

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Project “Disaster Risk Management for KRI”

#### Development of floods information material & Training

**Mission:** Development of flood information material & training

**Line management:** Under the supervision of Expertise France and with the support of the EF field coordinator based in Erbil, the expert on floods information reports to the Project Manager based in Paris.

**Country or Region:** Kurdish Region of Iraq (KRI)

**Duration of the mission:** 9 days in country + preparation days + reporting days (total maximum 20 days).

#### 1. Project context description

##### a) Expertise France

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##### b) The project

The “Disaster Risk Management for KRI” project, launched in November 2024 for an 18-month duration with a budget of 1.54 million EUR, aims to enhance the Kurdistan Region of Iraq's disaster response capabilities. Focusing on reducing deaths, injuries, and economic losses caused by disasters—especially water-related events and urban fires—the project will support key civil defense and emergency management institutions in KRI.

Key activities include providing specialized equipment for water rescue and urban fire training, strengthening operational capabilities through targeted training programs, and improving psychological support services for vulnerable groups affected by disasters. Additionally, the project will improve flood risk management through enhanced contingency planning and awareness campaigns. By focusing on both preparedness and response, the project seeks to build a more resilient KRI that is better equipped to handle future disasters.

## 2. Mission description

### General objective

Flood events have become increasingly recurrent in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI), particularly during the winter and spring months when heavy rains and rapid snowmelt from the surrounding mountains exacerbate the risk. The region's vulnerability is heightened by factors such as insufficient urban planning, inadequate drainage systems, and deforestation, which contribute to soil erosion and the reduced ability of the land to absorb water.

Flooding has recently caused several casualties and significant damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and homes, displacing thousands of people and putting immense pressure on local response systems. Despite ongoing efforts to improve disaster risk management, the frequency and intensity of floods continue to challenge the region's ability to effectively prepare for and respond to such events. This underscores the urgent need for enhanced flood mitigation strategies, better early warning systems, improved response capacities and increased public awareness to reduce the devastating impacts of these recurrent disasters.

The main objective of this "flood information" mission is to empower the JCC to organize training sessions for communities or awareness-raising sessions in schools on the risks associated with floods and the appropriate actions to take in the event of flooding.

### Description of the tasks to be assigned

#### 1. Trainings

##### - **Community awareness**

Currently, the civil security of Kurdistan has a mobile classroom (equipped truck) that allows them to engage with communities and conduct awareness sessions on earthquake risks. It is planned that this mobile classroom will now also be used for community awareness sessions on flood risks in high-risk areas. The expert will therefore be responsible for preparing a program for these community information sessions and training a team of trainers who will raise awareness about flood risks, appropriate actions to take, behaviors to avoid, and possible rescue actions without the necessary aquatic rescue equipment.

##### - **Awareness session in schools**

In the same spirit, the expert will train a group of volunteers from the RRU (Rapid Response Units) who will deliver clear and simple messages to schoolchildren in these same high-risk areas.

#### 2. **Development or proposal of existing educational materials on flood risk awareness and appropriate actions to take.**

The expert will also propose training materials and educational resources on the topic of floods. Either he/she will propose new, very simple materials of his own creation (the design work will be done later by professionals, so these will just be concepts), or he/she will propose materials that have already proven effective in his home country, which we will simply need to adapt to the Kurdish context.

**Details:**

- The ToT audience for the community awareness training will be 6 identified Kurdish trainers from the CRT INSARAG certified team.
- The audience for the awareness sessions in schools will be approximately 20 persons from RUUs (Rapid Response Units)
- Training will be in French or English with Kurdish translation
- The location for the 2 trainings in KRI will be in Erbil. For CRT training, it will be done at the JCC (Joint Crisis Coordination Center)

**Deliverables**

Following deliverables will be required from the mission team:

- Training program (ToT) for CRT Team – Preparation to community awareness sessions;
- Program for the second training for the RUU members – Preparation to school sessions;
- Training reports;
- Production/proposition of educational materials intended for both communities and school students;
- An end of mission report including clear recommendations for the beneficiary organizations.

**Specific provisions****Terms of payment:**

Fixed price payment for the services provided including preparation, production of educational material and end-of-mission reports.

Expertise France will directly cover the following expenses:

- Air travel costs, visa and insurance,
- Accommodation, food and local transport costs covered by a per diem at the current rate set by the EU,
- Other expenses with prior agreement and on the basis of justification invoices.

**Safety – Security :** The contractor undertakes to comply with the Expertise France Security Procedure in use.

**3. Required team profile**

- More than 10 years of civil defence experience;
- Experience in water rescue and response to floods;
- Deep knowledge of water safety, emergency response protocols, and rescue techniques;
- Experience in providing sensitization sessions to authorities or public;
- Experience in assisting with the development of public awareness documents;
- Strong leadership, teaching, and communication abilities;
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment;
- Written and spoken proficiency in English is required;
- Have a first-aid diploma (at least PSC1) or undertake to acquire this diploma before the first KRI mission.

**4. Application procedure:**

All applications must include the following:

- CV
- Concept note (2 pages max) including methodology and financial offer.

## **5. Contacts:**

Practical information for this assignment can be requested by email to the following contacts:

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