Research Consultancy - “Role of CSO in Coherence” Project

Our Purpose
The Global Network of Civil Society Organisations (GNDR) was established in 2007 as a voluntary network of civil society organisations who are committed to working together, and engaging with partners and other stakeholders, to increase community resilience and reduce disaster risk around the world. The network is growing and currently has approximately 850 member organisations in over 140 countries across virtually every geographical region of the world.

Our Vision
A vibrant, active, collaborative civil society supporting people and their communities, particularly poor and vulnerable groups, to prepare for, mitigate, respond to and recover from disasters and adapt to extreme hazards, shocks and disturbances in a changing climate.

Strategic Objectives
GNDR has three mutually reinforcing objectives:
- Increase the impact of civil society in influencing policies and practices at local, national, national and international levels
- Enhance the collaboration capabilities of civil society and cooperation with other stakeholders
- Strengthen the creation, analysis and sharing of knowledge

Purpose of the Secretariat
The GNDR Secretariat serves as a “support entity” to the membership operating through a global hub in London and regional hubs in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The GNDR Secretariat is legally constituted as a UK charity with the main responsibilities of facilitating the development, coordination and implementation of strategy, work plans and budgets, including supporting the mobilisation of adequate resources.

Main purpose of the role
The purpose of this consultancy is to conduct a literature review and field research to form the basis of GNDR's activities for the GIZ supported project “Role of CSOs influencing coherence”.

The project aims at providing a perspective from the lens of civil society on the ‘ideal coherence’ of the various global development frameworks. In doing so, we will engage our network of civil society organisations in providing inputs on the a) role of CSOs in coherence b) How can CSOs support coherence in DRM c) Building capacities of both the local government and the CS in supporting coherence and d) Advocating at the global platforms to build commitment to support coherence. We will do so by a collection of desk-based reviews, case study collection, multi-stakeholder focus group discussions and advocacy utilising our vast network of civil society organisations. The research consultant will be mainly responsible for desk-based review, case study collection and analysis, and multi-stakeholder focus group discussions.
Position in the organisation

- Responsible to the Regional Development Coordinator Asia-Pacific
- Works in close collaboration with all GNDR (London/Regional) Secretariat staff, Global Board, membership and project partners

Key Tasks

1. Desk-based review and produce a 3-5 pager document on ‘ideal coherence’
2. Development of case study template and analysis of the collected case studies
3. Deriving from the collected case studies, production of a 5-7 pager document on the exiting and potential roles of CSOs in pursuing coherence in implementing different global agendas.
4. Organisation and facilitation of multi stakeholder focus group discussions and key informant interviews in two focal countries i.e. Philippines and Mexico.
5. Collation of the findings and produce a ‘cook book’ on coherence in practice. The cook book will draw heavily on the earlier produced documents, analysis of the cases and available dataset from VFL 2019.
6. Participate and take part in facilitation of GNDR’s event on ‘coherence’ in global platform, 2019 and partner’s forum in HLPF.

Desk-based review

In order to increase understanding of what coherent disaster risk management looks like, a review of existing practices and success stories from different actors (including INGOs, UN, national/local governments) available online will be conducted. As a result of this research, a short paper to present the findings will be prepared.

Analysis of case studies

GNDR members will be requested to submit case studies of how they understand and translate coherence in practice: these case studies will be collected and analysed, with the aim of identifying the role that CSOs play in ensuring coherence at different levels (from global to local) and across the whole planning cycle. As a result a paper will be produced,

Organisation and facilitation of focus group discussions

Multi-stakeholder Focal Group Discussion (FGD) and Key Informant Interview (KII) in two focus countries, Philippines and Mexico, will be organised with GNDR members and other stakeholders to further explore what CSOs should do to build coherence in disaster risk management.

Collation of the findings and development of a ‘cook book’ on coherence in practice

Based on the findings of the group discussions, the case study analysis, ‘role of CSO’ document and on the desk-based review, a toolkit will be developed for organisations to learn more about the role CSOs can play in influencing coherence: this will take the form of a “cookbook”, presenting key ingredients and good recipes for coherence. The cook book will also integrate the findings from GNDR’s Views from the Frontline 2019 programme (available data set at that time).

For the detail of these task, please refer to the project brief attached to this ToR.
Deliverables and timeframe

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<td>Paper on the role of CSOs in coherence based on desk-based review and</td>
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<td>Participation and take part in facilitation of 2 GNDR’s events – one</td>
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Expected start date:
As soon as possible. This announcement will keep open until filled. We will keep assessing the proposals as soon as they are received.

How to apply:
This consultancy opportunity is open to both individual consultant and consultancy firm. If you are interested in taking up this challenge, please send us the following as soon as possible.

- A technical proposal outlining your approach to go about the work. (not more than 2 page)
- A brief financial proposal (daily rate and required number of days for each key tasks.)
- CV of the key consultant/s (not more than 2 page for each – Please mention research experience of similar projects)

Please send in the application pack consisting of the above three documents to abdur.rouf@gndr.org mentioning ‘Role of CSO in Coherence’ in the subject line.