

INVITATION TO EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) ROSTER FOR INDIVIDUAL LOCAL CONSULTANTS; PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE

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Country:	Turkey
Description of the Assignment:	Consultancy Services on Project Development for the Syria response
Reference Code:	UNDP-TUR-IC(SRP)2018-02
Related Project Names:	Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Programme
Validity of the Roster:	1 year
Expected Duration of the Assignments:	Short-term assignments (Varies from a few days to several months) upon UNDP Turkey's request based on needs of specific activities of the Programme
Location/Duty Station:	Home-Based and/or Ankara

Expression of interest should be submitted by email to tr.icproposal@undp.org no later than **21 October 2018, 23:59 (GMT +3)**. Please kindly indicate the applied project development area at the subject of your e-mail.

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail indicated above. UNDP will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants.

UNDP Turkey aims to establish a roster of qualified candidates for local consultancy services who can deliver professional services within the scope of UNDP Turkey's support to the Government in response to the impact of the Syria crisis.

1 Background

As of August 2018, Turkey hosts over 3,5 million Syrians under Temporary Protection . Turkey currently hosts the largest refugee population in the world and continues to demonstrate strong national ownership of the response. The Government of Turkey provides a rights-based legal framework through the Temporary Protection regulation, which offers access to education, health care, employment and social security to Syrians. It is estimated that the Government of Turkey has spent \$US 30 billion overall for its support to host the Syrians. Currently, out of the 3,5 million registered Syrians under Temporary Protection, more than 94% million live amongst Turkish host communities. 45% of the 3,5 million Syrians under Temporary Protection are concentrated in 7 provinces, namely Kilis, Hatay, Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa. Also, Mersin, Adana, Osmaniye, Kahramanmaraş, in the South East Anatolia Region and East Mediterranean Region. In these provinces, the ratio of the Syrian population to host communities is higher than 15%. The populations of the aforementioned cities have either reached or exceeded 2023 population projections.

UNDP supports the Government of Turkey to respond to this large-scale displacement through its Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Programme in Turkey to strengthen the resilience of refugees, host community members, local municipalities and relevant national institutions to cope with and recover from the impact. UNDP's resilience response strategy is to invest in existing national and local systems to ensure they can adequately serve both host and refugee communities. The overall budget of the current programme is 76 million USD allocated for the period of 2018 to early 2020. The programme is funded by 5 donors (EU TF MADAD, USBPRM, the Government of Japan, KfW and the Government of Korea) covering three main areas: livelihoods and employment, municipal service delivery and social cohesion/ RoL. The programme is managed as a whole, ensuring close connections between the various projects, implementing partners and modalities and leverages results across projects where possible.

Within the scope of Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Programme, UNDP has provided support to in Turkey related to employment and livelihoods, focusing primarily on labour supply side measures e.g. technical and vocational training to increase employability of Syrians. Supply-side measures have fallen short in many cases since they weren't accompanied by demand-side interventions creating actual jobs or placing to the existing job opportunities.

UNDP has been focusing on boosting labour demand side to address the main challenge through supporting local economic growth by increasing SMEs' productivity and establishing enabling eco-system for innovation; improving institutional capacity of public service providers and establishing networks with private sector to ensure their engagement in the Syria Crisis Response. Private sector engagement as the source of sustainable job creation is crucial to boost labour demand side for both refugee and host communities.

UNDP has also supported the Municipalities for the unprecedented increase in demand for municipal services, including waste management, waste water, transportation and fire-fighting services. The situation has resulted in an unprecedented demand for municipal services, including waste management and fire-fighting services within the scope of Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Programme.

UNDP Turkey activated Connecting Business initiative (CBI) Turkey network to strengthen the cooperation and collaboration of the private sector, civil society, international organizations and public institutions in emergency preparedness, response and recovery. Jointly managed by the Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED) and UNDP Turkey, in close collaboration with CSR Turkey and the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of the Government of Turkey (AFAD), the network has two main workstreams - one on the role of the private sector in contributing to the Syria crisis response with a focus on risk management and responsible business practices; and one on climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, preparedness and business continuity.

The CBI Turkey network has been the main private sector platform in Turkey, which conducts activities to raise awareness on the role of the private sector for emergencies, discuss the challenges and opportunities, highlight good practices and lessons learnt and develop a collaborative action environment towards mobilizing private sector's engagement in complex emergencies, including the response to the Syria crises.

UNDP Turkey is willing to expand the current support provided to the Government of Turkey for the Syria response by new projects within the current Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Programme supported by the expertise of UNDP Country Office. The new projects will strengthen the economic and social resilience of Syrians under Temporary Protection at individual, community and institutional levels, within the following scope;

- Support employability and access to job opportunities through providing adult language

- skill training and job creation in selected sectors, including renewable energy
- Empowerment of youth for social cohesion and employment
- Strengthening of institutional capacities to provide access to legal aid and justice
- Further strengthening of municipal capacities in targeted provinces in areas such as waste management, waste water management and public transportation (both infrastructure development and technical support)
- Support the economic and social empowerment of Syrians to become an asset for the local economy and economic growth potential.

In this regard UNDP will establish a roster of qualified candidates for future individual contracts on each aforementioned specific sector on development of new projects to strengthen resilience of refugees and host community members in response to the Syrian crisis.

2 Duties and Responsibilities

Tasks assigned in each individual assignment may include one or more of the following expertise:

- Project Development Area 1; Job creation for Host and Refugee communities through Private Sector Engagement
- Project Development Area 2; Municipal Service Delivery,
- Project Development Area 3; Language and vocational skills training for refugees,
- Project Development Area 4; Renewable Energy Research, Development and Training Centre for job creation,
- Project Development Area 5; Increased access to and delivery of Justice for social cohesion
- Project Development Area 6; Inclusive Youth Programme for Social Cohesion and Livelihoods

The applicants may look into all areas of expertise indicated above and then choose their relevant field as appropriate to submit the application. Individuals may apply for more than one area if they have the required qualifications and professional skills. The applicants will be considered for the Roster based on their relevant expertise after the completion of the evaluation process.

Each individual assignment will be guided by specific terms of reference, which will clearly stipulate the nature and scope of the assignment, detailed list of deliverables, and timeframe. The following table demonstrates the service categories in general and brief description of the services that are planned to be assigned to individual consultants within each service category.

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3 Minimum Qualification Requirements

To be considered for inclusion in the roster, applicants must have the experience and qualifications required below;

General Qualifications;

- Bachelor's degree on a relevant field is required
- Proficiency in Turkish and English is required
- Advanced degree (master or higher) on a relevant field will be considered an asset

General Professional Experience;

- At least (10) ten years of general professional experience is required

Specific Professional experience for Project Development Area 1; Job creation for Host and Refugee communities through Private Sector Engagement;

- Minimum 5 years' experience in business development and/or productivity for SMEs is required.

Specific Professional experience for Project Development Area 2; Municipal Service Delivery;

- Minimum 3 years' experience in fields related to municipal services, such as infrastructure/superstructure investments is required.

Specific Professional experience for Project Development Area 3; Language and vocational skills training for refugees;

- Minimum 3 years' experience in project management and/or implementation in a related field such as language training, vocational training, skills development systems.

Specific Professional experience for Project Development Area 4; Renewable Energy Research, Development and Training Centre;

- Minimum 3 years' experience in renewable energy sector.

Specific Professional experience for Project Development Area 5; Increased access to and delivery of Justice for social cohesion;

- Minimum 2 years' experience in fields related to rule of law, access to justice, community security in conflict and post-conflict countries or relevant experience contributing to the design and/or implementation of justice, democracy and governance.

Specific Professional experience for Project Development Area 6; Inclusive Youth Programme for Social Cohesion and Livelihoods;

- Demonstrated experience in community and youth development (ie. community mobilization, community development, capacity building and youth empowerments)

4 Documents to be Included to Applications

Interested applicants MUST submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

- A one-page motivation letter, **indicating the project development area applied**, explaining why they are the most suitable for the work,
- Latest Personal CV including experience in similar projects and easily accessible contact details (preferably mobile phones) and at least 2 references.

Failure to submit either one of the above listed documents may result in automatic disqualification of a candidate.

5 Evaluation

All applicants will be screened against the minimum qualification requirements and those meeting the minimum requirements will be included in the roster.

Evaluation and call off mechanism for specific assignment /Contracting:

When a request for services arises, the roster members will be contacted through "Invitation to Submit an Offer" including ToR including location and dates of the assignment seeking confirmation of availability, as well as price proposal.

Consultants who confirmed their availability for a specific assignment will be evaluated against evaluation criteria that shall be clearly indicated in the respective assignment ToR.