



## Request for Quotations for Research – Polling Stations Review

(Please submit your Documents by the deadline of 09<sup>th</sup> of December 2024)

### Introduction

According to the Constitution of Sri Lanka, every citizen aged 18 or above has the right to cast their vote in elections freely and fairly, without any obstruction. However, in each election, a portion of eligible voters is unable to vote for various reasons. Ensuring free and fair voting is a crucial aspect of a democratic society, and the location and accessibility of polling stations across the country significantly influence voter turnout.

The European Union Election Observation Mission report on the 2019 Presidential Election highlighted several challenges approximately 30% of polling stations were located at religious sites, many lacked adequate facilities for female voters and election staff, and some voters had to walk long distances to cast their votes. Additionally, many polling stations were not accessible for persons with disabilities.

In response to these challenges, we believe that a thorough review of polling stations is essential. This review aims to ensure that polling stations are accessible, neutral, and secure, protecting the secrecy of the vote. Ultimately, this effort will help increase voter turnout and improve the overall electoral process.

### Scope of Work

The research will focus on the accessibility and neutrality of polling station locations, covering

1. Reviewing 1,500 polling stations across 10 selected districts nationwide.
2. Producing a sample polling station mapping report.
3. Producing a report with recommendations for alternative polling stations.
4. Data collection will be conducted by PAFFREL enumerators in the selected districts.

### Requirements

1. Proven experience in electoral research or a related field.
2. Capacity to conduct field research and submit reports before **March 2025**.
3. A CV highlighting relevant experience.
4. A proposed timeline for the completion of the research.
5. A cost breakdown for
  - Sample polling station mapping report
  - Report with alternative polling stations

**Submission Instructions**

Interested researchers are requested to submit their quotations and all supporting documents by 09<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, to the following email address- ([leoupefernando@gmail.com](mailto:leoupefernando@gmail.com) or [sathya.paffrel@gmail.com](mailto:sathya.paffrel@gmail.com) )

**Researcher will be selected via the Interview process**

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