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Call for Proposals from NGOs INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSERS

Engaging an NGO to implement MSS in 3 villages in Bekaa - LBN/CO/CFP/217/18

I. BACKGROUND

This Call for Proposals (CFP) is specific for **UNDP Lebanon - Peace Building Project**.

Since 2008, UNDP has been working closely with local authorities and local actors (municipal council members, *mukhtars*, etc.) all over Lebanon to empower their role in conflict management and peace building.

In 2013, the impact of Syrian refugees' influx expanded to most Lebanese communities. Signs of different types of conflict between Lebanese and Syrians became clear in many host communities, with intensities varying based on the respective regions' social and economic context. The municipalities suffered from overload and faced many challenges when it came to manage the situation at the local level. UNDP and through its Lebanon Host Community Support Programme started addressing challenges caused by the impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanese host communities through working on three sectors: basic services, livelihood and social stability. Under the last sector and through the Peace Building in Lebanon Project, an initiative for improving social stability in Lebanese host communities impacted by the Syrian crisis was launched and Mechanisms for Social Stability (MSS) were established in more than 100 villages all over Lebanon. This activity aims at supporting and strengthening local mechanisms for solving disputes related to the influx of displaced Syrians at the local level as well as enhancing local capacities for dialogue and meeting spaces. It aims at building the skills of local actors and local authorities in mediating and thus increasing likelihood and reducing tensions among Lebanese local groups and between Lebanese and Syrian groups. From this perspective; the Mechanisms aim at preventing or reducing tensions and different types of conflict between different elements of the local communities. In different locations and situations, they take different forms and adjust to the local needs and specifications.

The MSS process entails three phases:

- 1- Conflict analysis phase which is implemented through a series of advisory retreats and meetings with the municipalities and the community to study the root causes of the conflict, its actors and dynamics;
- 2- Mechanism development phase is conducted through training and discussion sessions, where a strategy reflecting the characteristics and elements of the local community is developed;
- 3- Mechanism implementation phase activating the role of the established mechanism (committees or groups) according to the priorities of each village.

II. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS/ DELIVERABLES

UNDP Peace Building Project is announcing a Call for Proposals to solicit proposals from national NGOs interested in projects that fall under Peace Building and Social Stability.

Detailed objective and related outputs and deliverables are provided in the Terms of Reference—**Annex 1. Final Beneficiaries**

Eligible proposals will be those focused on **Peace Building in Lebanon** and targeting the **selected Local Working Groups in Bekaa area** as the direct and final beneficiaries.

III. ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATION CRITERIA OF THE NGO

The parameters that will determine whether an NGO is eligible to be considered by UNDP will be based on the NGO Capacity and Qualifications Assessment.

The NGO should provide documents to demonstrate eligibility and meeting or exceeding the minimum required qualifications listed in section 7.

NGO Capacity Assessment template – **Annex 2.**

IV. PROPOSAL

Interested NGO (s) must submit the following within their proposal(s):

- Proposed Methodology, Approach, quality assurance plan and Implementation Plan:

The NGO should demonstrate its response to the Terms of Reference (TOR) in Annex 1, by identifying the specific components proposed, how the outputs/ delivery shall be addressed, as specified; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; identifying the works/portions of the work that will be subcontracted.

The proposal should demonstrate how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the TOR, while ensuring appropriateness of the approach to the local conditions and the rest of the project operating environment. This methodology must be laid out in an implementation timetable and a quality assurance.

- Management Structure and Resource (Key Personnel):

This section should include the comprehensive description of the management structure and information regarding required resources including curriculum vitae (CVs) of key personnel that will be assigned to support the implementation of the proposed methodology, clearly defining the roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis the proposed methodology. CVs should establish competence and demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the TOR.

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA & METHODOLOGY

a. Proposals will be evaluated based on the compliance to the following criteria:

- Sound of the technical proposal that includes innovative and replicable inclusion mechanisms to maximize the value transfer to the beneficiaries.
- High impact interventions directly targeting and responding to the needs established in the TOR.

- Size of budget requested commensurate with the organization's proven administrative and financial management capacity.
- Participatory monitoring and evaluation that will contribute to building a sense of ownership among the beneficiaries to promote the sustainability of the interventions.

