

## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST [TO BE ISSUED BY UNHCR]

*Note:* The purpose of the [Call for Expression of Interest \(CFEI\)](#) is to solicit interest from existing or prospective partners that wish to collaborate with UNHCR to achieve common outcomes.

UNHCR Offices are required to provide context for the partnership and selection criteria. A sample template for a Call for Expression of interest is below.

It is important that UNHCR Offices ensure that there is an alignment between the Selection Criteria below, the way in which the Concept Note is structured and subsequently technically evaluation.

UNHCR Offices should ensure that the criteria are reflective of the nature of the envisaged Partnership. In this regard:

- Some of the criteria listed below have the potential to limit opportunities for local, smaller organizations to be selected as partners. Examples include “cost effective” and “project management” which may work against local actors.
- The criteria below favour organizations with an existing presence. If there is a need to explore partnerships with organizations that are not yet present, but which have the potential to mobilize resources, then this should be reflected in the “local experience and presence” criteria with considerations around, for example, the speed and cost of mobilization.

Please note that the following template mirrors the structure of the information required on the UNPP for the CFEI. Any supplementary information should be attached as an additional document.

### CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CFEI)

Project Details	
CFEI ID	CFEI/HCR/ALB/2024/002
Title	Enhancing the confirmation of nationality for persons at risk of statelessness
Project/Programme Focal Point(s)	Senior Protection Associate
Project location	Albania / Nationwide
Sector(s) and Area(s) of Specialization	
Sector(s)	Prevention of Statelessness
Area(s) of Specialization	
Issued by	UNHCR
Project background:	
<p><i>Provide a description of the operational environment for the partnership, including an overview of the target populations, country context and protection and solutions situation. Highlight the priority problems that the partner will address.</i></p> <p>Albania is a party to both the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions and has progressed in the implementation of the eradication and prevention of statelessness. The three pledges made by Albania in the High-Level Segment on Statelessness and its commitment to implementing the Global Action Plan—a guiding framework of 10 actions that need to be undertaken by states to end statelessness—have been fulfilled with the support of UNHCR and other stakeholders.</p>	



Through the revision of the legal framework and its associated legal acts, obstacles to confirming nationality have been reduced, and its implementation has been strengthened.

Despite ongoing challenges in ensuring that persons at risk of statelessness have their nationality confirmed, Albania made two significant pledges at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum. These pledges are to fully implement the revised Law on Civil Status and to revise the Stateless Determination Procedure, incorporating the rights and obligations of individuals recognized as stateless. Albania joined a regional pledge made by the Western Balkans countries to reaffirm the goals of the #IBelong Campaign, and commit to make all necessary efforts, independently and collectively, to resolve, without delay, all known cases of statelessness within their territories, including by granting citizenship to or confirming the citizenship of existing stateless populations, and undertake the necessary law reforms to ensure that no child is born stateless.

Members of the Roma and Egyptian communities, as well as children of Albanian migrants born abroad, are still at risk of statelessness. Evidence suggests that in most cases the challenge lies in exhausting administrative processes such as registration at the civil registry and issuance of birth registration rather than denial of nationality, which has not been reported. Both central and local authorities work in partnership with civil society organizations to resolve cases of persons at risk of statelessness. In quite substantial numbers, the resolution of a case requires judicial interventions, which are a financial burden that on many occasions cannot be afforded by the persons at risk of statelessness.

UNHCR aims to enhance the capacity of local and national authorities to identify, document, and address cases of persons at risk of statelessness, strengthening referral pathways at the local level to enable the local state service provision structures and civil society actors to refer cases to civil status offices, and providing individual assistance through free legal aid clinics and NGOs to resolve complex cases. To fully implement the revised Law on Civil Status and revised Law on Citizenship requires continuous advocacy and capacity-building modalities for all state and civil registry officials at the national and local levels.

#### Expected results:

*Linked to the sectors selected above and based on the operation's multi-year results framework, include the relevant impact and outcome statements for the scope of the partnership. Describe the changes that UNHCR expects to achieve with the partner under each outcome statement. These expected results will enable partners to determine their intended activities per sector.*

*Directly insert the following sentence, inclusive of the hyperlink:*

To ensure the adequate protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons, UNHCR requires partners to adhere to applicable sector standards outlined within [UNHCR's areas of specialization](#).

