

OPENING FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Job Title: IAU – Researcher

Location: Amman-JORDAN

Organization: UNFPA/Interagency Information and Analysis Unit

Closing Date: 12 August 2010 (5:00 p.m, New York time)

BACKGROUND:

The Interagency Information and Analysis Unit (IAU) is an integral part of the Office of the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq. It was established to support the UN Country Team (UNCT) in evidence based programming, advocacy, and policy advice in line with the needs and priorities of the Government and the people of Iraq. The IAU is an inter-agency unit seeking to improve effectiveness of programming, advocacy, policy and coordination of the international response. The IAU ensures a coordinated and over-arching analysis on key issues in Iraq including both humanitarian and development aspects.

The UN Iraq country team and UNAMI have identified the disputed internal boundaries (DIBs) as a priority area for integration, aiming to provide a coherent response where the UN's political and developmental assistance priorities overlap. The IAU participates in the integrated task force established to address this priority area, and will work in conjunction with UNDP to produce a conflict-related development analysis (CDA) in support of the work of the task force.

In addition, the IAU will continue to expand and modify its databases to capture more critical information on needs and responses in Iraq and analyze this information to publish analytical reports on key issues. To better disseminate this information to UN partners and the public, the IAU will also develop and implement inter-active web and data visualization technologies as well as online web-based data collection programs.

Under the overall guidance of the UNFPA Representative and direct supervision of an Information Management Officer, the Researcher will lead the preparation of analytical papers on the priority areas for integration and provide updated governorate-level analysis for key IAU information products.

TASKS:

General

The consultant will be based in the IAU's office in Amman, with travel to Iraq as necessary. In general the consultant will:

- Develop interactive technologies including data visualization software, streaming news, online mapping to present and disseminate survey and monitoring data on the Iraq Information Portal.
- Enhance the 3W database by surveying users, refining inputs, database structure and utilize interactive technology for data visualization and publication of 3W report.
- Provide statistical and analytical support for the analysis of election, essential services, private sector and vulnerability data sets. Assist with the publication and dissemination of these reports.

Monitoring & Progress Controls

- Interactive graphs, maps and tables prepared for review.
- 3W report prepared; 3W graphs, maps and tables prepared for review.
- Progressive editing cycles of election, essential services and vulnerability reports.

Milestones

Along with the general tasks listed above, the consultant will be responsible for the following key deliverables by their respective dates:

Deliverable	Date
DIBS profiles published	September 15
Iraq Information Portal launched	October 1
Youth Data published and disseminated	November 15
3W report finalized	December 31
Ushahidi webpage & instruction manual prepared	January 31

DURATION:

The consultancy will be from the second half of August 2010 to January 31, 2011. The final output should be submitted to the Head of the IAU by January 31, 2011.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CONSULTANT:

- Master's degree in social sciences, humanities, or public health.
- Minimum two years professional experience in research and writing using statistical analysis.
- Experience with web-based data collection systems
- Excellent analytical and writing skills.
- Strong skills in SPSS, STATA, EPIinfo, ArcGIS, and ATLAS-ti required.
- Fluency in English. Knowledge of Arabic is recommended.
- Experience in Iraq preferred.
- Initiative and sound judgment and demonstrated ability to work in harmony with persons of different national and cultural backgrounds.

HOW TO APPLY

Prospective consultants should submit a CV and a 1-2 page technical/financial note describing the proposed methodology and approach for delivering the above outputs, proposed total fee for the consultancy and fee per output, and the schedule of delivery. The proposal and CV should be sent directly to email address vacancy-IRQ@unfpa.org indicating the Job Title, by close of business 12 August, 2010. The vacancy is also available on: <http://www.reliefweb.int>; and <http://www.uniraq.org/noticeboard/vacancies.asp>

In addition, applicants are encouraged to submit one or two samples of recent work.