

UNHCR Representation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

SELECTION OF PARTNERS FOR THE YEAR 2018

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CEoI/UNHCR/BIH/No.1	
Project title and Identification:	Project Location:
Support to UNHCR's advocacy efforts to implement the Revised Strategy for the Implementation of Annex VII of GFAP securing durable solutions to internally displaced persons and returnees	Throughout BiH
Brief Background of the Project:	
<p>Twenty two years after signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement (DPA), there are 98,574 individuals holding internally displaced persons (IDPs)¹ status, and some 50,000 vulnerable minority returnees² in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The Revised Strategy for the Implementation of Annex VII of the Dayton Peace Agreement (hereinafter: Revised Strategy), approved in 2010, was supposed to have been implemented by 2014. However, according to the latest Report on Implementation of the Revised Strategy, prepared by the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees (MHRR) with UNHCR's support in December 2016, the Strategy has only been partially implemented.</p> <p>The Revised Strategy identifies problems and sets out recommendations, including the provision of measures to improve the situation of persons of concern, thus removing the primary obstacles to a closure of the protracted displacement in a dignified, and sustainable manner.</p> <p>UNHCR is committed to supporting the implementation of the Revised Strategy. In 2018, UNHCR plans to intensify its advocacy efforts and support to BiH authorities at all levels. National actors – including the State, Entities, Brcko District, Cantons, Cities/Municipalities, line ministries, CSOs - hold the primary responsibility for ending displacement and finding durable solutions: i.e. to ensure access to rights including housing and social assistance and protection. This requires strengthened coordination, planning and development planning in a way that includes and effectively responds to the needs of vulnerable displaced and returnee families and their communities.</p> <p>In 2017, there are several ongoing housing projects that support the implementation of the Revised Strategy and that are managed by the BiH authorities, such as the Regional Housing Programme (RHP), which is expected to provide the housing assistance to 5,400 households in BiH over the coming several years. Another important initiative is the project "Closing collective centers and alternative accommodation through provision of public housing solutions", funded through the CEB loan and BiH's co-financing. Its goal is the closure of 121 collective centres (CCs) and alternative accommodation in BiH, through the provision of public housing solutions for an estimated 2,611 families (7,247 persons). A number of beneficiaries of this project belong also to the sub-category of women victims of war.</p> <p>Through the Grant provided by the Council of Europe Development Bank, as well with its own funds, UNHCR has been facilitating the implementation of this project from 2015 until today, through providing its expertise and technical assistance. In 2018 UNHCR will continue providing a limited support to this project in order to ensure its faster implementation and enhance the quality of local integration of former CC residents.</p>	

¹ Source: Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees, June 2017

² UNHCR's estimate based on field observations and desk reviews

These and similar project can secure durable solutions to IDPs and returnees, only if the BiH authorities at all levels ensure a full social and economic integration of these persons and secured permanent source of funding for their social and economic inclusion. These processes require concerted efforts of all stakeholders, as well as the methodology enabling the identification of the neediest families and individuals and a holistic approach to resolving outstanding problems related to the Revised Strategy of Annex VII of the DPA.

UNHCR will continue supporting systemic solutions to Annex VII related problems in BiH. The structures such as the Consultative Working Group initiated in 2014 by the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees, the Coordination Team established in 2016 by the Council of Ministers, and most recently the thematic meetings of the relevant parliamentary groups at the State and entity levels, together with the support of State and entity ministries, could play a pivotal role in this process bringing together all relevant stakeholders.

In addition, State, entity and cantonal budgets are not sufficient to support local governments to assist all displaced persons and refugees who are entitled to the assistance merely based on their status. These limited funds should be prioritized firstly to support the most vulnerable persons from these categories. order to secure the necessary funds, either from their own resources or donors' contributions, the BiH authorities at all levels need to have a clear and accurate picture on numbers, location and needs of these persons. An efficient and updated system of data management is therefore a precondition to any meaningful Annex VII action. Supporting this concept, in the period 2015-2017, UNHCR conducted three surveys targeting 3,860 vulnerable families in 50 municipalities. These efforts will be continued in 2018 as well, with the expectation that the BiH authorities will embrace the developed methodology and take over the ownership over this process, bringing it to an end with their own human and financial resources.

Adequate information and media coverage and sharing of public information on these issues is essential in keeping the focus of all relevant stakeholders on finding solutions that will bring an end to the chapter of displacement in BiH.

