

## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Project title and Identification:		Project Location:
Strengthening Asylum in Cyprus		Cyprus (northern part of the island)
Brief Background of the Project:		
<p>UNHCR established its presence in Cyprus in August 1974 upon the request of the Government of Cyprus and the UN Secretary-General to co-ordinate the United Nations humanitarian assistance programmes for Cypriots internally displaced on both sides as a result of the events of summer 1974. Starting in 1998, UNHCR handed over its programme for the internally displaced to other relevant UN agencies, focusing for its part on its traditional mandate activities relating to the international protection of refugees.</p>		
Goal/Objective, Expected Outcome and Main Activities:		
<p>The overall goal of the UNHCR project in 2020 is to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers arriving in the northern part of Cyprus are protected from refoulement (i.e. forcible return, directly or indirectly, to a country where the person's life or freedom would be threatened), have access to existing national asylum procedures, and are treated in accordance with established international and European standards. UNHCR's strategy to achieve this overarching protection objective would involve a mix of capacity-building, refugee law promotion, advocacy, public awareness/education and partnerships with refugee assisting NGOs to effectively monitor and intervene to meet the needs of individual refugees and asylum-seekers.</p>		
Intended Population of Concern:		
Asylum-Seekers and Refugees in the northern part of Cyprus		
Project Period [estimated start and end dates of project]:		
1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020		
Submission Deadline:		Date Decision Results to be Communicated to Applicants:
16 December 2019		22 December 2019
Selection Criteria		
<i>Choose relevant criteria</i>	Criteria Description	Assigned Weighting
	<b>Sector expertise and experience:</b> the required specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge and human resources.	25%
	<b>Project management:</b> 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%
	<b>Local experience and presence:</b> 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%

	<b>Contribution of resources:</b> 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.	15%
	<b>Cost effectiveness:</b> level of direct costs and administrative costs imposed on the Project in relation to project deliverables.	10%
	<b>Experience working with UNHCR:</b> 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%
	<b>Office premises:</b> Centrality of the location of the organization's office and accessibility; availability of suitable space/room for reception of beneficiaries and for interviewing/counseling	5%

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