



### Call for Expression of Interest

The purpose of this Call for Expression of Interest is to solicit interest from existing or prospective partners that wish to participate in a UNHCR operation and contribute complementary resources (human resources, knowledge, funds, in – kind contributions, suppliers and or equipment) to achieving common objectives as agreed in a Project Partnership Agreement. NGOs and other non-profit entities interested in partnering with UNHCR are encouraged to express their interest by registering on the Partner Portal (<https://partner.unhcr.org>), and submitting their Expression of Interest and Concept Note(s) through it.

Potential applicants are requested to fill the selection criteria in this form.

<b>Call for Expression of Interest No : 4</b>	
Project Title	Support to the District Authorities on the housing, land and property issues.
Project Locations	Northern and Eastern provinces (Kandavalai, Oddusuddan, Thunukkai, Maritimpattu, Puthukudijirippu, Karaichchi, Manthai East)
Brief Background of the Project	<p>To date, over 518,411 IDPs have either returned or resettled since the end of the conflict. The new Government has shown positive indications that it has plans to resolve the issues faced by the remaining IDPs. The government has established the IDP Resettlement Authority, to look into the resolution of the return of the remaining IDPs in a more holistic manner. Under the current more favorable political environment, the government has indicated that they will continue the release of lands in HSZ and allocated for commercial enterprises to enable the owners to return to their places of origin.</p> <p>Six years after Sri Lanka's civil war ended, fresh challenges have emerged as people continue to return home. The 30-year-long conflict, which ended in May 2009, left basic services in a suboptimal condition, destroyed homes and infrastructure, and caused hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes in the north and east. As they fled, many families lost key documents, including property title deeds. Land</p>



	<p>documentation is critical for these families to restart their lives and re-integrate in their villages. Without land deeds, returnee families cannot obtain the clearance to rebuild their homes or prove ownership in order to access housing assistance and there are many land dispute cases reported due to encroachments and lack of boundaries. With local government services virtually non-existent at the time of return, they were unable to obtain copies of documents or could not afford to do so. That meant many people could not prove that they owned their land.</p> <p>This project is aimed at supporting the acceleration of the process of resolving land related issues which continue to affect achievement of durable solutions including those related to the Circular No 1 of 2013 and to promote the rights of persons of concern to UNHCR to access own lands.</p>	
Goal/Objective, Expected outcome and Main Activities	<p>Goal – Reintegration</p> <p>Objective - Reintegration made more sustainable</p> <p>Output - Capacity development supported</p> <p>Main Activities: Support relevant Government authorities through the Land Expert to address housing, land and property issues</p> <p>Support to Land units through the provision of 13 land volunteers who will help process the backlog of cases</p>	
Intended Population of Concern	IDPs Sri Lankans (IDP Returnees)	
Project period	01 January 2016 – 31 December 2016	
Submission Deadline	17 September 2015	
Date Decision Results to be communicated to Applicant	04 November 2015	
<b>Selection Criterion</b>		<b>Weight</b>
<b>Please comply with the word limits; additional text will not be considered. No additional documents will be accepted.</b>		
Sector expertise and experience(200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	30%
Project		

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management(200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	20%
Local experience and presence(200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	20%
Contribution of resources(200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	10%
Cost effectiveness(200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	15%
Experience working with UNHCR(200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	5%
Other information (optional) (200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	

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