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Selection of a consulting firm to support the Early Warning Directorate(EWD) for the conduct of nine (9) Country Resilience, Human Security Assessments (CRHSAs), three (3) Regional Risk and Human Security Assessments (RRHSAs).

I - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

English

1. Which organization or entity will assume the coordinating

ECOWAS Early Warning Directorate will be in charge of the coordination in collaboration of Each National Early Warning Centre each country

2. Regarding assignment durations, should these reflect the total level of effort (LOE) involved, or simply indicate the timeframe for completing the work? In other words, are the specified number of days in the TOR LOE ceilings?

The number of days specified in the terms of reference corresponds to a ceiling in terms of total effort required.

3. Are the 60 days of desk research per CRHSA or for all 9 countries? Will this involve a feedback loop with the National Centers and/or the EWD? Does the same hold true for the 30 days allocated for the Regional Reports?

The 60 days of desk research for CRHSA is for the all the 9 countries

The 30 days of desk research for RRHSA is for the all the 3 Regions

4. Are the 10 days per country for the CRHSAs and RRHSAs inclusive of travel time?

The 10 days do not include travel days.

5. For each country, do both team members need to have the same level of expertise, or would a senior–junior combination be acceptable to help manage costs?

A senior–junior combination is acceptable

6. Could you please share more details about the validation process?

Please stick to the published TOR.

7. How long is the contract anticipated to be? Will it be 18 months? Or shorter/longer? Also, does EWD envision the country assessments being carried out consecutively to avoid

overwhelming staff capacity, or is there a preference to advance multiple countries simultaneously?

About 9 months for the process from the desk research to the final report validation. This duration is negotiable.

Where possible, country assessments will be conducted consecutively or simultaneously.

8. What stakeholders will be involved in countries without a dynamic, fully operational National Center? Who will serve to represent their interests?

In countries without a national centre, the ECOWAS National Unit and the ECOWAS Permanent Representation in the country will ensure coordination.

9. Could you please provide the anticipated budget ceiling for the TOR?

At the discretion of the ECOWAS Commission

10. If needed, will the EWD coordinate and cover provision of translation/simultaneous interpretation services?

The original version of the report must be written in the language of each country.

Regional research will be written in English

11. Would it be possible to receive all information regarding the “Strengthening ECOWAS Early Warning and Response capacity for improved regional stability and crisis prevention funded by Transition Support Facility (TSF) of the African Development Bank (AfDB)”?

At this stage, stick to the summary in the published TOR

12. Are there particular technical or financial criteria for the selection of the consultancy firm? Do you expect certain criteria to be met?

Please refer to the published TOR.

II – EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The new deadline for the submission is: Applications should be received at the latest on **November 28, 2025, at 11:00 am, Nigerian time (GMT+1).**