



Call for Expression of interest to receive technical support from GTH

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Questions & Answers

1. What is GTH?

The **Geneva Technical Hub** (GTH) is a multi-partner initiative designed to support vulnerable populations and their host communities through the provision of specialized experts to humanitarian field operations. GTH 2.0 builds on the success of its pilot phase (in 2021-2025, funded by SDC), now enhanced by strategic partnerships and fresh funding from key global partners.

Visit this **webpage** to browse the solutions already delivered during its pilot phase.

2. Which areas of expertise are covered by GTH?

GTH can offer expertise in:

- **Settlement Profiling and Planning**
- **Hydrogeology**
- **Optimized Water Systems**
- **Flood Risk Management**
- **Renewable Energy**
- **Climate Resilience**

3. What is the type of support GTH offers for field operations?

GTH offers specialized short/mid-term technical expertise through:

- Remote or on-site technical support, both for problem-solving and capacity-building
- Development of tools and guidelines tailored to local contexts
- Training of trainer programs (in-person and e-learning) to build local capacity

4. Who can request GTH support?

The call for expressions of interest targets partners who are part of the GTH project: UNHCR, UN-Habitat, IFRC, ICRC, IOM, UNICEF, the Global Platform for Action (GPA) and the Global WASH Cluster (GWC).

5. How can I request GTH support?

To receive GTH support, you need to express your interest by filling out this **MS Form**.

6. What are the main criteria to apply for GTH call?

- GTH's primary objective is to provide solutions to **complex technical challenges** encountered in humanitarian operations. Requests for support must fall within one of the sectors mentioned under point 2. above. The operational challenges **must concern a level**



of technical complexity that cannot be resolved by staff members at field or headquarters level.

- ii. To be eligible, each request must be jointly submitted by **at least two GTH partner agencies** operating in the field, together with a local partner. This requirement ensures a collaborative approach to identifying the technical challenge and implementing the recommended actions.
- iii. Finally, each request must contribute to at least one of GTH's core objectives:
 - 1. Address immediate, lifesaving, and/or protracted humanitarian needs**
 - 2. Enhance resource efficiency and operational effectiveness.**
- iv. Requests may also contribute to greening the operational response and to environmental mainstreaming, supporting more sustainable and responsible humanitarian practices.

7. How will my request be reviewed, and by whom?

Requests submitted from the field will be evaluated by GTH technical experts and members of the Operational Committee who are representatives of all GTH partner agencies. To uphold a neutral and impartial review process and prevent any conflict of interest, the GTH Secretariat will ensure that no expert or committee member participates in the assessment of requests submitted by their own agency. All submissions will be evaluated using a standardized scoring process, which will support the prioritization of requests.

8. What makes GTH experts different from other deployments?

GTH deploys specialized technical expertise which is not easily available in regular stand-by partner rosters. The unique profile of GTH experts is linked to the high level of expertise in a domain given (e.g. hydrogeology). Please note that **GTH deployments are not intended to replace regular staff and cannot compensate for staffing gaps.**

9. What costs will be covered by the GTH?

The budget available under the GTH project will cover the experts' time as well as the costs related to their deployment to the field. Field missions are intended to be short-term, typically 2–3 weeks. Experts can also provide remote support, which is not limited to a specific timeframe but will be driven by needs until a suitable solution is found.

10. What costs will NOT be covered by the GTH?

GTH cannot cover costs related to the implementation of technical solutions; these must be budgeted and funded by the requesting agencies. GTH will also not cover costs related to detailed field assessments and data collection. For field mission of experts, requesting agencies are expected to facilitate admin processes (visa etc.) and local transport.



11. I have relevant expertise that could benefit the GTH and am interested in the GTH's activities. Can I apply to be an expert at GTH?

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the GTH. The expert pool is already complete, and we will not be able to accept applications.

12. How do I fill in the form to express my interest and request GTH support?

Check this **video guidance** on the submission form which provides further explanations on how to apply.

Do you have any other questions? Reach out!



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