

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Researcher for P/CVE in Morocco

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Mission: Rabat, Morocco

Program: USAID Morocco Community Resilience Activity (MCRA/FORSATY)

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The International Organization for Migration (hereinafter referred to as IOM) proposes to enter into an agreement with a qualified firm, under USAID/MCRA, for which this Request for Proposal is published, for Researcher for P/CVE in Morocco

Additional information is provided in the Terms of Reference (ToRs) included in this document.

The proposal will be evaluated on a quality-cost basis.

The Request for Proposal consists of the following documents:

Section I. Instructions

Section II. Terms of reference

The Proposal must be submitted by email to IOM at morocprocurement@iom.int by March 31, 2021, Late submissions will not be accepted.

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Section I - Instructions

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Only legally constituted organizations may submit technical and financial proposals for the present request. The Proposals constitute the basis of negotiations leading to a contract to be signed with the selected organization.
- 1.2 Submitting organizations must not be currently committed in way that could place them in a position that prevents them from being able to carry out the current scope of work in the best interests of IOM.
- 1.3 IOM is not obligated to accept any proposal and reserves the right to cancel the process at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to submitting organizations.

2. Collusive, fraudulent and coercive maneuvers

- 2.1 IOM rules require that IOM staff, bidders, manufacturers, suppliers or distributors comply with the highest standards of professional conduct during the procurement and execution of all contracts. IOM rejects any proposal by bidders and may, if necessary, terminate their contract if it is established that they engaged in collusive, fraudulent or coercive maneuvers.

3. Clarifications and amendments to the request for a cost proposal

- 3.1 At any time prior to the submission of proposals, IOM may, for any reason, on its own initiative or in response to a request for clarification, modify the request for a financial proposal.
- 3.2. Service Providers may request clarification on any part of the Request for Proposal. The request must be made in writing and submitted to IOM at the address indicated on the cover page of this document.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 The Service Provider's Offer must include:
 - a) A technical proposal
 - b) A financial proposal
- 4.2 The Proposal, as well as any related correspondence shared by Service Providers and IOM must be in English. All reports prepared by the Service Provider must be in English and Arabic
- 4.3 Organizations are asked to prepare the financial proposal in Moroccan dirham
- 4.4 The terms and method of payment must be clearly specified.



5. Technical proposal

5.1 The Technical Proposal must provide the following information:

- a. A brief description of the submitting organization's profile and a summary of recent experience on similar missions.
- b. A statement of the understanding of the mission, responsive to the ToRs in section II.
- c. The list of the proposed professional team by area of expertise, their positions and the tasks that would be assigned to each member of the professional team
- d. CVs of the proposed professional staff
- e. A copy of the legal constitutive statutes of the organization, duly registered with the competent authorities

6. Financial proposal

- 6.1 The Financial Proposal must include all costs associated with the assignment, these costs must be broken down by activity, including a) staff remuneration; b) expenses such as travel, equipment, licenses; c) all applicable taxes.

7. Evaluation

7.1 the Proposal will be evaluated based on their compliance with the Terms of Reference, the requirements of the Request for Proposal and the application of an evaluation criterion,

7.2 A proposal is rejected at this stage if it does not meet important aspects of the Terms of Reference

8. Award of the Contract

8.1 The contract will be awarded by means of a notice of award.

8.2 The Service Provider is expected to start on may,01, 2021

Section II. Terms of reference

Project Duration: May 2021- August 2021

Application Deadline: March 31, 2021

1. Program Description

The Morocco Community Resilience Activity (MCRA) is a five-year Program funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the International Organization for Migrations (IOM). MCRA targets underserved and marginalized individuals in urban and peri-urban environments, specifically in northern cities of Morocco: Tangier, Tetouan, M'diq-Fnideq and Al Hociema. The Program implementation is from June 14, 2019 to March 31, 2024.

2. Program Intervention Scope and Expected Change:

With the changing landscape of violent extremism, the root causes of terrorism persist, and extremist ideology continues to find fertile ground. Daesh capitalizes on failed states, core socio-political grievances, misinterpretations of religious texts, disenfranchisement, and the yearning for a “utopian” Islamic society. Aggressive security approaches and military solutions alone cannot defeat violent ideologies or address real or perceived grievances that gave rise to Daesh in the first place.

