



SRF Proposal Selection Report

I. Introduction

The SRF has issued a call for expression of interest for the selection of consortia composed of humanitarian organisations eager to engage in multi-sectoral and multi-country projects in the Sahel region. The selection process was done in two stages: concept note and full proposal.

The call for consortia projects concept notes (CN) was launched in September 2022. At the end of this process, 6 consortia were shortlisted to submit a full proposal.

On November 2nd, these shortlisted partners were contacted to share a full proposal within four weeks. Relevant templates and annexes were shared with the candidates.

The six applicants submitted their proposal within the allocated time with all the required annexes.

II. Proposal review

Just like for the concept notes stage, proposals were reviewed by the evaluation committee. This evaluation committee was composed by the same members involved in the Concept Note review. However, Value for money and environmental specialists with and external consultant on protection were added to the evaluation committee.

The committee used an approved score card to provide marks to the different proposals.

The proposal review focused on the sectoral approaches of the proposed intervention, the coherence of the proposal, the alignment with the SRF strategic framework and other cross-cutting issues.

Each proposal had one dedicated scorecard in which each member of the committee awarded grades according to the sector, task and section assigned to him/her.

Proposals were not only evaluated through a scoring grad (quantitative), but reviewers were also able to share comments (qualitative) to clarify the score given or flag some identified gaps.

At the end of this process, a half day meeting between evaluation committees' members was organized to decide, based on scores and comments, which candidates presented a robust enough proposal to be approved by the SRF.

III. Results

At the end of the review process, four proposals clearly came out on top, with two sharing the third position.

	3rd	4th	2nd	6th	1st	5th
B Beneficiaries needs identification and Project design	40.2	34.4	45.2	21.0	42.0	25.1
C Beneficiaries' description and community engagement/Participation	13.0	17.6	11.8	14.2	12.8	13.0
D Organizational Capacity/experience and presence	6.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	4.0
E Coordination and advocacy	6.8	6.6	5.7	2.8	7.7	4.2
F Cost effectiveness	8.0	7.2	10.0	10.7	11.7	12.5
G Cross Cutting issues	11.5	13.3	14.7	10.2	19.2	9.7
Total	85.5	85.1	93.4	61.8	99.3	68.4
	72%	72%	79%	52%	84%	58%

The evaluation committee presented the following points to the SRF Board for approval:

1. The 2 proposals with the highest score were to be approved under the conditions of some adjustments on the budget and on technical aspect of the proposition.
2. Regarding the selection of the third proposal, since the two first proposals were covering the three borders of the Sahel region, a closer look on the area covered by the 2 proposals sharing the third position was given by the evaluation committee. That's why the proposal covering the Lac Chad basin area was favoured by the Evaluation committee for a geographical coherence. This proposal was also subject to budget and technical revisions.
3. As the fourth proposal presented some strong elements, it should be kept aside to be potentially re-considered if new funding opportunities were arising.

IV. Final decision from the SRF board

This review process was presented to the SRF board by the chair of the Evaluation committee and was deemed clear and well structured. Thus, the board validated the two first points above-mentioned without being aware of the organisations selected or rejected.

The selected applicants are (in alphabetic order):

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Mercy Corps

The result (name of applicants) was not shared with the SRF board at the end of the vote; thus, they received the information at the same time as all the applicant organisations.

V. Second review:

Before reaching the contractualization stage, all the selected organisations received an issue letter in January. Within a month, additional questions, issues and requirements were to be addressed on both the programmatic and the financial sides of their proposal.

Meanwhile, and to gain some time on a tight schedule, the FMU proceeded to organise the DDA of partners.