

## IOM MISSION – IRAQ

# CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CEI)

### 1 ***Timeline***

Clarification Request Deadline	3 August 2023
Application Deadline	10 August 2023
Notification of Results	17 August 2023
Implementation Start Date	1 September 2023
Implementation End Date	30 March 2024

The full proposal package should be submitted to [wasl@iom.int](mailto:wasl@iom.int) and [sgabriel@iom.int](mailto:sgabriel@iom.int) by **10 August 2023** and contain the following documents:

- Completed Annex A – Narrative Proposal Template
- Completed Annex B – Financial Proposal Template
- Signed and stamped Annex C – Declaration of Conformity

### 2 ***Locations***

The activities that are subject to third-party monitoring (TPM) are implemented in South Mosul (Shoura, Hammam Alil, Qayyara sub-districts), West Mosul (Mosul district centre, Mahalabia sub districts), Tel Afar District (Ninewa), Fallujah District (Anbar), Zubair District (Basra), Hawijah District (Kirkuk), and Halabja. The selected Implementing Partner (IP) is expected to be fully operational in all locations.

### 3 ***Sector(s) and area(s) of specialization***

The Implementing Partner is expected to demonstrate relevant previous experience in third-party monitoring of community-based projects, the provision of technical assistance to civil society organizations in the field of monitoring and evaluation, and the development of evidence-based reports with actionable recommendations to inform future programming.

### 4 ***Project Background***

Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading United Nations Migration Agency in the field of migration that works closely with governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental partners. IOM ensures the orderly and humane management of migration, promote international cooperation on migration issues, assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems, and provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need including refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

IOM Iraq has established the Wasl Civil Society Fund in the spring of 2022 to complement its prevention of violent extremism (PVE) portfolio. Through the PVE portfolio, IOM works on capacity building with the Government of Iraq to grow its technical expertise on matters of PVE, facilitate interministerial coordination and collaboration and support the development of localized Plans of Action through targeted capacity building activities, exchange visits to learn good practices from third countries, and the joint chairing of the Working Group (WG) for the Implementation of the Global Framework for Iraqi Returnees from Syria.

The Wasl Civil Society Fund provides small grants (30,000 US\$ and 60,000 US\$) to civil society organizations (CSOs) throughout Iraq that work on the localized, context-specific projects that contribute to the prevention of violent extremism in their communities. The targeted communities are aligned with the Plans of Action to ensure synergies between the different components of IOM Iraq's PVE portfolio. Specifically, the Fund targets South Mosul (Shoura, Hammam Alil, Qayyara sub-districts), West Mosul (Mosul district center, Mahalabia sub districts), Tel Afar District (Ninewa), Fallujah District (Anbar), Zubair District (Basra), Hawijah District (Kirkuk), and Halabja (KRI). The Fund is currently supported by the Government of the United States of America, the Government of Canada, the German Federal Foreign Office and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Through its first round, the Wasl Civil Society Fund supported 22 civil society organizations with financial and technical support. In the second round, implemented between July 2023 and March 2024, IOM is expected to partner with 28 civil society organizations to implement their projects. The selected projects will cover a wide range of PVE-specific and PVE-related programming and will be strongly rooted in a thorough analysis of the operational context. Activities could include, but are not limited to, youth mentoring schemes, civic engagement platforms, livelihood programs, community cohesion initiatives, and peace and tolerance campaigns. Projects will be accompanied by demand-driven capacity building exercises during the grants period (project development, autonomous fundraising, M&E, gender mainstreaming, etc.). To promote meaningful participation of women and youth, funding will be specifically allocated to women- and youth-led initiatives.

Successful applicants are expected to conduct regular monitoring visits (at least 2 per project), organize KII with stakeholders from civil society and local authorities, organize FGDs with the end beneficiaries of the projects implemented by the CSOs, provide technical assistance to civil society organizations to strengthen their M&E capacities.

