

Request for Proposals (RfP)

Voluntarism in Disaster Risk Management and Humanitarian Assistance in Anglophone OAS Caribbean Member States

REGIONAL IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: White Helmets Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Argentine Republic

REGIONAL CO-IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Executive Secretariat for Integral Development of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS), through the Risk Management and Adaptation to Climate Change Program (RISK-MACC) of the Department of Sustainable Development

NATIONAL EXECUTING AGENCY: Competent national risk management agencies, national or local NGO's designated by competent national agencies, and other stakeholders endorsed by national agencies that are part of national risk management systems

BENEFICIARIES: Anglophone OAS Caribbean Member States

FUNDING: OAS-White Helmets Special Fund

AMOUNT TO BE FINANCED: up to USD 30,000 per project

***NOTE: grants will finance training workshops and the deployment of volunteers. Grants will NOT finance the purchase of equipment and durable goods.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 2015

PROJECT EXECUTION DEADLINE: December 2015

OBJECTIVE:

To contribute to the strengthening of the institutional and human potential of the Anglophone OAS Caribbean Member States for disaster risk management, humanitarian assistance in cases of disaster or any other emergencies, and the subsequent rehabilitation phase; and disaster mitigation, prevention and preparedness. Consolidating local initiatives and establishing volunteer networks enable the implementation of rapid response, as well as the establishment of permanent prevention and training mechanisms, both for the officials of the competent national agencies –responsible for or acting as

governing bodies in the field of risk management, as well as affected populations, with measures aimed at alleviating poverty, particularly among those most vulnerable.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Competent institutions strengthened and trained in risk management, disaster and emergency management, as well as humanitarian assistance. Needs and capacity assessments.

Regional Network of Humanitarian Volunteers further developed and strengthened: expansion and strengthening of local volunteer corps working on emergency response, and disaster mitigation and prevention, providing the most vulnerable local communities with greater capabilities to face social problems and recurring natural phenomena.

ACTIVITIES:

On the basis of Training Volunteers as a cross-cutting foundation, projects will be developed through training workshops on the following topics, among others:

Early Warning Systems

Community organization and voluntarism

Physical and Environmental Planning

Building codes

Land use planning

Water and sanitation

Disaster Response and Management

Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (DANA)

System for the Management of Supplies, Warehouses and Donations

Camp and Shelter Coordination and Management

Search and Rescue (SAR)

Primary Health Care

Psychological and Social Support

Emergency Information Management and Communication in

Emergencies

Prevention

Training of Volunteers

Project Design

Food Security and Nutrition

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Priority will be given to projects which: (i) benefit the general population; (ii) are of a collective nature; (iii) target groups are characterized as "most vulnerable;"¹ (iv) enable the effective deployment and action of volunteers; (v) have a high degree of participation by the target populations; (vi) can guarantee their sustainability in the medium and long term; and (vii) promote gender equity and equality.²

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The request must be supported by the competent national authorities of the potential beneficiary OAS Member State.

Extent to which the proposal includes levels of national co-financing, human resources and set-off materials, in consideration of the applicant's available resources.

Level of consistency between goals and deliverables or outputs. Clearly identifiable and measurable deliverables and outputs (in quantitative and qualitative terms, as appropriate). Extent to which the proposed activities contribute to meet the goals.

Precision in the definition of goals.

Ability (of the project) to promote broader participation by all segments of the society.

Ability (of the project) to build cooperation between public entities and civil society.

Level of impact of the implementation of the proposed project on the most vulnerable segments of the society.

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND PROJECT EXECUTION:

Applications must be submitted to the GS/OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, through the Permanent Missions of the interested Anglophone Caribbean OAS Member States.

Eligibility will be determined on the basis of the criteria set forth in this call for project proposals.

¹ i.e. the elderly, children, people with disabilities, aboriginal peoples, single women, etc.

² Proposals must demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the roles and functions of women and men according to the social construction of the beneficiary community, and must take into account the breakdown of data by sex, as well as by the participation of women and men in the activities of the project, as appropriate.

Ineligible applicants will be notified of the reasons for their ineligibility. With the purpose of determining the capacity of the organization and the feasibility of the proposed project –including the measures required within the scope of the project proposal, eligible applicants may be requested to provide additional and/or auxiliary information by the White Helmets Commission of Argentina and/or the General Secretariat of the OAS.

A short list of all eligible project proposals considered for financing will be made public and applicants will be notified.

Selection of project proposals will be conducted by a technical committee led by the White Helmets Commission of Argentina, and comprised of representatives of the White Helmets Commission and the General Secretariat of the OAS, including the principal specialist and chief of the RISK-MACC Program, the Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, as well as a representative of the Office of the Assistant Secretary General.

The White Helmets Commission of Argentina will prepare training programs based on the project proposal and in close cooperation with the applicant.

The project will be executed under the coordination of the White Helmets Commission, through the General Secretariat of the OAS and its RISK-MACC Program.

The Executive Secretariat for Integral Development and its Department of Sustainable Development, through the RISK-MACC Program, will participate in the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of the Project, integrating its findings, outputs and outcomes into the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation (INDM) on-line "good practises" database, with the purpose of sharing these practical experiences and knowledge and facilitating their replication throughout the region.

Upon completion of the project, an evaluation will be conducted and the results will be shared with the participating parties so that they can make the necessary adjustments to the implementation modalities of future and/or ongoing projects.

In order to share experiences and expand the scope of the projects to all OAS Member States in the region, the results of all projects will be presented at a meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development of the Organization of American States (CIDI-OAS).