

TERMS OF REFERENCE: The Provision of Technical Expertise on Rakhine

Background

This is an opportunity to submit a proposal to offer technical expertise to British Embassy Rangoon for a 60 working day period. This is a cross-departmental short-term advisory role, funded by the Conflict Stability and Security Fund (CSSF). CSSF is a cross government mechanism to support UK government's priorities on peace and security across the world. The short-term technical expertise is required to support the delivery of the UK government's programme and policy work on Rakhine. We are looking for submissions which demonstrate technical expertise – specifically good knowledge and understanding of Burma, including the complex dynamics in Rakhine.

Objectives

To provide detailed and specific technical advice, assistance and analysis on the situation in Rakhine, to ensure UK government engagement is well-informed and appropriately targeted, and that our planned CSSF work on Rakhine is taken forward in an appropriate and conflict sensitive manner.

Summary of Requirements

- **Rakhine and Burma expertise:** Demonstrable knowledge and expertise on the context in Rakhine is essential for the delivery of this activity, as is current experience working in Burma and a deep understanding of the political context.
- **Technical knowledge and expertise:** Providing analysis of developments and keeping abreast of the evolving situation. A core requirement would be the ability to provide direct advice and respond to the wide ranging issues pertinent to the situation in Rakhine. This includes assessing areas and modalities for increased engagement on both policy and programmatic work. This includes identifying where this work may fall to others to deliver, engaging as required with expertise both in Burma and internationally.
- **Building and maintaining strong professional relationships:** Established track record of developing a range of relevant contacts. Appropriate experience and expertise.
- **Technical expertise on conflict-related programmes:** Review programmatic work, identify risks and opportunities and provide recommendations for future programming. Providing technical assistance to ensure the UK approach is conflict-sensitive and that we continue to work towards longer term priorities. Assess areas where further research is needed, and undertake that research where possible.

Outputs/deliverables

The individual would focus on, but not limited to, the following requirements:

- a) Monitor the rapidly evolving situation in Rakhine
- b) Provide detailed analysis and advice
- c) Provide advice on pipeline CSSF work linked to Rakhine (for FY 17/18 and FY 18/19)

*Specific expenses (e.g. travel, accommodation etc.) related to the requirements will be met from an approved budget.

Estimated Programme Spend (ex VAT)

Please disclose your expected daily rate in your expression for interest.

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Timeline

The post is full-time (35 hours per week) over a 60 working day period and based in British Embassy Rangoon.

The successful applicant should be able to start by **September 28th 2017**.

Qualifications

- 3-10 years of relevant experience in Burma
- Deep understanding of the situation in Rakhine
- Experience of conducting political and conflict analyses
- Ability to provide advice through written analysis, reports and advice on programme and funding decisions
- An ability to build a proactive and independent network of contact with a range of stakeholders
- Experience of working in an international/multicultural organisation
- Experience of programme management
- Proven understanding of conflict sensitivity
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Personal drive, self-starter
- Strong English language skills, both written and spoken

Deadline for Bidders' Proposal:

September 21st 2017 at 23:59

Details of how to submit your bid can be found in document "01 RFQ Letter_Rakhine"