

Annex A

Terms of Reference for Research on the Global Compact on Refugees Short and Mid-term Perspectives for an Increased Engagement and Support by the Russian Federation

1. Background Information

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) was affirmed through a vote in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly on 13 November 2017. It was developed against the background of growing numbers of people on the move. Today, almost 71 million people are forcibly displaced, of whom almost 26 million are refugees.

The GCR builds upon a strong foundation of law, policy and operational practice developed since the earliest days of the UN and sets out a framework for greater responsibility sharing with countries hosting the largest numbers of forcibly displaced people. The GCR aims at easing the pressures on host countries by strengthening the resilience of refugees and their host communities, particularly through greater development cooperation. It further promotes responsibility sharing with host countries by focusing on solutions, both in expanding opportunities for resettlement and other solutions in third countries, and in fostering the necessary conditions for refugees to return to their home countries in safety and dignity.

The success of the GCR depends upon the engagement of a wide range of actors. To achieve a broader reach, the GCR envisions both new and deeper working relationships with States, national and local authorities, international and regional organizations, international financial institutions, civil society, the private sector, academia and refugees and their host communities. The GCR envisions that a Global Refugee Forum (GRF) will be held every four years at the ministerial level starting in 2019 and involving States, partners and refugees.

The first GRF slated on 17-18 December 2019 in Geneva will be a key moment to lay the foundations for the implementation of the GCR over the long term. States and other stakeholders will have a unique opportunity to announce pledges and contributions and exchange good practices in relation to the objectives of the GCR. Areas in need of support include education, jobs and livelihood, energy and infrastructure, solutions and protection capacity. The GCR encourages increased global coordination and support through funding and efficient use of resources, regional approaches, support platforms, data and evidence, and prevention and addressing root causes.

The Russian Federation engaged in an active and constructive manner in the process leading to the development of the GCR. Its pledges at the 2019 GRF are not yet known. The Russian Federation acceded to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol in 1993. It has been a reliable and predictable donor to UNHCR contributing 2 million USD to its annual budget since 2003. Today, 522 people are enjoying full refugee status and 61,948 hold temporary asylum in the Russian Federation.

2. Objectives

- Support CO Moscow in highlighting the existing potential for the Russian Federation to actively participate in the development of the Global Refugee Compact (GCR) within the Russian Federation and globally in a gradual, meaningful and practical manner;
- Promote visibility and understanding of the GCR with various stakeholders.

3. Approach and Methodology

In close consultation with CO Moscow, the Contractor will:

- Organize bilateral consultations with key partners (to be offered by the Contractor) who are sensitized and ready to embrace the objectives of the GCR;
- Organize necessary meetings and communication around meetings;
- Conduct expert panel discussions and round tables to secure concrete understanding and support;
- Develop background materials for the roundtables in consultation with technical teams in UNHCR;
- Identify areas of opportunities for implementation of the Global Compact;
- Analyze prospects for Russia's implementation of the GCR.

4. End Results

- Establish a database of contacts and partners/stakeholders;
- Organize necessary meetings/roundtables;
- Prepare an outcome report on the findings clearly defining challenges, opportunities and action points for follow-up in the short and mid-term.

5. Timeframe

Initially 3 (three) months (10 October-31 December 2019) with potential extension for another 3 (three) months.

6. Required Documentation/Information

- Detailed Project Proposal offering a solution to the ToRs and defining activities that will be undertaken. The following format for the proposal is suggested, subject to finalization by UNHCR and the Contractor:
 1. Background on the Company and Expertise in the area of Migration/Awareness Raising/Lobbying
 2. Objectives and End Results
 3. Implementation Methodology
 4. Activities and Target Audiences
 5. Workplan (Activities and Timeframes for each)
 6. Required Staff and Qualifications
 7. Contact Persons and Qualifications
 8. Proposed format for the Outcome report format (the report is to be submitted in Russian)
- Detailed budget specifying chapters of expenditure and payment schedule
- Written consent with the UNHCR General Conditions of Contracts for Provision of Services
- Filled in Vendor Registration Form
- Copies of the company's registration documents (certificate of state registration of a legal entity and tax registration certificate)

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