

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](#).

UNHCR Offices are required to provide a brief description and background of the [Project](#) and selection criteria for the [Project](#). A sample template for a [Call for Expression of interest](#) is below.

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST No. EOI 01	
Project title and Identification:	Project Location:
Assisting the Refugees and Asylum-seekers in Sri Lanka	Colombo and Negombo
Brief Background of the Project:	
<p>Sri Lanka is not a signatory to the 1951 Convention or its 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. There are no national procedures for refugee status determination. UNHCR, with the agreement of the Government of Sri Lanka carries out refugee status determination.</p> <p>Refugees do not have the right to work in Sri Lanka and there is no possibility of local integration. Therefore, UNHCR provides assistance to refugees during their stay in Sri Lanka till they seek durable solutions through either voluntary repatriation or resettlement to a third country. Currently there are 710 refugees in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>The project is to improve the social environment of refugees in Sri Lanka through provision of space for community based activities, sessions on SGBV, child rights and other protection-related issues, focus group discussions, sharing and learning, psychosocial counselling, consultations, discussions between UNHCR, Partners, PoCs and other stakeholders, skills development programmes for youth and women's groups, sports and recreation activities for all groups, and organization of English and computer classes for adults in Colombo area.</p> <p>It will also focus on assisting refugees with their access to primary health care services, and education in accordance with UNHCR's guidelines and will identify and support the most vulnerable amongst the asylum-seekers and refugees. Activities will involve liaising with primary schools that refugee children attend, reimbursement of primary school fees and the cost of uniforms and education materials.</p>	
Goal/Objective, Expected Outcome and Main Activities:	
<p>Goal – Protection and Mixed Solutions</p> <p>Objective 1: Health status of the population improved</p> <p>Output 1: Access to primary health care services provided or supported</p> <p>Main activities: UNHCR will work with partners under its Community Outreach Strategy to assist identified individuals amongst the refugee community (those who are suffering from chronic illnesses like diabetes, heart disease, etc., where medications have to be purchased on a monthly basis), to</p>	

meet the cost of medical treatments, tests and medication. This activity is targeted at the most vulnerable amongst the refugee community and is exceptionally extended to asylum-seekers who are identified as vulnerable as well.

Objective 2: Population has optimal access to education

Output 2: 2.1 Lifelong learning opportunities provided or supported.

Main Activities: English language training to be provided for secondary aged and adult refugees to prepare them for resettlement.

Output 2: 2.2 Primary education provided or supported

Main Activities: School tuition costs are paid for all the primary level refugee children and they are additionally reimbursed the costs in relation to uniforms, and selected books/stationery items according to UNHCR’s guidelines.

Objective 3: Population has sufficient basic and domestic items.

Output 3: 3.1 Cash grants or vouchers (multi-purpose) provided.

Main Activities: 3.1 Households receive core relief items.

Main Activities: UNHCR will provide core relief items to any vulnerable refugees according to UNHCR’s guidelines following assessments that will be carried out jointly by UNHCR and its partner.

Intended Population of Concern:

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Project Period [estimated start and end dates of project]:

1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018

Submission Deadline:

29 September 2017


Date Decision Results to be Communicated to Applicants:

06 November 2017

Selection Criteria

<i>Choose relevant criteria</i>	Criteria Description	Assigned Weighting (optional)
	Sector expertise and experience: the required specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge and human resources. (200 words maximum)	25%
	Project management: ability to deliver project objectives, accountability mechanisms and sound financial management, taking into account the audit results of the previous UNHCR-funded projects, past performance and the external audit of partners’ financial statements, where applicable. (200 words maximum)	20%

	Local experience and presence: ongoing programme in the area of operation; local knowledge; engaging refugees and other persons of concern; trust from local communities; local presence; partner policy on community relations; complaint mechanisms for persons of concern; self-organized groups of persons of concern; and other factors that would facilitate access to and better understanding of the persons of concern and that would reduce administrative difficulties. (200 words maximum)	20%
	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) by the partner that are presently available (or potentially mobilized by the partner) in order to supplement UNHCR resources. (200 words maximum)	10%
	Cost effectiveness: level of direct costs and administrative costs imposed on the Project in relation to project deliverables. (200 words maximum)	15%
	Partner's capacity to undertake procurement: ability to undertake large scale procurement, prior procurement experiences and value of procurement. Functioning procurement unit in the country of operation. Established effective internal-controls and PQP status (when procurement is US\$100K and above). (200 words maximum)	5%
	Experience working with UNHCR: global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies, practices and programmes, including an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's funding limitations and associated inherent risks. Partners that have three consecutive qualified audit opinions for UNHCR-funded projects may not be considered. (200 words maximum)	5%
	Other: as required by the UNHCR Office for any specific project (specify) (200 words maximum)	
Other information (optional)		

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