

# Review of Left International Forum's Sida-funded program

## 1. Introduction and background

Left International Forum is a party-affiliated organisation founded in 1995 to work for a democratic and equal world with respect for human rights. Examples of partners over the years are political parties, women's movements, youth associations, trade unions and other civil society organisations that share the ideology and core values of Left International Forum.

Between 2024 and 2027, Left International Forum will implement the *program "Marginalised Women and Youth's Political Influence—a Prerequisite for Fair and Sustainable Development."* Sida has granted funds for the program following the *"Strategy for democracy support through party-affiliated organisations 2024 - 2027."*<sup>1</sup>

## 2. APPROACH AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Political participation is a human right, and everyone must have the opportunity to make their voices heard. Despite that, marginalised groups, especially women and youth, have less political influence than groups that are strong in other contexts. This creates a situation where those most in need of political measures also have difficulty getting into the decision-making assemblies and influencing decisions critical to their life situation. By supporting parties and other civil society organisations that base their activities on popular participation, focusing on marginalised women and youth, conditions are created for people with limited access to resources and power to organise themselves and demand their democratic rights.

The program brings together five organisations from two continents, Asia and Africa, all working for increased democracy and the inclusion of marginalised groups. The program is based on Left International Forum's theory of change:

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<sup>1</sup> UD2023/18067



Pathways to change	
<b>EMPOWER</b>	Marginalised women and youth are <b>empowered</b> to take on legitimate positions of trust through education.
<b>CHALLENGE</b>	Through advocacy, a solid and well-organised civil society <b>challenges</b> parliamentarians and political parties to change dated power structures.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Organisations are transparent and inclusive and <b>support</b> and see the importance of marginalised women and youth in decision-making.
<b>INFLUENCE</b>	Through increased representation of decision-makers in public institutions, political parties and ministries are <b>influenced</b> by and more responsive to the needs of marginalised women and youth, strengthening the democratic system.
<b>IMPACT</b>	Marginalised women and youth are proportionally represented in free elections in a multi-party system and have a real <b>impact</b> on political development.

The program has two orientations and a total of three objectives:

Program structure		
Orientation 1	<b>Youth influence - empowering those to whom the future belongs</b>	Objective
Orientation 2	<b>Increased climate justice for increased democracy</b>	Objective B
<b>Capacity building for all participating parties</b>		
Objective C		



### 3. FOCUS AND PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW

The review focuses on capacity building and synergies within the program (Objective C). Within Objective C, there are planned activities such as:

- Partner meeting in Sweden (*autumn 2024*)
- Two partner meetings in recipient countries, one meeting for each program orientation (*2025 and 2026*)
- The possibility for the cooperation partners to apply for extra funds for specific capacity-building efforts based on each cooperation partner's particular needs. (*throughout the entire program period*)
- Possibility for the cooperation partners to apply for extra funds to exchange experience between two or more cooperating partners within the program. (*throughout the entire program period*)

Reviewing which capacity-building efforts best contribute to the program's goal fulfilment creates good conditions for sustainability after the program's end.

The review's purpose is partly to examine the capacity and development needs of cooperation partners, partly to investigate how Left International Forum can best contribute with relevant support, and partly to explore the conditions for synergies within the program, including the possibility of cooperation partners strengthening each other.

### 4. ASSIGNMENT SPECIFICATION AND TIMEFRAME

The assignment consists of, together with Left International Forum, but with the primary responsibility, a review of the program "*Marginalised Women and Youth's Political Influence - a Prerequisite for Fair and Sustainable Development*".

The method is developed jointly with Left International Forum but must include visits to all cooperating partners.

The consultant writes an English report containing the method, results, conclusions, lessons learned, and recommendations. Time needs to be factored in for report writing, with room for reviewing drafts, comments, and final revisions. The report is presented to Left International Forum and cooperating partners before the end of the assignment. The presentation can be carried out digitally.



The assignment follows Left International Forum's policies and other governing documents. A confidentiality agreement is signed at the start of the assignment.

**Start date:** Spring 2024 (by agreement)

**End date:** February 2025

## 5. Method

The consultant submits one or more proposed approaches in the tender that can be discussed. The proposal must include a trip to each of the five partners included in the program.

The final method and work plan are prepared together with Left International Forum; time for method design needs to be factored in.

## 6. THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEFT INTERNATIONAL FORUM

Left International Forum is responsible for providing all documents and information needed for the review and for doing so in a way that enables the assignment to be completed within the agreed time frame.

## 7. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT TERMS

The total budget amounts to a maximum of SEK 550,000, including VAT.

The compensation is paid as follows:

- 40% of the remuneration in connection with the start of the assignment
- 60% of the remuneration after completion of the assignment

Left International Forum must pay the last payment no later than 10 days after the completion of the assignment and after Left International Forum has approved the accounting of used working days.



## 8. Qualifications

The consultant must have documented good knowledge and experience of organisational and method assessments and a great understanding of and familiarity with RBM and systems for monitoring. Good knowledge of English is required. Knowledge of and experience with party-affiliated organisations and their operation is also advantageous.

## 9. TIME frame for the procurement

The request for tender was published on **March 14, 2024**

Tenders are submitted no later than **April 13, 2024**

Notification and Contract Writing, **week 17**

Tenders are sent to **Nike Dahlskog, [nike.dahlskog@vansterpartiet.se](mailto:nike.dahlskog@vansterpartiet.se)**.

### **The tender must contain:**

- Proposal for method and work plan.
- Budget proposal, including all costs and VAT.
- The consultant's CV/competencies.