



TAFF

Technical Assistance Financing Facility
for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

Questions and Answers



Further information about the Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness is available on the webpage of the [Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery \(GFDRR\) website](#) and the [Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network \(UCPKN\) website](#). Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please reach out to us at UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org.

Eligible Entities

Are only national authorities eligible to apply for TAFF, or can regional or municipal authorities with disaster risk management responsibilities also apply?

Only national level civil protection authorities or authorities with disaster risk management responsibilities from eligible countries are eligible to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for TAFF. While regional or municipal authorities cannot submit expressions of interest as primary applicants, they can be associated with activities proposed by national authorities or projects may address specific regional challenges within a country, ensuring alignment with national strategies.

Are national scientific organizations mandated by law to deal with specific disaster risk management responsibilities considered eligible to submit an expression of interest for TAFF?

National scientific organizations are not eligible to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for TAFF. Only national civil protection authorities or authorities with disaster risk management responsibilities are eligible to submit EOI for TAFF. However, national authorities can coordinate/collaborate with scientific organizations on proposed activities to be implemented by the World Bank/Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), particularly in areas where there are gaps/needs. Any involvement of scientific organizations must be facilitated through the national authority and align with TAFF overarching objective.

Are national NGOs eligible?

National NGOs are not eligible to apply for TAFF as primary applicants. Only national civil protection authorities or authorities with disaster risk management responsibilities are eligible to submit EOI for TAFF. NGOs may contribute to activities in collaboration with eligible national authorities, provided that their participation is facilitated by the national authority and align with TAFF overarching objective. No direct technical assistance can be provided to NGOs.

Submission of Expressions of Interest

If my team wants to submit a project, what should we do?

The Call for Expressions of Interest and the Template for Expressions of Interest (EOI) are available on the [TAFF webpage](#) (hosted by GFDRR) as well as on the [UCPM website](#). All EOIs should be submitted to UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org, within the deadline stipulated in the call (by **March 27, 2026, at 23:59 CET**) following the template for the EOI. Please check that your organization is an eligible entity. For any questions about the template for the EOI (see **Annex 3**) or the procedure to follow, please contact UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org.

How should beneficiaries estimate costs for projects managed by the World Bank?

Beneficiaries can provide an indicative estimate of the costs considering the implementation timeline (up to 24 months) and the expected budget of activities ranging between €250,000 to €750,000. The indicative cost helps to form a general idea of the project's financial scope and feasibility of implementation. Once an Expressions of Interest (EOI) is approved, World Bank teams will collaborate with beneficiaries to prepare a more detailed and accurate costing.

How can authorities with disaster risk management responsibilities prove that the application is endorsed by the ministry?

EOIs submitted by eligible authorities with disaster risk management responsibilities other than national civil protection (CP) authorities need endorsement by the CP agencies/ministries. Authorities can prove that an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the TAFF is endorsed by including confirmation from a legal representative of the agency/ministry in their EOI. This confirmation can take various forms, such as an email or an official letter. The communication should state the title of the project and the endorsing authority. It should also confirm that the proposed project is in line with national priorities and needs. For instance, an email from the ministry might state: *"We hereby confirm that the project titled [Project Title] is endorsed by [Ministry Name] and is consistent with our national disaster risk management priorities as noted in [reference to strategy/plan for example], addressing the identified needs of [brief description of needs]."*

Types of Activities

Is the preparation of a project proposal and advice on possible funding opportunities for that particular project idea an eligible activity under TAFF?

Entities interested in such assistance should contact UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org to discuss their specific needs and to confirm what is eligible under TAFF. Examples of ongoing TAFF-supported projects from the 2024 and 2025 calls can be accessed on [TAFF website](#).

