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## CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

**The International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC):** ICSC brings a decade of experience managing a nine-member global consortium, GIJTR, which develops and implements a range of rapid response and high-impact victim-centered programs, using restorative and retributive approaches to justice and accountability. ICSC is the only worldwide network dedicated to transforming places that preserve the past into dynamic spaces that promote civic action on today's struggles for human rights and justice. Sites of Conscience (SoCs) are essential institutions and organizations in conflict-affected environments, centering communities in the fight against impunity. SoCs are rooted in participatory memory, truth and justice initiatives, serving as direct and effective connectors for communities to engage in and shape transitional justice and accountability processes. With over 350 partner organizations and SoCs in 80 countries, ICSC builds the capacity of these vital institutions through grants, networking, training, transitional justice mechanisms, and advocacy. ICSC brings twenty-five years of experience in a wide range of topics related to transitional justice, including community-driven advocacy, human rights-based documentation, gender justice, memorialization, truth-telling, and organizational capacity-building.

**American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI):** For more 30 years, the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) has been a trusted implementing partner for USAID, the US State Department, and other government and private donor programming. Its programming has included not only traditional rule of law programs to strengthen legal institutions, support legal professionals, and advance public understanding of the law and citizen rights, but also programs in a range of other technical areas with legal elements: transitional justice; atrocity prevention; countering trafficking in persons and wildlife trafficking; religious freedom; climate change for human rights; women's rights and economic empowerment; anti-corruption; and internet freedom. ABA ROLI divides programming in more than 100 countries between five regional teams—Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region, Europe and Eurasia (E&E), Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Africa, and Asia—plus its Global Programs Division, which implements programming that is global in nature. Wherever ABA ROLI works, it does so collaboration with its in-country partners, including government ministries, judges, lawyers, bar associations, court administrators, legislatures, and civil society organizations, ABA ROLI designs programs that are responsive to local needs and that prioritize sustainable solutions to pressing rule of law and other challenges.

**Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR):** Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR) is a non-profit organization based in Jakarta that focuses on strengthening human rights in Asia and the Pacific. Its mission is to build cultures based on accountability and justice, and to prevent the recurrence of state-sanctioned human rights violations. Combating impunity and building strong mechanisms to achieve accountability and respect for victims are essential elements in the quest for peace and prosperity.

AJAR emphasizes south-south learning through regional trainings, workshops, exchanges, research studies, and advocacy initiatives. Culturally appropriate, innovative, and participatory methodologies are employed to ensure learning opportunities succeed and lessons are retained and applied.

AJAR is committed to its vision of building just and accountable societies, free from impunity. To achieve this, it applies a theory of change that envisages four building blocks – awareness raising, capacity development, social capital, and policy change. These blocks do not need to be sequential, rather contextual and need to determine what is required and when.

**Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA):** In its 25-year history, the Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) has a proven track-record of developing sophisticated legal strategies to address



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international law violations, investigating atrocity crimes in 20+ countries. Building on its unique legal expertise, CJA builds the capacity of its civil society counterparts interested in accountability for international crimes. With funding from States, international organizations, and numerous foundations, CJA has partnered with civil society organizations in countries across the globe, including Burma, Colombia, DPRK, Ethiopia, Iraq, Liberia, and Syria, and leads the Department of State Office of Global Criminal Justice's Transitional Justice Rapid Response mechanism. In its work, CJA provides technical assistance on developing cases for legal accountability – including comprehensive trainings on trauma-informed and gender-sensitive interviewing and investigation. CJA's programs bring together key local stakeholders and international experts, facilitating linkages among civil society, victims' groups, and the international community, including prosecutors and international mechanisms (IIMM, IIM, UNITAD, SLaP), to support the development of locally-driven, inclusive approaches to legal accountability at the domestic, regional, transnational and international level. Drawing on its expertise and connections, CJA has implemented successful, results-oriented and community-driven programs aimed at accountability to help create a foundation for transitional justice.

**Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR):** The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR) is a non-profit organization and a multi-disciplinary institute that seeks to understand and prevent violence, heal its effects and build sustainable peace. Through research, advocacy, gender and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) work, and in collaboration with communities affected by violence, CSVR seeks to enhance state accountability, promote gender equality and build social cohesion, integration and active citizenship. CSVR works in the areas of research, policy formulation, community interventions, mental health and psychosocial support services delivery to victims of violence, education and training. The organisation has a track record of 34 years of transitional justice and human rights work. CSVR's work spans supporting the African Union in policy developing continental transitional justice policies, initiating and establishing the African Transitional Justice Research Network, providing technical support to the African Union and African Member States in their implementation of national transitional justice processes, capacitating and training policy makers, civil society organizations and victim networks on transitional justice, human rights, conflict-related violence and gender-based violence and collective violence as well as integrating MHPSS within transitional justice and peacebuilding interventions.

**Fundación de Antropología Forense de Guatemala (Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala, FAFG):** The Fundación de Antropología Forense de Guatemala (Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala, FAFG) has over 25 years of experience conducting forensic investigations to search for and identify the disappeared and victims from Guatemala's internal armed conflict, utilizing a family-led approach to a Multidisciplinary Human Identification System with victim documentation, forensic archaeology, forensic anthropology, forensic genetics, and confirmation of identifications. The primary goal is to recover, analyze, identify, and return the remains of the victims to their families so they can be buried with dignity according to their cultural practices, all the while documenting, analyzing, and safeguarding physical forensic evidence for use in accountability processes. FAFG emphasizes a family-led approach and adapts to local context that allows the multidisciplinary methodology to be replicated in other environments and types of cases. Experience shows that building local capacity that considers the families' needs, according to local laws, and within sustainable civil society organizations (CSOs) or state-led mechanisms ensures that these systems are established with a long-term and family inclusive vision. FAFG has shared its experience and built local capacity in Mexico, Colombia, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, and in Bangladesh with Rohingya, to name a few, as well as the implementation of a Forensic Academy that includes CSO participants from the Middle East, Asia, and Africa.

**Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect:** The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect seeks to prevent and halt mass atrocity crimes – genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and ethnic



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cleansing – by working with governments, civil society and international and regional organizations to effectively and consistently implement the principle of the Responsibility to Protect. Its research, analysis and advocacy frame particular situations with an atrocity prevention lens and provide concrete and specific recommendations that address existing and emerging atrocity risks.

The Global Centre focuses on five overarching objectives to advance its work: (1) Monitor, analyze and provide high-quality policy recommendations to UN member states regarding emerging and ongoing mass atrocity situations, (2) Advocate for and mobilize appropriate UN response, (3) Build the institutional architecture to prevent and halt mass atrocity crimes, primarily through the Global Network of R2P Focal Points, the Group of Friends of R2P in New York and Geneva and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect, (4) Advocate for creative and innovative ways to end impunity and hold perpetrators accountable for atrocity crimes, (5) Convene, coordinate and empower groups of survivors and victims of atrocity crimes to ensure effective representation at and access to multilateral decision-making fora.

**Impunity Watch:** Impunity Watch is an international, non-profit organization working with victims of violence to uproot deeply ingrained structures of impunity, deliver redress for grave human rights violations, and promote justice and peace. For more than 15 years, Impunity Watch has worked in countries emerging from violent conflict. It partners with grassroots organizations to amplify the demands they make to national and international policymakers and by building partnerships and coalitions that can push for deeper systemic change. Impunity Watch focuses on three interventions to create systemic change: a) gathering and sharing knowledge with its local and international partners including through research, training, and policy work; b) building partnerships and coalitions with victims' organizations to strengthen their voices and demands in relevant policy debates; and c) mobilizing joint political action by connecting knowledge and demands from coalitions with relevant policy makers at all levels. Impunity Watch works in Central America, the Middle East and North Africa, the Great Lakes Region of Africa, and the Western Balkans. It has presence in Guatemala, Burundi and DRC, and its headquarters are in The Hague, the Netherlands. Areas of expertise include victim participation, truth-seeking, reparations, militarized masculinities, trauma healing and psychosocial support, informal and community-led transitional justice, and strategic litigation, among others.