Goal (G) /Objective (O), Expected Outcome (OC) and Main Activities (A):

G1: Advocacy for Protection and Solutions

O1: Potential for integration realized	OC1: Processes leading to the efficient local integration of IDPs supported (e.g. CEB II project)	A1: Identification of and addressing gaps in the legal framework and strategies regulating local integration of IDPs; work with the beneficiaries of the CEB II project and relevant municipalities
O2: Reintegration made more sustainable	OC2: Complementary funding for BiH authorities or NGOs ultimately obtained (not necessarily in 2018) to support the implementation of Annex VII activities	A2: Assisting UNHCR in developing two project proposals (to be shared with potential applicants or directly submitted to potential donors, themes to be determined by UNHCR)
O3: Law and policy developed or strengthened	OC3: Facilitated process of reaching systemic solutions for the implementation of Annex VII	A3: Organizing at least five workshops/seminars/events on behalf of UNHCR; printing/translating services;
O4: Quality of registration and profiling	OC4: Complete data available for targeted vulnerable IDP and	A4: Organizing one survey targeting 1,700 vulnerable IDP and

improved or maintained	returnee families	returnee families organized in cooperation with one or more CSOs in selected BiH municipalities: enumerators trained, logistics provided, ensured quality control of collected data;
O5: Public attitude towards persons of concern improved	OC5: Due visibility provided to IDPs and returnees in BiH and their problems, as well as to UNHCR's work in BiH	A5: Support in organizing UNHCR's PI events, procurement/preparation of PI and visibility material for up to 500 persons;
O6: Coordination and partnerships strengthened	OC6: UNHCR's coordination efforts facilitated as necessary technical support is made available at short notice	A6: Organization of 10 meetings/events in Sarajevo for up to 20 persons and two seminars in BiH (up to 100 attendants per each seminar), printing/translating.
Intended Population of Concern:		
Refugees and other persons of concern from Former Yugoslavia in South-Eastern Europe countries (sub-group: internally displaced persons and returnees in Bosnia and Herzegovina)		
Project Period [estimated start and end dates of project]:		
1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018		
Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 24 October 2017, 17:00 hrs CET	Date Decision Results to be Communicated to Applicants: within three weeks upon submission deadline	
Selection Criteria		
Criteria Description		Assigned Weighting
Sector expertise and experience: the required specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge and human resources.		30
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.		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.		15

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.	5
Cost effectiveness: level of direct costs and administrative costs imposed on the Project in relation to project deliverables.	10
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 USD 100,000 and above).	10
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.	10

Other:

- When describing **Partner's capacity to undertake procurement** in Concept Note, the applying Agency should bear in mind that all procurement under the Agreement with UNHCR needs to be in accordance with UNHCR Policy "Procurement by Partners with UNHCR funds" (available on UNHCR Partner Portal). For procurement exceeding USD 100,000, all UNHCR Partners should have a valid Pre-qualified for Procurement (PQP) status, which represent an asset in case of this Call; in case an Agency which does not have the PQP status responds to this Call and gets selected, by signing the Agreement with UNHCR it will commit to adjust its procurement procedures in line with UNHCR's standards and apply for this status within six months after signing of the Agreement.
- When describing its **Cost Effectiveness** in the Concept Note, applying Agency should provide the following overview of expected administrative costs, expressed as percentage of direct costs:

(A)	(B)
Direct project costs (D)	Maximum administrative costs as % of direct project costs (A)
D <= BAM 50,000	A/D*100 = x %
BAM 50,000 < D <= BAM 100,000	A/D*100 = x %
BAM 100,000 < D <= BAM 200,000	A/D*100 = x %
BAM 200,000 < D <= BAM 300,000	A/D*100 = x %
BAM 300,000 < D <= BAM 400,000	A/D*100 = x %
BAM 400,000 < D <= BAM 500,000	A/D*100 = x %
> BAM 500,000	A/D*100 = x %

Other information:

The Agencies responding to this Call need to demonstrate their capability to implement all listed activities **as a single package**. Partial applications for individual activities will not be considered. However, since UNHCR BiH budget for 2018 will be confirmed only in November 2017, UNHCR retains the right to cancel some of the planned activities or to reduce the scope of the retained activities at that time. Selected Partner needs to be ready to develop the detailed budget in two weeks upon receiving the notification from UNHCR.


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