The Goal of MCRA is to enhance community resilience in vulnerable communities in Morocco by increasing participation and promoting responsive, effective governance, thereby preventing community susceptibility to violent extremism. Disenfranchised individuals and groups will increasingly change their life paths to advance economically and socially, and increasingly evolve in environments that foster ownership of the community by its inhabitants. The Activity will achieve this goal through the execution of four interdependent sub-purposes:

Sub-Purpose 1: Increased access to quality services for at-risk groups

Sub-Purpose 2: Moroccan-led CVE initiatives enhanced

Sub-Purpose 3: Community Resilience Strengthened

Cross-cutting : Strengthened Research and Learning agenda

3. Tasks and Responsibilities:

Based on the desk study and past interviews with P/CVE stakeholders, MCRA is launching a field research study to increase the available knowledge base on the current dynamics and trends related to violent extremism, including women and extremism, in Morocco. It will identify the gendered push and pull factors within the Moroccan context; examine the challenges returnees and their families face to identify better tailored and impactful interventions, including specific psychosocial and health needs; and lastly, examine practical approaches to prevention and building sustainable and inclusive CVE models. The study will take into consideration existing Moroccan research organizations, actors and initiatives that can be used for programming considerations in program activities on a national scale.

The primary research agenda will be based on the results of the desk study and the P/CVE stakeholder interviews. The research provider will design a specific scope for primary field study to develop knowledge that is not available from existing documentation and key respondents. The research provider will identify most PVE-relevant areas where there is a gap of

knowledge and propose primary research questions and scope. The field study will collect primary data from a sample of geographic areas identified in collaboration with the Program. The research team will propose an initial list of four to five regions including those targeted by the Program. Upon approval of the TORs and methodology, the provider will execute the primary research.

The selection of areas will serve the objectives of the study and those of the Program. Target individuals will be carefully selected to avoid bias and reflect the diversity of target communities influenced by VE as well as the institutions working in P/CVE. Primary data will be collected through a combination of the following tools: interviews, surveys, focused group discussions and/or other proposed tools.

4. Data analysis:

The collected data should be critically analyzed both quantitatively and qualitatively. The provider should analyze the findings to present practical answers and recommendations to the different research questions. The research report should help the Program advance its intervention objectives for all its sub-purposes. Research paper needs to be submitted in English.

5. Collaboration and Supervision:

The research provider should already have a reliable list of contacts of actors working in P/CVE. It is the responsibility of the provider to get all necessary authorizations.

The provider will be under the direct supervision of the Gender, Learning and Inclusive Development Specialist (GLID). GLID will review and approve methodology, tools, and research drafts in advance of final document.

6. Deliverables:

The main deliverables for the provider will be assessed against the provisions of these TORs and the framework of MCRA crosscutting component. In summary, the following are the main deliverables and expected outputs

Scope of work: The provider will propose a scope of work and methodology based on the results of the secondary study. This is due within 5 days after signing the contract. Research methodology will need to be approved by the GLID before proceeding.

Draft Study report: This report, of no more than 15 pages, one in Arabic and one in English, will include the methodology used and highlight all of the main findings. This is due at the end of the second month after signing the contract.

Presentation of the main findings: Provide presentation to MCRA components containing the main findings of the primary field study and specific conclusions and recommendations that can inform and feed strategic and programmatic decision-making processes. The presentation should include the most relevant findings of the primary field study and general conclusions and recommendations. Feedback from GLID and senior MCRA staff will need to be incorporated for the final study report.

Final study report: This report, of no more than 40 pages, in English, (excluding annexes such as interview questions, sampling technique), will have detailed information analyzing the findings collected from the field in addition to practical conclusions and recommendations.



7. Qualifications

Higher University degree in a relevant field for the team lead

University degree and/or relevant research experience for other proposed team members

Experience in conducting and managing research

Extensive experience in countering violent extremism (CVE) research and programming

Knowledge of Gender and CVE issues and research

Experience working on USG and/or USAID programs

Knowledge of Moroccan CVE and Gender actors

Experience in CVE/gender issues in Morocco

Fluency in Arabic, English and French

** Applications should be presented in the form of a technical proposals that include the proposed technical approach, a presentation of the experience and qualifications of the submitting organization, CVs of proposed key personnel and a short writing sample of no more than four pages. In addition to a financial proposal with a detailed budget including labor, travel, and other direct costs.