The project will have three main objectives:

1. Advocate for the full implementation of laws and policies on statelessness by the responsible authorities, including related capacity-building initiatives.
2. Provide assistance to individuals at risk of statelessness in confirming their nationality.
3. Enhance the capacity of the civil status officials and other relevant authorities to identify and solve cases of persons at risk of statelessness.



Specifically, the partner will:

- In collaboration with UNHCR, provide support to the authorities with legal expertise and facilitate a consultative process for the required sub-legal acts of the revised Law on Civil Status and Law on Citizenship.
- In coordination with UNHCR, design and implement training modules for the civil status officials and other relevant authorities in charge of early detection of persons at risk of statelessness.
- In collaboration with UNHCR, support advocacy initiatives for including the training modules in the Albanian School of Public Administration curricula.
- Provide capacity-building activities to the relevant authorities for implementing changes in the Law on Civil Status and Law on Citizenship.
- In collaboration with UNHCR, provide support to the authorities for the revision of the Statelessness Determination Procedures.
- In close collaboration with relevant authorities, especially with Free Legal Aid Clinics, provide legal and paralegal services to resolve an estimated 200 individual cases/year for persons at risk of statelessness, including those whose birth registration could not be completed.
- In collaboration with UNHCR, support the Ministry of Interior and other relevant authorities to fulfil the country pledges made in the 2023 GRF and the regional pledge on statelessness.

Expected Impact by selected partner:

- Enhance the capacity of relevant officials in the implementation of the legal framework.
- The sub-legal acts for the Law on Civil Status and the Law on Citizenship are adopted by the government.
- Identification and reduction of cases at risk of statelessness.
- The training modules on the prevention of statelessness are included in the Albanian School of Public Administration curricula.
- The revised statelessness determination procedure is adopted by the government.
- Monitor and report to UNHCR the progress made by the authorities regarding the pledges.

Indicative budget (optional):

Estimated budget for the duration of the partnership (partnership framework agreement).

Other information (optional):

**CFEI timeline**

Request for clarification deadline	Application deadline	Notification of results	Estimated start date	Estimated end date
13/09/2024	16/09/2024	31/10/2024	01/01/2025	31/12/2025
<b>Selection Criteria</b>				
	Criteria Description			Assigned Weighting
	<b>Sector expertise and experience:</b> the required specific skills, sector specialists, performance, knowledge, material and			20%



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	<p>human resources. Knowledge of relevant protection, humanitarian principles, and Age, Gender, and Diversity Mainstreaming (AGDM). Participation of persons at risk of statelessness in the Programme Cycle.</p> <p>Mainstreaming measures to integrate environmental sustainability within proposed activities. Environmental considerations are aligned to the objectives of UNHCR's <a href="#">Strategic Framework for Climate Action</a>.</p>	
	<p><b>Project management:</b> ability to effectively deliver project objectives with robust management systems/processes, and meet the expectations of all stakeholders, as well as provide 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 and pending open audit recommendations (accounts receivables and internal control related recommendations) where applicable. Clear segregation of duties policy, as well as the integration of risk management; adequate control over assets and inventory (if applicable).</p>	20%
	<p><b>Local experience and presence:</b> Previous and/or ongoing programme in the area of operation; local knowledge; participation in inter-agency coordination fora, engaging refugees and other persons at risk of statelessness in the programme cycle; trust from local communities; local presence; partner policy on community relations; feedback and complaint mechanisms for persons at risk of statelessness ; self-organized groups of persons at risk of statelessness ; and other factors that would facilitate access to and better understanding of the persons at risk of statelessness and that would reduce administrative difficulties.</p>	15%
	<p><b>Contribution of resources</b> Global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies, practices and programmes, as well as an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's funding limitations, and associated inherent risks. Co-founding the project will be an advantage during the selection process of the partner.</p>	15%
	<p><b>Cost-effectiveness:</b> Evidence of a methodology for allocation of shared costs to project activities. Evidence of procedures/systems that ensure maximum resources are directed to project outcomes while also ensuring that resources are also directed to activities that ensure project risks are being appropriately managed.</p>	15%





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	<p><b>Experience with UN&amp;UNHCR:</b> Global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies and UN, practices, and programmes, as well as an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's and other UN Agencies' funding limitations and associated inherent risks.</p>	10%
	<p><b>Communication &amp; visibility:</b> Demonstrated experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating communication activities for partnerships. This includes having the necessary internal resources and tools and showing a proven ability to use them effectively across various communication channels to support partnership objectives.</p>	5%

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