

ANNEX C: CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST [TO BE ISSUED BY UNHCR]

Note: The purpose of the Call for Expression of Interest is to solicit interest from existing or prospective partners that wish to participate in a UNHCR operation and contribute complementary resources (human resources, knowledge, funds, in-kind contributions, supplies and/or equipment) to achieving common objectives as agreed in a Project Partnership Agreement.

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Project title and Identification: Protection in Southern Syria			Project Location: Dar'a and Quneitra, Southern Syria																																
Brief Background of the Project:																																			
<p>As the conflict in Syria enters its sixth year 13.5 m of its people are considered to be in need of humanitarian assistance; 7.2 with protection needs.</p> <p>Its people face protection risks in their daily lives with diminishing capacity to mitigate these risks. Indiscriminate and targeted attacks on civilian areas and facilities, grave rights violations, denial of humanitarian access, and violations of international law persist unabated. Violence at household and community levels is increasing and vulnerabilities based on gender and other factors intensifies. Community resilience is being tested due to disruption of livelihoods and psychosocial distress resulting in harmful coping strategies. This includes the worst forms of child labour, child marriage and risk of sexual exploitation. People living within Syria experience complex protection needs.</p> <p>Below is an estimated breakdown of demographic data of the population in need of assistance.</p>																																			
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<p>The protection sector will seek to expand the protection presence and coverage through community interventions, mobile response capacity and where possible, strengthening the ability of duty-bearers to respond to protection needs including through advocacy. The sector aims to increase the protection of affected people at risk from the consequences of violence, including through the provision of quality child protection responses and GBV services. Protection actors will be required to scale up in areas of existing operations, to provide more comprehensive interventions, and seek opportunities to access underserved populations. The protection sector will support partners to strategically expand programming and improve the quality of services. Sustained advocacy on protection needs, international law, and increased access underpin the operations of the protection sector, as well as the promotion of "do no harm" in all aspects of humanitarian action. Increasing coordination between response hubs is critical so the protection sector can ensure understanding of the needs and gaps, and a coherent response. The sector aims to build on achievements relating to collective information gathering and sharing, analysis and advocacy.</p> <p>A stronger emphasis will be placed on actions designed to prevent and mitigate protection risks to support the resilience of communities. This will be done through community-based case management and outreach</p>																																			

initiatives that empower at-risk groups and strengthen positive coping mechanisms. Engagement with duty bearers, including local authorities, provides an opportunity to advocate on reducing threats and create safe access to referral pathways.

Goal/Objective, Expected Outcome and Main Activities:

Objective: Protection from effects of armed conflict strengthened

Output: Situation of persons of concern monitored

Activities: (To conduct and record monitoring missions. Collect information linked to displacement and protection challenges, trends, patterns and priority issues in targeted locations. Protection research will focus on specific areas of concern identified during protection monitoring. This will allow for evidence-based analysis to inform better programming and coordination. Assessment on civil status documentation in Syria to be completed)

Objective: Risk of SGBV is reduced and quality of response improved

Output: Advocacy conducted

Activities: (To conduct advocacy interventions made on SGBV prevention and response. Identification, counselling and timely referral of survivors and systematic case management and follow up, where such services are available. Multi-sectoral services are provided where available)

Objective Protection of children strengthened

Output: Capacity development supported

Activities: (To provide general training to partners and government staff on child protection and children's rights. Some twenty local partners receive training and long term mentorship on protection mainstreaming and case management. At least 2 local partners receive training and mentorship on protection monitoring. Establishment of a protection monitoring network of local partners inside Syria)

Intended Population of Concern: Syrian refugees and host communities

Project Period [estimated start and end dates of project]: 1 March – 31 December 2016

Submission Deadline: **10 January 2016**

Date Decision Results to be Communicated to Applicants: **7 February 2016**

Selection Criteria: International agencies should be able to demonstrate specialized expertise in the sector, work in collaboration with national NGOs/CBOs and/or a clear exit strategy.

Criteria Description

Sector expertise and experience: the required specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge and human resources available with the organization in the project area, similar projects in the Syria situation countries. Innovative interventions that include collaboration with private sector and through existing government mechanisms will be prioritized.

Project management: ability to deliver project objectives, accountability mechanisms and sound financial management,

Local experience and presence:

Ongoing programme in the area of operation and demonstrable evidence of local presence and knowledge including assessment of the area of intervention.

Demonstrate collaboration with national NGOs and local CBOs for future sustainability.

Working relationship, collaboration with relevant government authorities.

Contribution of resources: evidenced and documented contribution of resources to the Project in cash or in-kind (e.g. human resources, supplies and/or equipment) that are presently available (or potentially mobilized by the partner) in order to supplement UNHCR resources.
Cost effectiveness: level of direct costs and administrative costs imposed on the Project in relation to project deliverables.
Experience working with UNHCR: global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies, practices and programme, including an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's funding limitations and associated inherent risks.
Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with Government of Jordan (MOSD/ MOPIC); • Participation in Syria's Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and relevant Sector Working Group is an asset
Other information (<i>optional</i>)

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