

IMWG – Funding Concept Handout

Introduction:

- **Objective:** The purpose of this document is to secure funding of €250,000.00 over the next five (5) years for the Information Management Working Group (IMWG) within the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG). The funding will facilitate the development and maintenance of essential information management systems such as ICMS, which proved so crucial for enhancing coordination during disasters, such as Türkiye, Syria Libya, and Morocco in just the past two years.
- **Goal:** Our aim is to ensure effective information management, thereby improving response efforts during sudden onset disasters.

Justification for Funding:

- **Importance:** Securing funding is imperative for maintaining the Esri ArcGIS Online (AGOL) platform, which serves as the cornerstone for our information management endeavours. Additionally, funding allows us to adapt to evolving operational requirements. (Türkiye AAR outcomes as an example)
- **Impact:** Adequate funding guarantees that the IMWG can effectively meet its objectives and remain flexible in response to changing circumstances.

Scope of Work:

- **Cost Considerations:** The funding will cover licensing fees and the development of various information management systems tailored to INSARAG's needs.
- **Key Activities:** These include the development of ICMS 3.0, NAP/IRNAP IM systems, classifier management, and the integration of satellite artificial intelligence into our coordination and situational awareness systems..

Objectives:

- **Goals:** Our objectives include the completion of ICMS 3.0, the development of new systems, facilitating information sharing, and bolstering research and development capabilities.
- **Expected Outcomes:** We anticipate improved system security, enhanced adaptability, and more efficient information sharing mechanisms.

Budget Allocation:

- **Breakdown:** The allocated funds will cover licensing, professional development of our systems, research and development, partnerships, and essential support functions.

- **Justification:** Each allocation has been carefully justified to address fixed costs and provide estimates for system development (ICMS 3.0) and research and development initiatives.

Implementation Plan:

- **Timeline:** The funding will be utilized over a five-year period, with an average annual allocation of €50,000.
- **Roles and Responsibilities:** Defined roles within the IMWG, including management, operations, technical, training, and co-opted positions, will ensure efficient implementation.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- **Methods:** Oversight will be provided by an external entity, ensuring financial transparency and adherence to established goals.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Performance and impact will be assessed through the implementation of SMART goals.

Sustainability Plan:

- **Strategies:** We aim to emphasise the enduring importance of information management within INSARAG and seek long-term funding solutions.
- **Future Plans:** Our strategy includes developing a diverse and sustainable workforce capable of supporting ongoing information management efforts.

Conclusion:

- **Importance:** Securing funding is vital for the continued development and maintenance of critical information management systems.
- **Call to Action:** We urge support for the €250,000 funding request over the next five years, which will enable the completion of ICMS 3.0 and ensure the delivery of sustainable IM systems to the INSARAG network.