

UNHCR Partnership Modalities and Opportunities

Partnering for Protection, Assistance and Solutions

Overview of UNHCR Partnership Modalities and Opportunities for National, Local, Community-Based and Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Person-Led Organizations

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Introduction and Purpose

This document provides an overview of the main ways in which national, local, forcibly displaced and statelessness person-led and community-based organizations and groups can engage with UNHCR. It is intended to help organizations identify which pathway may be relevant to them and become familiar with the main requirements associated with different forms of UNHCR partnership engagement.

Organizations and groups vary in their legal status, size, experience and operational capacity. Different partnership requirements may therefore apply depending on the nature and scale of the proposed activities and the organization/group concerned.

International Non-Governmental, Government and UN Organization partners are outside the scope of this document.

Types of Non-Profit Partner Organizations UNHCR Works With



Civil Society Organizations (CSOs): It is an autonomous association that is independent of the public and for-profit sectors and designed to advance collective interests and ideas.

CSOs are also often referred to as NGOs.



Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO):

An international NGO (sometimes called INGO) is a non-governmental organization that has offices in more than one country. International NGOs are generally highly structured in terms of mandate, technical expertise and management systems, and are comprised of a headquarters office and varying networks of regional and/or country-based offices..

A national or local NGO is a non-governmental organization with offices in only one country. National NGOs may have varying mandates, structures and systems depending on the country context and specific organization history but are structured according to areas of common interest and concern by citizens.



Informal/non-registered groups: It is a group in which people with direct lived experience of forced displacement play a primary leadership role and whose stated objectives and activities are focused on responding to the needs of refugees and/or related communities.

Organization or a group refers to individuals that work together through collective action as either formal or informal, registered or un-registered, or virtual or physical entities, initiatives or networks.

Persons with a direct lived experience of forced displacement or statelessness includes forcibly displaced and stateless people and communities hosting them. This includes asylum seekers, refugees, internally displaced persons, and stateless persons.

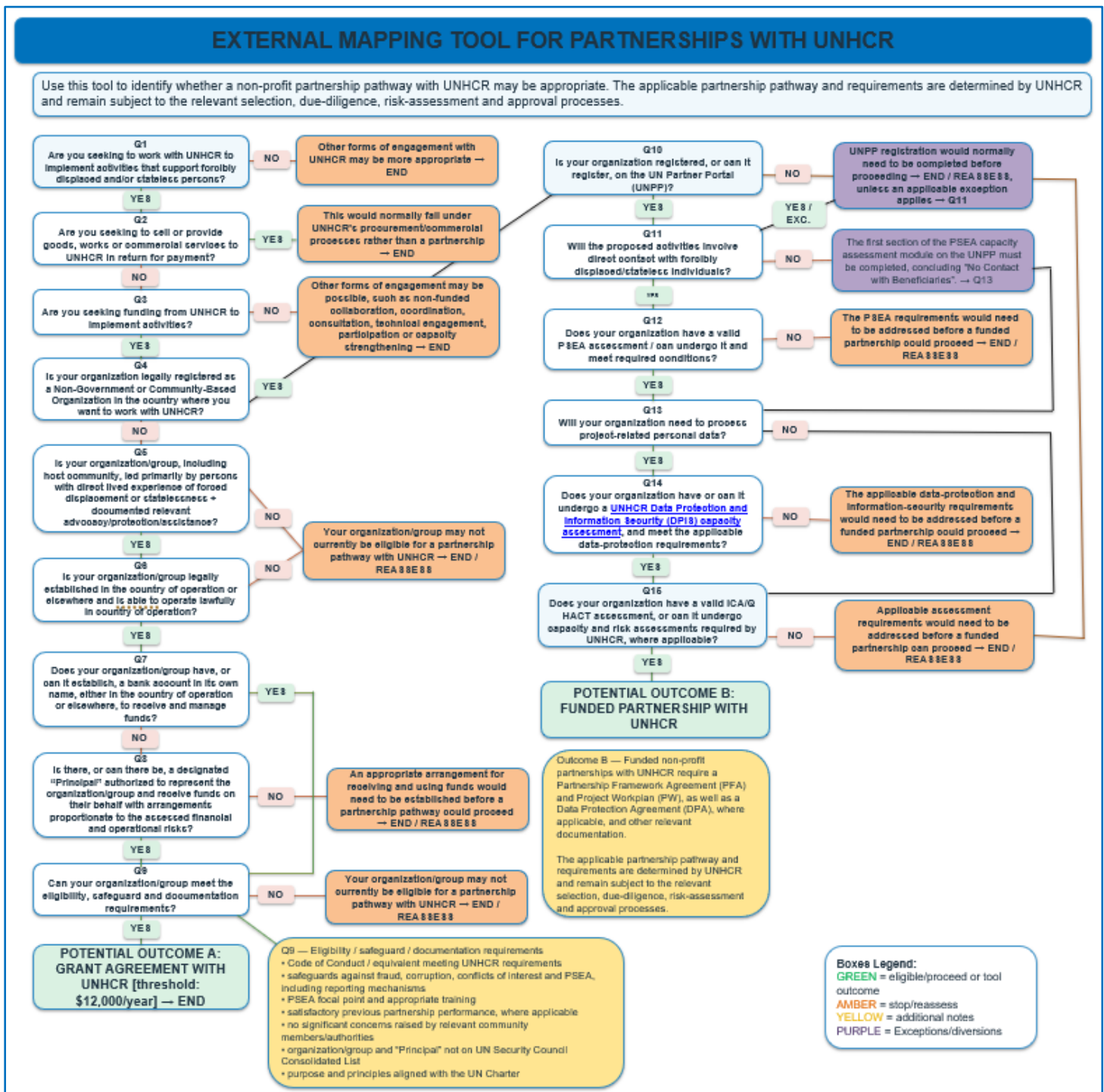
Non-Profit Partnership Opportunities with UNHCR

