

Call for Consultants

SCOPING OF FUNDERS FOR OPEN WASTE BURNING



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Assignment: Scoping of funders for open waste burning

Background

Practical Action is part of a consortium awarded funding by the **Climate and Clean Air Coalition** in a project titled: Creating the enabling conditions for eliminating open burning of waste through regional roadmaps and city pilots.

In low-income countries, an estimated 90% of waste is openly dumped or burned. Burning of waste in neighbourhoods and dumpsites has significant direct and indirect health and climate impacts. From a climate perspective this includes short-lived climate pollutants such as black carbon and methane, particulate matter and a range of other pollutants. Health impacts affect nearby communities, and informal waste workers. The causes and impacts are outlined in this report launched in May 2022.

https://engineeringx.raeng.org.uk/media/u4mNSTO5/open-burning-final-report_1.pdf

This project seeks to transform the global / regional context, catalysing movement towards eliminating the practice of open burning of waste. At the moment, this issue is under-recognised and under-supported in the global climate debate.

The partners in the consortium are as follows and have the following main roles:

- Royal Academy of Engineering: Engineering X programme – Overall co-ordination of the partnership, with Prof Desta Mebratu leading on the Africa roadmap.
- Practical Action: leadership on scoping and engagement with funders, and pilot city implementation in Africa.
- UN-Habitat: Data, methodologies for baselines, and support to Africa roadmap
- ISWA (International Solid Waste Association): leadership on Latin America and Caribbean roadmap, and pilot city implementation
- IGES (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies): leadership on Asia roadmap and pilot city implementation

The project runs for 24 months and has two outcomes:

1. Increased ability of national governments to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants caused by open waste burning and dumping
2. Increased ability of cities to plan and take actions to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants caused by open waste burning and dumping

As part of Outcome 1, the project is seeking to identify funders and partners willing to tackle open burning of waste, and help them to engage with national and local governments.

Scope of Work:

The work of the consultancy will feed into Output 2: Funders and partners to tackle open burning identified and engaged with national and local government involved in the project.

The consultant will prepare a report reviewing potential funders whose budgets could support actions at city or national levels on eliminating open waste burning.

The consultant will also develop and apply a methodology for assessing the current level of awareness of funders of the issue open waste burning, and report on findings of this assessment. The methodology will suggest how this awareness can be simply tracked so that the project team can report any changes by the end of the project.

The consultant will suggest the range of funders to be reviewed, but we anticipate that this will include large-scale global climate funders, Development Banks, bilateral donors, and major philanthropic foundations. The report will identify funders relevant at global and regional scales.

The work will involve desk-based research, and interviews with contacts in funding agencies. Contacts and intelligence will be gathered through engagement with partners in the consortium and the consultant's own networks.

1. Activities

1.1. Inception phase

Initial discussion with Practical Action on scope of work
 Prepare adjusted proposal including methodology for assessing and tracking levels of awareness and interest in funding this work, and initial list of target funders. Gather feedback from consortium partners.

1.2. Research / scoping of funders

Desk research on funding opportunities
 Interviews with key contacts in funders
 Assessment of current levels of awareness of open burning among funders

1.3. Report and feedback

Draft and submit report
 Provide verbal feedback / presentation to meeting of the consortium partners
 Take feedback onboard and prepare second / final draft
 Prepare presentations to be used as part of regional roundtables of funders

2. Deliverables and milestones

#	Deliverables/Milestone	Schedule
1	Inception activities, incl a discussion with Practical Action following initial reading to clarify the task, draft an initial list of funders for review	By 2 weeks after contract signature
2	Presentation of initial findings and draft report	At quarterly partners' meeting 6th June
2	Final report on funders with potential to support open burning of waste, globally and per region, including - List of key contacts at global and regional levels,	All work to be completed by 24th June

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main interests of the funders and potential connection to open waste burning - Key criteria, eligibility or conditions for funding - Recommendations for how to follow-up 	
3	Assessment of current level of awareness / interest of the issue among funders, and simple methodology for tracking changes	By 24th June
4	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the consortium to use, tailored for each region (Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean) 	By 24th June

Instructions for Application

To apply for this work, please submit a short proposal including:

- Demonstration of your knowledge of a range of funders that may be interested in this topic.
- A description of how you will approach the task and suggested timeline
- Up to three examples of similar assignments
- A cost proposal
- CVs of proposed experts
- Details of any further information you will need from the consortium in order to complete the assignment successfully.

