

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### EVALUATION OF THE OCBA Board of Directors (AGORA)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 December 2022

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Subject	MSF Operational Centre Barcelona Athens Board of Directors
Expected start	December, 2022
Duration	Final deliverables to be submitted by end February, 2023. It is expected that the consultancy period will be between 30 and 40 working days.
Application Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A cover letter highlighting applicants' experience with similar past assignments (max 1 page)</li> <li>2) CV</li> </ol> <p>Applications should be sent to <a href="mailto:veuapplication@vienna.msf.org">veuapplication@vienna.msf.org</a></p>
Deadline to apply	15 December 2022

## CONTEXT

The Agora was created in 2013 with different objectives:

- to provide strategic direction, oversight of operations and operational support in the OCBA network. In addition.
- To ensure adherence of the network with the MSF Charter, values and MSF international vision and shared aspirations of the network.
- To ensure that appropriate resources are available for OCBA operations.
- To ensure the governance and accountability of all joined efforts of the OCBA network.

Currently, the Agora is composed by representatives of 11 MSF Institutional members: MSF Spain, MSF Greece, MSF Latin America, MSF Eastern Africa, MSF Canada, MSF Austria, MSF Norway, MSF Italy, MSF Japan, MSF Brazil, and MSF WaCA.

Although Agora main documents had been reviewed and updated, since its conception the functioning of the Agora has never been evaluated. Since 2013, Agora and MSF Movement have evolved in different ways. For instance, new ways of working have been implemented to improve governance, for example the Agora committees that mirrors the IB standing committees. Almost a decade of “working together” as a group, provide an opportunity to reflect on the essence of the framework in which the Agora partnership was built. How this partnership has materialized, to what extend it continues to serve its intended goal of supporting our social mission and how should be further potentialize.

MSF Spain Board of Directors and the Agora have decided to carry out an evaluation to reflect on its development and evolution.

## EVALUATION PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND QUESTIONS

The aim of this evaluation of Agora is threefold:

1. Analyze whether the principles of relevance and effectiveness that led to the creation of the Agora are still valid and are in accordance with our current vision of the operational network.
2. To examine the relevance and effectiveness of the Agora in view on OCBA's current development and ambitions (considering the evolution of the movement as well).
3. Propose new possible models for debate.

### Specific objectives include:

1. Analyzing how the existing agreement has shaped the partnership and contributed effectively – or not - to OCBA network ambitions, considering the following objectives of Agora:
  - 1.1. Provide strategic direction and oversight of operations and operational support in the OCBA network ensuring adherence of the network with the MSF Charter, values, MSF international vision and shared aspirations of the network.
  - 1.2. Ensure appropriate resources are available for OCBA network operations.
  - 1.3. Governance and accountability of all joined efforts of the OCBA network (operational update at their annual general assemblies).
  - 1.4. Encourage engagement with and debate of OCBA network operations within Agora and with other participating organizations.

- 1.5. Set up working groups to achieve the objectives of the network as efficiently as possible.
2. Explore the views of OCBA partners on existing arrangements, their effective participation and responsibilities in the OCBA partnership.
3. Learn from partnership arrangements of other OCs and their respective strengths and limitations.
4. If judged necessary, developing with partners an edited version of the 2021 framework that could serve as a new framework for all present and future partners.

## METHODOLOGY AND DATA SOURCES

After a desktop document review, evaluators are expected to elaborate a methodology. The evaluation team will be composed by an external (lead) evaluator and an evaluator from the VEU.

## EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- An inception report outlining the methodology of the evaluation.
- Report with the findings of the reflection and consultations
- Alternative/changes in the model and implementation recommendations
- A presentation and discussion of main findings and recommendations to AGORA members.

## PROFILE / REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICANTS

The applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Minimum 5 years' experience evaluating Governance structures, ideally humanitarian organisations
- Proven experience in social science/qualitative methodologies
- Strategic outlook and thinking
- Experience in NGO/other types of organisation governance, ideally in the humanitarian sphere
- Strong understanding of humanitarian principles
- An excellent knowledge of English (spoken and written)
- Excellent analytical and writing skills