**Justice Rapid Response (JRR):** Justice Rapid Response (JRR) provides international organizations, states, and civil society organizations with a wide range of rapidly deployable and highly specialized (transitional) justice expertise to assist with the investigation and prosecution of core international crimes and gross human rights violations. Expertise on the JRR Roster is (geographically) diverse, gender balanced, and comprises over 50 professions, including international criminal investigators, prosecutors, forensic experts, open-source investigators, military analysts, sexual and gender-based violence experts, child rights experts, transitional justice experts and psychosocial experts. JRR has been working to promote peaceful and inclusive societies in countries affected by some of the world's most violent conflicts and those dealing with legacies of gross human rights violations such as Afghanistan, Colombia, the Gambia, Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Myanmar, Syria, and Ukraine. JRR's interventions contributed to responding, in a time-sensitive manner, to the evolving needs of survivors and their communities around justice and accountability, leading to, among other long-term results, the conviction of former President of Chad Hissèn Habré at the Extraordinary African Chambers, the conviction of six Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant members before national courts in Germany for the enslavement of Yazidi women and girls as war crimes and crimes against humanity, and the conviction of six former members of the National Intelligence Agency by the Gambia's High Court.



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## CONSULTING PARTNERS

**Global Diligence Alliance (Alliance):** Global Diligence Alliance (“Alliance”) is a US-based 501(c)(3) organization building a global legal community where interdisciplinary legal services are available to all people. Through transnational, hybrid legal teams, and in partnership with impacted communities, the Alliance seeks to address the most extreme forms of social, racial, economic, and environmental injustice around the world. The Alliance works in the following five Practice Groups: Banking & Atrocity Crimes, Environmental Crimes & Climate Crisis, Human Trafficking & Exploitation, Investigation & Litigation, and Sanctions. Through its work, the Alliance focuses on: (1) knowledge sharing; (2) investigation & strategic litigation; and (3) advocacy and legal reform. Currently, the Alliance has members in over 21 countries across five continents. The Practice Groups' work is focused on the following countries: Brazil, Sudan, Uganda, Cambodia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Armenia, Palestine, the UK, Western Europe, and the US.

**Search for Common Ground (Search):** Founded in 1982, Search for Common Ground (Search) is the world’s largest peacebuilding organization working to build healthy, safe, and just societies by addressing the root causes of conflict and promoting accountability, reconciliation, and human rights. Active in 33 countries across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, with more than 900 employees, Search works with actors at all levels including grassroots organizations to top-level leaders to develop locally adapted responses to a wide range of issues. Through its peacebuilding work, Search has extensive experience supporting transitional justice processes. In Rwanda, Liberia and Sierra Leone, Search provided transitional justice experts and leveraged its training modules, to introduce stakeholders to various approaches, lessons learned, and best practices from the field. Through its local presence and expertise, Search supports local dialogues among communities, facilitates civil society organization forums and advocacy, and supports direct action to address identified community needs related to key peace and conflict concerns. Search also promotes the rights of women and other marginalized groups in transitional justice processes, ensuring that women's voices are heard in peace negotiations and that their experiences of violence and discrimination are addressed in transitional justice mechanisms. Lastly, its media and trauma healing work enables them to bring together diverse stakeholders across dividing lines to build trust and understanding –which can lead to more inclusive and collaborative peace and justice processes.