Deadline for Application: Thursday 2nd May 17:00 BST.

If you are interested in applying, please send your proposal to Lucy Stevens, Head of Cities Programme, Practical Action, lucy.stevens@practicalaction.org.uk by 17:00 BST on Thursday 2nd May 2024

We will respond to your applications by Tuesday 7th May.

Practical Action treat all applications on their merits and do not take into consideration any factors that are not relevant to the assignment such as disability, race, age, caste, religion, gender, gender reassignment or sexual orientation.

To ensure that Practical Action meets its legal obligations, appointments with the organisation will be subject to criminal screening, legal tax requirement, professional reference checks and asked to complete safeguarding training. Safeguarding training is delivered through an online training platform.

Practical Action

ABOUT US

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We are an international development organisation putting ingenious ideas to work so people in poverty can change their world.

We help people find solutions to some of the world's toughest problems. Challenges made worse by catastrophic climate change and persistent gender inequality. We work with communities to develop ingenious, lasting and locally owned solutions for agriculture, water and waste management, climate resilience and clean energy. And we share what works with others, so answers that start small can grow big.

We're a global change-making group, working with communities who are vulnerable to poverty and climate change to support them to change their world. Together we develop innovative, community powered and locally owned solutions that achieve transformative change in lives and livelihoods. And we work with a range of partners, including governments, business and international organisations to ensure improvements are sustained and scaled and to change the systems that keep people poor and vulnerable.

We were founded in 1969 by radical economist EF Schumacher who challenged the development thinking of the time. He believed in solutions suited to context, equipping people with the skills and knowledge to change their situation, economic systems that work for all and living within the planet's means. This ethos continues to fuel all our work. Schumacher was the author of 'Small is Beautiful: A study of economics as if people mattered'. In our work we start 'small', ensuring we understand what is already working but we aim big focussing on what will deliver the systems change required.

We have over 50 years of experience working across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Our group consists of a UK registered charity with experienced country teams, an expert consulting service and an independent development publishing company. We combine these specialisms to multiply our impact and help shape a world that works better for everyone.

OUR AIMS

We work across four thematic areas. Much of our most impactful work combines our expertise across issues to solve complex and interconnected problems such as supporting smallholder farmers with renewable energy to increase yields and open up bigger opportunities for the wider economy.

Harnessing energy that transforms for the one billion people without electricity, and the three billion people without clean cooking solutions. We're bringing together rural communities, displaced people, energy providers and decision makers to put clean energy to work. By 2025, our work with partners will have led to affordable, low-carbon energy access

and cleaner cooking for two million people in 'last mile' communities and 18 million people through wider systems change.

Building resilience that protects for vulnerable people whose lives and livelihoods are threatened by climate-related and natural hazards. We're working with people threatened by natural and climate related hazards, reducing vulnerability and minimizing the impact on their lives and livelihoods. By 2025, our work with partners will have enhanced risk knowledge systems so that four million people living in hazard-prone, climate-vulnerable communities are better protected.

Making cities fit for people for the millions of people living in urban slums and settlements without proper sanitation, clean water and waste services. Our work with communities is making cities in poorer countries cleaner, healthier, fairer places for people to live and work, with clean water for drinking and sewage safely contained, collected and processed. By 2025, our work with partners will have led to improved water, sanitation and waste management services for one million people living in slum communities and a further 2.4 million people through wider systems change.

Cultivating farming that works for smallholder farmers struggling to make a sufficient income and adapt to the negative effects of climate change. We're teaming up with smallholder farmers, many of whom are women, so they can adapt to climate change and achieve a good standard of living. By 2025, our work with partners will have improved food security and incomes for two million people in rural communities and a further one million people through wider systems change.