

Call for Expression of Interest

Strengthening community-based psychosocial support systems through community structures (CDCs and Outreach Volunteers)

1 **Timeline**

Posted	May 20, 2021
Clarification Request Deadline	Jun 11, 2021
Application Deadline	Jun 20, 2021
Notification of Results	Jul 16, 2021
Start Date	Aug 1, 2021
End Date	Dec 31, 2023

2 **Locations**

- A Lebanon
 - a Mount Lebanon Governorate
 - b North Governorate
 - c South Governorate
 - d Beqaa Governorate
 - e Akkar Governorate
 - f Baalbek-Hermel Governorate
 - g Nabatieh Governorate

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

- A Protection
 - a Protection - general

4 **Issuing Agency**

UNHCR

5 **Project Background**

The overall objective of the project is to improve the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of children, young people and adults to build their resilience and boost their potential, through an innovative, holistic and integrated MHPSS approach. At the community level, the approach will be twofold. It will entail promoting greater MHPSS in community-based protection systems and structures, by building and strengthening: 1) MHPSS in community structures, in specific Outreach Volunteers (OVs) and front-line staff 2) MHPSS in learning, prevention and responses at Community Development Centers (CDCs) The above two approaches will also link up with simultaneous efforts made to strengthen MHPSS within primary health care settings under the same project. They will also link up with case management systems. As such, the three main domains of protection, health and education, will function as interconnected support systems, linked together through joint capacity development and functional referral networks

complemented by existing community-based services and national systems.

6 **Expected Results**

Strengthened capacity of Outreach Volunteers, coordinators and frontline staff to provide quality non-specialized community-based mental health and psychosocial support to refugees and vulnerable Lebanese - including at-risk children and youth – at community level Enhanced provision of quality and accessible life-skills at Community Development Centers (CDCs) to reach most vulnerable groups including refugee and Lebanese adolescents, youth and caregivers through enhancement of existing life-skills packages

7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

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9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Sector expertise and experience	Prospective partners are required to have specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge, and human resources. Partners are encouraged - capacity allowing - to submit concept notes providing an integrated multi-sectorial response. Proven experience in coordination with relevant government entities is required Proven experience in implementing similar projects locally, regionally, and internationally Partnership with local initiatives Coordination with agencies working under the same sector	35
Project management	Ability to deliver project objectives, accountability mechanisms, and sound financial management (proven external audit of partners' financial statement is an asset). Financial management procedures and policies in place Sound financial control in place including segregation of duties Capacity to deliver quality reporting and adhere to UNHCR reporting requirements.	20
Local experience and presence	Ongoing programme in the area of operation. Local presence and ability to access all municipalities. Knowledge of the geographical location. Experience in working in specific regions in the country. Proven experience and collaboration with other national organizations and local CBOs. Proven working relations and engagement with relevant government authorities. Security considerations: ability to operate and adapt to security conditions of a Project site or locations.	10
Cost effectiveness	The level of administrative costs should not exceed 15% on the Project in relation to project deliverables. Proposed budget to be in line with the intended project target. Evidenced and documented the contribution of resources to the Project in cash or in-kind (e.g. human resources, supplies, and/or equipment) by the partner that is presently available (or potentially mobilized by the partner) in order to supplement UNHCR resources is encouraged.	15
Other	Applicants must adequately complete Annex 1 (Partner Procurement Capacity Assessment) of the Concept Note template demonstrating: Evidence and experience to undertake large procurement >USD 100,000 in line with UNHCR/ UN procurement guidelines. Knowledge of the local market. Capacity to identify and establish service contracts with service providers, suppliers, and contractors. Functioning procurement unit in the country of operation. Established effective internal controls.	10

Experience working with UN	Global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies, practices and programme, including an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's funding limitations and associated inherent risks is an asset. Commitment to UNHCR's core values and Age, Gender and Diversity approach is expected from all UNHCR's partners.	5
Sustainability of intervention	Proposals demonstrating strategic collaborations with institutions (such as academia, think tanks, research institutions) that would be considered an advantage for the delivery of the project. Overall quality of the Concept Note submission and completeness of the application. Quality and completeness of UN Partner Portal Registration.	5

10 Attachments

Description	URL
PSEA Tool Kit	Download the document here
Frequently Asked Questions	Download the document here
Concept Note Template and Attachments	Download the document here
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Cover Note	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

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