

Consultancy on the humanitarian impact of the blockade:

Terms of reference

SSA Contract

OCHA Jerusalem

Background

As part of its ongoing monitoring of, and reporting on, the humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, OCHA is planning to produce a comprehensive report examining the humanitarian impact of the restrictions on the movement of goods to and from the Gaza Strip. In particular, the report will explore if and to what extent has the tunnel system under the border with Egypt created an adequate alternative to the official crossings. The present consultancy is required to support the production of this report.

Tasks

Under the supervision of the head of OCHA's Research and Analysis Unit, the consultant will be responsible for the production of the above-mentioned report, which includes the following tasks:

- Review, organize and analyze data collected through interviews and surveys that will be carried out in Gaza by an external company hired and guided by OCHA;
- Search and review media articles and reports produced by other organizations addressing aspects relevant to the report;
- To the extent necessary, conduct one-two field visit and a limited number of interviews in Gaza, to fill in possible information gaps left after reviewing the previous two sources of information;
- Plan and draft a 30-40 page long report (including maps, pictures and case studies) based on the above sources, reflecting the direction and focus laid out in OCHA's concept paper;
- Incorporate comments and suggestions for changes given to the initial draft.

Requirements

- Excellent analytical and writing skills
- Strong research and computer skills
- Past field work experience in the Gaza Strip
- In-depth knowledge of the actors operating in the Gaza Strip and the range of issues affecting its population
- High degree of proficiency in spoken and written English and Arabic
- B.A. in social science, developmental studies or relevant field
- 5-7 years of overall relevant experience
- Must be a self-starter, able to work independently as well as part of a team

Duration of the consultancy: 3 months starting on early May 2010

How to apply

For a full description of the post and P11 form, please visit the vacancies section on the OCHA oPt website: www.ochaopt.org

All applicants are requested to email the completed United Nations Personal History form (UN P11) in English via e-mail to hr@ochaopt.org .

It would be appreciated your stating your full name and the OCHA vacancy notice number (03-10-006) as the subject in your e-mail application.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Women are encouraged to apply

Closing Date for Applications: 07 April 2010