
ICANN Emergency Assistance Program

Expression of Interest (EOI) | Clarifying Questions & Answers

- 1. Does the Program cover exclusively future emergency responses or is it possible to include extensions of ongoing actions such as our involvement in Ukraine, Poland and Syria?**

Eligible events may be new or protracted crises. So, it is possible to include extensions to ongoing emergency response actions.

- 2. In case my organization is selected, what would be the period of eligibility of the funds?**

ICANN allocates USD 1 million per fiscal year (July-June) to be distributed by the end of the fiscal year. The expectation is that the funds will be used within one year of disbursement, but there may be some flexibility depending on needs on the ground.

- 3. ICANN's current call for expressions of interest is acting as a prequalification for future funding in an emergency. What information does ICANN envisage needing on the day when a new emergency occurs, in order to make a decision about providing actual funding?**

ICANN is looking for organizations that lead projects to provide Internet access and recovery for local populations during emergencies and disasters. ICANN will consult with the funding recipient organization(s) with regard to the needs on the ground when a new emergency occurs. The recipient organization is expected to clearly outline to ICANN its plans for Internet access and recovery, and ICANN's decision on issuing any specific monetary contribution for said crisis will be made after consultation with the funding recipient organization.

- 4. Typically, my organization's emergency response has a more significant impact the earlier the response is activated. If the funding decision is prolonged then this could delay deployment and/or, more likely, procurement of the equipment required to make that greater impact on the situation on the ground. How long do you anticipate this decision-making process taking?**

The purpose of having this EOI and subsequent selection of recipient organizations is so that ICANN and recipient organizations are able to act quickly. ICANN and recipient organizations will have a master agreement in place that enables quick deployment after decisionmaking. The key element for consideration in a new crisis situation is to first determine the need for the response to provide Internet access and recovery for local

populations. Once the need and a clear approach for delivering on the ground is established, ICANN will make all efforts to disburse funds as soon as possible.

5. Would ICANN have any willingness to prefund any procurement of equipment or other activities, in order to ensure greater readiness and a timely response when a new crisis does occur?

No. ICANN would need to evaluate the plan for action after a crisis situation and before the disbursement of funds.

6. Is ICANN likely to award one single grant of \$1 million per year or will it be broken down into smaller parcels? If the latter, how small is the smallest parcel likely to be?

As emergencies arise where ICANN could provide support, and subject to availability of funds, the ICANN org will coordinate with the selected organization(s) to identify if a monetary contribution would be appropriate in the specific instance. This could be one single contribution of the maximum amount available or smaller.

If there are any thresholds that the receiving organization has in place with regard to a minimum amount of contribution (i.e., the organization would not accept anything less than a certain amount), this information should be shared with ICANN in advance. The exact size of the smallest parcel has not been determined.

7. Can one prequalified organization receive multiple grants in a single year if it responds to more than one major international emergency situation?

Yes. Please note that the program's total annual contributions shall not exceed USD 1 million during ICANN's fiscal year cycle (July-June).

8. Will there be a requirement to coordinate with other possible grant recipients in a specific emergency situation?

ICANN org may select one or more organizations to provide support in an emergency situation. If more than one organization is involved, coordination will be expected as appropriate.

9. Is ICANN prepared to provide a framework for assessing needs and developing context specific interventions for Internet support?

The main purpose of the EOI is to identify existing capabilities and experience to address Internet access and recovery efforts. Respondents to the EOI should include additional information they deem relevant.