4. SCOPE OF THE EVALUATION

The evaluation will cover:

- I. All projects funded under RFP2 (2024–2026).
- II. Interventions implemented by CBOs.
- III. Geographic coverage across provinces and identified hotspot areas.
- IV. Thematic focus areas aligned to the NSP.

The evaluation will assess the following OECD-DAC criteria:

- I. Relevance
- II. Coherence
- III. Effectiveness
- IV. Efficiency

- V. Sustainability
- VI. Contribution to Impact

5. EVALUATION APPROACH

The evaluation will adopt a theory-based, non-experimental impact evaluation approach, focusing on contribution rather than attribution.

The Consultant will:

- I. Assess impact achieved through implementation of the GBV prevention and response interventions.
- II. Assess contribution to the Fund's Theory of Change (ToC) and the GBVF NSP
- III. Assess causal pathways, underlying assumptions and how change occurred at the local level.
- IV. Analyse the extent to which observed outcomes can plausibly be linked to funded interventions – whether there is attribution or contribution.
- V. Document select impact stories.
- VI. Generate report from impact assessment and communications collateral.

6. KEY EVALUATION QUESTIONS

6.1. Relevance & Coherence

- I. To what extent were interventions aligned with the NSP and beneficiary needs?
- II. How coherent were interventions across stakeholders and funding streams?

6.2. Effectiveness

- I. To what extent were intended outputs and outcomes achieved?
- II. Which intervention models were most effective and why?
- III. What unintended outcomes emerged?

6.3. Efficiency

- I. How efficiently were resources utilised by CBOs and the Fund?
- II. Were there more cost-effective approaches?

6.4. Contribution to Impact

- I. What evidence exists of contribution to systemic, behavioural, or service-level change?
- II. What are the plausible pathways of contribution?

7. SUSTAINABILITY

- I. Which interventions are likely to be sustained?
- II. What factors influence sustainability, replication, and scale?

8. EQUITY & INCLUSION

- I. To what extent did interventions reach underserved and vulnerable groups?
- II. Document typologies of interventions reaching underserved and vulnerable groups.

9. METHODOLOGY

The evaluation will adopt a mixed-methods approach, including:

- I. Desk review of programme and project documentation including CBO implementation plans.
- II. Key informant interviews (Fund staff, CBOs, Grant Management Partner, government, partners)
- III. Focus group discussions with beneficiaries
- IV. Case studies (minimum of 6–10)
- V. Surveys where applicable.

10. THE CONSULTANT MUST:

- I. Develop a robust sampling strategy ensuring representation across provinces, thematic areas, grant management responsibility and stakeholder groups.
- II. Ensure triangulation of data sources.
- III. Apply gender-responsive and intersectional analysis.
- IV. Formulate lessons learned and recommendations for including in future funding approach.

11. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

The evaluation must assess the effectiveness of the capacity development model implemented through Grant Management Partner supporting 53 CBOs, including:

- I. Outcomes achieved through this modality
- II. Value-add of Grant Management Partner
- III. Lessons for future funding models

12. ETHICS AND SAFEGUARDING

The evaluation must adhere to ethical standards for GBV research, including:

- I. Adherence to GBVF Response Fund Safeguarding Policy.
- II. Do No Harm principles
- III. Informed consent
- IV. Confidentiality and anonymity
- V. Survivor-centred and trauma-informed approaches
- VI. Safe referral pathways where needed
- VII. Compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)

13. DELIVERABLES

The Consultant will be expected to deliver:

- I. Inception Report (including methodology, tools, sampling strategy, evaluation matrix, Theory of Change)
- II. Data Collection Tools
- III. Draft Evaluation Report
- IV. Final Evaluation Report
- V. Case Studies and Impact Stories
- VI. Policy Brief (5–10 pages)
- VII. Presentation (PowerPoint)
- VIII. Clean, anonymised dataset

PAYMENT SCHEDULE		
#	DELIVERABLE	PROPORTION OF PAYMENT
1	Inception Report	30%
2	Draft Report	30%
3	Final Report	40%
	Total	100%

14. TIMELINE

The evaluation is expected to be conducted over a period of approximately three months:

- I. Inception Phase: 2 weeks
- II. Data Collection: 4–6 weeks
- III. Analysis and Validation: 2 weeks
- IV. Reporting: 2–3 weeks

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: TEAM COMPOSITION (IF APPLICABLE)	
SECTION:	REQUIRED:
15. REPORTING	<p>The Consultant will report to the GBVF Response Fund Programmes Manager and draft reports will be reviewed and feedback provided. It is incumbent upon the Consultant to revise and resubmit all the necessary documentation upon the agreed upon deadlines. Prior to finalisation of the report, the Consultant will present draft findings to the Management Team and may be asked to attend Board meetings to present the report and its findings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Review deliverables. II. Provide strategic guidance. III. Facilitate stakeholder engagement.
16. CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS	<p>The Consultant/team must demonstrate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Minimum 8–10 years' experience in evaluating complex social programmes. II. Expertise in GBV/GBVF programming III. Strong experience in theory-based and contribution analysis. IV. Proven mixed-methods research capabilities. V. Experience working with CBOs and community-level interventions. VI. Knowledge of the South African GBVF policy landscape.
17. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS	<p>Interested bidders must submit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Technical proposal (methodology and approach) II. Detailed workplan and timeline III. Team composition and CVs IV. Financial proposal V. Examples of previous relevant work

18. BUDGET AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION	<p>The evaluation findings will be used to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Inform strategic future funding approach of the GBVF Response Fund. II. Support communications, advocacy and resource mobilisation. III. Contribute to national learning on GBVF interventions.
SUBMISSION DETAILS	
Date of Posting:	14 May 2026
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Submission Deadline:	05 June 2026, 17:00
Submission Method:	Email submission
Subject Line:	Independent Impact Assessment (RFP2) TOR Proposal Submission
Late Submissions:	Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.