

CALL FOR MANIFESTATION OF INTEREST

International consultants ACCESSIBILITY

Operations and Technical Resources Direction. 2021

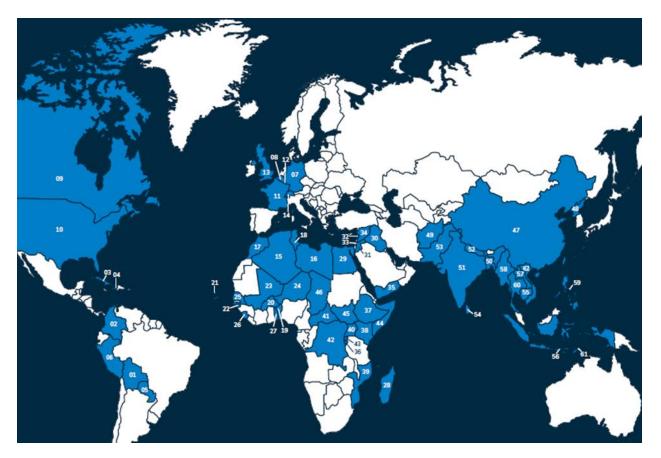


I. Context of the call for expressions of interest

1) The association

Humanity & Inclusion is an international solidarity association, specialized in the field of vulnerability, in particular on disability. Non-governmental, non-denominational, non-political and non-profit, it works in all contexts alongside vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities, to provide them with assistance and support in developing their social participation and autonomy. Since its creation, the organization has implemented development programs in nearly 60 countries and intervenes in emergency and development contexts. Most of its projects include technical support to partners and institutions to improve the inclusion of people with disabilities affected by their interventions. To do this, HI has developed a pool of senior internal specialists in different sectors of intervention (see below), both in the field and at headquarters level.

2) HI's presence in the world



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3) Contexts and sectors of intervention

- Emergency (119 projects in 2019, 2020 and 2021)
- Reconstruction (36 projects in 2019, 2020 and 2021)
- Chronic crises (61 projects in 2019, 2020 and 2021)
- Development (274 projects in 2019, 2020 and 2021)

Atlas Logistics

- Common transportation and storage platforms
- Logistics preparedness
- Light civil engineering
- Mechanic workshops

Social & Inclusion

- Accessibility
- Information and communication technologies
- Habitat, infrastructure, public transport
- Education
- Livelihoods (including employment)
- Social services
- Water, Hygiene and Sanitation

Rehabilitation

- Physical and functional rehabilitation
- Mobility aids

Prevention & Health

- Safe Mobility
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Non-communicable diseases
- Acute or chronic pandemics
- Mental health and psychosocial support

Protection & Risk Reduction

- Armed Violence Prevention
- Arms Safety Management and disposal
- Camp management / repatriation
- Natural disaster management
- Protection against abuse and violence
- Citizenship & political participation
- Inclusive Humanitarian Action
- Inclusive policies & inclusive development
- Support to Civil society & advocacy

II. Context of the creation of a pool of external consultants on ACCESSIBILITY

In addition to the technical support provided through our humanitarian and development projects, and in order to promote and have more impact on the inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide, HI decided in 2016 to develop an INCLUSION **technical assistance service offer** (consulting services) dedicated to the inclusion of people with disabilities.

To date, HI has developed 3 types of INCLUSION Technical Assistance (ITA) services:

- ITA "Inclusive project or programming": To make a project or an international cooperation organization more inclusive to beneficiaries with disabilities of humanitarian or development projects (NGOs, donors, international agencies...)
- ITA "inclusive employer": To make an employer more inclusive of employees with disability (companies, NGOs, agencies, foundations, etc.)
- ITA "Inclusive public policy or service": To make a public policy or service more inclusive to users and citizens with disabilities (institutional, local to national)

Thus, from the initial assessment of the level of inclusiveness to long-term coaching, HI advises NGOs, donors, multinational companies and governments on the sustainable inclusion of people with disabilities, ensuring adaptation to local needs and contexts and to sectoral specificities.

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Wishing to develop more and more efficiently its technical support activities (in an HI project or under a consultancy) to other actors, HI launches this call for expression of interest for international consultants in the field of disability and inclusion. This call for expressions of interest concerns in particular specialists in ACCESSIBILITY, including the field of digital accessibility and communication.

I. Objectives and targeted missions

1. Objectives of the call for applications

General objective

The general objective of this call for applications is to enable HI to strengthen its technical expertise in the field of inclusion and disability, in all its fields, contexts and sectors of intervention, in addition to the technical expertise of HI's permanent teams.

