



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.

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Project Title	Assistance to Refugees in Sri Lanka - Refugee Center in Negombo
Project Locations	Negombo
Brief Background of the Project	<p>Sri Lanka is not a signatory to the 1951 Convention or its 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. There are no national procedures for refugee status determination. UNHCR, with the agreement of the Government of Sri Lanka carries out refugee status determination.</p> <p>This project seeks to establish an inclusive community refugee center in Negombo, to improve the social environment of refugees in Sri Lanka through provision of space for community based activities, sessions on SGBV, child rights and other protection-related issues, focus group discussions, sharing and learning, psychosocial counselling, consultations, discussions between UNHCR, Partners, PoCs and other stakeholders, skills development programmes for youth and women's groups, sports and recreation activities for all groups, and organize English and computer classes for adults in Negombo area.</p> <p>491 refugees (77%) of total refugee population are targeted in this project who are living in and around Negombo. This includes 175 minors and 316 adults.</p>
Goal/Objective, Expected outcome and Main Activities	<p>Goal – Protection and Mixed Solutions</p> <p>Objective 1 Population has optimal access to education</p> <p>Output.1.1 Lifelong learning opportunities provided or</p>

	<p>supported</p> <p>Main Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English classes: A locally-recruited teacher and some volunteers of the community already trained by British Council conduct English classes to refugees at the Refugee Centre in Negombo. Language classes are most useful to facilitate the integration in the resettlement country. • ICT classes: Present day demands for ICT knowledge are huge, especially in the countries of resettlement; these classes will bridge the information gap and make refugees ICT literate. • Psychosocial counseling: A female counselor will address the psychological needs many refugees have. Especially women who suffered most before reaching Sri Lanka will be targeted. • Women’s groups: Sharing, working, experiencing together to regain normalcy and support each other, training in different skills. • Skills development: In preparation for the resettlement, the refugees are in need of different skills. The center will together with the refugees determine which skills are needed and how the curricula should be planned. • Field trips and sports: Trips and sport outings will provide activities to break the daily routine. Swimming lessons will be needed to adapt to the future situation and provide a potentially life-saving skill. • Referral to UNHCR protection incidents reported at the center affecting UNHCR’s PoCs.
Intended Population of Concern	Refugees
Project period	01 January 2017 – 31 December 2017
Submission Deadline	30 September 2016
Date Decision Results to be communicated to Applicant	04 November 2016
Selection Criteria	
	Weight

Please comply with the word limits; additional text will not be considered. No additional documents will be accepted.		
Sector Expertise and Experience (200 words maximum)	Use this space to describe	30%
Project 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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Date

9 Sept 2016