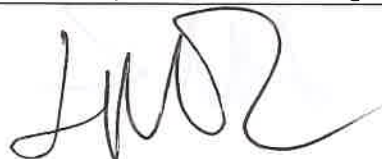


ANNEX C: CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST No. CFEI/ZAF/001	
Project title and Identification:	Project Location:
Legal Assistance Project for refugees and asylum-seekers in Namibia.	Namibia
Brief Background of the Project:	
<p>UNHCR established its presence in Namibia in 1992 to assist the Government in opening a refugee settlement in Osire to accommodate refugees and asylum seekers arriving mainly from Angola. In 1995, Namibia acceded to the 1951 Refugee Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol and adopted national legislation to secure effective asylum practices. The peak in refugee numbers was reached in early 2000 when Namibia hosted nearly 20,000 individuals. Jointly with the Government and other partners, UNHCR assisted these groups with essential relief items and services, including food, water, sanitation, healthcare, education, shelter, and community services.</p> <p>As the situation in Angola stabilized from 2003 onwards, thousands of Angolan refugees were able to voluntarily return to their home country with the assistance of Namibian and Angolan governments and UNHCR. A remaining group of former Angolan refugees was offered the opportunity for local integration in Namibia. While refugees of other nationalities continued to flow into Namibia from conflict-affected countries, the overall success of the implementation of durable solutions and the resulting decrease of the refugee population enabled UNHCR to start a gradual scaling down process in 2013, which was eventually completed in December 2015 with the closure of Windhoek and Osire offices.</p> <p>In 2020 UNHCR reinstated its presence in Namibia as the refugee population continues to grow, currently Namibia hosts about 6562 refugees predominantly based in Osire Settlement, with a small proportion of this number living in urban areas. 80% of these refugees are from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The remaining percentage are from Burundi, Rwanda and other countries. The country maintains an open-door policy to refugees. UNHCR continues to work closely with the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration to address the needs of refugees and find durable solutions. UNHCR also participates in the implementation of the United Nations partnership framework, formulated in alignment with Namibia's national development strategies and plans.</p> <p>UNHCR implements programs through operational and implementing partnerships with Governments, local and international organizations. Implementing partners are identified through Calls for Expression of Interest (CEI).</p> <p>The purpose of this Call for Expression of Interest is to identify and – based on responses received – select prospective or existing partner(s) to implement the Legal Assistance Project for refugees and asylum-seekers in Namibia (including at Osire settlement, urban areas, and Katima Mulilo reception centre) on behalf of UNHCR South Africa Multi-Country Office (SAMCO). Partner(s) will handle the day-to-day activities related to the management and implementation of the Legal Assistance Project for the benefit of persons of concern (PoCs) to UNHCR and the communities they reside in, under the overall coordination and management of UNHCR.</p> <p>UNHCR SAMCO is looking for partner(s) that could provide the following services:</p>	



- Legal assistance and advice to PoCs on various issues.
- Assisting with appeals and reviews in cases of rejected asylum applications.
- Representing unaccompanied minors., identification/case management, best interest assessment and determination
- Assisting PoCs with family reunification.
- Monitoring and challenging wrongful arrests and detentions.
- Intervening in cases and situations of xenophobia and hate crimes directed at beneficiaries.
- Conducting strategic litigation in cases which will promote the rights of PoCs.

Organisations/institutions with expertise, experience and capacity in legal assistance programmes are invited and encouraged to apply.

The Concept Note should be concise and contain clear information, not exceeding three (3) pages.

Interested organisations are requested to submit a Concept Note using the attached template 11 April 2022

Submissions will be accepted through the UNHCR's partner portal at: www.unpartnerportal.org

Goal/Objective, Expected Outcome and Main Activities:

Overall strategic goal:

Refugees and asylum-seekers understand their rights and that their basic civil, political and socio-economic rights are respected and enforced in line with international and national legislation.

Objective 1: Access to legal assistance and legal remedies improved

Output 1: Legal assistance provided

Output 2: Advocacy Conducted

Main activities:

Legal assistance provided to PoCs, including on the Refugee Status Determination (RSD) application procedure, marriage/divorce and socio-economic rights.

Strengthening of detention monitoring and oversight to prevent the foreseeable increase in arrests and detention of PoCs.

Entering strategic litigation, as a last resort, to advocate for refugee rights, family reunification, as well as for travel documents, identity documents

Monitoring of legal and policy developments. Advocacy, meetings and consultations conducted with various government departments on issues pertaining to PoCs.

Advocacy conducted through media platforms, Strengthening of community-based protection and training for various stakeholders as well as translation and distribution of information pamphlets to various languages.

Intended Population of Concern:

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Project Period [estimated start and end dates of project]:

1 July 2022 – 31 December 2022

Submission Deadline:

11 April 2022


Date Decision Results to be Communicated to Applicants:

16 May 2022

Selection Criteria

	Criteria Description	Assigned Weighting (optional)
	Sector expertise and experience: the required specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge and human resources.	30%
	Project management: ability to deliver project objectives, accountability mechanisms and sound financial management, taking into account the audit results of the previous UNHCR-funded projects, past performance and the external audit of partners' financial statements, where applicable.	25%
	Partner's capacity to undertake procurement: Ability to undertake large scale procurement, prior procurement experiences and value of procurement. Functioning procurement unit in the country of operation. Established effective internal-controls and PQP status (when procurement is US\$100K and above).	10%
	Local experience and presence: ongoing programme in the area of operation; local knowledge; engaging refugees and other persons of concern; trust from local communities; local presence; partner policy on community relations; complaint mechanisms for persons of concern; self-organized groups of persons of concern; and other factors that would facilitate access to and better understanding of the persons of concern and that would reduce administrative difficulties.	20%
	Contribution of resources: evidenced and documented contribution of resources to the Project in cash or in-kind (e.g., human resources, supplies and/or equipment) by the partner that are presently available (or potentially mobilized by the partner) in order to supplement UNHCR resources.	5%
	Experience working with UNHCR: global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies, practices and programmes, including an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's funding limitations and associated inherent risks. Partners that have three consecutive qualified audit opinions for UNHCR-funded projects may not be considered.	10%

Other information (optional)

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Date	8 - 03 - 2022

