

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND PEACEBUILDING ONGOING CONTEXT ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH IN
NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE**

1. BACKGROUND

For over four years, the province of Cabo Delgado in Northern Mozambique has experienced attacks by a non-state armed group (NSAG) causing over 730,000 people to be internally displaced. In late 2021, the violence spread to Niassa province, and there is evidence to suggest that the conflict has links to Nampula province. The insecurity in Northern Mozambique is multi-faceted with many drivers, and the contextual dynamics are continually in flux, resulting in a complex and challenging operating environment.

IOM-Mozambique has an established Community Resilience and Peacebuilding (CRP) portfolio in Northern Mozambique that strengthens the ability of communities to mitigate the negative effects of violent conflict. Activities in this portfolio include support to civil society, income generation activities, community-led infrastructure upgrades and support to the Government of Mozambique in implementing policies and strategies related to peace and stability. The design, implementation and tracking of impact of these activities is informed by local context and dynamics

Whereas there have been various reports on Northern Mozambique issued over the past few years, the reports, in many instances, are static, and provide a snapshot as to the context and drivers at a particular moment in time. To continue to assure that the CRP activities remain adaptable and responsive to the changing contextual dynamics, IOM seeks to establish a long term agreement (LTA) with a qualified entity to conduct ongoing, flexible, adaptable context analysis and research in Northern Mozambique to inform ongoing and future strategic community resilience and peacebuilding programme engagement.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

IOM will contract a service provider to conduct ongoing context analysis and research on the context in Northern Mozambique including community dynamics, stakeholder analysis, conflict drivers and recruitment trends, with the overall objective of enabling targeted and responsive programmatic interventions. Specifically, the research will provide information that will inform programme adaptation and development of new activities responsive to conflict dynamics.

- Duration of agreement: 12 months
- Start date of agreement:
- Geographic scope: Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Nampula provinces, with a particular focus on the northern districts of Cabo Delgado province

3. PROPOSED APPROACH

The focus of the research will be primary contextual information gathering on conflict dynamics through key informant interviews and focus group discussions. While primary information gathering is the main focus of the agreement, secondary sources should also be monitored and presented in relevant reports including news outlets, publications and other open sources. *Research data and analysis should take into consideration gender, class and cultural dynamics.*

Outputs:

- **Contextual reports**: Reports to present a summary of significant contextual trends, and emerging security, political and social dynamics as reported by the network of enumerators.
 - Frequency: bi-weekly, and a quarterly summary

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- **Rapid response to requests for Information (R-RFI):** Reports with a 24 hour, 48 hour, 72 hour turnaround on an urgent specific contextual question or request for information limited in scope, and agreed to by IOM and the contractor.
 - Frequency: upon request by IOM
- **Thematic reports:** Reports on a particular thematic area or contextual dimension
 - Frequency: upon request by IOM

4. DELIVERABLES

- 24 bi-weekly reports
- 4 quarterly summary reports
- Up to 6 rapid response requests
- Up to 4 thematic reports

5. QUALIFICATIONS

Required qualifications, competencies and experience/technical expertise:

1. Legally permitted to work in Mozambique or full ability to operate in Mozambique
2. Existing operational presence, including an established network of enumerators in Northern Mozambique, or the ability to rapidly establish such presence
3. Demonstrated experience conducting research in Northern Mozambique or in similar contextual environments
4. Sufficiently trained monitoring personnel with knowledge of local culture and languages that are spoken by the different communities, government counterparts and implementing partners in Mozambique
5. Experience of working with the UN system, international organizations of bilateral donors in delivering monitoring and reporting activities
6. Preference will be given to entities with the capacity to conduct qualitative and quantitative research

5. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Interested entities should submit an application package to RFPMOZ@iom.int by 9th May, 2022 including:

- Concept note, in English, including the following:
 - Narrative description of research approach
 - Financial proposal
 - Capacity statement
- References
- CV/ Company profile including CVs of key personnel

Questions should be submitted in writing to procurementMoz@iom.int, with copy to Kristin Bongaard (kbongaard@iom.int)