

Request Form and Terms of Reference for Individual Contractor (IC)

National or International consultant: National

Description of the assignment (Title of consultancy): Disaster Risk Management Consultant

Project Title: Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Lebanon

Period of assignment/services: 60 working days over the period of 4 months

Is this a LTA (yes/no): No

Terms of Reference

1. Background / Project Description

The Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit within the UNDP Lebanon Country Office – a coordination structure established in the Prime Minister’s office (PMO) in 2009 with the support of UNDP, has been the focus of recent efforts to strengthen and institutionally anchor Disaster Risk management and Crisis Coordination Capacities in the Government of Lebanon (GoL). Particularly, in the context of the compounded crisis that Lebanon is facing (COVID 19, Beirut Blast, wildfires, etc.), it is important that the DRM unit can support the GoL in pursuit of more collaborative and coordinated disaster risk management and crisis response efforts considering the increasingly limited resources. With no single entity mandated to coordinate government disaster and crisis actions in a comprehensive way and responses lying within the responsibility of several institutional entities with sometimes overlapping directives relevant to the nature of the crisis, the DRM unit has been the platform that brings various stakeholders together to build Lebanon’s DRM capacities and ensure national ownership, and a whole of Government approach.

Within this context, several official structures were established to develop, implement, and monitor Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) efforts in Lebanon, including:

- A National Technical Committee (established in 2010 PMO decision no.103/2010 and decision no. 68/2018) mandated to develop Lebanon’s DRR strategy, Lebanon’s Response and Recovery Frameworks.
- A National Decision-makers Committee (established in 2013 PMO decision no. 41/2013) mandated to assist to the management of national crisis once the National Operations Room located at the Presidency of the Council of Minister is activated.
- Regional DRR Committees headed by the Governors involving representatives of all government administrations in addition to key local actors that work on the four pillars of DRR and activate the regional operations rooms during crisis.
- Sectoral DRR Committees established at the Ministries level involving key divisions and departments at the Ministry.

During the last two years, the DRM Unit was directly engaged in the management of COVID-19 Crisis, seasonal forest fires and flooding, Beirut Port Blast and lately the coastal oil spill. In response to COVID-19, the DRM Unit has coordinated the development of the National COVID-19 response plan in collaboration with WHO, established monitoring and evaluation dashboards, coordinated the activation of the National Operations Room, coordinated the response of the Regional Operations Rooms, generated daily situation reports, supported the development of business and safety continuity plans for key ministries, coordinated the development of a manual to initiate and operate isolation centers, developed manual for municipal COVID-19 response plans and contributed to the development and dissemination of awareness material with national partners. In response to Beirut Port blast, the DRM Unit activated the National Operations Room, activated the EU mechanism of support, coordinated shelter and evacuation with field agencies and governorates, developed the early response plan, coordinated the debris and waste management of the blast, published a weekly situation report and contributed to the development of awareness material about debris removal.

Despite the advanced role the DRM unit continues to play in response to Lebanon's multifaceted crisis, Lebanon's DRR and Crisis Management capacities still require support and further strengthening in the context of compounded shocks. As such, the proposed project of UNDP's Programme is designed to lay foundations for early and long-term recovery, resilience, and sustainable development. When governments and communities are supported by well-designed and timely interventions, both nations and communities are assisted to "build forward better". The UNDP post-crisis approach aims to build capacities within national and local institutions and facilitate partnerships between government, civil society, the private sector, and local communities. This humanitarian-development nexus approach enables local social, economic, institutional, and physical assets to be strengthened and made more resilient in the future.

One of the main objectives of this project is empowering national and local stakeholders to further assume their disaster management mandate based on the most recent priorities and needs at the national and international levels. More specifically, through national, regional, and sectoral interventions, the project will assess the roles and responsibilities being implemented in the last few years to withstand the different crisis and disasters in Lebanon and building and implementing a comprehensive capacity building plan.

As such, under the strategic guidance of UNDP senior management, the Consultant will work in close collaboration with the DRM Unit located in the Presidency of the Council of the Ministers to undertake the below tasks

2. Scope of work, responsibilities, and description of the proposed analytical work

Under the supervision of the Project Manager the consultant will:

1. Prepare an inception report with detailed plan to execute the consultancy.
2. Assess the national and regional DRR interventions, roles, and structures in response to the events that occurred in Lebanon during the last five years with: 1) the National technical Committee; 2) the National Decision Makers Committee; 3) key Ministries, and 4) Governorates.

