

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Independent Final Evaluation of ACF's

'Humanitarian support to displacement affected population in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Pakistan'

ECHO 06 / ACF Pakistan Mission

1 Project background

The government of Pakistan launched a military operation on 15 June 2014 in North Waziristan (NWA) along the Pakistan-Afghanistan bordering area. This operation caused mega displacement of around 993,166 individuals / 90,836 families, according to the initial MIRA (Multicenter Initial Rapid Assessment) report. 80% of the displaced populations settled in district Bannu while the remaining 20% moved to closer districts of Kohat and Peshawar. In 2014, ACF started interventions in Kohat, Peshwar, Nowshera and Bannu. Later in 2015, ACF interventions then were focused on Bannu district only due to high Internally Displaced Persons' presence and their needs.

1.1. Project Objectives

The project's **principal objective** is to reduce morbidity and mortality of displacement affected populations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The **specific objective** is to mitigate and prevent the immediate causes of under-nutrition as well as treating cases of acute under-nutrition among the displacement affected in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.

The intervention aims to support a total of 52,560 individuals through an integrated response, intended primarily to support under-nourished children and Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLWs). This is a fully integrated intervention covering Nutrition, WASH and FSL sectors to support communities displaced **within District Bannu** (primarily hailing from North Waziristan Agency). At the same time, the project also maintains a rapid response presence to support further displacements or disasters within districts Peshawar and Kohat proposing to benefit a total of 8,850 individuals. ACF directly implements this project.

2 Scope of the evaluation

The key objectives of the evaluation are:

- To **investigate if and how the project has achieved its expected results**, as well as to analyse the **efficiency of the integration** across the various sectors.
- To define **good practices** and **lessons learnt** to ACF, ECHO, and other stakeholders implementing Nutrition, WASH and FSL projects in Pakistan.
- Additionally, ACF wants to draw on this experience and have **specific recommendations** to provide guidance for future project proposals and designs

The **specific objectives** of the evaluation are to:

- a. Establish the **relevance of the project design** to the need of the IDP's population
- b. Determine the implementation **efficiency of the project**, identify areas of success and room for improvement; highlight the main challenges;
- c. Assess the extent to which the project has **effectively achieved its stated objectives** and to identify the supporting factors and constraints that have led to this achievement or lack of achievement;
- d. Identify **unintended changes**, both positive and negative, in addition to the expected results;
- e. Assess the relevance of the **sustainability strategy and likelihood of impact**, its progress and its potential for achievement, identifying the processes that are to be continued by stakeholders;

It will require the following deliverables:

1. **Inception Report** outlining the evaluation methodology to be used by the evaluator and a final work plan;
2. **Stakeholder workshop**: The evaluator shall facilitate a learning workshop in country to present the draft report and the findings of the evaluation to the project and key stakeholders; to gather feedback on the findings and build consensus on recommendations;
3. **Draft evaluation report** with specific recommendations; lessons learnt and good practices;
4. **Final evaluation report** (max. 30 pages) incl. executive summary.

Gender equality issues shall be explicitly addressed throughout the evaluation activities of the consultant and all outputs including final reports or events need to be gender mainstreamed.

3 Evaluation arrangements and professional requirements

An Independent Evaluator will conduct a final independent evaluation **between April 10th and May 10th, 2016**. The assignment is for approximately **22 work-days** during that period. The assignment will require travel to **Pakistan**. The field office in the country to be visited and ACF project staff will help in organizing accommodation, arranging meetings and transportation.

Selection of the Independent Evaluator will be done by the Evaluation Learning and Accountability Unit and will be based on the strength of the qualifications provided by potential candidates through their expressions of interest for the assignment.

Interested candidates should include in the expression of interest:

1. An updated CV;
2. A detailed presentation of their background and experience in integrated project models with Nutrition/FSL/WaSH themes, highlighting significant field experience in the evaluation of humanitarian / development projects relevant to this assignment;
3. A statement of availability for the entire duration of the assignment;
4. A daily consulting fee in **USD**
5. A couple of work samples.

Applicants should have a

- Knowledge about integrated project models with Nutrition/FSL/WaSH themes
- Significant field experience in the evaluation of humanitarian / development projects;
- Relevant degree / equivalent experience related to the evaluation to be undertaken;
- Significant experience in coordination, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes (Well versed with OCED-DEC evaluation Criteria);
- Good knowledge of Pakistan context and understanding of donor requirements (ECHO);
- Ability to manage the available time and resources and to work to tight deadlines;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in **English**. Local languages (Pashto and Urdu) an advantage.
- Independence from the parties involved;
- Applications from Pakistani nationals are strongly encouraged.

The deadline to submit expressions of interest for the evaluation is by close of business on March 22nd, 2016. Applicants should submit a complete expression of interest (including all 5 elements highlighted above) via e-mail to ela@actionagainsthunger.org.uk and indicate: 'Pakistan KP06' in the e-mail's subject line.