

TERMS OF REFERENCES (TORs)

Implementation of the Rights Mapping and Analysis Platform (RiMAP) Project for Pakistan

Background

Established in 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is the agency mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. In more than six decades since its establishment, UNHCR has helped tens of millions of people regain their lives. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan continues to be one of the world's largest and protracted refugee hosting countries providing safety to some 1.5 million people forced to flee their homes.

The Rights Mapping and Analysis Platform (RiMAP) is a digital tool designed by UNHCR to enable users to visualize, analyze, and report on data concerning the rights of refugees, asylum-seekers, Internally Displaced Persons, and stateless people. By facilitating the mapping and analysis of how countries are fulfilling their obligations under international and regional human rights instruments, RiMAP provides a comprehensive overview of refugee access to rights. This allows users to identify areas of concern, analyze trends, and measure progress over time in the protection of those in need. RiMAP, structured around key refugee rights, provides a set of questions, based on international legal standards, and allows for a standardized mapping and analysis of a country's domestic laws and policies. The rights categories include, inter alia, right to documentation, right to education, right to work, right to freedom of movement and right to social protection.

UNHCR Pakistan aims to integrate RiMAP into its operations to conduct legal mapping and analysis. This integration will facilitate a thorough and centralized mapping and analysis of law and policy data, which is essential for ongoing and future work on aligning the national legislation with international standards, as well as strategic planning and reporting. UNHCR is seeking the services of a specialized entity to carry out this task and encouraging interested legal firms/companies to apply.

Objective / Scope of Work

The legal research firm will conduct comprehensive legal mapping and analysis of the current national legislation/policy/practices based on the RiMAP questionnaires. The country's domestic legislation and policies must be reviewed and analyzed for the provisions regulating asylum, internal displacement, and statelessness legislation.

The duration of the consultancy would be from November 2024 until 30 April 2025, with the benchmarks and set deadlines for completing RiMAP questionnaires. The completion of analyses will follow a thorough review by UNHCR Pakistan before finalization and uploading to the platform.

Deliverables with timelines (by 30 April 2025)

1. Collect, organize, and analyze relevant national and international laws, policies and practices concerning the rights of refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs and Stateless persons in Pakistan using the structured legal analytical framework of RiMAP which pertains to the 11 selected rights categories (November - December 2024).
2. Draft report on the various categories of rights based on the analysis and desk reviews including descriptions of legal conditions (*de jure*) and restrictions and potential obstacles (*de facto*) (January-February 2024).
3. Review of the first draft of the analysis by UNHCR (March 2025).
4. Finalization of the draft and completion of the project (April 2025).

Privileges and Immunities

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No data connected to this exercise shall be shared with any authority without the explicit permission of UNHCR.

Monitoring and Progress Controls

- UNHCR will monitor implementation of the project through monthly meetings and as and when required. *Ad hoc* progress reports may be requested.

Experience and Qualifications

- Have status (business registration) as a legal research firm to perform the above-mentioned tasks within the defined timeframe.
- Have a demonstrated ability of conducting legal research by qualified legal experts primarily on the intersection between international law and the Pakistani legal context. The legal research firm should support its proposal with two contracts and corresponding reference letters confirming the successful completion of two previous legal researches.
- Legal expertise in the domain of international law and its interplay with the domestic framework, along with CVs of the experts the firm intends to designate for conducting the analysis, with minimum of five years of research experience.
- Demonstrated skills in project management and conducting research in law and policy. The legal research firm should submit a proposal of no more than two pages detailing how all activities and requirements outlined in the TORs will be addressed. This proposal must be supported by a work plan that reflects the required deliverables and activities as specified in the TORs.

(Please refer to the detailed technical criteria mentioned in the RFQ document # PAKIS-RFQ-24-024)

Payment Schedule

No advance payment will be made. Payments will be made as follows:

- 50% upon submission of first draft of the analysis report
- 50% upon finalization of the analysis