

Programming Effectively Against Conflict & Extremism (PEACE) IQC



USAID Missions and Bureaus seeking to address development challenges in environments affected by conflict, state fragility or violent extremism can now initiate Request for Task Order Proposals (RFTOPs) under the five-year (2013-2018) Programming Effectively Against Conflict and Extremism (PEACE) IQC, hosted by USAID’s Office for Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM).

The PEACE IQC can be used for program implementation, analytical work and training and enables Missions and Bureaus to access expertise and assistance in support of the following:

- Developing and implementing sector-specific and cross-sectoral programs to address development challenges associated with conflict and fragility
- Peacebuilding and reconciliation at the community and national levels
- Building household, community and national resilience
- Countering violent extremism
- Monitoring and evaluating programs addressing conflict, fragility and violent extremism

Management Systems International (MSI) is a prime implementing partner for the PEACE IQC. The table at right provides a snapshot of the expertise provided by MSI and its exceptional partners.

Capabilities	Consortium Members
Field program implementation	MSI, International Rescue Committee (IRC), BlueLaw, the Carter Center, Cosantoir, Flag International, Johnson Law Group International
Applied research and analysis	MSI, Caerus Associates, CDA, the Fletcher School, Public International Law and Policy Group (PILPG), RAND Corporation, WebFirst
Learning and training on best practices	MSI, IRC, CDA, the Fletcher School, Sheila Lee/Learning Everywhere, WebFirst

Grounded in Agency Policy, Strategy and Guidance. MSI and its partners have worked closely with USAID to develop and refine USAID's approaches and frameworks. MSI assisted with the development of CMM's Conflict Assessment Framework 2.0, USAID's guidance on Countering Violent Extremism, and USAID's development response to drug trafficking in Africa. MSI partners, CDA and the Fletcher School at Tufts University, helped to develop CMM's paper on Theories and Indicators of Change (THINC) for conflict management and mitigation.

Established Operational Capability in Complex, Conflict-affected Environments. The MSI consortium's approach to addressing conflict and fragility is rooted in a deep understanding of country context and conflict dynamics. Our efforts to address conflict and fragility are informed by rigorous analysis and an understanding of best practice, and are guided by a commitment to Do No Harm principles and approaches. Our consortium has significant experience working in some of the most insecure environments in the world. MSI alone has implemented more than 180 projects in conflict-affected areas, including:

- Conflict mitigation and stabilization in South Sudan
- Strengthening government capacity and accountability systems in Afghanistan and Iraq
- Diamond resource management in Sierra Leone
- Peacebuilding and community development in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya
- Civil society capacity building in Lebanon, Ukraine, Mali, Egypt, Honduras and Sri Lanka
- Building trust in local governance in isolated, conflict-affected areas of Colombia and Sierra Leone

MSI's partner IRC, with a substantial field presence in more than 30 countries, has a proven record of leading large-scale, multi-partner programs. They will play a major role in field operations where their presence and experience will ensure rapid and effective responses. Other partners' expertise includes: The Carter Center, specializing in negotiating peace agreements; CDA, known for its Do No Harm model and its ability to mainstream conflict-sensitive programming; BlueLaw, known for its focus on security and justice; and Flag International, recognized for its work with small and medium enterprises in conflict zones. We will draw on the resources and expertise of all of our partners where they provide relevant capabilities.

Proven analytical and training capabilities. MSI is known for its program-oriented analytical work on governance, conflict and violent extremism as well as its training, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) expertise. MSI implements Mission-wide applied research

and M&E support projects in South Sudan, Pakistan, Kenya, Colombia, Ethiopia, and Jordan. Caerus and CDA are skilled at analyzing conflict dynamics to shape responsive programming and in establishing effective monitoring and assessment systems. The Fletcher School, PILPG and RAND offer high-quality thematic and issue-specific analysis and training. Our consortium is able to offer an array of trainings related to conflict sensitive development, fragility and violent extremism that can be tailored to the needs of Missions and sectors.



Extensive partnerships with policymakers, scholars, and practitioners around the world. CDA maintains a global network of researchers and trainers. It also engages the private sector in conflict prevention and mitigation via public-private partnerships and its Corporate Engagement Project (CEP). The Carter Center brings extensive networks of senior leaders and policy-makers around the globe. The Fletcher School adds a network of eleven global universities and numerous civil society, government, and private sector contacts through its faculty and alumni network. Caerus engages a diverse network of private sector partners that includes urban design firms and technology companies. MSI has robust partnerships with university academics and research firms in multiple countries.

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