



**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
CASE DIGEST ON LEGAL CASES ON HRDS
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORS)**

1. Introduction and Background:

The Defenders Coalition is the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders–Kenya, a national organization incorporated in the Republic of Kenya as a Trust. Its mission is to strengthen the capacity of human rights defenders (HRDs) to work effectively in the country and to reduce their vulnerability to the risk of persecution, through protection, capacity building, and advocacy for a favorable legal and policy environment. Established in 2007, Defenders Coalition is the only national organization that works primarily for the protection of HRDs.

Our mission is to Champion the safety, Security and wellbeing of Human Rights Defenders focusing on four main areas:

- a) Supportive policy, legal and institutional Framework of HRDs.
- b) HRDs protection (Safety and security)
- c) Social Economic Wellbeing of HRDs
- d) Institutional Development

2. Purpose and objectives

The Defenders Coalition is a leader in the human rights movement in Kenya. Among other areas, the Coalition prides itself as an integral point for knowledge generation and information sharing among various stakeholders. Some of the stakeholders that the Defenders Coalition serves and collaborates with include HRDs, donors, CSOs, government agencies, media, members of the public, Board of Trustees, embassies, development partners and unions. The Defenders Coalition regularly generates knowledge through research to share trends and gather useful insights for advocacy.

The Case Digest – will provide summaries of key legal cases, summarize judicial trends, and inform advocacy strategies - will enable actors including lawyers, HRDs and policymakers, to track precedents, analyze legal gaps, and propose reforms. Additionally, the Defenders Coalition will utilize the case digest to create public awareness about the persecution of HRDs by simplifying complex legal decisions touching on HRDs. Opportunities for litigation and policy development that may emanate from the research will be pursued.

The objectives for conducting the case digest report include:

- a. To critically analyse criminal cases and court decisions made in cases on HRDs who have been in conflict and contact with the law;
- b. To compile judicial trends for cases regarding HRDs and CSOs; and
- c. To identify legal gaps in the protection of human rights defenders,

Deliverables:

The consultant is expected to conduct analyses of legal cases against human rights defenders that the Defenders Coalition has offered legal support including representation and accompaniment. More specifically, the consultant will be expected to deliver on the following:

- A case digest detailing analyses of legal cases, trends and judicial decisions that affect HRDs and CSOs or advance the legal protection of HRDs.

3. **Timeline:**

The assignment is expected to be completed within three months (3) months comprising of 60 working days.

4. **Period of study**

The period of study is between **January 2019 – December 2024.**

5. **Budget:**

The budget for the Case digest research shall cover expenses related to human resource costs, data collection and analysis. The successful applicant will be required to provide a budget in Kenya Shillings.

6. **Required Skills**

The Consultant should demonstrate and provide examples of previous experience in the undertaking of similar assignments as follows:

- A holder of a Bachelor's degree in Law (LL.B) and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law is required. A Master's (LL.M) in Law, or Human Rights, is preferred but not mandatory;
- Be an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya;
- Possesses training and skills in legal research;
- Has 5 -10 years of experience in legal research, writing skills, litigation, or human rights advocacy with the ability to analyze court judgments, legal trends, and policies;
- Demonstrated strong ability to interpret legal texts and case law and summarize key findings;
- Possesses excellent report-writing skills;
- Must have the ability to work independently and collaboratively with legal experts, HRDs, and stakeholders;
- Experience and expertise in developing and maintaining good relationships with institutional donors or corporations;
- Experience of working in multicultural contexts;
- Strong analytical, strategic thinking and planning skills and ability to work under tight deadlines; and
- Proficiency in English or Kiswahili, both written and spoken.

Submission of Expression of Interest for qualified candidates are requested to submit their application for expression of interest detailing the following:

- An understanding of the assignment (technical proposal with methodology and workplan);
- Knowledge and expertise in undertaking a similar assignment (portfolio/resume).
- Proposed fees (financial proposal)

The submission must be submitted by close of business **2 April 2025** to info@defenderscoalition.org copying procurement@defenderscoalition.org with the subject line **CONSULTANCY -CASE DIGEST**

Disclaimer Defenders Coalition is an equal opportunity employer, committed to ensuring diversity, inclusivity and gender equality within our organization and work. Defenders Coalition, thus will recruit/award the consultancy to the most qualified person /company irrespective of race, color, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, gender, ethnicity. Only successful candidates will be contacted.