



Terms of Reference for a Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments

Name of Project:	Environmental Health, Health, Integrated protection, Economic recovery and Development, Education Support to Communities Recovering from Multiple Crises in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, Kassala, Gadarif and Khartoum.
Program Location:	in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, Gadarif and Khartoum.
Period of Project:	8 th September 2022 to 28 th September 2022
Objective of the consultancy:	To undertake a Need Assessments for the Environmental Health (WASH), Health, Integrated protection, Economic recovery and Development, Education interventions project in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, Gadarif and Khartoum.
Date of Issue:	24 th August 2022

1. Introduction

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is an international humanitarian organization with operations in several districts in the country. The IRC is seeking the services of a suitably qualified individual consultant or an experienced firm of consultants to undertake a Need assessment for new IRC area of intervention. The project to be evaluated is called, Environmental Health, Health, Integrated protection, Economic recovery and Development, Education in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, Kassala, Gadaref and Khartoum.

2. Objectives and main activities of the Project

The purpose of the research assessment proposed project is to support food insecure communities, especially vulnerable men, women, girls, and boys, recovering from multiple crises through the provision of productive assets; income generation streams; WASH services; and protection from GBV. Key sectors of this need assessment are Environmental Health, Health,

Integrated protection, Economic recovery and Development, Education Support to Communities Recovering from Multiple Crises purposes include:

- a. **WASH:** *Individuals emerging from multiple crises are protected from WASH related diseases including COVID-19.* Beneficiaries across the three target districts will have waterpoints rehabilitated with improvements made on the pumping mechanism to ensure that boreholes are utilized to their full potential. Multiple water uses will be promoted by ensuring that boreholes provide water for HH and for **other ancillary uses like livestock drinking** and institutional use. Construction of appropriate sanitation facilities will be promoted by constructing disability-friendly latrines at the HH level and gender segregated latrines at the institutional level. To enhance the utilization of sanitation infrastructure, the IRC will administer awareness activities to promote hygiene behaviors that will help protect communities from WASH-related diseases including COVID-19.
- b. **Integrated Protection:** *Women and girls are protected from GBV through prevention and mitigation mechanisms, responding to reported cases of abuse and provide the necessary resources to empower vulnerable members in their communities.* The proposed interventions will promote community GBV prevention by addressing its root causes through the IRC's *EMAP* approach. Through this innovative approach, the project will engage men in transformative individual behavior change during times of crisis, which critical to ensuring that women and girls are valued, equal and free from violence.
- c. **Health:** Poor health can undermine people's potential to improve their lives, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The International Rescue Committee helps those who are experiencing or recovering from conflict and disaster reduce their risk of falling ill and receive treatment when they do get sick. health goals focused on four or more goals to make people live in health ways:
 - Ensure that children are treated for and protected from the leading causes of death
 - Ensure that women and girls have access to reproductive health services
 - Ensure that people are emotionally and mentally healthy
 - Ensure that people are well-served by health institutions
- d. **Economic recovery and Development:** The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is to help people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. Our vision is that the IRC will lead the humanitarian field by implementing high-impact, cost-effective programs for people affected by crisis, and shape global policy and practice by sharing our learning and experience with others. All IRC programs are designed to achieve meaningful change in people's health, safety, education, economic wellbeing and ability to influence the decisions that affect their lives. The Economic Recovery and Development (ERD) program at the IRC works to ensure that those we serve have their most basic survival needs met and have the combination of assets and income to prosper. IRC has working in ERD following several approtches as mentioned below:
 - Market-Based and Market-Strengthening Approaches

- Food Security
- Cash Relief
- Women's Economic Empowerment
- agriculture and rural livelihoods

3. The Purpose of the Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments (MSNA)

This Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments aims to provide baseline data against which program outcomes of the project will be assessed at the end of project implementation. The specific objectives of the study are to:

- To analyze and draft report information that IRC collected to assist IRC in modifying appropriate interventions or generate information for further refining the project intervention activities
- To validate the needs and priorities of communities or institutions in relation to key needs gaps in relation to integrated protection, WASH, ERD and Education interventions
- To establish baseline values for outcome indicators against which impact of project can be measured at end line.
- Generate data for indicators outlined in project M&E plan.
- Use collected data as a benchmark for measuring project success or failure.
- Suggest priority areas for future programming.

4. Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments its Scope & Questions

The Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments will mainly focus on the key outputs and outcomes of the project and the effect of the project to the targeted community (including indirect beneficiaries). The aim of this baseline will be to measure the relevancy, effectiveness, coverage, impact and sustainability of the project. The consultant will be expected to design appropriate baseline framework including Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments design, Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments tools, sampling frame, sample size and sampling technique in line with the project design and document that addresses the project outcomes, outputs and indicators.

5. Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments(MSNA) Team Tasks

Re-drafting report for Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments primary data in consultation with the IRC's in - country MEAL Manager, IRC's Regional Measurement Advisor and DDP.

- IRC data collected Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments, framework addressing Multi-Sectoral Need Assessments tools, data collection methods, sampling frame, sample size and sampling technique
- Consultant to Conduct secondary and primary data collection to establish and quantify the IRC's performance against project indicators and to also review the IRC's existing project monitoring data, to identify gaps in data coverage and knowledge.
- Consultant to Conduct a desk top review of IRC's already existing documents on the survey reports on project indicators done previously to further identify gaps that need to be addressed in this current program.

- Consultant to a draft report to country management that will be incorporated into ongoing program planning and Need Assessments , as well as recommendations for maximizing social impact.
- Incorporate IRC and feedback into a draft report and prepare a final report. The final report should both describe the results of the Need Assessments, and provide actionable recommendations for improving the IRC's program work

6. Deliverables:

- MSNA Report for Khartoum State.
- MSNA Report for Gadarif State.
- MSNA Report for Blue Nile State.

7. Presentation and Documentation:

This Re- drafting the report for Multi Sector Need Assessments (MSNA) is taking place at the beginning of September should be completed within 15 days

The final Need Assessments report must be shared with IRC in the following formats:

- A meeting with IRC staff and stakeholders to present and validate findings:
- Agreed recommendations that will inform and/or about the gap country program strategy, with clear action points required.
- The consultant will propose the structure of the final report at inception subject to approval by the IRC and the final Need Assessments report will be presented in the agreed format.

8. Profile of Consultant(s)

This is an integrated project covering, WASH, Health, ERD and IP support. To the greatest extent possible, the Multi Sector Need Assessments (MSNA) team should consist of diverse backgrounds and experience in multi-sectoral programs.

The IRC welcomes expressions of interest from seasoned consultants, individuals or firms in academia, social research, or humanitarian Need Assessments with a background in humanitarian aid, research methods, development studies, or other related fields. The lead consultant should possess:

- Master's Degree or higher in Development Studies, Monitoring and Need Assessments , Environmental Studies, WASH, Gender and Development or any other related qualifications,
- Extensive experience in conducting Need Assessments s, ideally leading an Need Assessments team and experience of designing Need Assessments methodology / tools and data analysis.
- Significant experience (5-8 years) in coordination, implementation, monitoring and Need Assessments of emergency response programs and expertise in at least one (1) relevant sector (GBV and WASH)
- Demonstrated experience of evaluating humanitarian response projects is essential (experience of evaluating USAID-funded projects is desirable)
- Fluency in English and ability to write clear and concise reports (examples of previous work will be requested)

- Sound understanding of analysis that includes inclusion, cultural sensitivity and disability dimensions
- Knowledge of statistical modelling and analysis of data; highly proficient user of SPSS or STATA; and qualitative data analysis techniques.
- Understanding of USAID requirements as a humanitarian donor and specific requirements for this Need Assessments .
- Ability to manage the available time and resources and work to tight deadlines.

9. Technical Proposal Details and Submission Timeframe:

- This consultancy is anticipated to start in **8th of September 2022**. The entire exercise will take approximately 15 days final report submission. The deadline for submission of the technical and financial proposals and accompanying documents is the **31st of August 2022**.

Applications should include:

- Technical proposal with clear understanding and interpretation of the TOR, including detailed tasks, recommended methodology summary and proposed schedule, your relevant experience, how you meet the profile required and details of time required (maximum 5 pages)
- Detailed, itemized financial cost, including daily professional fee and any other associated costs. All costs should be indicated in the submission.
- CVs of key personnel that will be involved in executing the Need Assessments process.

10. Financial Proposal

A clearly defined financial proposal should be part of the consultancy proposal highlighting:

- Itemized consultant's fees should indicate professional rate and subsistence allowance.
- Validity period of the quotation.
- Expected payment schedule and method.

11. Mandatory Requirements for Eligibility

- Curriculum Vitae of the Consultant should at least have three contactable references of similar work done in the past 5 years.
- Past performance references for similar assignments.
- Writing sample of an evaluation report or relevant study (unedited) for Multi Sector Need Assessment Report for each location Khartoum, Blue Nile, and Gadaref.
- Financial proposal, including any costs necessary to complete the assignment, consultant number of days and daily professional fee rates.
- List of Staff member for each location.

The IRC is an Equal Opportunities Employer and considers all applicants based on merit without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability.

12. Time Schedule and Duration of Consultancy

The Need Assessments must be completed in approximately 15 days. Provide an indicative plan with start and end dates for the 15 days.