

Invitation for Expression of Interest to UNHCR funded grants for Refugee-led organizations (RLOS) and Community-based organizations (CBOs)

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The purpose of the Invitation for Expression of Interest is to encourage refugee-led organizations to seek support in developing their capacity in various areas of interest to **support the most vulnerable refugees in their communities in Greece** by establishing a small-scale partnership with UNHCR and implementing a grant agreement.

This invitation is in line with UNHCR Greece 2023-2025 Multi-Year Strategy and part of a programme promoting local civil society organizations, in particular those that are led by asylum-seekers/refugees contributing to assessing community strengths and needs, inclusive and accessible planning and programme implementation, and capacity development.

UNHCR considers it is crucial that self-organized networks and communities are strong, and their capacity to form and improve themselves is expanded. The UNHCR grant agreement for refugee-led organizations is an opportunity to grant funding to support refugee-led organizations in the role they are taking and contribute to their capacity development.

The small grant represents a **maximum of USD 4,000** per project. The basis of partnership will be a grant agreement that entails a description of the activities envisaged during the grant period, a commitment to use funds solely for the purpose of refugee-led organization activities and capacity building, as well as financial and performance reporting requirements.

A project proposal (within a total amount of max. USD 4,000 can be submitted for one or more activities.

UNHCR reserves the right to accept a proposal in whole or in part. Conclusion of a grant agreement with UNHCR is subject to a selection process and availability of funds. The selection of a partner through this invitation does not constitute an obligation for UNHCR to conclude a grant agreement with the selected partner.

Project proposals comprising: i) Annex B- Project Proposal Template, ii) the Governing Document /Statute of the applicant Organization, if available, should be submitted at greatcwc@unhcr.org by the submission deadline: **14 April 2023. Applications may be submitted in English or Greek.**

The following are eligible:

Category 1a: An organization that has legal status (legal personality) under Greek law and is registered and based in Greece, where it intends to perform activities.

Category 1b: An organization is based and registered in another country and authorized to perform activities in Greece.

Category 2: An organization that is not registered in Greece, but has legal status under the laws of Greece.

Category 3: An individual with a legal status in Greece, representing an informal union of persons with a common objective that does not have legal status (legal personality) in Greece or in another country. The individual with legal status in Greece acts on the union's behalf.

Other groups may be considered based on flexible grant arrangements and strategic UNHCR priorities.

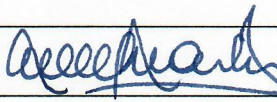
Eligibility will be determined based on the review of the submissions of applicant organizations, including their respective governing documents and any other pertinent documentation demonstrating that they meet the eligibility criteria.

Project title and identification		Project Locations
Enhancing the capacity of refugee-led organizations to strengthen support to the most vulnerable community members ⁱ (see the examples on the last page for details)		Greece
Project Period: Estimated start and end dates of project		
2023 Programme Cycle		
This invitation for expression of interest covers activities to be implemented during 2023 programme cycle: 1 May* – 31 December 2023 with possibility of retention in 2024 subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funding <i>*Indicatively – starting date to be agreed with UNHCR</i>		
Timeframe & deadlines (date open, date closed)		Date results to be communicated to applicants
Date Open: 21 February 2023 Date Closed: 14 April 2023 (inclusive) Queries will be accepted via e-mail to greatcwc@unhcr.org		UNHCR will contact the selected applicant to initiate the partnership, as per the operational priorities, following a review of the applications and decision by the Office. All applicant organizations will receive a reply to their applications.
Main selection criteria		
Qualification as a refugee-led organization: At least one of the following should be applicable:		
<input type="checkbox"/> The organization was founded by >50% asylum-seekers/refugees <input type="checkbox"/> The organization has >50% asylum-seekers/refugees in leadership and decision-making positions <input type="checkbox"/> The organization has documented evidence of previous humanitarian or development advocacy, protection or assistance services for communities.		
Applicant organizations are required to file an application that sets out the name of the grantee and of its members and includes copies of the organization's documents and bank account details. Eligibility check list includes the following and applicants are encouraged to submit any evidence vis-à-vis meeting the following selection criteria:		
Experience working with UNHCR		
Recommended by organizations with UNHCR experience as suitable and competent		
Organizational Sustainability		
Governance Structure: documented evidence of an internal governing structure and diverse representation in planning and decision-making (if available)		
Operational Effectiveness: documented evidence of beneficiaries from its operations/projects and feedback from previous beneficiaries		
Inclusion and Diversity: documented evidence that the organization has performed with equitable access by all members of a community, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or social group to information, resources and decision-making opportunities in the organization		
Legal Status: Determination of the legal status of the organization and the appropriate contracting party: If the organization is neither registered in Greece where it intends to perform activities nor in any other way legally authorized to operate in Greece and conclude contracts in its own name, UNHCR cannot sign an agreement with the organization. If, however, a key member of the organization has a legal status in Greece where the organization		

intends to perform activities, UNHCR may consider signing an agreement with that individual as representative of the informal organization and its participants. Otherwise, UNHCR cannot provide a grant to this organization.

Financial Management: If the organization does not have a bank account in its legally registered name, a bank account for a key member of the organization in their name, or a key member of the organization with access to mobile money, then UNHCR cannot provide a grant to this organization.

Other Safeguards: The organization should confirm that they are accountable for its individual members to commit to the Code of Conduct, undertake mandatory training on fraud and on prevention and response to SEA and report misconduct and that UNHCR may conduct periodic monitoring.

Issuing UNHCR Office:	UNHCR Representation in Greece
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Name of UNHCR Office:	UNHCR Representation in Greece
Date:	21/2/2023

ⁱ Vulnerable groups are persons who may have one or more specific need and experience isolation, stigmatization or discrimination. Examples, not exhausted, are as follows: (i) persons living with disabilities including those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which may prevent their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. They may require 24-hour care or other special support and may or may not be able to work; (ii) single mothers may have one or more dependents and are the parent or caretaker of biological or non-biological children; (iii) older persons (60 years and above) with specific needs due to age. Single older persons are without any family members in the country of asylum can be particularly vulnerable due to the lack of family or community support; (iv) unaccompanied and/or separated children (aged below 18) have specific needs. Unaccompanied children are those who are in Greece completely alone while separated children are not with their parents, but with an adult care takers such as a relative or family friend.