



International Resources Group

Civilian Surge Capacity



Fast action and experience are critical for providing effective development assistance, especially in highly fluid environments, such as disasters and post-conflict situations. Using our specialized recruiting systems, **International Resources Group** is able to quickly mobilize individual technical consultants or entire teams to meet staffing challenges in both stable and highly volatile situations to address the wide range of development and emergency needs of these contexts. Experienced in working with military, civilian organizations and NGOs, international agencies, and national and local governments, IRG's experts are skilled at quickly adapting approaches to meet the specific needs of each actor.

Representative Projects

Providing Immediate Relief and Experienced Personnel

The Disaster Assistance and Disaster Relief Assistance programs provide support services to USAID/OFDA for immediate short-term disaster relief assistance in the areas of water, sanitation, health and nutrition; and food and non-food responses to international emergency requirements. Under this IQC, IRG has mobilized consultants to act on USAID Disaster Assistance Response Teams throughout the world - often within 48 hours of a request. IRG has provided the range of assistance including vulnerability analyses, damage and needs assessments, aid planning, repair assistance and material support, temporary shelter and camp construction/management, housing education, training, and national policy development. IRG is the prime contractor. **Disaster Assistance IQC & Disaster Relief Assistance IQC**

Coordinating National and Local Level Experts for Emergency Response

IRG provided support, coordination, logistics, and technical assistance to USAID, India's Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and other partners to address both natural and human-caused emergencies. Because India is a vast and diverse nation with communities that have various degrees of capability in disaster response and management, IRG coordinated activities from a national perspective while simultaneously working closely with individual states to address their specific needs and objectives, such as responses to forest fires, earthquakes, and cyclones. IRG also helped the MHA execute its larger vision for the country while coordinating with individual states, US government agencies, and internal and international programs.

India: India Disaster Management Support Project

Capabilities

- ♦ Far Reaching Depth and Breadth of Technical Assistance and Sector Specialists
- ♦ Rapid Mobilization and Deployment
- ♦ Swift Capacity to Stand Up Teams and Scale Up Programs
- ♦ Post-Conflict and Disaster Specialists on 24 Hour Standby

Supporting and Managing Rehabilitation Efforts

IRG supported USAID in the overall planning, monitoring, coordination, and reporting on reconstruction and rehabilitation activities across a variety of sectors including education, health, agriculture, civil society strengthening, and infrastructure. ***Iraq: Implementation of Emergency Relief and Short-Term Rehabilitation Response***

Providing Risk Management Training throughout Latin America and the Caribbean

Working with regional experts in course development and delivery, instructor training, and workshop implementation, IRG has trained over 50,000 individuals in risk management since 1998 under the USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) Regional Disaster Assistance Program. This includes more than 5,000 local instructors equipped to replicate OFDA methodologies. IRG has developed a core skills training suite consisting of 34 courses spanning five thematic areas – risk management, first response, prevention and control of forest fires, school/university safety, and skill-building for instructors, curriculum developers, and facilitators. In addition to face-to-face training, IRG is experienced in developing alternative learning (such as e-learning) methodologies. IRG has also worked with 26 universities in 14 LAC countries to advance risk reduction and mitigation by introducing OFDA training materials and strategies into university curricula and professional communities. ***Latin America Regional: Technical and Administrative Support to Latin America and the Caribbean***

Mobilizing Humanitarian Crisis Response Teams

IRG assessed the extent and nature of the humanitarian crisis in SNNPR in Ethiopia. Working with several partners, IRG was able to mobilize a project team within 72 hours of task order award. The first team worked with the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to perform a timely and accurate assessment of the humanitarian crisis in the SNNPR, as well as provide recommendations on areas that needed a more focused response. A second team worked on a more in-depth socioeconomic study with the goal of clarifying the overall needs of the population, and provided possible strategies to address these issues. ***Ethiopia: Humanitarian Assistance and Socioeconomic Study of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region (SNNPR)***