



Short-Term Technical Assignment (STTA)

Risk Assessment Specialist, Rise Up

Equal Access International

Position Location: Manila or Cagayan de Oro, Philippines

Period of Performance: 22 Days

Background:

Equal Access International is an international not for profit organization (501c3) working throughout Asia and Africa. A communication for social change organization that combines the power of media with community mobilization, Equal Access creates customized communications strategies and outreach solutions that address the most critical challenges affecting people in the developing world in the areas of peace and transforming extremism, women's and girl's empowerment, governance, civic participation, youth development, human rights and health.

Summary:

The goal of the project is to significantly enhance indigenous capacities to counter violent extremist groups' ideologies and recruitment efforts and promote pro-peace messages by and for vulnerable youth in the Philippines. To achieve that goal, EAI will engage in a variety of activities in support of the three project objectives outlined below:

- Develop CVE alternative messaging strategies and conduct outreach to identify and characterize at-risk populations
- Support digital and grassroots CVE Peace Promoters by training key influencers and engaging at-risk populations
- Establish a capable and effective CVE Messaging Hub

Position:

Considering the challenging security landscape with varying risks such as: terrorism, crime, civil unrest and natural disasters, EAI requires a low profile and flexible risk approach to mitigate the above identified security risks and enable project implementation. In consultation with EAI's Senior Program Manager (SPM) and Country Director (CD) the RAS will draft a project security solution, to include risk assessments, project security and continuity plans, design physical security components for both the Philippines at large and more specifically security within Mindanao.

This will be achieved through contractual responsibilities such as overseeing a subcontracted local guard force and overseeing security operations.

Reporting & Supervision:

The RAS will report to the CD based in Mindanao, Philippines and directly coordinate with SPM in Washington, D.C.

Responsibilities:

- Develop project security plan,
- Create an EAI Philippines crisis and incident management response procedures and provide training to project leadership.
- Ensure an emergency response protocol is created so to inform both field staff and HQ of all incidents.
- Research and identify emerging threats and risks, and develop threat/vulnerability analysis to complement preparedness, avoidance, response and evacuation programs.
- Develop a security orientation manual so that traveling staff can be briefed for all planned travel, both international and domestic.
- Ensuring any plans, movements, operations, proposed changes or recommendations are fair and reasonable and within the context of the project Security Plan.
- Assess and review project's current travel authorization procedures. Identify gaps or advice where needed on the project's current office setup and protocols.

Qualifications

- a. **Education:** A bachelor's degree in security studies, political science, international relations or other relevant field.
- b. **Experience:** 5 years of law enforcement or security/management experience. Experience working with government security institutions and private security providers. Experience working with donor funded programs is a plus. Experienced, networked and able to provide support either in Manila or Cagayan de Oro.
- c. **Languages:** Fluency in Tagalog, Cebuano, and English
- d. **Computer Skills:** ability to work with MS office and other common office programs.
- e. **Personal Skills:** good analytical and presentation skills in writing and verbally. Ability to communicate clearly, concisely and effectively with security staff and non-security staff alike. An acute understanding of low-profile tactics regarding all facets of security operations. Ability to problem solve and lead in high stress environments.