Short-term Consultancy Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre’s mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

The Climate Centre operates as a virtual team with a small team at the headquarters in The Hague and advisers or programme staff based in several regions across the world. Its personnel work closely with those of IFRC Regional Office, Country Cluster Support Teams (CCST), and Country Offices. In the Philippines, the Climate Centre builds upon its Asia-Pacific and global work, particularly through the global alliance on Partners for Resilience and in the area of early warning, early action (EWEA) linking to initiatives such as the Global Framework for Climate Services, Forecast-based Financing, and the Risk Informed Early Action Partnership (REAP).

As a temporary staff replacement in the Philippines, the Climate Centre is immediately looking for a:

Senior Policy Adviser Philippines (24 hours/week)

Envisaged start date: as soon as possible. This assignment will be for four months, until mid-September.

Background

Partners for Resilience (PfR) is a global alliance of humanitarian, development, climate and environmental civil society organizations, composed of five Netherlands based members, namely, CARE Nederland, Cordaid, the Netherlands Red Cross, the Climate Centre and Wetlands International - and their partner organizations in the programme countries. The alliance promotes the application of Integrated Risk Management (IRM) to strengthen and protect livelihoods of vulnerable communities. PfR defines IRM as an approach to strengthen community resilience by reducing disaster risks and strengthening livelihoods of vulnerable communities, with specific attention for marginalized groups and women, by involving the wider civil society in addressing risks faced by all groups in society, and by working on a conducive institutional, legal and financial environment.

In PfR, the Climate Centre has been supporting National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other PfR partners in Guatemala, Mali, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Philippines, Indonesia and India. To enhance resilience in these countries, the Climate Centre provides technical guidance with respect to climate-related policy dialogues, through strengthening networks and capacities of CSOs, rather than delivering specific solutions. Furthermore, there is a strong focus on policy engagement across scales, facilitated by knowledge management.

The consultant will advance the work of Partners for Resilience Philippines and Asia programmes and ensure continued provision of climate change technical support. The Senior Policy Adviser Philippines will work closely with the PfR Country and Regional Teams, the IFRC Philippine Country Office, the Asia Pacific Regional Office and the Climate Centre’s Asia Pacific and global thematic teams.
Responsibilities

A. Provide climate change technical support to the:
   1. Partners for Resilience (PfR) Philippine Country Team
      - Activities identified in the PfR Philippines Country Programme 2020
      - Project proposal for PfR 3 (if shortlisted)
      - Climate-smart programming
      - Forecast-based Financing project
      - Disaster Law programme and/or humanitarian diplomacy
   2. The Partners for Resilience (PfR) Asia Team
      - Activities identified in the PfR Asia Programme 2020
      - Project proposal for PfR 3 (if shortlisted)
      - IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur

(Support to Philippine Red Cross (PRC), as a member of the PfR Alliance, always happens in coordination with the IFRC Country Office and other Partner National Societies (PNSs))

As a Climate Centre consultant and a member of PfR Philippines:
B. Bridge climate science, policy and practice in the Philippines by maintaining, building and expanding collaborative partnerships with sub-national, national and regional technical institutions and programmes to develop capacity for quality climate and weather services targeted to risk-informed decision making by communities.
C. Represent the Climate Centre and/or provide technical support to key policy and practice fora in the country, and in the region
D. Oversee and/or undertake climate risk management-related research projects and contribute to publications (including case studies and policy briefs), documentation and reporting.

Qualifications

The Senior Policy Adviser Philippines will have at least ten years of experience working on climate risk management in the Philippines and Asia Pacific region, and relevant experience in the humanitarian and development sector. He/she will have a postgraduate degree. Through education or work experience, he/she should have some background in both social and physical sciences with the ability to work at the intersection of science and humanitarian practice. Established relationships with national and regional climate and weather agencies and national forecast agencies is an advantage.

Skills and Abilities: Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills. Ability to work in a virtual setting which is highly reliant on email as a primary mode of communication. Proven track record of collaboration, facilitation, problem solving, and partnership management. Able to work across cultures and with a wide variety of stakeholders. Demonstrated ability to provide clear, concise and client-oriented advice to decision-makers.

Language: Must be proficient/fluent in English.

Location: The successful candidate must live in the Philippines.

We offer: A competitive fee based on experience and the consultant's profile.
How to apply:
We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Marije Taat, HR officer at the Climate Centre before 13 May 2020 to application@climatecentre.org
If you have any questions about this vacancy, please send an e-mail to hr@climatecentre.org.