Technical Proposal Evaluation		Score Weight	Points Obtainable
1.	NGO Eligibility and qualifications	30%	300
	3 years of relevant experience in implementing and monitoring Social Stability activities or relevant activities: 3 years (100 points) 10 points for each additional year and up to 50 points		150
	Proven experience in supporting local community in peace building in Bekaa - with no relevant experience (0 point) - with relevant experience (50 points)		50
	Proven experience in coaching and training - with no relevant experience (0 point) - with relevant experience (50 points)		50
	Previous cooperation with international UN organizations and / or international NGOs - with no relevant experience (0 point) - with relevant experience (50 points)		50
2.	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan - Irrelevant and/or do not meet the requirement and timeframe (100 points) - Relevant but not satisfactory (200 points) - Satisfactory (300 points) - Exceeds the requirement (450 points)	45%	450
3.	Management Structure and Key Personnel and Resources	25%	250
	Team Leader - with no relevant experience and qualifications (0 point) - with relevant experience and qualifications (100 points)		100
	Area Coordinator(s)/Facilitator Senior Trainer(s)/Facilitator(s) - with no relevant experience and qualifications (0 point) - with relevant experience and qualifications (100 points)		100
	Support Staff - with no relevant experience and qualifications (0 point) - with relevant experience and qualifications (50 points)		50
Total			1,000

b. Evaluation Methodology

The methodology of evaluation will be based on “**Quality based under Fixed Budget Selection (QB-FBS)**”.

QB-FBS methodology implies that all proposals have the same maximum overall price (which cannot exceed a known fixed budget amount), focusing the selection on the quality of the proposal and the

NGO proposed approach and methodology. NGOs have to provide their best technical proposal and financial breakdown (within the budget) in one single envelope (clearly stating proposed overheads). Evaluation of all technical proposals shall be carried out, in accordance with below outlined evaluation criteria, and the institution which obtains the highest technical score shall be selected. NGOs exceeding the established fixed budget in their financial proposals will be rejected.

Proposals have to translate community needs into implementable activities by the NGOs/CSOs. Under QB-FBS, assessment focuses on maximizing transfer of value to the beneficiary user within a given budget.

c. Budget size and duration

Proposals total amounts should not exceed the fixed budget amount of **USD 75,000** as stated in the TOR. The amount requested in the proposal should be commensurate with the organization's administrative and financial management capabilities.

In principle, project duration shall not exceed **5 months from contract signature, no later than May 2019.**

VI. SELECTION PROCESS:

The UNDP will review received proposals within the deadline through a five-step process:

1. Determination of eligibility;
2. Technical review of eligible proposals;
3. Scoring and ranking of the eligible proposals based on the assessment criteria outlined in the previous section V to identify highest ranking proposal;
4. Round of clarification (if necessary) with the highest scored proposal;
5. Responsible Party Agreement (RPA) signature.

VII. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applicants shall bear all costs related to proposal preparation and submission.

Only one submission per organization is allowed.

Once the application is complete and submitted, revised versions of proposal documents will not be accepted.

Applicants must submit one original and one copy of their proposals in a sealed envelope to:

Contact Person:	Procurement Unit
Name of Office:	UNDP Lebanon
Address:	Arab African International Bank Building Third Floor, Room # 310 Riad El Solh Street, Nejme, Beirut 2011 5211, Lebanon
Telephone:	+ 961 1 962 500

The following documents must be submitted in order for the submission to be considered:

- 1) Dully completed Capacity Assessment– Annex 2
- 2) Documentation requested in the Capacity Assessment (SCAN)
- 3) Proposal Template – Annex 3
- 4) CVs of the Team Leader, at least 4 area coordinators/facilitators and the support staff

- 5) Audited financial statements for the past two years.

Submission Deadline

Proposals, with supporting documents, should be submitted maximum by **25 December 2018, 3:00 pm Beirut Local Time**.

Potential applicants should refer to the “Frequent Asked Questions” posted in UNDP’s website.

For additional questions about the Call for Proposals Guidelines or application forms, please e-mail to

Procurement.lb@undp.org

Note: UNDP reserves the right not to fund any proposals arising from this Call for Proposals.

VIII. IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/protestandsanctions/>

In responding to this Call for Proposals, UNDP requires all Proposers to conduct themselves in a professional, objective and impartial manner, and they must at all times hold UNDP’s interests paramount. Proposers must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. All Proposers found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Proposers, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:

- Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used in this competitive selection process;
- Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the project related to the services requested under this Call for Proposals; or
- Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of, UNDP.
- In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of what is potentially a conflict of interest, proposers must disclose the condition to UNDP and seek UNDP’s confirmation on whether or not such conflict exists.