

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### CONSULTANCY SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF LOCALISATION IN MYANMAR

### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND RESILIENCE PROGRAMME FACILITY

**The Myanmar Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience Programme Facility (HARP Facility / HARP-F) seeks expressions of interest from groups of individuals or organisations to contribute to our efforts to support localisation in Myanmar.**

**Issuing or responding to this call for Expressions of Interest does not represent a commitment on the part of the HARP Facility or respondents.**

#### **1. Background**

The HARP Facility (HARP-F) is the largest component of the FCDO's Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience Programme (HARP) in Myanmar. HARP-F funds and oversees the delivery of FCDO-supported humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected and other vulnerable populations in Myanmar, managing a portfolio of grants to local, national and international organisations. Implementing partners deliver programmes responding to humanitarian needs in some of the most affected parts of Myanmar, with a particular focus on Rakhine, Chin, Kachin, Northern Shan. As it enters its final phase, the HARP Facility will be focusing on knowledge management, learning from the experience of this innovative fund and articulating a legacy around increasingly national-led humanitarian response in Myanmar.

Localisation is one of many topics being covered by the HARP Facility's (HARP-F) Knowledge, Impact and Legacy agenda. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) in 2016 highlighted the essential role of local and national actors in humanitarian response. The changes or transformations needed to enable local and national actors to take a greater leadership role in humanitarian action were included in the three main sets of commitments endorsed at the summit; the Charter for Change, the Agenda for Humanity and the Grand Bargain. The HARP Facility was established, in part, to deliver on these commitments to localisation in Myanmar.

#### **2. Indicative Scope of Work**

Localisation has been at the core of the work of the HARP-Facility, spreading across all aspects of the programme, therefore we expect to draw evidence and learning from across a number of workstreams. Over the remaining life of HARP-F we intend to:

- A. Review the impact of localisation initiatives, including the HARP Facility, in relation to the Grand Bargain commitments, and in line with international best practice.
- B. Capture and disseminate learning on how humanitarian actors, including HARP-F, have supported localisation in Myanmar, the challenges of doing so, and how this contributes to best practice in operationalising localisation.
- C. Recommend how the FCDO and other humanitarian partners could continue to support localisation in Myanmar, building on the work started by HARP-F and the experience of others.

In the immediate term, the consultants will be required to deliver the following with respect to objectives A and B above:

1. Deliver a desk review of localisation initiatives undertaken by humanitarian partners in Myanmar, which will provide an overview of the status of localisation in 2021. The study will map out localisation initiatives by funds and donors within Myanmar, including funding, capacity building and coordination efforts. The study will collate findings, recommendations and best practice from relevant work on localisation in Myanmar (e.g. assessments, analyses, other studies), to ensure our work is adding to rather than duplicating existing learning. This study will also draw on knowledge and examples of international best practice for comparison with the Myanmar context.
2. Review how support provided to HARP-F partners has contributed to improved national leadership in humanitarian response in Myanmar. Such a review will identify how HARP-F has created systems and mechanisms that support localisation, and how those systems and mechanisms have worked in practice, and how such systems could be applied by the humanitarian community going forward. This will particularly involve reviewing support provided by HARP-F's Capacity Enhancement and Training and Grants Teams.
3. Alongside points 1 and 2, the consultants will identify other knowledge and communications products for release by HARP-F, demonstrating key impacts and learning outcomes. These will build on products already developed in earlier stages of HARP-F, already produced on [www.harpfacility.com](http://www.harpfacility.com) and picking up on themes discussed at HARP-F's recent webinar on localisation<sup>1</sup>. Ideas for quick win products will be particularly well received.

In relation to objective C, above, the work conducted under this consultancy will lay the ground for further work by the HARP Facility to recommend how the localisation agenda should be taken forward in Myanmar. If consultants are engaged in response to this call for expression of interest, they may also be involved in subsequent phases of work, subject to performance.

### **3. Timing**

Any consultancy will be for an initial three-month period, extendable by the HARP Facility based on performance and the completion of the objectives outlined above.

### **4. Accountability**

The consultants will report to the Knowledge, Communications and Impact Director at the HARP Facility and will be required to work closely with Deputy Fund Director, Senior Learning and Impact Expert and the Evaluations Coordinator.

### **5. Responses to the Expression of Interest**

#### **a) Qualifications**

- Respondents should be organisations or groups of individuals
- Respondent organisations/individuals should have prior experience in Myanmar and similar humanitarian contexts
- Prior experience in Localisation programming or developing MEAL, knowledge, learning or research products on Localisation will be an asset
- Ability to mobilise at least some team members within Myanmar will be an advantage
- The involvement of Myanmar nationals will be a clear advantage

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.harpfacility.com/resources/national-leadership-in-humanitarian-response-myanmar/>

***b) Responses***

Interested parties should:

- Respond to this call with a statement of suitability of between 3-5 pages detailing prior experience against these qualifications and the scope of work outlined above.
- Indicative CVs should be provided, including of a prospective Team Leader.
- Indicative costings (no more than 1 page) should be provided, to illustrate day rates for personnel proposed.

Responses should be submitted to [evaluations@harpfacility.org](mailto:evaluations@harpfacility.org) by COB UK time 4 July. If the HARP Facility proceeds to contract, further information may be requested.