CALL FOR CONSULTANT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Organization: International Organization for Migration

Department: Department of Operations and Emergencies, Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, and Department of Migration Management.

Consultant specialisation: Migration Data Expert

Duty Station: Home based with travel as required

Duration of Consultancy: September-October 2019 – Narrative and financial offer to be submitted to IOM By close of business 22 September 2019 to IOM using dtmrecruitment@iom.int.

Deliverable: Information paper on global migration data landscape, including key gaps in global migration statistics, opportunities for IOM and recommendations in relation to data collection methodologies.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Through its operations worldwide, IOM collects, produces and uses data primarily for operational and programmatic purposes. In recent years, IOM has increasingly focused on the generation of migration-related data with broader utility. This has become a specific objective of several key IOM projects, particularly the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) and, on a smaller scale, the Counter-Trafficking Data Collaborative, the Missing Migrants Project and the Migration Governance Indicators.

As part of a broader strategic exercise, IOM has prioritised migration data strengthening in a number of key areas, including the establishment of a Data Steering Group (DSG) and a Taskforce on IOM Migration Data Methods, co-led by the DTM and Migration Policy Research focal points.

As per its workplan, the Taskforce will be supported by a consultant to review the existing migration data landscape, map existing and missing datasets with recommendations on collection methods.

SUPERVISION, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The consultant will work under the close guidance and direct supervision of the Global DTM Coordinator and the Head of the Migration Policy Research Division, and in coordination with the Policy Hub and the Global Migration Data Analysis Centre. The Consultant will undertake the following:

1. Provide an overview of the migration data landscape, including relevant migration reference datasets with global coverage as well as migration figures that result from broad estimates, building on available assessments by IOM and others.[1]
2. Propose broad methods of collection and possible linkages with existing IOM methods, when applicable
3. Map missing/unavailable datasets, with recommendations on collection methods
4. Attend introductory meetings with Task Force leads
5. Meet with IOM experts in charge of developing the IOM Migration Data Strategy, consultant currently reviewing IOM data methods, Task Force B members and other IOM colleagues as relevant
6. Review additional material as needed/required by the Consultant, to be determined in close consultation with the Taskforce leads
7. Draft an information paper on global migration data landscape, including forced migration. The paper will present key gaps in global migration statistics, opportunities for IOM and recommendations in relation to new data collection methodologies.
8. The report would need to have an Executive Summary, a body of no more than 4,000 words (inclusive of recommendations), and a series of attachments (as needed, and without limit). The report is intended for a general (management) audience so must be clear, accessible and accurate, noting that there is scope to include highly technical material suitable for data specialists in attachments.
9. The draft report should be submitted by close of business Monday 21 October 2019. Review comments will be provided by IOM Taskforce leads to the Consultant within one week.
10. The Consultant will take into account IOM comments before submitting a final version of the report by close of business Thursday 31 October 2019.

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[1] Example: https://migrationdataportal.org/themes/migration-data-sources