

## Call for proposals

### Manual on family reunification for beneficiaries of international protection in Poland, voivodship offices and Polish consuls

UNHCR Poland

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#### Background information

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Family reunification in the country of asylum is often the only way to ensure respect for their right to family life and family unity. Restoring family unity is a fundamental aspect of bringing back greater normality to the lives of refugees and others in need of international protection. It can ease the sense of loss felt by many who, in addition to family, have lost their country, network and life as they knew it. Being able to reunite with family members can play an essential role in helping beneficiaries of international protection rebuild their lives and provide critical support as they adapt to new and challenging circumstances. It can fundamentally affect their ability to integrate in their new country and is often a crucial step in their integration. Ultimately it can help support broader economic and social cohesion. Accessible and prompt family reunification procedures also help promote safe and legal avenues to safety for family members, thereby helping reduce their exposure to the dangers of irregular movement and reducing demand for smugglers and the risk of trafficking.

Beneficiaries of international protection have the right to apply for family reunification in Poland<sup>1</sup>. The procedure consists of two stages: the first stage takes place at the Voivodship while the second is one at the respective consulate.

According to the data provided by the Office for Foreigners, in years 2018-2019 only 55 family members reunited formally <sup>2</sup>with applicants who have refugee status and 16 family members reunited with applicants who are subsidiary protection holders.

During the Participatory Assessment conducted each year by UNHCR and other partners, beneficiaries of international protection often report challenges regarding the family reunification procedures, especially related to required documentation, costs and procedures at the level of the respective consul.

#### Purpose

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As the right to family life and family unity applies to all, including refugees, and reuniting with family members is one of the most pressing concerns of beneficiaries of international protection, UNHCR Poland aims to support the process of family reunification.

UNHCR is looking for proposals to develop a manual on family reunification designed for the following audiences:

- Beneficiaries of international protection to assist them by providing detailed guidance;

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<sup>1</sup> Law on Foreigners (Ustawa z dnia 12grudnia 2013r.o cudzoziemcach Dz. U. 2013 poz. 1650 z późn. zm.)

<sup>2</sup> There is no data whether all reunited family members were able to get a visa and come to Poland

- Officials at the voivodship offices' level who process the applications of residency permits for the purpose of family reunification ;
- Consuls who process applications for visas for family members to be reunited.

### **Information requested**

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In your proposal, please indicate:

- Your experience in the area of family reunification of beneficiaries of international protection,
- The concept for the manual – its content, format, design, language(s),
- Timeframe for delivery,
- Technical capacity:
  - o list of staff to be involved in the implementation of the proposal, their background and previous experience, languages spoken
- Financial Offer:
  - o Overall budget expressed in PLN (net and gross)
  - o Detailed breakdown of planned expenditures as per each proposed activity

### **Contact**

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If you are interested to collaborate with UNHCR, please send an overview of your proposal to [polwa@unhcr.org](mailto:polwa@unhcr.org), with a copy to Katarzyna Oyrzanowska [oyrzan@unhcr.org](mailto:oyrzan@unhcr.org) by 29 September 2020. If you have any question, please send an email to [polwa@unhcr.org](mailto:polwa@unhcr.org)