

Chief of project

“Operationalization of the Medical Research and Care Center – MRCC in Mosul/Irak”

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. With the financing of the **acquisition, maintenance and/or repair of medical equipment and infrastructure**. Including small renovations as well as mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering to ensure the proper functioning of the material and equipment. The project will 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.

Preliminary feasibility studies were conducted between May and September 2021 and January and June 2022 by Expertise France through a team of technical experts in order to assess and define the needs in terms of rehabilitation, equipment and management of the Medical Research and Care Center (MRCC) of Mosul University. These studies addressed the essential prerequisites for the project and the elaboration of a complete strategy.

Expertise France is hiring a local Chief of Project based in Erbil. He/she will be responsible for the general strategy and coordination of the project, liaising with national, local authorities and stakeholders.

He/She will work under the hierarchical responsibility of the “Responsible of Pole” at the Health Department (DEPSAN) in EF Headquarters in Paris. He/she will work in coordination with the EF Project Manager in Paris and with the “Chief of the Procurement and rehabilitation component” based in Erbil.

MISSIONS:

The Chief of Project is responsible for the implementation of the overall project strategy and coordinates the planning and implementation of the project activities. He/She is responsible for the overall monitoring of indicators and the consolidated reporting of the project.

He/She is responsible for the representation of the project to the Iraqi authorities, the French Embassy and other stakeholders active in the sector.

Focusing on the following objectives:

- **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.**

The main tasks entrusted to Chief of Project are as follows:

Coordination of project:

- Responsible for the overall management, implementation and monitoring of the project strategy and activities
- Consolidates and validates the planning and monthly monitoring of the activities, in coordination with the “Chief of the Procurement and rehabilitation component”, the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer and the Headquarter Project Manager
- Responsible for the realization of technical and financial reports of the Project (Quarterly, Annual and final), in coordination with the EF M&E administrative and financial teams in Erbil and the Headquarter Project Manager.
- Consolidates and validates the qualitative indicators of the project, in compliance with the logical framework, in coordination with the M&E Officer and the Headquarter Project Manager.
- Responsible of the budget follow-up of the project, in coordination with the Headquarter Project Manager and EF administrative and financial teams in Erbil.
- Coordinates the communication activities on the project

Team management:

- Responsible of a high level of communication within the experts and partners mobilized by EF : Fondation Mérieux, CHUs, La Chaîne de l'Espoir, Apis Health International
- Organizes regular coordination meetings with the Chief of the Procurement and rehabilitation component and all experts and partners mobilized by EF Ensures the delivery of reports and deliverables expected from experts and partners according to contractual

- Ensures the recruitment of experts when needed, in coordination with the Headquarters project Manager

Representation:

- Coordinates the organization of internal or external missions related to the project (headquarters missions, short-term expertise missions, partners mission etc.)
- Ensures the representation and external coordination of the project with Iraqis authorities, AFD French Embassy and other stakeholders active in the sector, transmits relevant information to EF HQ

Security in coordination with Security Director of EF Paris and EF Logistician in Erbil

- Will strictly follow the security guidelines provided the Security Director of Expertise France in Paris
- Must provide EF Project Manager and Security Director both based in Paris any relevant information likely to have an impact on Security and Safety management of staff, materials and facilities without delay.

PROFILE:

- Master's degree in project engineering, ideally with a qualification in public health or related fields (international health policy and systems).
- Successful experience of at least 10 years in coordinating development projects in partnership with national and local authorities, including knowledge transfer and capacity building projects;;
- Proven experience in managing international and national experts;
- Experience in managing security rules and process appreciated;
- Excellent knowledge of the fundamentals of project management and project cycle;
- Good knowledge of cooperation mechanisms, official development assistance, international cooperation actors
- Proven ability to cooperate and negotiate with local and institutional partners as well as government representatives.

SKILLS:

- Analytical and synthesis skills;
- Initiative, autonomy and responsiveness;
- Adaptability; Sense of organization and rigor;
- Ability to communicate, coordinate and work in a team;
- Sense of diplomacy, capacity for representation; Relational ease
- Excellent knowledge of office tools, including Excel and Word;
- Excellent knowledge of English (written and oral)

Mission area:

- Erbil- with frequent travels to Mosul or Bagdad

Contract

Starting date: August 2022

Remuneration: According to Expertise France grid