**Swiss Peace Foundation (Swisspeace):** The Swiss Peace Foundation is a practice-research institute, associated to the University of Basel, advancing effective peacebuilding. Swisspeace is organized around thematic teams, consisting of researchers and practitioners: “Dealing with the Past (DwP)” supports governmental and non-governmental actors working to address the legacy of massive human rights violations and breaches of international humanitarian law having occurred in colonialism, armed conflict, and authoritarian regimes and to prevent their reoccurrence. Swisspeace also supports actors preparing for future DwP processes. “Mediation” provides support to mediation and dialogue processes, giving advice to mediators and conflict parties and running inclusion formats. “Statehood” focuses on state formation and state-building





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processes as well as governance frameworks, in conflict contexts. “Business” analyses how businesses invest in low-income and fragile countries; and advises companies and governments on responsible conduct. Additional teams work on “Policy & Platform,” “Gender” and “Digital Peacebuilding.” Swisspeace works in Asia (Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Caucasus region, including Russia, Georgia and Armenia, Cambodia, Myanmar and Philippines), Europe (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo); Middle East and North Africa (Egypt, Syria, Palestine/Israel); Africa (Cote d’Ivoire, Mali, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, South Sudan, Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Mozambique, Tanzania, Angola) and Latin America (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Colombia).

**Synergy for Justice (Synergy):** Synergy for Justice (Synergy) is a women-led, multidisciplinary team working to enhance justice and end impunity for torture, sexual violence, and human rights violations. In collaboration with partner organizations, Synergy ensures that survivors of torture and sexual violence can access justice, receive the care they need to heal, and fully participate in society. Synergy provides technical support to justice actors as they investigate, build, and prosecute cases to ensure accountability for crimes of torture and conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV). A key component of Synergy's work with justice actors and systems is helping them recognize and eliminate stigma related to sexual violence. Synergy’s Stigma Toolkit equips justice actors and systems to become survivor-centric, trauma-informed and capable of delivering the predictable and rigorous justice necessary to end impunity for CRSV. Synergy also partners with grassroots organizations to help survivors access resources for healing and address the stigma of sexual violence and the embedded beliefs that prevent survivors from reconnecting with their families and communities. Synergy works with Syrian women activists and leaders, elevating Syrian women’s voices and increasing their engagement in truth, justice and accountability processes to address the gendered experiences and impacts of human rights violations committed against Syrian women and girls.

**Videre:** Videre is a UK registered charity that works in closed and repressive societies, exposing mass violence and other gross violations of human rights by equipping persecuted and marginalized communities with tools, training, and technology to document abuses, demand accountability, and secure justice. Videre works directly with victim and survivor communities to verify and distribute this information to those who can best use it, including formal and informal transitional justice initiatives, courts, lawyers, policymakers, civil society, and the media. Videre brings technical expertise in gathering and verifying visual documentation of human rights violations in closed societies; providing training and support to victim and survivor communities on how to document safely and securely; how to capture verifiable visuals; supplying situation-specific technology and communications tools; and securely storing and distributing documentation to stakeholders. Videre has on-the-ground experience implementing its methodology in sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia, with an equity based methodology that can be applied globally. Its proven model harnesses the power of ground-sourced visuals to reveal the abuses faced by marginalized communities, using innovative strategies to gain measurable traction around accountability and justice actions, galvanizing disparate stakeholders into action, and increasing their ability to connect root causes and drivers of human rights abuses that are all too often viewed in isolation. Over the last decade and across three continents, these



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efforts have informed institutional agendas, buttressed the rule of law, and supported the drive for accountability in multiple fora.

**Team for Egalitarian Emancipation and Transformation (TEGET):** Team for Egalitarian Emancipation and Transformation (TEGET) is a non-governmental and non-profit organization established to achieve goals in civil society's development, promotion, and protection of human rights. TEGET works to emphasize cross-stakeholder engagement in attaining equality, liberation from injustice, and the promotion of positive social changes through transitional justice and atrocity prevention mechanisms. The organization's work and expertise is centered on three areas of focus: (1) knowledge transfer related to documentation methodology, database design and solutions, digital security, digital hosting, and other related issues; (2) representing victims before the courts and advocating for amendments of the law and public policy changes; and (3) education in the field of human rights and memory activism. The organization aims to work collaboratively with other regional and global organizations.