

Call for Expression of Interest

Grant Agreement: Creating new opportunities for partnerships with organizations led by displaced and stateless people

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1 **Timeline**

Posted	Apr 8, 2024
Clarification Request Deadline	Apr 15, 2024
Application Deadline	Apr 28, 2024
Notification of Results	Jun 3, 2024
Start Date	Jun 10, 2024
End Date	Dec 31, 2024

2 **Locations**

- A Romania
 - a Satu Mare
 - b Sibiu
 - c Galați
 - d Maramures
 - e Neamț
 - f Iasi
 - g Constanta
 - h Dolj
 - i Timis
 - j Bihor
 - k Galați
 - l Botosani
 - m Bacau
 - n Brasov
 - o Vaslui
 - p Vaslui
 - q Suceava
 - r Mures
 - s Bucharest

3 **Sector(s) and area(s) of specialization**

- A Cross Sectoral Areas
 - a Resource mobilization

4 **Issuing Agency**

UNHCR

5 **Project Background**

It is often difficult for grass-roots organizations at the community level to get financial support for even the simplest initiatives. To address this gap, UNHCR has introduced new grant agreements that will allow our operations around the world to engage with organizations led by displaced and stateless people as our partners. In line with our Grand Bargain commitments which emphasize UNHCR’s mandatory commitment to involve displaced populations in everything that is done, these new grants aim to create a simple mechanism to provide financial support to these organizations in order to assist them in realizing their projects and building their capacity; they will also allow us to work directly with the people we serve without having to use intermediaries. One other very important aspect that needs to be taken into consideration is that conflict and displacement affect individuals differently, depending on their age, gender, disability, and other diversity characteristics. Therefore, the UNHCR's age, gender and diversity (AGD) policy that seeks to ensure that all forcibly displaced and stateless persons fully participate in decisions that affect them and enjoy their rights on an equal footing with others, is also at the core of this initiative.

6 **Expected Results**

The grant agreements target non-profit, grass-root organizations whose activities are based primarily on volunteer efforts and provide advocacy, protection and assistance services at community level. The organizations should be entirely established and led by refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced people, returnees, stateless people or any other person that UNHCR serves. They should also have more than 50% of these people in positions of leadership and decision-making. The principle of gender mentioned in the UNHCR AGD policy will also be highly taken into consideration. Individuals regardless of their gender should enjoy rights, responsibilities and opportunities on equal terms. At UNHCR, we are investing and empowering forcibly displaced and stateless women and supporting women-led organizations. The Grant Agreements illustrate our grassroots approach, ensuring that women with lived experiences of displacement are directly provided with much-needed financial resources, along with programmatic and organizational support, to implement critical projects. Each selected organization can receive up to USD 12,000 in total funding per year per organization. The project cycle has been designed to respond to the needs of such small, volunteer-run organizations. The recipient organizations are only asked to meet minimal performance and financial reporting requirements reducing the bureaucratic burden and allowing them to focus more on the execution of their project. At the end of the project, the organization will have to send to UNHCR a final Narrative Report and a Project Financial Report detailing the activities implemented and its allocated costs. Each operation can decide how many grants to disburse based on its needs, budget and prioritization. Geographic distribution as well as populations/groups with specific needs will be highly prioritized.

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

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9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Local experience and presence		N/A
Clarity of activities and expected results		N/A
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results		N/A

10 **Attachments**

Description	URL
Application Form - to be downloaded, completed and sent back by UNPP	Download the document here

11 Concept Note Template

[Download the document here](#)

12 For more information on this partnership opportunity, and to apply, please visit

[UN Partner Portal](#)