

**Terms of Reference (ToR): Natural Disaster Management Experts (Consultancies) for
Development Projects on Long-Term Sustainable Disaster Management**

- Title:** Call for proposals for project development and implementation on long-term initiatives to improve the sustainability of natural disaster management in Pakistan
- Project area:** Improving solutions to address non-traditional security challenges: the knowledge of non-traditional security challenges is deepened among political and academic stakeholders.
- Project size:** Small-scale
- Time frame:** No deadline (projects that will be handed in first will be given priority); all projects should be developed and implemented between October 2022 and April 2023. Very successful projects may receive further funding beyond April 2023.
- Requirements:** Consultant: individuals or organisations with academic or working experience in long-term sustainable disaster management or other related areas; the Consultant should be able to implement the suggested project after its development.
- Location:** Pakistan

1. Context:

Over the last few years, the world has witnessed a notable increase in the number of non-traditional security challenges and especially in natural disasters brought on by climate change. While prevention of natural disasters will remain an important issue for policy-makers, in the future they will need to focus more on *disaster management*. Natural disasters require a high level of governance skills as well as innovative digital and non-digital solutions to make responses more efficient and benefit affected communities in the long term instead of only providing temporary relief.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Pakistan supports initiatives that aid in finding answers to these challenges to allow policy-makers to make informed decisions and implement sustainable disaster management policies. The projects allow key actors to move beyond policy recommendations by providing much-needed ideas and expertise for the implementation of long-term sustainable development tools and projects.

2. Objectives:

The primary objective of this activity is to improve knowledge on how to effectively address non-traditional security challenges among political and/or academic stakeholders. Therefore, this activity aims to promote and assist practical initiatives that provide sustainable, long-term assistance to communities affected by natural disasters. We expect these projects to provide models for successful and sustainable handling of disasters that can serve as a draft for future policies.

In contrast to abstract policy recommendations, this approach enables implementing each strategy. This is of particularly high relevance for the entire South Asian region, where even well-thought-out policy ideas face challenges when confronted with ground realities. Most importantly, the activity aims to herald a new paradigm of disaster management that aligns policy responses with the changing dynamics of the 21st century. This new paradigm should be centered on providing long-term human security without jeopardizing future generations' safety.

Overall, the project aims to generate and implement ideas for natural disaster responses that are:

- efficient and transparent
- testable and/or tested in the field
- in accordance with the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- an inspiration for new academic discourses about efficient and sustainable disaster management in general

3. Areas of work:

This activity includes up to **three project grants for experienced individuals or organisations working on long-term sustainable disaster management**. The project grant should not only support the development of the project strategy paper, but also be used for the implementation of the respective project strategy.

Ideally, the project clearly covers one of the following areas:

- Technology-based solutions for smart governance to enhance sustainable disaster management
- Rehabilitation and post-disaster community building for vulnerable groups/communities
- Long-term disaster-proof natural resource and food management
- Sustainable consumption in times of disaster (e.g. plastic reduction, climate-friendly resource provision)

HSF can only consider project proposals that aim at sustainable disaster management and are unique in their outlook. The Foundation considers a project sustainable if it does not only focus on emergency relief but contributes to the improvement of disaster management beyond the immediate effects of a natural disaster.

4. Timeline and deliverables:

A project timeline and corresponding deliverables will be developed for each chosen project individually to align with project requirements.

5. Qualification and project requirements:

- At least two years of experience in the field of disaster management
- Experience in project funding and project management
- Projects must focus on long-term support of natural disaster affected people, communities, or regions

- Projects must be sustainable
- Projects should ideally be able to carry out their work self-reliantly even after HSF funding has ended
- New innovations and approaches to disaster management are especially welcomed

6. Responsibilities and expectations:

The Consultant (individual or organisation) will:

- Produce a project strategy paper based on the needs of natural disaster-affected people
- Develop a budget plan and time frame for the implementation of the project
- Develop a comprehensive evaluation scheme for the project
- Implement the project according to the developed strategy paper
- Make a written review of the project pointing out challenges, evaluating the success of each activity, and proposing potential expansions of the project in the future

7. Application format:

Please hand in all the following documents in one single pdf file:

- 1-page motivation letter
- 1-page CV highlighting relevant experiences (for individual applications) or 1-page organisation profile (for application by organisations)
- 3-4-pages project strategy proposal (which will be developed into a strategy paper after acceptance)
- 1-page detailed budget table
- 1-page project time-table

The project strategy outline should include the following aspects:

- Introduction of the problem addressed by the project
- Project aims and indicators to evaluate the success of the project
- Outline of the project idea
- Strategy proposal for the implementation of the project