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**RFQ- Policy Papers Drafter****General Framework:**

The Palestinian Association for Empowerment and Local Development – REFORM seeks to promote the regulatory processes in Palestine through empowering marginalised and disadvantaged groups, enhance their political participation and community activism, facilitate a balanced access for target groups through a comprehensive review of the Palestinian political system, strengthen the capabilities of youth and women, provide a reliable database for the political and administrative decision-makers in Palestine, work on the revision and development of the Palestinian human rights system and promote equal public access to it.

Thus, REFORM seeks to contract a Policy Paper Drafter in accordance with the following parameters:

Please submit your offer latest by **Sunday, 08.09.2024 at 3:00pm.**

**About the Project:**

“Networking: Palestinian youth, agents of social transformation” project, which aims to strengthen the political participation of Palestinian youth, especially university women (Al Quds Open University). It seeks to reinforce their presence in the democratic processes of the university, consolidating a network of leaders and social leaders of transformation. Through workshops, training and spaces for participation, the aim is to empower young people (especially women) so that they can play an active role in decision-making and become agents of change in their educational community. It seeks to promote greater gender equality in political participation, ensuring that women's voices and perspectives are heard and considered. In addition, it is hoped that this leadership network will have a multiplier effect, inspiring other students to get involved in social mobilisation and decision-making within the university. This project is implemented by The Palestinian Association for Empowerment and Local Development—REFORM, in partnership with the Assembly of Cooperation for Peace (ACPP) and financially supported by Ayuntamiento de Castellón.

**Needed background:**

- Advanced degrees in political science, public policy, law, or related fields.
- At least three years of experience in policy analysis, drafting, and advocacy.
- The ability to publish these papers, gather people's opinions and comments on them, and follow up on them.
- Strong understanding of political systems, Palestinian electoral system and processes, and youth engagement in politics.
- Excellent research, analytical, and writing skills.
- Ability to engage effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- Familiarity with the context of political participation in the target region.
- The policy drafters will report to the Project Coordinator and will work closely with the project management committee and other relevant stakeholders.

- Deep knowledge of the Palestinian political and social reality.
- Deep knowledge of the components of the Palestinian political system.
- Deep knowledge of international humanitarian law.
- Deep knowledge of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Deep knowledge of the visions and agendas of Palestinian political parties.
- The expert must be committed to following up on events and developments in the political sphere.
- Deep knowledge of international political and economic relations and alliances.
- Deep knowledge in the context of the Palestinian national narrative.
- Advanced communication skills.

### **Duties:**

The implementation of these four policy suggestions will focus on:

#### **1. Policy proposal 1: Accountability and transparency in social networks**

This political suggestion calls for a more responsible approach by social media platforms to their impact on political discourse. It proposes the implementation of concrete measures, such as the demand for greater transparency in the algorithms used and the adoption of algorithms that give priority to diversity of perspectives and critical analysis. In addition, platforms are urged to take responsibility for promoting an online environment that encourages constructive dialogue and plurality of ideas.

#### **2. Policy Proposal 2: Freedom of Expression and Inclusion at the University Level**

This political suggestion seeks to safeguard and protect freedom of expression and inclusion in the university environment through appropriate policies and practices. It emphasizes the importance of ensuring that policies related to language and cultural sensitivity do not restrict freedom of expression and promote environments that foster both open dialogue and the inclusion of diverse perspectives. The proposal seeks to strike a balance between protecting freedom of expression and creating an environment in which all students feel safe and respected.

#### **3. Policy Proposal 3: Equity in Student Engagement and Power Relations**

This political suggestion aims to address the asymmetry of power between different political parties and its impact on student engagement. Solutions are sought that promote more equitable representation of independent and less powerful political groups in student representation structures. This implies the implementation of measures that allow for more inclusive and fair participation in decision-making processes, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to express their opinions and actively contribute to the political life of the campus.

#### **4. Policy proposal 4: Intersectionality and inclusion in political defense**

This political suggestion focuses on promoting intersectionality and inclusion in political advocacy within university campuses. It is proposed to create safe and welcoming spaces for marginalized voices to be heard and considered. In addition, it seeks to provide support to defenders and intersectional organizations, encouraging collaboration and dialogue between different social identities. The aim is to build an environment in which all perspectives and experiences are valued and taken into account in decision-making and in the promotion of equality and social justice.

- Conducting thorough paper on the current state of political participation and electoral involvement among Al-Quds Open University students.
- Identifying key barriers and challenges that hinder student engagement in politics and the electoral process.
- Developing policy recommendations to address these barriers and foster greater political participation among AlQuds Open University students.
- Working on sampling or cases to document the results.
- Working on presenting a comprehensive study on electoral participation in each university campus specifically.
- Policy papers should be between 1500 and 2000 words.
- Engaging with relevant stakeholders, including students, faculty, and political experts, to gather insights and validate findings.
- Drafting policy papers that are evidence-based, actionable, and aligned with the project's objectives.
- Reviewing and incorporating feedback from the project management team and other stakeholders.
- Ensuring that the policy papers adhere to the highest standards of clarity, coherence, and academic rigor.

**Notes:**

- REFORM is not obliged to choose the lowest price.
- Individuals are only accepted.
- One candidate can be chosen to conduct a total of 5 policy papers or more than one candidate can be chosen per policy paper based on their proven experience.
- Individuals can submit a valid deduction on source certificate or else 10% the total payment will be deducted as income tax.
- Training place: Ramallah, Nablus, and Hebron.
- Training period: Estimated period October- December 2024.

**Submission Criteria:**

- Individuals who meet the needed background and are interested in implementing the training, kindly see the below mentioned requirements for applying.

<b>Specifications</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Technical Offer (Resume must reflect the following)</b>	<b>70%</b>
1. At least 3 years of experience in writing political and policy assessment papers	<b>25%</b>
2. Proposal of the suggested political participation and elections: 2 samples	<b>25%</b>
3. Facilitation and dialogue management skills	<b>10%</b>
4. Master's Degree	<b>10%</b>
<b>Financial Offer</b>	
<i>Financial Offer</i>	<b>30%</b>

Price offer should be drafted in English and submitted in **ILS** price per position paper with a total of 6 papers. All taxes must be included in the final price.

- Financial and technical offer must be submitted in English and signed/or stamped in **the offer should be in separate sealed envelopes by hand** to the following address:

- *The Palestinian Association for Empowerment and Local Development- REFORM, Tirawi Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Al Masyoun, Ramallah.*

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us on the following contact details:

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Thank you for your kind cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

**Procurement Unit**