

## UNHCR Representation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

### SELECTION OF PARTNERS FOR THE YEAR 2022

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – CEI/UNHCR/BIH/No. 03/2021	
Project title and Identification:	Project Location:
<i>Ensured socio and economic integration in BiH for recognized refugees and persons with subsidiary protection and limited inclusion assistance for eligible asylum-seekers</i>	<i>Country-wide</i>
Brief Background of the Project:	
<p>Since January 2018, BiH has experienced continued pressure from the mixed movement of refugees and migrants transiting through the country as part of the Western Balkan route into the EU and Western Europe. The mixed movement is characterized by a mix of those from refugee producing countries who may need international protection and economic migrants, although the vast majority, regardless of potential protection needs, do not seek to remain in BiH.</p> <p>The closure of borders along the Balkan Route has shifted the migratory flow through BiH and created a bottleneck (particularly in Una-Sana Canton), where between 3,000-4,000 persons are concentrated as they attempt to access the EU via Croatia. Most of those transiting through BiH have already passed through an EU country (Bulgaria or Greece) and are attempting to re-enter via Croatia to access countries in Western Europe, and thus likely had several opportunities to access asylum and might have even applied and been granted status.</p> <p>The economic and complex administrative conditions in BiH presents numerous obstacles for long-term integration of recognized refugees and those with subsidiary protection, including access to employment, education, health care and other basic rights, many of whom remain dependent on support for many years. To address this, UNHCR will continue working with the authorities and partners to enhance integration solutions through support for implementation of the legislation and the established coordination working group.</p> <p>Currently, there are 56 recognized refugees in the country and 53 persons under subsidiary protection, but not all of them need integration assistance available through this project.</p> <p>The already negative economic situation in BiH was further hit by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, further hindering employment prospects for refugees. UNHCR is working with partners and relevant authorities to map labour needs and support vocational training with an aim to match skills with needs in BiH.</p> <p>The project aims at strengthening the capacities of the Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) authorities to develop, implement and coordinate sustainable strategies allowing persons under international protection – recognized refugees and persons granted subsidiary protection to meet their essential needs, access public services and become socially and economically integrated in BiH.</p> <p>In addition, UNHCR seeks to support BiH authorities at the State and local level to build better conditions for durable solutions, in particular local integration. This will include advocacy, Cash-</p>	

Based interventions, education, social cohesion activities, communication with communities and local community engagement.

In parallel, UNHCR and its partner will support a limited number of eligible asylum-seekers and provide them with an opportunity to become self-sustainable. This will also facilitate their inclusion in BiH society while they are awaiting a possible award of the refugee status by BiH authorities and subsequent full integration.

Currently, there are 187 asylum-seekers in BiH but not all of them might be eligible for this project.

**Goal/Objective, Expected Outcome and Main Activities:**

**Impact Statement 2:** By the end of 2022, persons of concern to UNHCR have better conditions for local integration and other solutions opportunities.

**OUTCOME STATEMENT 2.1:** BiH authorities, in cooperation with other relevant actors, secure integration prospects for persons of concern in line with the pledges at the Global Refugee Forum and conditions for effective social inclusion.

**Output 2.1.2:** Integration and social inclusion assistance provided to persons of concern and support to host communities.

- Support to BiH authorities at the State and local level to build better conditions for local integration.
- Support UNHCR in developing and introducing of Cash-Based interventions programme in BiH in line with UNHCR policies <https://www.unhcr.org/cash-based-interventions.html>
- Engagement with the most relevant actors and communities, including host communities and persons of concern to provide concrete assistance to persons of concern. The activities will include advocacy, Cash-Based interventions, vocational training, social cohesion activities, communication with communities and local community engagement.
- Strengthening of existing partnership and coordination mechanisms, especially with the State and cantonal authorities involved in the integration interventions

**Intended Population of Concern:**

Recognized refugees, persons granted subsidiary protection and eligible asylum-seekers

**Project Period [estimated start and end dates of project]:**

From 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022. Extension for an additional year is possible, subject to availability of resources and changes in the Operational context.

Submission Deadline:  
20 October 2021

Date Decision Results to be Communicated to Applicants:  
Approximately by 3 November 2021

**Selection Criteria**

<i>Choose relevant criteria</i>	Criteria Description	Assigned Weighting (optional)
	<b>Sector expertise and experience:</b> the required specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge and human resources.	30
	<b>Project management:</b> ability to deliver project objectives, accountability mechanisms and sound financial management, taking into account the	20

	audit results of the previous UNHCR-funded projects, past performance and the external audit of partners' financial statements, where applicable.	
	<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.	5
	<b>Cost effectiveness:</b> level of direct costs and administrative costs imposed on the Project in relation to project deliverables.	10
	<b>Partner's capacity to undertake procurement:</b> ability to undertake large scale procurement, prior procurement experiences and value of procurement. Functioning procurement unit in the country of operation. Established effective internal-controls and PQP status (when procurement is US\$100K and above).	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
	<p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When describing <b>Sector expertise and experience</b> in the Concept Note, the applying Agency should indicate its possible membership in relevant regional networks, as this would be an asset in this case.</li> <li>- When describing <b>Partner's capacity to undertake procurement</b> in the Concept Note, the applying Agency should bear in mind that all procurement under the Agreement with UNHCR needs to be in accordance with UNHCR Policy "Procurement by Partners with UNHCR funds" (available on UNHCR Partner Portal). For procurement exceeding USD 100,000, all UNHCR Partners should have a valid Pre-qualified for Procurement (PQP) status, which represent an asset in case of this Call; in case an Agency which does not have the PQP status responds to this Call and gets selected, by signing the Agreement with UNHCR it will commit to adjust its procurement procedures in line with UNHCR's standards and apply for this status within six months after signing of the Agreement.</li> </ul>	

- When describing its **Cost Effectiveness** in the Concept Note, applying Agency should provide the following overview of expected administrative costs, expressed as percentage of direct costs:

(A)	(B)
Direct project costs	Administrative costs as % of direct project costs (A)
BAM 0 - BAM 50,000	x %
BAM 50,001- BAM 100,000	x %
BAM 100,001 - BAM 200,000	x %
BAM 200,001 - BAM 300,000	x %
BAM 300,001 - BAM 400,000	x %
BAM 400,001 - BAM 500,000	x %
> BAM 500,001	x %

Other information (optional):

Please fill in the **PSEA Self-Assessment form** you will find attached to the Call for Expression to Interest and submit it together with the Concept Note (either through UN Partner Portal or printed version in an envelope).

The Agencies responding to this Call need to demonstrate their capability to implement all listed activities as a **single package**. Partial applications for individual activities will not be considered. However, since UNHCR BiH budget for 2022 will be confirmed only in the coming months, UNHCR retains the right to adjust/cancel some of the planned activities at that time. Selected Partner needs to be ready to develop the detailed budget in two weeks upon receiving the notification from UNHCR.

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