



International Resources Group

# Civilian Surge Capacity



Providing timely and appropriate response is imperative for effective development assistance and in highly fluid environments such as disasters and post conflict, fast action and experience can be especially critical. **International Resources Group** is known for its ability to rapidly mobilize renowned technical experts to address the range of development and emergency needs in such situations. Using our specialized recruiting systems, we are able to quickly supply individual technical consultants or entire teams to meet staffing challenges in both stable and highly volatile contexts. These experts have a wide range of experience working with military, civilian, and non-governmental organizations; international agencies; and national and local governments. They are skilled at quickly adapting approaches to meet the specific needs of each context.

## 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 in response 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 provides 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 coordinates activities from a national perspective while simultaneously working closely with individual states to address their specific needs and objectives. **India: India Disaster Management Support Project**

### Supporting and Managing Rehabilitation Efforts

IRG will continue to support USAID over an 18-month period in the overall planning, monitoring, coordination, and reporting on

## 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

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 Training and Capacity Building to Support Risk Management**

IRG provides full-time administrative and technical program support for the OFDA Risk Management Program by implementing the regional risk management training program, providing technical assistance to public and private disaster agencies, supporting the regional USAID team in rapid response and developing pilot mitigation activities. The team also developed a strategy that allows a customized approach to risk management and addresses specific country requirements. IRG was directly involved with the response to Hurricane George and relief activities in the eastern Caribbean, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, and made recommendations for response and development of post-disaster mitigation in earthquake-affected Columbia.

***Regionwide: 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)***