

Posting Title: Review of the ARISE Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies

Department/ Office: United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

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Org. Setting

UNDRR was established in 1999 as a dedicated secretariat to facilitate the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR). It is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly resolution (56/195), to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster reduction and to ensure synergies among the disaster reduction activities of the United Nations system and regional organizations and activities in socio-economic and humanitarian fields. Upon the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 by all UN member states in March 2015, UNDRR was tasked by the UN General Assembly to support the implementation, follow-up and review of the Framework. As a part of its normative mandate, UNDRR is supporting countries, in particular in least developed and small island countries, in the development, implementation and monitoring of progress of national and local disaster risk reduction strategies. UNDRR thereby focuses particularly on ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach to disaster risk reduction, in raising awareness and engaging representatives of all relevant stakeholder groups in the strategy discussions.

Background and Context

Economic growth and community well-being are directly impacted by disasters. As key members of communities and drivers of growth, private sector companies have an important role to play in reducing disaster risk. With threats to communities and economic livelihoods increasing, the private sector continues to grow its understanding of where to adapt and respond. To drive change and leadership from the business community, the ARISE Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies was started by UNDRR in 2015 as the mechanism to support the private sector to become a key partner in reducing disaster risk. It has grown to over 450 members and 29 networks across the world. In joining ARISE, private sector companies voluntarily commit to support and implement the Sendai Framework, aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Paris Climate Agreement, New Urban Agenda and Agenda for Humanity. ARISE

networks further contribute to achieving Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)¹ across four focus areas: resilience of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), insurance, investment, and infrastructure. The ARISE value proposition calls for members to “act now, be resilient, create impact, help societies, and expand your network.”² There is incredible energy and appetite to grow ARISE and to equip it to effect change in how the private sector invests in a risk-informed sustainable future.

There is an opportunity for ARISE to continue playing a crucial role in engaging the private sector. However, despite its growth and the importance of the private sector, ARISE faces challenges in terms of its internal processes, on-the-ground engagement, scalability, and impact. Thus, UNDRR seeks to find pathways for overcoming challenges and taking advantage of opportunities together with Board members, network leaders, members, and other non-private sector stakeholders.

This evaluation is expected to be conducted during Q1 of 2024 and has the following objectives:

- Assess the performance of ARISE in terms of its relevance, coherence, effectiveness, cost efficiency, business processes, sustainability, and progress to impact.
- Develop a series of findings, lessons, and recommendations for enhancing and ensuring that private sector engagement/ARISE is fit-for-purpose building on the findings and recommendations of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework and the Political Declaration.

The evaluation will be carried out as an independent in-depth review using analytical and participatory approaches whereby all key parties associated with ARISE (board members, network leaders, selection of members) UNDRR focal points and regional chiefs of office, and select focal points for risk knowledge, communications, and external relations and initiatives of relevance (e.g. MCR2030, Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM), WinDRR, and Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments) and external partners (e.g. the United Nations Global Compact, UNDP-OCHA Connecting Business Initiative, UNICEF Business Community Resilience, and UNEP FI), will be informed and a representative group consulted throughout the review.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the Head of the Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement Unit, in consultation with the Chief and Deputy Chief of the UNDRR Intergovernmental, Inter-agency and Partnerships Branch, the consultant will be required to assess the performance of ARISE initiative and develop recommendations. To conduct these tasks, the consultant needs to

¹ <https://www.ariseglobalnetwork.org/resource/arise-focus-areas-and-key-performance-indicators-kpis-2022-2025>

² <https://www.ariseglobalnetwork.org/resource/arise-value-proposition>

- Define the assessment methodology to use in the review
- include in the evaluation both internal and external consultations
- data collection and literature review
- development of evaluation key questions and criteria
- application of mixed methods, including analytical and participatory approaches (e.g. appreciative inquiry)
- execute a process for validating findings with key stakeholders

Expected Deliverables:

The consultant will be required to deliver:

- an evaluation and approach methodology inception report
- a final evaluation report.

Work Location: Home-based

Travel Details: Applicable

Expected Duration: 15 January to 15 March 2024.

Academic Qualifications:

An advanced university degree in sustainable development, organization development, evaluation, business management, international economic development, or a related field together with relevant qualifying experience is required. A first-level university degree in combination with a minimum of 2 years additional qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Experience:

- A minimum of 7 years of demonstrated experience and project references in the area of monitoring and evaluation or a related field is required;
- Experience in monitoring and evaluation in the private and public sphere is required;
- Expertise in running consultations and policy development processes with the private sector is desirable;
- Ability to evaluate information needs and to provide appropriate and targeted information accordingly is desirable;
- Experience in the private sector is desirable.

Language skills: Excellent oral and written skills in English is required. Knowledge of Spanish and French would be an advantage.