Technical Proposal Guideline

1. Introduction

1.1 Background and Overview: Introduce research topic, background, current situation and problems, supported by appropriate statistics, reports and literature.

1.2 Relevance, Justification and Rationale: Provide justification for research, highlighting its importance, timeliness and relevance to national priorities, sectorial policies and development needs.

1.3 Research Gap and Research Question: Identify research gaps in literature and justify the importance of the proposed research.

1.4 Research Questions: Formulate research questions based on the research gaps

1.5 Research Objective and Hypothesis: State one general objective, specific research objectives and hypothesis, when applicable.

2. Literature Review

3. Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design, Methods and Tools: Explain the research paradigm and epistemological approach where relevant; research area; research design; data sources; sample selection procedures; data collection methods and tools; analysis techniques; quality control; and ethics considerations.

3.2 Theoretical/Conceptual Framework and Experimental Linkage: Introduce the theoretical/conceptual framework and the relationship between key variables/concepts. Show the link between research questions, objectives, hypotheses, data collection and analysis methods.

3.3 Research Limitations: Discuss possible limitations that could arise in terms of methodology, implementation and data and how to address these issues.

4. Significance, Originality and Delimitations of the Study

4.1 Significance and Originality

4.2 Delimitations of the Study

5. Organization of the Study

5.1 Timeframe, Budget Distribution, Team Structure and Role Assignment

5.2 Consistency of the Proposal: Logical consistency between the research gap, research questions, objectives, epistemological position, theoretical/conceptual framework and methodology.

5.3 Language Clarity: Precise, grammatically correct academic style and proper organization of the proposal.

6. References

Cite all sources used in the paper according to the APA 7th edition format, preferring up-to-date, relevant and reliable academic sources.

7. Appendices

Present research instruments, map of the study area, institution's consent, ethical approval and declaration and other appendices, if applicable.

Formatting Requirements

Paper Size: A4

Font: Times New Roman

Main Headings: 14 pt, bold

Subheadings: 12 pt, bold

Body Text: 12 pt, regular

Line Spacing: 1.5

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