

Terms of Reference

Regional Technical Advisor

"Strengthening Social Protection Systems through Early, Forecast-based Action in the Sahel"

Project Background

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre will support the World Bank and Sahelian Governments on the implementation of the Adaptive Social Protection Program through policy dialogue, technical assistance and knowledge activities.

Activities under this project will focus primarily at a regional level with targeted support at country level. At the country level, support will be tailored to the current levels of ASP implementation in priority countries such Niger and others to be determined.

An important area of work will include support to the the improvement of early warning early action systems, their downscaling at country level and the linkages for social protection. Areas of work under this project will fall along three key workstreams 1) support to regional and country policy dialogues, 2) technical support and 3) knowledge management.

Background for these TORs

After a project scoping and design phase, a series of relevant activities and timelines will be scoped and defined for the regional work program. In addition to the regional level, the project will provide technical assistance to the development of a scalable social protection system that supports improved actions to deal with recurrent shocks in Niger and potentially to Mauritania and/or Mali.

These Terms of Reference are for a Technical Advisor to join the Climate Centre and to be based in the region. The Advisor will support activities at regional level and as well as country specific, starting with work at country level in Niger and expanding to regional work and other countries once plans are agreed between project partners.

Responsibilities and Tasks

Technical Assistance and Policy support in Niger

The main tasks under these TORs will focus in supporting the last stages of Phase I, as well as Phase II and III of the plan of work agreed with the World Bank under this project and will include:

- Phase I - Indicator Coherence and trend assessment: support/conduct a review to identify common indicators of food security-related vulnerability and exposure to natural hazards (in collaboration with partners on the ground).
- Contribute to Phase I Assessment Summary report if possible/needed
- Phase II Consolidating Early Warning Systems information: Rapid scoping of warning and alert mechanisms at the national and regional levels, building on activities in Phase 1 and other ongoing efforts within the World Bank and UK Met-led ASPIRE projects.
- Phase II Timeline reconstruction of Forecasts and Warnings: reconstruct a timeline of available forecasts, warnings, alerts and key decisions for the meteorological, food security and social protection sectors for a limited number of shock/events.
- Phase II Timeline reconstruction of Decisions & Actions: support review typical actions that are taken based on forecast and warnings and to identify 'ideal actions' that should be taken, barriers that exist to the 'ideal actions' and possible solutions to overcoming these barriers.

- Phase II Lead Times Matrix: Develop a matrix including warnings, alerts, actions, and ultimate impacts, in order to assess the most reliable warnings and the most realistic actions based on warning uncertainty.
- Contribute to planning and roll out of Phase III, as per work plan to be finalized.
- Outreach and Engagement: Support the development of information products and events for national level advocacy purposes.
- Coordination with relevant actors in Government and country-based agencies.
- Liaise with relevant World Bank teams, especially teams working in social protection, disaster risk financing and DRM in Niger, ensuring they are informed and engaged in the inception process.
- Liaise with relevant Red Cross stakeholders, ensuring that they informed and engaged, as needed, and linkages are made with other ongoing RC projects in the country
- Liaise with the ASPIRE (UKMO-led consortium) country-lead and others, aligning and collaborating, as possible.

Technical Assistance and Policy support in Other countries

- Technical and policy support activities to be defined in collaboration with key partners
- Coordination with relevant actors in Government and country-based agencies.
- Liaise with relevant World Bank teams, especially teams working in social protection, disaster risk financing and DRM in Niger, ensuring they are informed and engaged in the inception process.
- Liaise with relevant Red Cross stakeholders, ensuring that they informed and engaged, as needed, and linkages are made with other ongoing RC projects in the country
- Liaise with the ASPIRE (UKMO-led consortium) country-lead and others, aligning and collaborating, as possible.

Regional policy and technical support

- Policy, technical and knowledge support, with detailed activities to be defined in collaboration with key partners.
- Maintain close communication with regional and global World Bank teams either through Climate Centre team or directly as needed.
- Ensure ASPIRE/UKMO project activities and Climate Centre activities are aligned and are mutually benefitting and collaborative
- Ensure relevant Red Cross counterparts are informed and engaged, as needed, and linkages are made with other ongoing RC projects in the region
- Participate on any relevant activities (FbF Dialogue Platform, other workshops and missions)

Travel

The regional advisor is expected to travel frequently to Niger and Senegal as well as elsewhere in the region, depending on project plans. Global travel might also be required in line with the needs of the project. The consultant might also participate in Climate Centre activities outside the Sahel region.

Team Arrangements

The regional advisor is expected to work independently and establish the necessary relationships to ensure a successful development of the activities. An important part of this assignment will involve liaising internally with Climate Centre teams working on FbF and/or the Sahel.

Contract

This is a one year contract with possibility of renewal for one additional year based on satisfactory performance.

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