

CRDF GLOBAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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Summary:

CRDF Global is seeking subject matter experts, qualified trainers, mentors, and research collaborators to support projects for the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) which advance biological threat reduction and capacity building in partner countries. Ideal candidates will possess advanced degrees in veterinary medicine, human medicine, epidemiology, and public health-related fields. Individuals must be able to travel internationally.

Anticipated Scope:

Potential scopes could include:

1. **Scientific Mentorship** - supporting development and implementation of partner countries' research programs focused on increasing knowledge related to pathogens of security concern and/or implementation of stakeholder agendas when in alignment with the BTRP mission.
2. **Training** – supporting the development of partner countries' human capabilities to safely and securely conduct work aligned with the BTRP mission. Covering a broad spectrum of disciplines this would involve developing and/or modifying training materials and plans using internationally accepted guidelines and standards; as well as conducting training activities in partner countries.
3. **Technical Expertise** – providing technical expertise to build capacity for activities such as surveillance, sample collection, detection, diagnosis, and reporting. Activities could also include supporting the development of technical reports, conducting facility assessments, assisting BTRP implementation efforts, consulting at various meetings and conferences, as well as supporting emergent requirements that leverage resident expertise and network relationships.
4. **Research Collaborators** – aid partner countries in the development and/or implementation of research projects focused on topics aligned with the BTRP mission. Serve as a technical resource and collaborator assisting with the development of research project materials

Candidate Requirements:

CRDF Global is seeking those who have international expertise and experience in one or more of the following:

- One Health
- Epidemiology techniques
- Sample collection
- Clinical and laboratory diagnostics

- Biorisk management best practices
- Disease surveillance, detection, reporting, and response
- WHO IHR and OIE reporting guidelines
- Biological safety and security
- Pathogens of security concern
- Basic research
- Public/animal health preparedness
- Grantsmanship and scientific writing
- Data analysis
- GIS
- Contract administration
- Demonstrated ability to compete for research funding
- Documented experience with curriculum development and/or conducting trainings
- Proven ability to conduct facility assessments

Submission Requirements:

Interested individuals are requested to submit the following items:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Statement of Interest to summarize the following as they relate to the expertise and experience listed above:
 - Expertise and technical capabilities;
 - Past performance indicating any international experience, and any experience with DTRA BTRP;
- Hourly labor rate
- Small or Disadvantaged Business Designations (Veteran Owned, HUB Zone, Women Owned, Disadvantaged Businesses) as applicable
- NAICS Codes as applicable

All submissions must be sent as electronic documents in PDF, Word, or Excel format, addressed to Annie Elshoff at aelshoff@crdfglobal.org with DTRA BTRP and the applicant's last name in the email subject line.

Background:

Founded in 1995, CRDF Global is an independent nonprofit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration through grants, technical resources, training, and services. Based in Arlington, Virginia with offices in the Eurasia and MENA regions, CRDF Global works with more than 40 countries in the Middle East, North Africa, Eurasia, and Asia. We specialize in bringing isolated scientific communities into the scientific mainstream through a variety of science engagement and capacity-building programs. CRDF Global encourages science cooperation between countries where official relations are strained.

More information is available at www.crdglobal.org.