Key Features	Grant Agreement	Lower-Value Funded Partnership	Standard Funded Partnership
What is it?	A simplified funding mechanism for eligible community-led initiatives.	A funded Project Workplan (PW) with reduced controls.	A funded PW with standard applicable controls in place.
Who can it suit?	Eligible refugee-led, community-based and other organizations/groups led by persons with lived experience of forced displacement or statelessness.	Local/national actors and international organizations able to meet the applicable partnership, capacity and safeguard requirements.	Local/national actors and international organizations able to meet the applicable partnership, capacity and safeguard requirements.
Funding level	Up to USD 12,000 per organization/group per calendar year.	Equal to or below USD 150,000	Applies where the Low-Value adjusted controls are not applicable.
UN Partner Portal (UNPP)	Encouraged, but not required.	Required	Required.
Selection	Simplified Grant Agreement selection process; competitive selection is optional.	Not required.	Standard partner selection process.
Capacity & safeguards	Simplified eligibility and safeguard requirements.	PSEA and DPIS capacity requirements, as applicable.	PSEA, ICA/ICQ and DPIS capacity requirements, as applicable.
Project planning	Concept Note/activity proposal.	PW and Financial Plan.	PW, Financial Plan, Results Plan and Risk Register.
Monitoring & reporting	One end-monitoring and narrative report.	Proportionate monitoring, one-end project financial report (PFR) and one narrative report, with end-verifications required.	Standard monitoring, verifications, reporting and oversight requirements.
Agreement templates	Grant Agreement.	PFA + PW, + DPA as applicable.	PFA + PW, + DPA as applicable

Partnership Mapping Tool

The partnership mapping tool provides a simple step-by-step guide to help organizations and groups explore the potential engagement pathway that may apply to them. The outcome does not guarantee selection, approval or funding of a UNHCR partnership. It focuses on key organizational, eligibility, safeguard and capacity considerations that may apply when partnering with UNHCR.

[Link to the online HTML tool \(coming soon\).](#)



Which Partnership Pathway May Apply to Your Organization?

GRANT AGREEMENT

FUNDED PARTNERSHIP

What Should Your Organization Be Prepared For?

Depending on the type of engagement, your organization may need to provide information and documentation and participate in applicable assessments before a partnership can be established.

UNHCR will advise your organization which requirements apply to the proposed engagement.

