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Subject: Call for funding support of the INSARAG Coordination and Management System (ICMS)
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From:
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Dear INSARAG community members,

The Information Management Working Group (IMWG) has been working for years to enhance the information management capabilities within the INSARAG community. While most of these activities have been focused on coordination tools, the IMWG has reconfirmed in their Terms of Reference that the focus of the Working Group is much broader. Examples are maintenance of the INSARAG website, global training of ICMS/UCC, technical solutions development, and importantly, the helpdesk and other various technical support during disasters. Through the After-Action Review of the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, the INSARAG community emphasized the vital importance of a good working information management and coordination system. The insights based on this recent experience have been formulated into specific recommendations and solutions, which were presented during the AAR in Qatar. It was obvious then that these solutions were very broadly supported, as has been reconfirmed at the Team Leaders Meeting in Brazil. To start the development work of what is now termed “ICMS 3.0”, there will be a final consultation of the ISG in May of this year.

*The ISG in 2024 reaffirmed their endorsement to “the IMWG plan to produce a five-year strategy and work plans to facilitate the development and integration of information systems into the INSARAG network. **The Secretariat will seek donor support.**”*

On behalf of the IMWG and for them to implement this development and continue the work of the IMWG that is vital to the entire INSARAG community, I am appealing to our donors and INSARAG classified teams for support. We have been able to do this important work throughout the years due to the dedication and financial support of various member sponsors. However, the sponsorship has only been arranged until the end of 2024. From 2025 and onwards, we need financial support. Without this support, maintenance of the work that has

been done until now and the further development of ICMS will not be possible.

To ensure that we can maintain and create information management systems and methods that work to support the crucial work of INSARAG members, we kindly ask your sponsorship for the coming years. To support all facets of information management, and after considering the various options, we are looking for sponsors for €250k in total for a 5-year period. The more sponsors we have, the less financial impact there is per sponsor member. I hope that there will be an appropriate response within the INSARAG network to support the work of the IMWG, which of course includes the central coordination and information management system that is embedded in the very DNA of our organisation.

In the table below you will find a break-down of the funding needs, both for the going-concern and for development of information management solutions in the future:

<i>Costs</i>	<i>Yearly</i>	<i>5-year Period</i>
Licensing Fees	€30k	€150k
Development Costs (ICMS 3.0 + help desk solutions)	€15k	€75k
R&D (new technologies and solutions related to Information Management: satellite imagery, AI, VOSOCC development, etc.)	€5k	€25k
Total 5 years	€50k	€250k

The funds will be administered by a Treasury function within the IMWG. The Treasurer will ensure that a quarterly spending report will be made. The yearly spending report will be subject to an audit by a certified accountant.

At the ISG in May 2025 I announced my support of these activities and of the funding request, and I implore you to take ownership of this aspect of our work that is essential to our success in the field. To support this important work and become a valued sponsor, please contact Whitney Veen, IMWG-member (whitney.veen@nipv.nl; +31622091277) and insarag@un.org **before the 19 July** .

Grateful for your continued support, in our collective mission to save lives,

Best,
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