



Disasters Emergency Committee

Emergency Appeal for people fleeing Myanmar

Response Review

Call for Expressions of Interest

In late August 2017, violence broke out in Rakhine State, Myanmar. This has led to one of the fastest population movements in recent decades, with over half a million people – the majority Rohingya women, children and elderly – having fled across the border into Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, one of the poorest and most overpopulated districts in the country. On 4th October 2017, the Disasters Emergency Committee launched an appeal for funds to support member charities in responding to the extensive and growing humanitarian needs in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh.

At the time of posting, the DEC fundraising campaign has raised over £12 million including £4million UK Aid Match funding. The thirteen member charities taking part in the appeal will spend DEC funds over a period of one year, split into Phase 1 (the first 6 months) and Phase 2 (the following 6 months) of the response. An initial allocation of £7.5 million has been made to members to support humanitarian programmes in Cox's Bazar.

In order to support members' activities, generate learning in real-time and inform members' planning for Phase 2 of the programme, the DEC Secretariat will commission a review of the response, to take place in January 2018

The response review will

- provide an overview and assessment of the response so far (against appropriate DAC criteria; Core Humanitarian Standard commitments; and Grand Bargain commitments¹);
- identify good practice in the humanitarian operations funded by the DEC;
- identify priority areas, gaps and areas of unmet needs from both a sectoral and cross-cutting perspective;
- highlight operational and other challenges that may be affecting implementation and the quality of programmes; and
- draw out key learning from the response to date, to be incorporated in Phase 2 plans.

Expressions of Interest are invited from consultants interested in leading the response review, in order to deliver a draft report to the DEC before the 9th February 2018, followed by a final report before the end of February 2018.

Essential requirements include:

- Previous experience undertaking real-time evaluations of similar humanitarian programmes (targeting refugees or internally displaced people and host populations), including methodologies for engaging with crisis-affected people in a fast-changing context;
- A sound understanding of the context in Bangladesh and the sensitivities around people fleeing Myanmar;
- Previous experience of undertaking reviews and promoting learning across organisations involved;
- A good understanding of the DEC and how it operates;

¹ With specifics to be confirmed in the Terms of Reference

- 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 Bangladesh and/or Myanmar and knowledge of relevant languages within the team is desirable. Experience with a DEC member agency is a plus.

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

To submit an expression of interest, please email the DEC Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Manager - kbobin@dec.org.uk - **by noon GMT on 6th November 2017** with the following:

1. a succinct 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 succinctly highlighting how the team will address main challenges or shortcomings of proposed approach.
3. brief CVs for each team member;
4. indicative daily rate in GBP for each team member;
5. confirmation of availability to undertake this work, including field visits to Cox's Bazar in January, and to deliver the report on time; and

Shortlisted consultants will be contacted after 14th November 2017 and requested to submit full proposals against final TOR to include:

6. conceptual framework and methodology for how the work will be undertaken;
7. work plan and schedule; and
8. indicative budget.
9. contact details for two referees for similar type of work for the Lead Consultant.

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