To achieve the assessment, the consultant will:

- 2.1 Conduct a desk review of the existing DRR strategy, Response frameworks, decisions and legal status of the various committees, projects, and actions being implemented at the central level, regions, and sectors.
- 2.2. Develop an assessment tool to identify and evaluate the role of: National Technical Committee and National Decision Makers Committee, two Key Ministries (TBD with the DRM Unit), two Key Governorates (TBD with DRM Unit) in response to the different types of events that hit Lebanon during the last five years such as fires, floods, COVID-19, and Beirut Port Blast
- 2.3. Conduct at least 3 meetings with the national technical committee to explain the process and the objectives of the review and assessment and present the assessment tool and provide their comments.
- 2.4. Conduct bilateral meetings with the DRR committees in the selected Governorates and Ministries to explain the process and present and discuss the assessment tool and get feedback.
- 2.5. Share/distribute the capacity assessment tool with the partners and stakeholders and elicit their feedback and inputs.
- 2.6. Consolidate the responses and have preliminary internal discussions with the DRM team as well as with members of the National Technical Committee and Governorates and Ministries representatives.
- 2.7. Conduct at least 3 workshops with each of the stakeholders: the National technical committee and National Decision makers Committee, the two key Ministries, the two key Governorates to present and discuss the findings of the assessment and recommendations.
3. Develop recommendations at the national, sector and Governorate/local level for a comprehensive capacity building program to enable the different stakeholders to resume their roles and responsibilities in DRR. The consultant will:
 - 3.1 Disseminate the draft recommendations together with the results of the assessment and consolidated results to the decision-makers at the ministries to collect their feedback.
 - 3.2 Conduct bilateral meetings with high decision-makers to present the recommendations and get feedback.
 - 3.3 Consolidate the recommendations for an improved DRR in general and focused response to be integrated within the updated response plans: National, Ministry and Governorate levels.
 - 3.4 Submit a final report with findings and recommendations that should contain concrete actions for way forward, including resource mobilization approaches to realize the recommendations.

3. Expected Outputs and deliverables

The consultant is expected to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the national and regional DRR interventions, roles, and structures in response to the events that occurred in Lebanon during the last five years at the Government level with the National technical Committee, the National Decision Makers Committee, key Ministries, and Governorates. As thus, the Consultant should complete and submit the deliverables as specified above, starting contract signature, and as detailed in the table hereafter:

#	Deliverables	Estimated duration for completion	Estimated Number of working days	Review and Approvals Required
1	Deliverable 1: Inception report with a clear time frame for the implementation of the consultancy	Two weeks from contract signature date	5	CPR Programme Manager and DRM project Manager
2	Deliverable 2: Submit a progress report on a comprehensive assessment of the national and regional DRR interventions, roles, and structures in response to the events that occurred in Lebanon during the last five years at the Government level. This includes the development of the assessment tools, the meetings and workshops with stakeholders and the validation process	Two months from submission and approval of deliverable 1	30	
3	Deliverable 3: Submit a progress report regarding to: Develop and finalize recommendations for the way forward, including resource mobilization approaches to realize the recommendations. This includes the bilateral meetings with the key decision-makers to validate the proposed recommendations prior to submission in the final report	One month from submission and approval of deliverable 2	15	
4	Deliverable 4: Submit the final report including the results of deliverables #1 and #2	Two weeks from submission and approval of deliverable 3	10	
Total estimated working days			60	
NB: the consultant should maintain attending weekly follow-up meetings with the project manager to provide update and discuss any changes in the initial plan				

4. Institutional arrangements

The contractor will work under the supervision of the CPR Programme Manager and DRM project Manager. UNDP will be responsible for providing the contractor with all necessary materials related to the project in a timely thorough and transparent manner. It will be responsible to provide clarifications and facilitation of the work. The consultant shall rely on his/her own means of transportation, communication, etc. and shall take these fees into consideration while preparing the financial offer.

5. Duration of work

The consultant should cover at least **60 working days** extended over a period of **4 months** after contract signature.

6. Duty station

The Consultant is expected to commute to the Office of the Prime Minister (DRM unit offices), including during lockdown/restricted movement periods since part of the work of the DRM unit relates to Covid-19 response which the consultant is expected to support.

The Consultant will be required to organize field visits to meet with stakeholders in the Governorates and Ministries.

7. Qualifications Required

The consultant should possess the following qualifications:

I. Academic Qualifications:

- At least Master's degree in social policy, public policy, politics, economics, environment, development studies or any related relevant area.

