



## 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 : 3</b>	
Project Title	Land, Housing and Property Restitution in Northern Province
Project Locations	Vavuniya, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Mannar Districts

<p>Brief Background of the Project</p>	<p>Since the beginning of returns in April 2009, approximately 496,584 IDPs have returned to their homes/places of origin. Since 2010, there are 5,000 refugee returnee families returned to North and East. Today land disputes affect most of the returnee communities. Many are landless and are found to be families headed by women. Among the land issues, inaccessibility to their land and land disputes related to land permits could be observed.</p> <p>Secondary occupation of land by the military and multiple displacements has created many ownership and possession disputes. Large acres of land are used as high security zones, for military usage or for development purposes. This has resulted in large-scale displacement and relocation. The affected people have had little or no means to a fair redress mechanism to either claim their land or obtain fair compensation.</p> <p>Government departments at district levels have either little or no knowledge in directing the persons affected to resolve their land disputes. There are many individual cases that still remain unresolved.</p> <p>Given the complexity of land issues in North especially after decades of civil war and multiple displacements, there are complex and specific challenges the IDP returnees and Refugee returnees face. Therefore the assistance in legal aid for civilians and guidance for government institutions is vital.</p> <p>The overall purpose of this project is to facilitate the process of resolving land issues faced by the civilians, strengthen the knowledge of the refugee returnees and IDPs returnees to access the required services in resolving the land disputes and to give Legal representation for the most vulnerable. In addition, this project will also support the land 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>
<p>Goal/Objective, Expected outcome and Main Activities</p>	<p>Goal – Voluntary return</p> <p>Objective 1 - Reintegration made more sustainable</p> <p>Output - 1.1 Housing, land and property (HLP) and documentation rights of persons of concern are upheld.</p> <p>Main Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work closely with returnees to provide support to address their HLP issues.</li> <li>- Conduct advocacies, regular meetings, follow ups and coordination with</li> </ul>

	<p>relevant government departments and other stakeholders to address the identified HLP issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counselling individuals (returnees) on legal and documentation cases.</li> <li>- Targeted training of government officials on land laws and issues.</li> <li>- Intervention for detained UNHCR's POCs (Refugees and asylum seekers)</li> <li>- Provide legal representation for UNHCR's PoCs in Negombo and other locations.</li> <li>- Evaluation to measure the achievements.</li> </ul> <p>Output – 1.2 Capacity development supported</p> <p>Main Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support relevant Government authorities through the Land Expert to address housing, land and property issues</li> </ul>	
Intended Population of Concern	Refugee returnees	
Project period	01 January 2017 – 31 December 2017	
Submission Deadline	30 September 2016	
Date Decision Results to be communicated to Applicant	04 November 2016	
<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 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%

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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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