

Project description

Introduction

Expertise France (EF) is a public agency created on 1st January 2015 and merging 6 French public agencies under the supervision of the French Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Economy and Finance, with a strong inter-ministerial vocation. EF offers program engineering and technical assistance by developing and implementing international cooperation actions worldwide. EF operates in various fields of development and institutional cooperation including safety and security reform, post-crisis/stability, public health, human rights, strengthening of institutions and NGOs and governance. Carrying out large-scale, multi-stakeholder programs, EF can ensure the cooperation between individuals, teams and institutions with very different statuses, cultures and specialties. Besides, EF has acquired a sound experience in administrative and financial management of large-scale international programs.

Context & Needs

The *Agence française de Développement* (AFD) has set up a dedicated financing instrument for peace and resilience in the Middle East, called the Minka Middle East Initiative. This instrument finances projects aiming at increasing living conditions and access to essential services of crisis-affected population. These projects should also contribute to build trust between State and society and reduce tensions between communities.

In Mosul, AFD aims at launching activities in the **newly rehabilitated MRCC** established within and under the leadership of the University of Mosul. This project proposal received strong support from the Iraqi authorities and stakeholders met on AFD's first mission in the health sector in Iraq, during the second quarter of 2019.

AFD expressed interest to participate in the final investments required **to upgrade the current medical equipment and ensure the proper functioning of this site** with a granted amount of 10 million euros. AFD would finance the **acquisition, maintenance and/or repair of medical equipment and infrastructure**. This may include small renovations as well as mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering to ensure the proper functioning of the material and equipment. AFD would also support the reinforcement of the MRCC management strategy, as well as **training of medical, paramedical, and administrative personnel**.

The overall objective of the project is **to improve access to quality and accessible healthcare services for the population of Nineveh Governorate**.

It breaks down into three specific objectives:

- To support the proper functioning of the newly rehabilitated Medical Research and Care Centers in Mosul University;
- To strengthen the capacity, skills and resources to attract and retain qualified employees of the Medical Research and Care Centers;
- To support the Mosul University's management capacities to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.

A preliminary feasibility study was conducted between May and September 2021 by Expertise France through a team of technical experts in order to assess and define the needs in terms of rehabilitation and development of the Medical Research and Care Center (MRCC) of Mosul University, and to allow the design of a larger project in support of the MRCC that should be implemented in 2022. The **specific objectives of this feasibility study were: 1) Assess the availability and proper use of the required equipment of the MRCC; 2) Assess the available Health human resources and planned governance mechanisms at the MRCC**. The study resulted in a final report shared with AFD in September 2021 that included a list of strategic recommendations.

In order to define a comprehensive action plan within the framework of the future 2022 MRCC project funded by AFD, some of the recommendations from the feasibility study shall be completed by additional expertise. This will allow to accurately address the essential prerequisites for this project and to facilitate the elaboration of a complete strategy.

In particular, a project implementation Manual will be developed: the implementation modalities of the AFD financing will need to be clarified in terms of financial management, tender management, supervision of works, environmental and social due diligences, reporting and external 10 audits. A Project Implementation Manual (PIM) covering all related subjects will be prepared for approval of all parties.

Job description

The Legal Expert will work in and for the MRCC of Mosul under the supervision of the Senior Coordinator hired for the project and based in Erbil and under the general guidance of the Expertise France Project Manager in Paris. The expert will be in charge of answering the recommendations related to the legislative aspect, especially the Finalization of the contract(s) with the Company to especially MEP mandatory ones. He/She will support the Experts Team made of: Infrastructure and biomedical engineers, Waste Management and Hospital Management specialists, for all the legal aspects related to the operationalization of the Center and the launching of the activities, and for the development of the Project Implementation Manual

The Legal Expert will work in coordination with the Legal Affairs Department of Expertise France and will strictly follow the security guidelines provided the Senior Coordinator.

Tasks of the consultant:

In particular, the National Legal Expert will:

In regards to the operationalization of the MRCC:

- Ensure that all necessary work have been performed for the contract(s) finalization with Tek-Imas Company, as planned and that the work reception is completed.
- Investigate and analyse all laws and regulations, legislative processes, and commitments for the operationalization of the MRCC, especially the laws involving the University of Mosul, the Ministry and the Directorate of Health

In regards to the running of the Hospital:

- Support the Hospital Management Expert for the development of the Project implementation Manuel , especially about the legal practices needed for the running of the Hospital

Qualifications and skills of the consultant

With a minimum of 10 years of experience, the National Legal Expert will have:

Academic qualifications:

Advanced University degree in contractual law, a specialization in medical management will be an asset

Technical competencies and experience:

- Experience in investigation and analysis of contracts and other legal documentation.
- Preparation of infrastructure project reports in terms of legal requirements.
- Experience in providing legal inputs on preparation of viability documents
- Experience in construction, operation and maintenance and facilities management issues.
- Negotiation of power purchase agreements and related procurement documentation
- Good command of office tools, including Excel and Word;
- Good level of English

Other information

- Mission area: Erbil and Mosul

- Duration: around 15 days
- Starting date: January 2022
- Contract type: CPS

Documents to submit

Application must include the following:

- CV
- Cover Letter with 3 relevant references
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If you do not receive a response within 1 month of the application deadline, please consider that your application has not been shortlisted.

Fees for the services will be negotiated with the designated candidate

This job description is subject to subsequent amendments by Expertise France strategic orientations fixed by the Health Department Managers in accordance with the employee.