

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Partnership – Program Implementation in Promoting Human Rights, Equal Access to Justice and Rule of Law

ICJ Overview

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), a non-governmental organization registered and headquartered in Geneva, has worked on promoting and protecting human rights through the rule of law around the world since 1952 - and is composed of a Commission of 60 eminent judges, lawyers and legal academics from all regions of the world. The ICJ has been playing a crucial role in the development of international law through research, analysis, publication and by contributing the international and judicial norms. The ICJ takes a multi-faceted approach to its human rights work by supporting victims and human rights defenders who seek effective remedies and reparation for rights violations, while simultaneously providing technical assistance and training to justice sector actors - including the judiciary, prosecution and police - so that they can effectively respond to this demand. To achieve these goals, the ICJ has many tools at its disposal, including contributing to the development of international law and standards; human rights documentation and reporting; training and supporting judges, prosecutors and lawyers; strengthening mechanisms for accountability and access to justice; building the capacity of law enforcement personnel and justice sector actors; producing Practitioners' Guides on international law and standards; and collaboration with local civil society and lawyers on national and international advocacy.

ICJ had been collaborating with local organizations in Nepal since 2005. During this period, ICJ has successfully implemented successive projects on human rights, rule of law, justice delivery for marginalized populations, human rights protections, accountability and transitional justice in partnership with the various national and local organizations and the Judiciary.

Thematic Areas of Focus in Nepal

The ICJ's work will focus on following strategic objectives until 2026:

- 1. Defend and strengthen international institutions, instruments and standards on Rule of Law and human rights
- 2. Improve domestic implementation and compliance
- 3. Bolster the effectiveness and independence of judicial/ legal system
- 4. Improve access to justice for all and accountability
- 5. Promote and effective implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 6. Equal Access to Justice and Legal Protection for Persons with Disabilities
- 7. Decriminalization of Poverty and Advocacy for ICJ led March 8 Principles

The ICJ has a robust project cycle management system to ensure impact-driven implementation of its work in a way that ensures quality control, the learning of lessons, the coherence of its action across the globe, the buy-in to ICJ activities by local stakeholders and the sustainability of its work beyond discreet project activities.

Purpose of the EOI

ICJ Nepal invites applications from qualified partner organizations to be included in thematic roster. The partners in this roster will be approached for future program implementation on Promoting Human Rights, Equal Access to Justice and Rule of Law. Please visit the link below for the EOI submission form.

Organizations interested in this EOI should send their Letter of Interest to email: pooja.shah@icj.org and access the detail forms no later than 30 April 2025.

Same email can be used for any clarification queries. Only shortlisted organizations will be contacted for further process. Canvassing at any stage of the process shall lead to automatic disqualification of the application. ICJ reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason.