

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

RFI-002-PHL-2020

For the Roster of CSOs/NGOs for PEACEBUILDING AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

BACKGROUND

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Philippines have been supporting the Philippine Government in implementing projects that will help the transition of former combatants into civilian life and transform former camps in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) into thriving communities. UNDP has also been providing advisory and technical support to help build the capacities of BARMM Local Government Units in governance and development. And, to help maintain stability in the BARMM, UNDP has also been supporting projects on the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE).

To be more effective in providing support, UNDP has been engaging CSOs and NGOs to implement the peacebuilding, PVE and development projects. To broaden the breadth and depth of its partnerships, UNDP envisage to create a roster of NGOs and CSOs working on the thematic areas identified in this call for RFI.

OBJECTIVE

Through this Request for Information (RFI), UNDP invites national and/or international Civil Organizations and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), whether academe-based or independent non-profit organizations, for potential partnership with UNDP in implementing development projects requiring expertise and experience in the following thematic areas:

- <u>*Peacebuilding*</u> including mediation, conflict sensitivity, conflict resolution, peace and development, etc.
- <u>Normalization</u> decommissioning and re-integration of former combatants, transitional justice, and social protection, among others;
- <u>Preventing / Countering Violent Extremism</u> community security, including early warning and response, deradicalization and aftercare of former offenders, etc.
- <u>Integrated Development</u> including but not limited to livelihood development and entrepreneurship, infrastructure development, investment policy, among others.

Among the projects and activities that the CSOs and NGOs will be undertaking as responsible parties or grant recipients will be the following:

- Organizing platforms for dialogue and mediation with various stakeholders such as community leaders, religious leaders, youth, women and indigenous peoples, with particular focus on those belonging to geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.
- Designing and implementing socio-economic or income-generating activities to help the recovery of conflict-affected individuals and communities as well as improving the capacities of community-based organizations
- Building community platforms for early warning and response against violent extremism in coordination with local authorities and relevant stakeholders
- Developing and undertaking high quality research on various peacebuilding themes with the goal of translating the results into policy reform or social change.
- Innovative use or introduction of new methods and technologies, including those which promote participatory planning
- Building networks, alliances or consortiums with other CSOs or NGOs, government agencies and relevant development partners
- Delivery of basic services in conflict-affected communities and technical support to partner institutions.

EXPECTED SERVICES/FUNCTIONS

The partner CSOs/NGOs are expected to undertake the following services and function as Responsible Parties (RPs):

- capacity building and technology transfer
- development of learning modules and courses as well as non-traditional learning methods
- building and maintaining platforms of dialogues for the youth, women, and religious leaders
- networking with various stakeholders
- policy/participatory research and advocacy
- knowledge management, communications and stakeholder engagement
- other related services

Depending on the scope for each engagement, NGOs and CSOs may be asked to demonstrate experience in implementing projects, especially those that entail peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Under UNDP's Country Programme Document for 2019 to 2023, the current geographical focus of its peacebuilding and PVE activities is Mindanao. However, due to the passage of Executive Order 70, which calls for the establishment of local mechanisms that address the root causes of

the communist insurgency, the geographical focus has been widened to include conflict affected areas all over the country, particularly the geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

Given the current geographical focus of UNDP peacebuilding programs, it is expected that NGOs/CSOs can demonstrate access and ability to operate in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao, especially in Central and Western Mindanao.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Interested CSOs and NGOs are requested to fill-out the attached Request for Information (RFI) and Capacity Assessment Checklist (CACHE) questionnaire, attaching all supporting documents as indicated in the questionnaire templates. International CSOs or NGOs will need to provide documentation relating to permits or licenses to operate in the Philippines.

The CSOs or NGOs should provide attachments that support their answers to the questions. All the questions must be answered directly and clearly. Extraneous information that do not directly respond to the questions will only serve to limit the ability of UNDP to positively assess the CSOs or NGOs compliance with the requirements.

Based on the analysis of the information and documentation provided in response to this RFI and CACHE, UNDP will determine if a particular CSO or NGO may or may not be placed on the roster for rapid engagement when required. After completion of the process only the selected entities will be informed.

Being part of the roster does not confirm any potential engagement of UNDP with selected entities. A secondary selection process will be conducted whenever there is a specific need or requirement of engagement.

BRIEFING

UNDP will hold a briefing with CSOs and NGOs who are interested to be included in the roster of potential RPs or Grant Recipients for the Projects on Peacebuilding and PVE. The briefing shall be held on 10 February 2020 at 2:00 PM to 4:00PM.

UNDP Conference Room UNDP Cotabato Field Office Pastor Kimpo Sr. Street, Rosary Height XIII Cotabato City, Philippines

Prospective CSOs and NGOs may also participate in the briefing via Skype by sending an email to register for the briefing or a message via Skype (procurement.ph@undp.org) to register for the briefing.

CLARIFICATION ON THE RFI

CSOs and NGOs may request clarifications on any aspect of the RFI by writing to Alka Aneja/Robert Quilala at procurement.ph@undp.org.

SUBMISSION AND CLOSING DATE

- Interested parties are requested to respond to the RFI questionnaire and CACHE form after downloading the templates from eTendering Sites. The responses to the RFI questionnaire and CACHE form must be submitted only at the Attachment section of the e-Tendering site. All supporting documents and forms should be uploaded along with the filled in forms.
- In case of any technical issues related to e-Tendering system, kindly write to procurement.ph@undp.org
- Closing date of submission of information and forms is <u>24 February 2020, 12 noon</u> (<u>Manila Time</u>). Late submissions will not be considered for evaluation.

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