**CALL FOR PARTNERSHIPS (CFP)**

**from**

**Not-for-Profit Institutions (International and National NGOs)**

**Ref:  *Gendered approach to Preventing Violent Extremism through Education in Iraq Ref***: **IRQ/CFPP/20/16**

(Please quote this UNESCO reference in all correspondence)

Date: 23/12/2020

Closing date: **23 January, 2021** (19:00 *[*Baghdad local time*]*)

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1. **BACKGROUND:**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture. UNESCO's programmes contribute to the achievement of the [Sustainable Development Goals in Agenda 2030](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/) adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015. This Call for Partnerships (CFP) for Implementation Partners relates to the UNESCO project:

**[Project Name]:  *Gendered approach to Preventing Violent Extremism through Education* in Iraq**

**[Project Description]**

#### The “*Gendered approach to Preventing Violent Extremism in through Education in Iraq*” is an eighteen-months project funded by the government of Canada.

#### The project aims to build resilient communities by engaging with the dynamics of radicalisation leading to violent extremism and addressing its root causes through quality education.

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| Specifically, the project seeks to improve resilience and wellbeing of pupils and students in Ninewa, and Al Anbar to help prevent violent extremism. |

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This Call for Partnership is open for national and international non-governmental organizations. The selected implementing partner will contribute to the achievement of the aforementioned objective by providing educational support and services to the conflict affected population, including IDPs, returnees and remainees, aiming at the prevention of violent extremism and improving resilience in the primary and secondary schools, universities and the wider community in Ninewa and Al Anbar governorates, in coordination with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Higher Education, of Federal government, and the Directorate of Education (DoE) in Ninewa and Al Anbar. In addition to empowering local actors, the projects aim to also build the capacities of local organisations. Consequently, UNESCO requires that the interested international NGOs propose local partners to co-implement the project. implement the activities and realize the objectives of the project.

**II. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS/ DELIVERABLES:**

The overall objective of this Call for Partnership is to provide, through national and international non-governmental organizations (I/NGOs), educational support and services aiming at the prevention of violent extremism in the primary and secondary schools, as well as at universities in conflict affected areas of Ninewa and Al Anbar governorates. This will includeconducting PVE-E trainings, for at least 8650 school staff, parents and student leaders using the UNESCO developed materials, and running 500 psychosocial support sessions for teachers, as well as supporting the education system in the target schools, which feed into building communities resilient to the radicalizing narratives leading to violent extremism.

#### The expected results of this Call for Partnership are:

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| 1. Developed capacity of teachers, principals and parents to foster among learners a range of supporting cognitive socio-emotional and behavioural skills – such as critical thinking, multi-perceptivity, understandings of complexity, moral courage and responsible online behavior. 2. Supported PVE systems at schools and universities and promoted PVE and peace principles among the vulnerable communities. |

#### Project activities should tentatively start no later than 25 February 2021 in order to ensure timely provision of educational support and services until 30 April 2022, to achieve the following main targets:

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| **Item** | **Main Targets** |
| Primary school teachers trained in PVE-E in 130 schools | **2000 teachers** |
| Secondary school teachers trained in PVE-E in 50 schools | **750 teachers** |
| Higher education student leaders trained in PVE | **250 students** |
| School principals trained in PVE | **250 principals** |
| Parents (75% women) trained in PVE | **5400 parents** |
| Parents teachers associations supported and trained at 250 schools | **250 PTAs** |
| School management guide implemented | **250 schools** |
| Psychosocial support sessions for teachers conducted | **500 PSS sessions** |
| Contributed to successful organization of the Focused Group Discussions | **12 FGDs** |
| Subcontracting with local NGO for delivering educational support and services | * **Partnership established between the selected implementing partner (International NGO) and (local NGO) for the delivery of trainings.** |

Detailed activities and related targets are provided in the Terms of Reference – **Annex 1.**

1. **ELIGIBILITY:**

A UNESCO Implementation Partner is an entity with an international and/or national not-for-profit status to which UNESCO has entrusted partially or fully the implementation of programmes or projects specified in a signed document, along with the assumption of full responsibility and accountability for the effective use of resources and the delivery of outputs as set forth in such a document.

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| **Main features of a UNESCO Implementation Partners’ Agreement** |
| The partner brings added value, including monetary or in-kind contribution, to the project/activity. |
| The partner shares in the risks and rewards of the project/activity implementation and is responsible and accountable for delivering expected results. |
| The partner is involved at each step of the process, from detailed work plan elaboration to project/activity evaluation. |
| The partnership will include aspects beyond the delivery of a service to include capacity-building elements with respect to the partner and/or beneficiary. |

The parameters that will determine whether an entity is eligible to be considered by UNESCO will be based on the UNESCO Partner Identification form – **Annex 2** and in accordance with the Eligibility table – **Annex 5**.

1. **PROPOSAL:**

**All applicants are requested to use the application form package to complete their proposal** – **Annex 6**.

Proposed Methodology, Approach, Quality Assurance Plan and Implementation Plan

This section should demonstrate the entity’s response to the Terms of Reference by identifying the specific components proposed, how the outputs/ delivery shall be addressed, as specified; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed; identifying the works/portions of the work that will be subcontracted.

Moreover, the proposal should demonstrate how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the TOR, while ensuring appropriateness of the approach to the local conditions and the rest of the project operating environment. This methodology must be laid out in an implementation timetable and a quality assurance.

