Terms of Reference

Assignment:	**Consulting services in the field of Surge - Urban WASH in the operative international cooperation**
Location:	**Remote/Germany** **International activities as required**
Period of Assignment:	**According to framework contract**
Main partner:	**German Red Cross and other components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement**

1. Background

As part of its international cooperation, the German Red Cross (GRC) currently works with more than 45 national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide and implements projects in humanitarian emergency and relief aid, reconstruction and humanitarian development cooperation.

In its international cooperation, the GRC contributes to strengthening health care provision for the respective target groups and the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in such a way that they are able to cope with acute emergencies resulting from crises, violent conflicts or natural disasters and recover quickly without jeopardising long-term development prospects.

In addition to the GRC core competencies of emergency aid in the event of crisis, conflict and disaster, the creation of shelter and social infrastructure, disaster preparedness, forecast-based financing and anticipation, health and improving livelihoods, the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector is another central area of work in GRC international cooperation. Here GRC concentrates on the following priority areas:

- Extensive education, awareness and training measures as a basis for improving the knowledge of the target groups regarding hygiene
- Development of best practices to ensure high-quality and effective WASH services for the target groups
- Improving access to WASH infrastructure and services for the target groups. To ensure this, functioning structures are used, or temporary structures set up, and local staff are trained to ensure that they can manage the relevant infrastructure.
- Strengthening of local humanitarian capacities to contain the spread of infectious diseases outbreak at an early stage and to minimise the humanitarian impact of those diseases through WASH related public health measures.
- Ensuring the active participation of the various target groups in the planning and implementation process.
- Ensuring and applying minimum standards, regulations and best practices in all aspects of operational humanitarian aid and capacity building of sister partner national societies.

2. Objectives

The objective of the assignment is:

- to cover the additional need for expertise and resources in the Surge – Urban WASH sector (including its linkages to other sectors such as health, relief, CVA, DRR or anticipation) to support the operations and programs of the international cooperation division. This shall be based on joint planning between the contract manager and the consultant.

3. Task Definition

The specific task is carried out within the scope of the assignment and in close coordination with Team 61 and may include the following:

- Development, organisation and implementation of training for Team 61 in cooperation with the WASH manager:
  - Training of GRC country managers /delegates e.g. at the annual International Cooperation Week
  - If required, organise and conduct training sessions and events for the GRC delegations
- Represent the GRC at relevant working and coordination meetings (e.g. TWG WASH meeting, conferences and working groups, etc.)

- Review of relevant publications in connection with GRC foreign projects in the field of health, including the willingness to co-author (if requested by the main author and GRC)
- Evaluating of GRC projects abroad
- Supplementation of consulting services in the Surge – Urban WASH sector:
    - Support the further development and establishment of urban WASH capacity for IFRC and RCRC National Societies
    - Support the partnership work including the communication and outreach and the general planning process of the IFRC Global WASH team with specific considerations for epidemic preparedness and response
    - Support field trials and assessments
    - Support the development of an IFRC (Fecal Sludge Management) FSM Emergency Response Unit (ERU).
    - Support the development of FSM capability for medical facilities and base camps deployed to or supported in humanitarian response and preparedness programmes
    - Act as a focal point for "Urban WASH" for the International Cooperation Division in close cooperation with its units and the areas of responsibility at the GRC HQ, the sister societies, IFRC and ICRC.
    - Support GRC country representatives and project delegates in the preparation of project outlines and applications.
- Short-term surge assignments to support the implementation of Health, WASH, relief and CVA activities
- Supplementation of the GRC' s external representation including the support for the corresponding public communication on the topic of Urban WASH & interconnected sectors/areas of work in the international cooperation of the GRC.

4. Financial and administrative regulations

The remuneration details and administrative regulations are laid down separately in the framework agreement.

5. Coordination of tasks

Unless otherwise specified, coordination is carried out by the team/unit which has commissioned the relevant consultancy service.

Coordination of requests for workshops and training in Germany and abroad

Requests relating to the organisation and implementation of training courses are coordinated centrally by the WASH Manager.

Coordination of commissions for the GRC external representation / publications

Orders relating to the GRC' s external visibility and the review of publications are coordinated and arrangement by either Head/Deputy Head of the Operations & National Society Cooperation Team or the Head of Surge/Readiness Unit.

Coordination of participation in RC/RC relevant coordination meetings

Assignments relating to participation in relevant working groups and coordination meetings within the RCRC movement are coordinated through the WASH Manager.

Coordination of assignments for project support, further education and training abroad

Contracts relating to the development, implementation and evaluation of GRC projects so as further education and training for GRC delegations abroad are coordinated by the responsible regional unit after consultation with the WASH Manager.

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