

Terms of Reference

A report on reparations and the future of Mosul

The Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights and Minority Rights Group International are implementing an EU-supported programme (EIDHR/2016/376-911) to strengthen human rights defenders organisations working with vulnerable civilians in Iran and Iraq.

We are seeking to retain an independent expert to research and write a report in English on the situation in Mosul and the surrounding area in the aftermath of the defeat of ISIS (Da'esh). The city of Mosul and the surrounding region is likely to be a test case for human rights and reparations in Iraq in the broader context of reconstruction, reconciliation and the political re-integration of marginalised Sunni and persecuted minority populations.

The report should consider the legacy of violations committed in recent years and the implementation of reparations, focusing on the consequences for human rights in Iraq. It will investigate the reparations process of the Iraqi government in the Mosul region including but not limited to the activities of the Law 20 Committee (as well as any reparations or compensation mechanism made available by international actors -- or the lack thereof) and examine their current and likely future impact on patterns of violence and violations. The expert is encouraged to use their initiative in investigating and developing their analysis of the many aspects of this complex issue, and in refining the focus or foci of the report.

The final report should be approximately 12,000 words long and in English, to be completed by no later than 19 August 2019. Remuneration for this report will be USD \$4000.

Person specification

- Location of researcher:
 - Preferably in Iraq, with the capacity to conduct in-country research.
- Languages:
 - Excellent English and fluent Arabic;
 - Working knowledge of or fluency in other relevant languages spoken in Iraq is desirable but not required.
- Knowledge:
 - Extensive knowledge of current human rights concerns inside Iraq relevant to the issue of reparations, including political context, the recent history of violations, the Iraqi legal system and the situation in and around Mosul.
 - Relevant University degree or equivalent experience.
- Experience:
 - An established track record in research in human rights and/or IHL, reparations or a related field;
 - The ability to write in English to a high level of accuracy and academic rigor in an accessible style.
- Other:
 - Existing networks of contacts in Academia, the INGO sector or the media related to human rights, politics, reconstruction and reparations in Iraq are desired.

Application process

Applicants are required to submit a CV, a brief cover letter summarizing their suitability for the role, two writing samples from published work (400-2000 words each), and a suggested short chapter outline/synopsis of the report before the deadline of 10am on 27 May to contact@ceasefire.org

Please contact us if you have any questions or wish to discuss this project.

Background information:

<https://www.ceasefire.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Reparations-in-Iraq-Ceasefire-November-2017.pdf>

https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/property_compensation_guidelines.pdf