

Call for Expression of Interest

Title: Consultancy Services

Domain: Social and Human Sciences

Organizational Unit: UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa

Primary Location: Harare, Zimbabwe

Type of contract: Consultancy Contract

Contract duration: September 2019 – October 2019

Deadline (*midnight, Harare time*): 5 September 2019

Application to be sent to: vacancies.harare@unesco.org and cc
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OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CONTRACT

Tropical Cyclone Idai hit the Southern African Region on the 14th of March 2019 with torrential rainfall and strong winds, which severely affected several regions in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Cyclone Idai resulted in an estimated 3 million people being affected (high death rates and displaced populations). In the Eastern provinces of Zimbabwe, the combination of high winds and heavy precipitation in the districts of Chimanimani, Chipinge, Buhera, Nyanga, Makoni, Mutare Rural, Bikita, Masvingo and Gutu resulted in riverine and flash flooding, as well as landslides, causing significant loss of life, injury and displacement¹

The limited availability of in-depth information and disaggregated data on persons with disabilities affected by and those who have acquired disabilities due to the cyclone may have resulted in the exclusion of one of the most marginalised groups in post-disaster initiatives, (including planned rebuilding and recovery interventions).

The UNESCO Social and Human Sciences (SHS) Sector interventions in Cyclone Idai affected areas is centered on promoting and raising the public awareness on the Human Rights based interventions for the most commonly “left behind” groups during disaster preparedness and post-disaster recovery interventions.

The overall objective of this activity is to develop awareness raising tools on the challenges faced by persons with disabilities affected by Cyclone Idai, in the form of a documentary film and infographics that will be disseminated on various platforms.

JUSTIFICATION

UNESCO is currently coordinating the Joint United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) initiative which currently focuses on advancing disability rights in Zimbabwe. Building on the UNPRPD initiative, UNESCO seeks to address the needs of this target group in the framework of its intervention “Strengthening the UNESCO ROSA resource mobilization capacities on inclusive disaster risk reduction”.

The UNPRPD project team had the opportunity to visit one of the Cyclone Idai affected sites in Chimanimani in June 2019 and recognizes the following:

¹ United Nations in Zimbabwe: Cyclone Idai Early Recovery Needs Analysis Report, May 2019

- There are still evident information gaps on persons with disabilities in ongoing Post-Disaster interventions based on information gathered from existing interventions.
- Low media coverage/reporting on persons with disabilities affected by Cyclone Idai e.g (<https://www.herald.co.zw/deafening-silence-on-disability-cyclone-idai/>) etc.
- There is recognized need for more inclusive interventions targeting persons with disabilities in current Post-disaster Recovery Responses.
- Need for disability disaggregated data
- Need for more assistive devices and psycho-social support
- Need for ensured accessibility and reasonable accommodation in rebuilding/recovery initiatives
- Need for ensuring social inclusion and full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in the disaster preparedness measures and in post-disaster recovery governance

ASSIGNMENTS

Against this backdrop, UNESCO ROSA is seeking consultancy services from organizations/companies/individuals working with persons with disabilities to document experiences and needs of persons with disabilities affected by Cyclone Idai in Bikita, Chimanimani and Chipinge Districts. The selected organizations/companies/individuals will conduct pre-production research/focus group on persons with disabilities in Bikita, Chimanimani, and Chipinge (covering various categories/types of disabilities, and gender dimension) with the assistance of the project partners in mobilizing/identifying the participants and produce a high quality seven to ten minutes documentary film and infographics on persons with disabilities. Activities will include:

- Filming/gathering footage, with a special focus on real life stories in the form of interviews
- Include sign language interpretation in the film
- Producing the documentary film and infographics with disability data to be provided by UNESCO and partners

The documentary film is expected to clearly underline the following key urgencies:

- Need for disability disaggregated data
- Persons with disabilities requiring assistive devices and psycho-social support
- Ensuring accessibility and reasonable accommodation in rebuilding/recovery initiatives
- Ensuring social inclusion and full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in the disaster preparedness measures and in post-disaster recovery governance

DELIVARABLES

Deliverable	Timeline	Percentage of Budget to be paid
Revised proposal, budget and workplan	10 September 2019	30%
First Draft of documentary & infographics	30 September 2019	50%
Final Documentary & infographics	10 October 2019	20%

The final deliverable should include the following:

- A high quality seven to ten minute documentary film with the logos of UNESCO and all partners involved
- A glossy four to five page infographic with visual representations of pictures, information, data and key messages on persons with disabilities in the three districts.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Proven experience in filmmaking and design
- Proven expertise in disability programming with focus on persons with disabilities in disaster situations
- Excellent research skills and understanding of inclusive development
- Experience in working with UN organisations

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates may submit a proposal indicating approach for the assignment and budget.

Please submit to: vacancies.harare@unesco.org with m.chaitezvi@unesco.org in copy, not later than 5 September 2019 (Midnight Harare time)