Anticipate	Prepare	Alert	Secure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk analytics for DRM planning (e.g. UCPM Peer review) • Critical entities resilience – analytics, good practice, etc • Recommendations for prioritization frameworks (i.e., portfolio assessment; cost/benefit analyses) • National DRM/DRR, prevention or preparedness strategies/ plans • Resilient infrastructure (building regulations, nature-based solutions, climate-proofing, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk awareness activities • Communication strategies/ actions plans to support inclusive DRM • Capacity-building related to improved risk awareness • Perception surveys • Promote open access to, and utilization of, risk information, data, tools, and analytics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical reviews of EWS and national hydromet systems • System review of climate services provided vis-à-vis user needs, coordination, etc. • Review of hydrometeorological investments • Technical reviews focusing on enhancing human and technical aspects of public warning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparedness and response analytics (i.e., Ready2Respond or UCPM peer review) • Recovery technical reviews & recommendations (i.e., business continuity, SOPs, post-disaster financing, damage & loss systems or methodologies, inclusive & gender responsive recovery, recovery frameworks, etc. • Trainings, e.g., inclusive first responders

Would the development of simplified cost option methodologies for disaster shelters be eligible under the TAFF? How about detailed guidelines?

TAFF technical assistance implemented by the World Bank/ GFDRR can, in general, support the development of methodologies and guidelines, such as for disaster shelters or other topics. The eligibility will depend on the specific context and needs of the project. Entities interested in such assistance should contact UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org to discuss specific needs and to confirm eligibility under TAFF.

If the risk assessment for specific assets is a non-eligible activity, does that mean that national risk analysis is also non-eligible?

National risk assessments are generally eligible under TAFF technical assistance executed by the World Bank/Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), but it is important to consider the scope and cost parameters of the proposed activity and those of TAFF. Comprehensive and granular risk assessments (with modelling, quantitative analysis, etc.) are likely to exceed the funding limits under TAFF. TAFF activities include various types of analytics, technical studies and recommendations for plans and strategies, piloting of activities, development of different types of guidelines and/or support technical review and provide recommendations, and capacity-building/training activities. A list of indicative activities is provided below and in Annex 5 on the [TAFF website](#). Entities interested in such assistance should contact UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org to discuss their specific needs and to confirm what is eligible under TAFF.

What about more technical trainings on information and communication technology (ICT) processes and documentation, as well as DRM ICT project outsourcing for DRM ICT project implementation?

The TAFF can in principle provide various trainings, with different levels of technical focus. The eligibility will depend on the specific context and needs of the project. Entities interested in such assistance should contact UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org to discuss their specific needs and to confirm what is eligible under TAFF.

Implementation of activities

Will the TAFF beneficiaries be involved in the selection of experts, and to what extent?
Is TAFF beneficiaries' acceptance/agreement be required in order to engage expert(s)?

TAFF technical assistance is implemented (executed) by the World Bank/ GFDRR. Once activities are approved (following shortlisting of EOIs), as part of the teams' mobilisation, beneficiaries would be asked for recommendations. While these recommendations are an important consideration, the ultimate decision on which experts to mobilise rests with the World Bank/GFDRR as implementing entities that ensure quality, timeliness, budget, as well as reporting and all fiduciary aspects.

Do projects require co-financing?

No, TAFF activities do not require any co-financing. They are fully financed by the EC through DG ECHO, and they are implemented by the World Bank/ GFDRR.

Do shortlisted beneficiary national authorities receive a grant from DG ECHO?

No, TAFF activities are implemented (executed) by the World Bank/ GFDRR, which is responsible for the delivery of the technical assistance, project management, mobilisation of experts, reporting (including to DG ECHO), and all fiduciary aspects. Staff of beneficiary entities are not remunerated for coordination on TAFF projects.

Contact points

Who are the World Bank ECA Regional/Country Focal Points?

Applicants are encouraged to reach out to the following World Bank ECA Regional Focal Points in preparation of their Expressions of Interest:

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Indicative timeline and Further information:

March 27, 2026:

Deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest by Countries.

April 29, 2026:

Official notification on shortlisting by DG ECHO and World Bank/GFDRR.

World Bank/GFDRR TAFF team: UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org or <https://www.gfdr.org/en/taff>
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