## 5 ***Expected Results***

The objective of the Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) is to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the projects and activities implemented by the selected civil society organizations in the aforementioned locations.

The primary purpose of the Third-Party Monitoring exercise is:

- To conduct monitoring visits that will verify whether supported projects were implemented as per the projects' plans by tracking progress, gaps and delays in activities against workplan.
- To determine whether the intervention is on or off track towards its intended results (outputs, outcomes, objective) and to reflect on and identify any unintended positive or negative effects.
- Determine the extent to which the implemented projects have met their objectives in PVE.
- To conduct qualitative and quantitative evaluation activities to assess the community-level impact of the projects, including ex-post evaluation (1 – 3 months after project end)
- How the projects have contributed to an overall reduction in risk factors that might lead to violent extremism.
- To capture Most Significant Change Stories by measuring changes the CSO activities
- Capture successful case studies and most significant change stories by measuring changes the CSO activities brought to the community, specifically focusing on shifts in attitudes towards VE.
- Collect independent feedback from the civil society organizations and targeted communities about the projects and support provided by IOM
- Provide technical assistance to selected civil society organizations to strengthen their monitoring and evaluation capacities

Information generated from the TPM exercise will be used to:

- Ensure that activities are implemented where, when and how they are supposed to be implemented.
- Ensure accountability by allowing affected populations to share feedback in a safe, secure, and dignified manner.
- Understand how the projects have contributed to an overall reduction in violent extremism.

- Provide IOM with lessons learned and actionable recommendations based on the projects implemented by the civil society organizations.
- Endorse IOM's obligation on transparency and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), donors and Iraqi government authorities.

## 6 **Indicative Budget**

The budget ceiling for this TPM exercise is 40,000 US\$. The selected Implementing Partner is expected to work with IOM to finalize the budget to ensure compliance with IOM's budgeting standards and to decide on the exact coverage of the TPM exercise.

## 8 **Selection Criteria *(adjust as necessary)***

Name	Description	Weight
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results;</li> <li>• Expertise on budgeting, communication, negotiation and participation skills;</li> <li>• Expertise and experience in developing and conducting Third-Party Monitoring activities in the fields of peacebuilding, stabilization and prevention of violent extremism, with a specific focus on the work of civil society organizations</li> <li>• Adequacy and clarity of the proposed budget (including contribution by the prospective IP);</li> <li>• Relevant technical expertise and experience in working with a different range of stakeholders at a national and local level in establishing a youth-sensitive perspective across sectors;</li> <li>• Proven experience of compliance with human rights principles such as inclusion, equality, accountability, participation, universality, etc.</li> </ul>	70
Sustainability of intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in drafting evidence-based actionable recommendations to (inter)national organizations;</li> <li>• National and Local experience, presence and community relations; Management ability; Sustainability of intervention.</li> </ul>	20
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replicability/scalability;</li> <li>• Gender mainstreaming skills to apply during implementation of the programmes;</li> <li>• Innovative approach</li> <li>• Proven capacity in financial management of projects;</li> </ul>	10

## 9 **For more information on this partnership opportunity, and to apply, please write to [wasl@iom.int](mailto:wasl@iom.int)**

The organizations responding to this call need to demonstrate their capacity to implement all listed activities as a single package. Partial applications for individual activities will not be considered.

IOM reserves the right to cancel/reduce the scope of planned activities or to introduce new/broaden the scope of the existing activities. Selected Implementing partner needs to be ready to develop a detailed budget based on submitted proposal in two weeks upon receiving the notification from IOM.

All applicants will receive written notification, within the two weeks after the deadline for the submission of Concept Note, of the outcome of the selection process. Should an applicant request further clarification, IOM will provide a response explaining the transparency and integrity of the selection process undertaken.

IOM reserves the right to decline disclosure of the specificity of decision derived by the IOM mission due to reasons related to confidentiality.

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any Expression of Interest, and to annul the selection process and reject all Expression of Interest at any time, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Implementing Partners.

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