Workplan – **Annex 4** should also be submitted along with the proposal.

Management Structure and Resource (Key Personnel)

This section should include the comprehensive description of the management structure and information regarding required resources including curriculum vitae (CVs) of key personnel that will be assigned to support the implementation of the proposed methodology, clearly defining the qualifications in areas relevant to the TOR.

1. **EVALUATION CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY :**

**Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

1. Sound technical proposal that includes innovative and replicable inclusion mechanisms to maximize the value transfer to the beneficiaries.
2. High impact interventions directly targeting and responding to the needs established in the TOR.
3. Size of budget requested commensurate with the organization’s proven administrative and financial management capacity.
4. Participatory monitoring and evaluation that will contribute to building a sense of ownership among the beneficiaries to promote the sustainability of the interventions.

**Applicant shall also refer to the evaluation criteria included in Annex 1.**

1. **BUDGET SIZE AND DURATION:**

The duration of the contract will be tentatively between **25 February 2021 and 30 April 2022**. The proposed budget should follow the details described in Annex 1 and be based on the market price. The applicant is required to use the budget template **Annex 3**.

1. **SELECTION PROCESS:**

UNESCO will review proposals through a five-step process: (i) determination of eligibility; (ii) technical review of eligible proposals; (iii) scoring and ranking of the eligible proposals based on the assessment criteria outlined in the previous section, to identify highest ranking proposal (technical and financial) – including financial/in-kind contribution; (iv) round of clarification (if necessary) and work plan elaboration with the highest-scoring proposal; and, (v) Implementation Partners’ Agreement (IPA) signature.

1. **SUBMISSION PROCESS:**

Applicants shall bear all costs related to proposal preparation and submission.

Applicants must submit their proposals by email with the submission documents (both editable and PDF files) to: [baghdad.proc@unesco.org](mailto:baghdad.proc@unesco.org)

The following documents must be submitted in order for the submission to be considered:

1. Proposal documents (technical and financial, including project outline, using the suggested forms)
2. Partners’ Identification Form (duly filled in, with supporting documents)
3. Audited financial statements for past three years.

Only one submission per organization is allowed. Once the application is complete and submitted, revised versions of proposal documents will not be accepted.

**Submission Deadline**

Proposals, with supporting documents, should be submitted by **23 January 2021** (19:00 Baghdad time)

**[Important Note]**

Those who are interested to apply, should ensure to attend an information/ explanation meeting held virtually at **10:00-12:00 on 06 January 2021**. All the questions should be sent to Mr Kuany Kiir Kuany – [s.kuany@unesco.org](mailto:s.kuany@unesco.org) and [Baghdad.proc@unesco.org](mailto:Baghdad.proc@unesco.org) by noon on **04 January 2021** in order to ensure that all the questions will be covered during the meeting. No questions will be answered after the explanation meeting on 06 January 2020 (12:00 pm).

**Note:** UNESCO reserves the right not to fund any proposals arising from this Call for Partnerships. Depending on the value and context of the implementation partners agreement, the final financial report must be audited by the External Auditor of the Partner. The audit requirement will be confirmed during work plan elaboration and contract finalization.

**Below is an estimated timeline for this Call for Partnerships:**

[23 December 2020]: Call for Partnerships opens.

[4 January 2021]: Latest date to confirm participation in the information/ explanation meeting

[ 6 January 2021]: Explanation meeting takes place in Erbil.

[23 January 2021]: Deadline for NGOs to submit proposals under this Call.

[23 January – 15 February 2021]: Assessment and selection processes will take place.

[15 February -20 February 2021]: Selected Implementation Partner will be notified.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In addition to professional etiquette such as adherence to timelines, UNESCO requires that partners, bidders and their subcontractors adhere to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct during the implementation of the partnership agreement and do not engage in corrupt and fraudulent practices.

United Nations Agencies have adopted a zero tolerance policy on gifts and, therefore, it is of overriding importance that UNESCO staff should not be placed in a position where their actions may constitute or could be reasonably perceived as reflecting favorable treatment of an individual or entity by accepting offers of gifts, hospitality or other similar favours. Partners are therefore requested not to send or offer gifts or hospitality to UNESCO personnel.

UNESCO will:

1. Reject a proposal to award an agreement if it determines that a partner recommended for award has engaged in fraud and/or corruption in competing for the agreement in question.
2. Cancel or terminate an agreement if it determines that a partner has engaged in fraud and/or corruption in competing for or in executing a UNESCO contract;
3. Declare a partner ineligible to become a “United Nations registered vendor”, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, if it determines at any time that the partner has engaged in fraud and/or corruption in competing for or in executing a UNESCO agreement.

This Call for Partnerships is not to be construed in any way as an offer of contract with your organization. Your proposal could, however, form the basis for a contract between your organization and UNESCO.

You are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this Call for Partnerships and to indicate whether or not you will be submitting a proposal.

For and on behalf of UNESCO

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1. **ANNEXES:**

**Annex 1 –** Terms of Reference

**Annex 2 –** UNESCO Partner Identification form

**Annex 3 –**Budget template (attached)

**Annex 4 –**Work plan Progress Template

**Annex 5 –** Eligibility Description, technical and financial evaluation grid

**Annex 6 –**Application Package

**Annex 7 –** UNESCO’s Implementation Partner Agreement template