

Climate Risks Screening tool for NRC response to conflict and displacement affected people



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Consultancy

Background

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is a non-governmental, humanitarian organization with 75 years of experience in helping to create a safer and more dignified life for refugees and internally displaced people. NRC advocates for the rights of displaced populations and provides assistance within shelter, education, livelihood and food security, information counselling and legal assistance, and water, sanitation and hygiene as well as protection from violence. We work in crises across 40 countries, where we help save lives and rebuild futures. In 2023 we assisted more than 12 million people.

As part of NRC's strategy for 2022-26, where "Integrating Climate and Environment in our response" is one of the sub objectives, NRC needs to understand the climate risks on our projects' participants and adjust our programmes to mainstream climate change adaptation.

As a displacement organisation, the climate and environment crisis is of major concern to NRC both as a cause of secondary displacements and because of the additional risks it presents to people already displaced. NRC's response development does not aim to prevent displacement in the context of climate change but rather to address the impacts of climate change on the people already affected by displacement and conflict.

In what has been defined as a period for exploration, NRC has until 2026 to develop new responses on how we will work on climate change adaptation, which can then be scaled up during the following strategy period. In that regard, we would like to develop new methodologies to assess and address climate change risks within existing our areas of expertise and core competencies (programme sectors within NRC). Such new methodologies should have as an objective to strengthen the durable solutions of displacement affected people to withstand shocks and stresses that come as a result of climate change and environmental degradation.

Objectives of the work

The scope of the exercise will be to develop a **conflict and hard-to-reach (H2R) sensitive tool that identifies and assesses climate risks in the countries and for the displacement affected communities we work.**

The tool is expected to be people centered: both by placing displacement affected people at the center of the assessment for co-designing response, building from solid and sound community engagement and consultation, and by ensuring the appropriation and understanding of the tool by NRC staff and their

partners.

Such tool would inform the identification of risks mitigation actions at the community, programmatic and organizational levels ultimately supporting communities in increasing their self-reliance and adaptation to climate change.

The approach for developing the tool will consider NRC's strategic initiative for digital transformation of the organization, in particular for Digital Community Hub (DCH) development.

The DCH provides the ability for NRC programmes to engage with the people and communities they serve using mobile phone communications. Through web-based interfaces (Twilio and Telerivet), NRC teams establish methods to contact, or be contacted by, communities via traditional and digital phone systems. The DCH then is the tool utilized to manage communications between NRC and communities and vice versa.

Together with the NRC country teams and project participants, the consultant will explore the best modality and contents for the climate screening tool¹.

Duties of the consultant

The consultant will liaise with and report to the Global Lead on Climate and Environment at regular and agreed times during the consultancy to help ensure success of the project. The consultant is required to retain flexibility and respond to the provided feedback. NRC will have the final decision on the set up and presentation of the climate screening tool developed as a result of the consultancy.

Deliverables

- Desk review of existing tools and benchmark of relevant practices applicable for NRC programming and programme implementation
- Workshop on Displacement/Conflict/H2R Climate Risks Screening Tool prototype – internal NRC with diversity in region, role and experience of participants
- The climate screening tool (according to best modality and contents identified during the consultancy), e.g. a digital data collection platform, Excel-based questionnaire or other.
- One report (max 5 pages) outlining the conception of the tool and background to the approach chosen for the Climate Risks Screening tool.
- One technical guidance document for the use of the tool
- One summary/handbook (around 2 pages) as quick guide for how the tool works.

Reports should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, in UK English. Graphs or other graphical devices should be editable (i.e. not pictures). All references must be cited according to convention, and detailed in a bibliography, using the Harvard system as set out in the [UNESCO Style Manual](#). All verbatim quotations must appear in quotation marks and must not be of excessive length. All data collected under the consultancy must be submitted with the deliverables, in a widely recognised format such as Microsoft Excel. Publications and PowerPoint should be based on the NRC template.

All materials should be freely available for use by NRC and partners. Any plagiarism in any form, or any other breach of intellectual property rights, will automatically disqualify the consultant from receiving any further payments under the contract by NRC, and NRC will seek to recover any payments already made.

¹ Examples of tools are the [Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis](#) (CVCA) from CARE, or the [ARC-D Toolkit](#) from GOAL.

The consultant will follow Ethical Research Involving Children guidance on the ethical participation of children. In addition, all participants in any study or other interaction will be fully informed about the nature and purpose of the interaction and their requested involvement. Informed consent must be obtained for any photographs, audio or video recordings, etc., in accordance with NRC's policy on consent.

NRC will own the intellectual property rights to all materials submitted by the consultants under the contract. The consultants must therefore ensure that they have possession of any materials provided to NRC as a part of the deliverable. The rights to reproduce the reports/training will fall to NRC and its contracted agents. NRC will be free to reproduce the materials at will and to grant reproduction and onward training rights.

Duties of NRC

NRC will

- provide a suitable understanding of NRC's work,
- provide administrative facilitation and ensure time available from relevant colleagues,
- provide timely feedback to the consultant.

Implementation schedule and estimated inputs

Consultancy is expected to start in May 2024 with a targeted deliverable by 31 August 2024.

Qualifications of the consultant

- Demonstrable knowledge of how to address climate risks including preparedness, response and recovery.
- Experience with community/participatory methodologies and/or community engagement, including Focus Group Discussions (FGD) and Key Informant Interviews.
- Experience at adviser (or manager) level on climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and anticipatory action.
- A broad knowledge and experience of climate and environment issues relevant to the humanitarian sector.
- Field-based humanitarian experience would be an asset.

Submission of interest

Interested applicants should submit the following:

- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- cover letter including a description of the proposed process and a breakdown of total cost of the deliverable consisting of 4 pages maximum
- Quotation
- examples of relevant work

Please send submissions to the NRC Global Lead Climate and Environment, Julie Gassien (julie.gassien@nrc.no), by **Monday 6 May 2024**.