The specific objectives

- □ Facilitate the identification and contracting of external consultants for HI in the field of accessibility (infrastructure and digital);
- **D** To feed and enrich HI's technical response capacity in the field of accessibility

2. The missions covered by this call for applications

The selected consultants should be able to carry out technical expertise missions in support of HI's technical permanent teams at headquarters or in the programs, in the field of ACCESSIBILITY, including digital accessibility, for people with disabilities.

- within the framework of the implementation of one or several activities of a development project for which HI is the operator;
- Or in the framework of a technical assistance contract (consultancy) "Inclusion and Disability", aiming at supporting a project team, a structure, a service or a policy to be more inclusive to disabled people.

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Thus, the ACCESSIBILITY consultants integrated into the pool could be mobilized for the following missions

Type 1 mission: Implementation/realization of an activity aiming at the accessibility of buildings or communication tools as part of an HI project activities, directly implements for people with disabilities:

<u>Example</u>: Carrying out an accessibility diagnosis of a partner school in an HI project on inclusive education

Type 2 assignments: Carrying out some or all of the HI technical assistance/consultancy to a mainstream organization/service/policy to be more accessible to people with disabilities. <u>Example</u>: training of a general services and IT team on the challenges of digital accessibility in companies, as part of a "Inclusive Employment" technical assistance/consultancy agreement signed with the company.

Type 3 missions : Support to HI internal knowledge management on Accessibility <u>Example</u>: Elaboration of a capitalization document on the issue of accessibility of urban transport means, based on several experiences carried out by HI

II. Conditions of the call for expressions of interest

III. Eligibility

Any individual or group of individuals:

- ✓ Having a legal recognition of his consulting practices, and being up to date with his social contributions in his country of professional registration
- ✓ Having a recognized expertise in the field of disability and inclusion
- ✓ Not having had a negotiated breach of contract with HI in the last 2 years, as of the date of this call for expressions of interest.

IV. The framework contract

This call for expressions of interest aims to allow the multi-year contracting of international consultants in the field of disability and inclusion.

A 3-year framework contract will be signed with each selected consultant, in which the administrative and financial conditions of solicitation of each signatory consultant will be set out.

These solicitations will be made by means of an order form.

The signing consultant commits to financial conditions, which will be indexed annually to the SYNTEX index, and which will be the subject of an amendment signed each year.

The consultants undertake to provide proof of any administrative and legal changes that may occur during the term of the contract.



HI undertakes to give priority to consultants who have signed this framework contract with HI, for any consultancy falling within the scope of this call for expression of interest.

However, neither the consultant nor HI commit to exclusivity or to an obligation of collaboration during these 3 years.

III. Desired expertise

In particular in the following fields of intervention:

- □ Accessibility of buildings, infrastructures and urban spaces
- □ Accessibility in emergency contexts (shelter, WASH, refugee camps, etc.)
- **D** Digital accessibility, websites, mobile applications, files and ICT in general
- □ Accessibility of mobility solutions and means of transport
- **D** Accessibility of early warning systems (in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction)

And/or on cross-cutting skills such as :

- D Managing an Accessibility project cycle (from project writing to final evaluation)
- □ Training
- Supporting an organization or service to be more inclusive of people with disabilities
- □ Support for individual or collective empowerment/self-determination
- D Writing knowledge management documents (capitalization, studies, best practices, briefs...)

IV. Applications

1. Apply for a job

Interested consultants in joining the pool have to :

- □ Fill out the online questionnaire
- □ Send by e-mail to <u>ita@hi.org</u> the documents requested in the questionnaire, indicating "accessibility consultant" in the subject line:
 - o CV
 - Document proving legal registration of activity (or current application)
 - Proof of insurance
 - o GNI

The CV will highlight trainings, skills and experience relevant to the types of assignment, areas of expertise and geographical areas covered by this call for expressions of interest.



2. The selection process

Any incomplete file will not be analyzed. A complete file corresponds to a questionnaire completed in its entirety and its supporting documents, including the CV as requested.

Candidates shortlisted after analysis of their complete file will be contacted in a second phase to provide <u>additional information (examples of achievements</u>, contacts for reference, CV details, etc.). They will be offered, if necessary, a technical interview - remotely or on site depending on the possibilities - with the HI technical specialist(s) of the sectors concerned, before final validation of their technical profile

The candidates finally validated to be part of this pool will then sign their framework contract allowing them to be quickly identified and contracted by HI according to the needs.

Date of submission of the complete file no later than midnight **on 5 November 2021,** for a framework contract signed before the end of December 2021 for a validity of 3 years from ¹ January 2022.

If you have any questions, please send an email to the following address: <u>ita@hi.org</u>-specifying "Accessibility Consultant" in the subject line.