II. Years of Experience:

- A minimum of 7 years of progressively responsible experience in the field of disaster risk management, involving implementation of community-based activities, working closely with Governments and national agencies.
- A minimum of 3 years of experience in addressing issues connected with disaster management and capacity building in this context; experience of disaster mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and risk management activities/projects; coordination with partner organizations; dealing with national/regional organizations/institutions. (at least 3 projects showing experience in DRM).
- A minimum of 3 years of experience in local governance systems and institutions, decentralizations policies and laws, basic service delivery and recovery planning and ability to apply to strategic and/or practical situations.
- A minimum of 3 years of experience in methodologies, assessment tools, systems and apply practical experience in planning, monitoring, evaluating, and reporting and ability to apply to practical situations (at least 3 projects showing experience in assessments).

III. Competencies:

- Excellent command of written and spoken English and Arabic.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and with a team to meet deadlines.
- Ability to listen, adapt, persuade, and transform.
- Ability to capture, develop, share, and effectively use information and knowledge.
- Ability to lead and facilitate large group of stakeholders.
- Ability to process big amount of information with analytical eye.
- Strong knowledge of the Lebanese context (administrative, economic, social, etc.).

8. Scope of Price Proposal and Schedule of Payments

The scope of price proposal is a lump sum amount:

- The Daily fee must be all inclusive¹.
- The contract price is fixed regardless of changes in the cost components.

¹ The term "All inclusive" implies that all costs (professional fees, travel costs, living allowances, communications, consumables, etc.) that could possibly be incurred by the Contractor are already factored into the final amounts submitted in the proposal.

The schedule of payments is as follows:

The payment percentage will be as per the below table and based on the submission of the required reports, and UNDP acceptance.

1 st payment	58 %	Upon Submission and Approval of Deliverables 1 and 2
2 nd payment	25 %	Upon Submission and Approval of Deliverable 3
3 rd payment	17%	Upon Submission and Approval of Deliverable 4

Each payment shall be made following certification by UNDP that the services related to the tasks described in the sections 2 and 3 have been satisfactorily performed.

9. Criteria for selection of the best offers

The candidate shall submit documents as evidence that allow **the evaluation panel to assess and score each criterion mentioned below** (Such documents are not limited to previous written reports, publications, and other decent proofs etc.)

Criteria	Weight	Max. Point
<u>Technical Competence</u>	70%	100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational background: 		20
<i>Master's degree in social policy, public policy, politics, economics, environment, development studies or a related relevant area:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than Master's degree (0 points) Master's degree (14 points) PhD (20 points) 		20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical experience: 		50
<i>A minimum of 7 years of progressively responsible experience in the field of disaster risk management, involving implementation of community-based activities, working closely with Governments and national agencies:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 7 years of relevant experience: 0 points 7-8 years of relevant experience: 14 points 9 years and above of relevant experience: 20 points 		20
<i>Experience in addressing issues connected with disaster management and capacity building in this context; experience of disaster mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and risk management activities/projects; coordination with partner organizations; dealing with national/regional organizations/institutions. (at least 3 projects showing experience in DRM):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 3 projects: 0 points 4-5 projects: 7 points 6 projects and above: 10 points 		10
<i>Experience in local governance systems and institutions, decentralizations policies and laws, basic service delivery and recovery planning and ability to apply to strategic and/or practical situations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 3 years: 0 points 4-5 years: 7 points 6 years and above: 10 points 		10
<i>Experience in methodologies, assessment tools, systems and apply practical experience in</i>		10

<i>planning, monitoring, evaluating, and reporting and ability to apply to practical situations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - less than 3 years: 0 points - 4-5 years: 7 points - 6 years and above: 10 points 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Interview:</i> 		30
<i>The candidate demonstrates the understanding of the task and demonstrates relevant skills and knowledge for the successful delivery of the service</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poor or no understanding of the task and little or no relevant skills and/or knowledge – 0 points - Good understanding of the task and good skills and/or knowledge – 14 points - Excellent understanding of the task and good skills and/or knowledge – 20 points 		20
<i>Fluency in English and Arabic</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fluent in English and Arabic (10 points) - Not Fluent in English or Arabic (0 points) 		10
<i>Financial (Lower Offer/Offer*100)</i>	30%	100
Total Score	Technical Score * 0.7 + Financial Score * 0.3	

Only candidates obtaining a minimum technical score of 70 points will be considered for the financial evaluation.