

Terms of Reference – Libya Flood Management (Remote)

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The DRRS programme is looking for experts to provide *remote support* for an assignment in Libya on flood risk management for the World Bank. The assignment will start asap and will most likely run until mid/end November. The teamleader position has already been filled. Please find all the required expertise in the descriptions below.

If you are interested please share your CV with drres@rvo.nl before Monday 23rd of October COB (CEST).

1. **Characterization of the Flood Event** – based on remote sensing and desk top analyses
 - a. Calculate flood characteristics based on catchment characteristics, including return intervals for different magnitude floods
 - b. Characterize the magnitude of the storm event (including hyetographs, hourly for 1 - 3 day as possible)
 - c. Calculate the characteristics of the breach parameters and flood wave resulting from the failure of both dams (magnitude, velocity, etc.)
 - d. Calculate the spatial extent of the flood event along with the inundation depth and duration
 - e. Evaluate the potential benefits of flood forecasting, including improved lead times, and emergency preparedness measures
 - f. Identify alternative solutions to increase resilience of downstream communities and assets exposed to floods to events of similar magnitude
 - g. Estimate cost estimates associated with alternative solutions to increase resilience of downstream communities and assets exposed to floods
 - h. Outline principles of “Building Back Better” and potential options for integrating application of the principles of ensuring “Room for the River”

Expertise Required: hydrologist, flood management specialist

2. **Potential Failure Mode of the Dams** – based on remote sensing and desk top analyses
 - a. Confirm design parameters for both dams and appurtenant structures (including spillway and outlet capacity curves), original design flood and safety freeboard,
 - b. Calculate the volume-height relation for both reservoirs
 - c. Assess hydrographs at the upstream dam site and compare with the design flood
 - d. Identify potential failure modes for both dams
 - e. Estimate the original construction costs for both dams based on their characteristics
 - f. Estimate the replacement costs estimates for both dams

Expertise Required: dam engineer

3. **Visualisation of the Dam Failures and Resulting Flood Event** – using modeling, artificial reality and animation techniques
 - a. Prepare animated visualization of the storm event, the resulting reservoir filling, failure of both dams, the flood wave, and subsequent inundation area

Expertise Required: hydrologist or flood management specialist, animator, designer

4. **A) Remote Detection and National Dam Inventory** – based on remote sensing
 - a. Prepare an inventory of all dams in the country using remote sensing machine learning techniques
 - b. Provide details on the characteristics of all dams and catchments based on remote sensing

- c. Map potential inundation areas resulting from potential dam failures using remote sensing techniques
- d. Estimate the potential downstream population and assets at risk in the case of potential failure of upstream dams based on remote sensing
- e. Prepare a prioritized list of dams for further physical inspection based on above analysis of potential downstream consequences

Expertise Required: Remote sensing expert, machine learning expert, dam engineer / water resource specialist

- 4. **B) National Rapid Dam Assessment** – based on the above, and subject to this being activated, we can elaborate further as needed
 - a. Carry out physical inspection of prioritized dams identified in above activity, if and as when conditions allow

Expertise Required: dam engineer, electro-mechanical engineer, geologist / geotechnical specialist, hydrologist,