

DRAFT Terms of Reference

Overview of research projects and research capacity within Gender and Development in Denmark

1. Background

Since the late 1970ies there has been a growing concern with gender relations in development confirming that equality in the status of men and women is fundamental to every society. This has encouraged us to refine our perspective on development – what it should be and how to bring it about efficiently (IDRC, 2000.)¹ Development involves more than the creation of opportunities for people to earn an income, to get access to more and better schools and health services —it also requires the creation of an enabling environment for men, women, boys, and girls to grasp those opportunities. Development also requires good government structures that give men and women equal voices in decision-making and implementation of policies. Concepts and ideas — such as gender analysis and gender mainstreaming — have become buzz words in the development community, but often policymakers and development practitioners have only limited knowledge of the existing literature and research carried out on gender, which could help them to fully understand and properly integrate gender interests and needs into their development policies and programs.

Gender is also an important concern at the Danish Development Research Network (DDRN). Thus, in order to facilitate the access of policy-makers and development practitioners to research and knowledge about gender in developing countries, DDRN has decided to develop a mapping of *“Danish research competences with regard to gender equity and development”*.

The mapping aims to make the Danish competences accessible to research partners in developing and other countries, to inform developing practices and policies within the areas covered by the network, and to provide an input to future activities and events on gender and development.

The mapping will focus on research carried out since 2000. A specific effort will be made to make visible the research and studies carried out by younger researchers, including gender and development-oriented PhD research and master theses at Danish universities. However, earlier highly relevant work carried out at Danish universities and research institutions such as the Danish International Development Studies (DIIS) should also be included. The research environment on gender and development was particularly rich in the 1980s and 1990s, where Danish gender researchers joined researchers worldwide in demonstrating that improved gender relations mediate the process of development, e.g. through analyses of structural adjustment policies, showing how gender inequalities may impact on achieving macroeconomic objectives. The findings from such research remain valid and include useful insights in view of today's development challenges.

The overview report will be presented at the Conference *‘Gendered Governance - 30 Sep & 1 Oct 2009 in Copenhagen’*, organised by Gendernet Dk's member organisations, including DDRN, and UNDP Nordic Office. This conference aims at facilitating a space for dialogue, sharing and learning related to gender and governance among a broad range of development actors.

2. Tasks

The consultant will be responsible for:

- Providing a detailed overview of existing and on-going research on areas related to gender and/in development, with a specific focus on gender and development issues

¹ Theoretical Perspectives on Gender and Development, Parpart and others in (ed), IDRC 2000)

related to agriculture, environment, and governance. In relation to the latter area special attention should be given to the forthcoming gender and governance conference's sub-themes, namely:

- o Political space & accountability;
 - o Governance reforms; and
 - o Citizenship & rights.
- Mapping the Danish resource base with experiences in the areas of gender and development in relation to agriculture, environment, and governance.
 - Assessing the opportunities for integration of research aspects with operational activities within gender and development in relation to agriculture, environment, and governance.

3. Methodology and staffing

The task will be carried out as a desk study in close collaboration with the DDRN secretariat, and the consultant is expected to carry out part of the assignment from the DDRN secretariat's office. The references to be consulted for the overview of the Danish resource base will include, but not necessarily be limited to, research databases at Danish universities and DIIS, DDRN's member database and relevant documents, international peer reviewed literature, the internet and consultants' reports.

The overview should be compiled by a person specialised in areas related to gender and development. For searching activities and document compilation, the consultant may appoint a research assistant (the terms of the collaboration e.g. task definition and time consumption are to be indicated in the application).

4. Outputs and Reporting

The consultant will submit a draft report to the DDRN secretariat comprising:

- An overview paper outlining the current status of gender and development research, with specific focus on the sub-areas of governance, agriculture and environment, and an assessment of opportunities for integrating research with gender development activities. The paper will be published in the conference proceedings and on the DDRN's website.
- An annotated list of institutions, researchers and other key resource persons in Denmark working with gender and development.

5. Duration and Timing

The contract will last **4 weeks** during the period August-September 2009.

- The assignment should commence no later than **Monday, August 24, 2009**
- The consultant will submit the draft report to the DDRN secretariat no later than **Monday, September 14, 2009**
- The DDRN board will provide comments to the report no later than **Friday, September 18, 2009**
- The final report should be submitted no later than Friday, **September 25, 2009**

6. Qualifications

The consultant should have experience in working with and carrying out research on areas related to gender and development. Knowledge of the Danish resource base within the above mentioned sub-areas is important.

Expressions of interest with curriculum vitae and proposed budget should be submitted **by email** no later than Wednesday, **August 12, 2009 at 2.00 p.m.** to:

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