

Request for Quotations Review of IMAS 08.40 Marking Mines and ERW Hazards

Introduction

The Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) is pleased to invite pre-qualified consultants to submit a quotation for the provision of the description of the goods or the services described below as per requirements set out in this request for quotations.

Gender and diversity - The GICHD seeks to promote gender balance and diversity among staff and consultants and encourages people from Explosive Ordnance (EO)/mine affected countries to apply.

Data privacy considerations: By expressing their interest and submitting a complete file, consultants explicitly consent that the necessary information contained in the submission documents will be used to process the application. Consultants acknowledge that the information provided will be checked against a series of criteria, including (and only if applicable) legal constraints as per funding agreements. The information collected by the GICHD is directly related to the GICHD's need to process the information the consultants submitted adequately. Examples of the data we request include name, title, organization, address, work experience, etc. For more information about data protection or the applicants' rights, see the GICHD data protection notice (<https://www.gichd.org/en/general-contents/data-protection-notice/>).

The timeframe and content of the project that the consultant will support are subject to change. Successful applicants will be contacted to discuss specific contractual matters following the deadline for submissions.

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Project number: 91056

Posting date: 25 May 2021

Deadline for submission of the Request for Quotation form: 04 June 2021, 17:00 GVA time

Country/ies of deployment: N/A

Currency: The quotation shall be presented in Swiss Francs (CHF)

Language: The quotation shall be submitted in English

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Area of work: Standards

Scope of work (ToR)

IMAS 08.40 Marking Mines and ERW Hazards was last updated in 2013. The GICHD is intended to review this standard against actual challenges and practices. Upon the review of the effectiveness of IMAS 08.40, the GICHD wants to be able to potentially recommend an update of this IMAS or the development of a Technical Note for Mine Action based on actual practices and challenges.

The consultant will have a lead role in the development of a methodology to **remotely** collect information and experience from affected countries both from the National Mine Action Authorities and mine action organisations. The consultant will also identify existing literature.

Based on the findings, the consultant will review IMAS 08.40 and produce a report to advise towards the necessity to update it or to complement it with a Technical Note for Mine Action or to publish a separate guide.

See Annex A for the detailed terms of reference.

Delivery dates of the services

The service shall be delivered in full by no later than end of September 2021, please see Gantt chart in Annex A. **Please note, the schedule may change, subject to potential constraints.**

Estimated workdays to deliver the services

The consultant in total will have 14 days to complete the service.

Annex A – Terms of Reference

Review of IMAS 08.40 Marking Mines and ERW Hazards against practices

Background to the Study

As outlined in the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Amended Protocols II and V to the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and the Convention on Cluster Munitions, civilians should be prevented from entering hazardous areas through marking. The second edition of IMAS 08.40 Marking mine and ERW hazards was last amended in June 2013.

The GICHD recognises that since 2013, new contextual challenges have appeared, such as the contamination of urban areas with Improvised Explosive Devices and that effective practices may have been nationally or locally developed.

This study first aims at capturing experience to include challenges and practices from national mine action authorities and the operators towards marking system in mine action. Then, it will allow to identify best practices that could eventually lead to an update of IMAS 08.40 or the development of a TNMA or of a specific guide. It will gain data, information, and knowledge from a variety of countries to ensure a comprehensive approach.

Objective and Scope

The primary objectives of the study will be to capture and document challenges and good practices in the implementation of marking and exclusion of populations from hazardous areas to precisely assess the effectiveness of IMAS 08.40.

Depending on the final observations, this study can be used to recommend an update of IMAS 08.40 or the development of a related technical note.

This study will contribute to support the national authorities and mine action organisations in their efforts to prevent civilians effectively, efficiently, and safely from entering identified hazardous areas.

Conduct of the study

The objective of the study can be achieved through:

- Review of current IMAS 08.40 and other relevant documents
- Establish and maintain remote contact with the potential national mine action authorities and the demining organizations
- Developing a questionnaire for data collection
- Collecting the information about the nature of the common and specific challenges and obstacles of marking system using the questionnaire and through online interviews
- Identifying the best practices related to marking from the national mine action authorities and mine action organizations
- Find out from the national mine action authorities and the operators to what extent the IMAS 08.40 helped them to develop their relevant national standards and SOPs

- Identifying of the normative gaps associated with the application of IMAS 08.40.
- Gaining a comprehensive knowledge of alternative or new solutions to further develop the IMAS 08.40
- Identifying potential issues and challenges of marking system related to gender and diversity.
- Analysing if there are similarities in challenges and good practices concerning marking and exclusion of civilians from hazardous areas and where there are significant differences in approach that are required, and why.
- Analysis of the information collected through questionnaire, desk review of the available documents, interviews, and case studies.
- Draft report of the findings and recommendation and sharing with the GICHD for internal peer review
- Final report of the findings and recommendations.

Deliverables

- Publishable report on review of IMAS 08.40 along with the recommendations and relevant references

To be filled in by the Consultant

Project resources

Name of the company: ADD NAME

Name of individual: ADD NAME OF INDIVIDUAL

Address: ADD ADDRESS

Availability

ADD TEXT TO CONFIRM CAPACITY TO DELIVER THE SPECIFIC SERVICES WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIMELINE AND FLEXIBILITY, SHOULD THE SCHEDULE BE IMPACTED BY EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL FACTORS.

Pricing

The budget template below is indicative, feel free to add rows as you deem required. Note, the consultant shall only provide the cost of his / her services by day and for entire duration of services. Equipment such as laptops with word processing software are not covered by the GICHD and should be included in the consultant services at no extra cost.

Services	Days/Units	Rate in CHF	Total
Fees			
Home based daily fees			
Other cost			
Total			