International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

- APPLICATION TEMPLATE -

Roots of Behaviour in War – Update study

December 2015

This document should be read in conjunction with the Call for Proposals and the Terms of Reference. Please note that page limits are strictly enforced and exceeding them may result in disqualification.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Contact person

First name	Last name
Job title	Telephone
Institution	Fax
Address	
E-mail	

LETTER OF INTEREST [max. 1 A4 page]

Describe your interest in carrying out the research and the skills you have acquired in data collection and synthesis, ideally with arms bearers.

3. PROPOSED RESEARCH DESIGN [max. 3 A4 pages]

In order to advance our understanding of each category of arms bearer and facilitate comparisons across the typology, we will use a framework that distinguishes between four different levels of influence on arms bearers:

- Individual
- Peer group (informal social norms)
- Organizational (formal social norms)
- External (e.g. societal, notables, spiritual leaders etc.).

Based on the typology of groups outlined above and the four-level framework just described, please structure your research design to address the issues outlined below. This format is not exhaustive; if there are issues of importance you feel are omitted, please include them. Irrespective of the outline of your proposal, the page limit applies.

a. State:

- the type of arms bearer you propose to study;
- which specific groups you propose to study;
- your level of contact with each specific group;
- previous experience with groups of this type [Approx. ½ A4 page]

Item	Specify	Specify
Category of group	State armed force, group with political ideology, community-linked group or group associated with Islamist thought.	Experience with groups of this type.
Group A	Name, country	Level of contact
Group B	Name. country	Level of contact

- b. The primary unit of analysis in this study is the individual combatant and how he or she behaves in relation to "norms of restraint." A critical question to be studied is how these norms are shaped by each level of influence described above. As a consequence, please outline your approach and methodology (e.g. type of qualitative or quantitative methods) for studying a group's norms of restraint, how they develop and change over time. Of particular interest is your analysis of whether the methods and approach need to be adjusted for studying the different levels of influence. [Approx. 2 A4 pages]
- c. Please outline a timeline for your research specifically mentioning when you would intend to conduct field visits. Please note that an initial meeting with all researchers is proposed for April 2016 in Geneva. Another meeting will be held in Geneva in December 2016 that should be post-data collection and pre-report writing. These meetings are financed by the ICRC and should not figure in the budget below. The deliverables are to be produced no later than mid-2017. [Approx. ½ A4 page]

4. BUDGET

General guidance

The maximum amount available for each researcher is CHF 45,000, for research into two groups of arms bearers.

You must present your budget in Swiss francs (CHF) and it must include:

- all costs for undertaking the research;
- all relevant taxes and related costs these cannot be charged on top.

Budgets do not need to cover the cost of the final design and publication of the findings.

The ICRC will not compensate for changes in the exchange rate, and you should state what exchange rate you are using if applicable.

You must use the template below to summarize your budget and provide a brief narrative to explain expenses.

Summary of financial resources (CHF)

Heading	Unit cost	Number of units	Total cost (CHF)		
Staff cost	Daily rate	No. days			
Researcher					
Any other					
additional staff					
(if required)					
Subtotal, staff costs					
Travel,					
accommodatio					
n					
Data collection					
Other costs					
Subtotal, other costs					
TOTAL					

Narrative – Please provide a brief budget justification here:

5. CV (including list of major publications)

For any questions about the application, please write to behaviourstudy@icrc.org.

Applications are due by 31 January 2016, 24.00 CET.

Please email completed applications to behaviourstudy@icrc.org with the text 'Application: Roots of Behaviour in War" in the subject line.