



## Disasters Emergency Committee

### East Africa Crisis Appeal – Response Review

#### Call for Expressions of Interest

On 15 March 2017, the Disasters Emergency Committee launched an appeal for funds to support member agencies in responding to the extensive humanitarian needs in East Africa – specifically, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and South Sudan. At the time of posting, the DEC has raised over £50 million including £10 million UK Aid Match funding. Thirteen member agencies taking part in the appeal will spend DEC funds over a period of up to two years in Phase 1 (the first 6 months) and Phase 2 (the following 18 months) of the response. An initial allocation of £33.5 million has been made to members.

In order to support members' activities, harness lessons and inform Phase 2 of the programme, the DEC Secretariat will commission a review of the East Africa response, to take place across end June/ July 2017. Comprehensive Terms of Reference will be developed, but it is expected that the review will cover activities in all four countries, with a focus on Somalia and South Sudan.

The review will:

- provide an overview of the response so far and identify gaps, priority areas and unmet needs from both a sectoral and cross-cutting perspective to inform members' Phase 2 plans;
- review members' response against appropriate DAC criteria;
- identify key learning from the response to date, including innovations and noteworthy programming that encourages independence and reduces aid dependency;
- highlight operational and other challenges that may be affecting implementation and the quality of programmes; and
- draw lessons on specific areas such as members' approach to cash programming and management of the associated risks, and working with partners – all of which will be clarified in the final ToR.

The review will also consider how DEC members are addressing the needs of the most vulnerable groups, and what strategies they are adopting to working in volatile and insecure environments.

**Expressions of Interest** are invited from (teams of) consultants interested in leading the response review in order to deliver a final report to the DEC no later than 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

#### **Essential requirements include:**

- Extensive experience in the evaluation of humanitarian programmes, including methodologies for engaging with affected populations;
- A sound understanding of the context in (at least one of) the four countries, and of humanitarian operations in conflict/ challenging environments;
- A good understanding of the DEC and appreciation of the DEC Accountability Framework;
- A sound knowledge of Humanitarian Principles; the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief; the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability; and Sphere Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response, as well as an appreciation of key challenges and constraints to their application in the context of (at least one of) the four countries;
- Clear written English.

Previous experience of working in the region and knowledge of relevant languages within the team is desirable. Where this is not the case, the consultants should demonstrate understanding of the countries, region and/or type of response. Experience with a DEC member agency is a plus.

Representatives from the DEC and its members will support and host the consulting team whilst country visits take place, but consultants should be confident that they are able to obtain the necessary visas and insurance for the field visit, as required.

To submit an expression of interest, please email the DEC Director of Programmes and Accountability, Monica Blagescu - [mblagescu@dec.org.uk](mailto:mblagescu@dec.org.uk) - **by noon GMT on 24 April 2017** with the following:

1. a rationale for selection of team members with an outline of how the lead consultant and members of the proposed team meet the requirements above;
2. an initial indication (maximum 2 pages) of the proposed approach to primary data collection: whether in-country observation and face-to-face interviews, remote research and desk-based study, or a combination of the two, succinctly highlighting how the team will address main challenges or shortcomings of proposed approach.
3. CVs for each team member;
4. indicative daily rate in GBP for each team member;
5. confirmation of availability in June and July 2017; and
6. contact details for two referees for similar type of work for the lead consultant.

Shortlisted consultants will be contacted in May 2017 and requested to submit full proposals against final TOR to include:

7. Conceptual framework and methodology for how the work will be undertaken;
8. Work plan and schedule; and
9. Indicative budget.

If there are insufficient qualified expressions of interest submitted by the deadline, the DEC reserves the right to re-advertise the full ToR to ask for full proposals.