

IOM MISSION – (SUDAN)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROJECT NAMED:

Strengthening security and social cohesion in conflict hotspots along migratory routes in Blue Nile

1 **Timeline**

CEI Reference number	SDN/CSPB/2024/CEI07
Method	Open
Posted (date)	19/12/2024
Clarification Request Deadline	23/12/2024
Application Deadline	26/12/2024
Notification of Results	10/01/2025
Implementation Start Date	1/2/2025
Implementation End Date	1/5/2025

1 **Grant Overview**

IOM Sudan seeks to receive submission of project proposals by NGOs with full access and capacity to directly provide Peacebuilding and social cohesion programming to affected populations in Sudan, Strengthening security and social cohesion in conflict hotspots along migratory routes in Blue Nile. See attached ToR for more information.

a. **Project Objective**

Strengthening security and social cohesion in conflict hotspots along migratory routes in Blue Nile

b. **Project Target Areas**

Pastoralist and sedentary communities in Wad Al Mahi, El Rosaries, Tadamon and Bau Governorates. Blue Nile Region. Project proposals can be submitted from all registered National NGOs and INGOs in Sudan with access to the area. Please see ToR for further requirements.

c. **Project Timeframe**

The project timeframe starts upon the signature of IP Agreement for 3 months, covering the start-up, activities implementation, monitoring and reporting period, and close-up.

2- **Locations**

Wad Al Mahi, El Rosaries, Tadamon and Bau Governorates. Blue Nile Region.

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

Community stabilization (Social cohesion & Peace building)

4- **Issuing Agency**

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

5- **Project Background**

The project's overall objective is to strengthen social cohesion and stability in conflict hotspots along migratory routes in Blue Nile State. This will be achieved by providing a specialized package of assistance, including livelihoods, basic services, and peacebuilding interventions. The approach will focus on conflict-sensitive planning and implementation, involving local stakeholders and ensuring cultural appropriateness. The project will be gender-responsive, involving both women and men in local governance to ensure sustainable outcomes. Activities will be linked to ongoing interventions to maximize resource use and ensure synergies. The project targets vulnerable localities along migratory routes, addressing conflicts such as the Funj-Hausa and farmer-pastoralist disputes, and aims to support IDPs and host communities amidst resource scarcity and ongoing

violence

Under this Call for Expression of Interest (CEI), IOM Sudan will work with Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)/Civil Society Organization (CSO) as possible implementing partner (IP), to deliver Peacebuilding and social cohesion to contribute to the overall project objective as above.

6- **Expected Results**

Strengthening security and social cohesion in conflict hotspots along migratory routes in Blue Nile

Outcomes:

Reconciliation and mediation efforts and inter-communal dialogue and exchange are scaled-up in target communities

7- **Other Information**

Proposed interventions: The implementing partner should design the intervention according to their local knowledge and the outcome of the assessments. The IP must target the most vulnerable IDPs and most vulnerable host community members and must specify how women and youth will benefit specifically from activities.

The below activities provide a basic framework and target HHs, but in the concept note, the implementing partner should propose what they think would be most effective based on their understanding of the context. IOM and the IP must remain flexible to adjust activities during the project based on the communities' feedback and needs.

The IP should propose activities at different stages of the business cycle that create links between the different activities and different target communities. An example could be supporting vulnerable host community members with household garden farming and linking them to sell their products to newly arrived IDPs who have been trained in value addition, creating a link between two communities.

Activity1: conduct thirteen sessions of awareness raising and community dialogue sessions to disseminate information in conflict areas (such as awareness raising among local authorities and traditional leaders on hate speech, tolerance, and acceptance of others – pastoralists, nomads, youth, and women's inclusion).in Western Migratory routes in (Abu garin, Maganza, Bau, Wed Dabouk, Tadamon, Goli, Boot Roro) Eastern Migratory routes in (Minza, Abu gadaf , City 3, Alazaza, Al Kadalow.

Activity 2: Reactivation of Co-existence and Peacebuilding Committees: We will support local mediation and reconciliation efforts to address inter-communal conflicts, especially between farmers and pastoralists, in 13 Cluster villages along the migratory routes.

Activity 3: Conduct Fourteen social cohesion activities such as art, sports, cultural events, music shows, drama, football tournaments, etc. to combat hate speech and promote social cohesion and bring communities together in Western Migratory routes in (Abu garin, Maganza, Bau, Wed Dabouk, Tadamon, Goli, Boot Roro) Eastern Migratory routes in (Minza, Abu gadaf, City 3, Alazaza, Al Kadalow.

8- **Eligibility Criteria**

This Call for Expression of Interest (CEI) is for organizations which directly implement activities inside Sudan. To be considered for an award, applicants must:

- a) National and International Local NGOs/CSOs registered in Sudan.
- b) Valid proof of registration from a relevant authority: Accreditation and registration documents must be attached to the proposal.
 - c) Have a minimum of three years of experience delivering Peacebuilding and social cohesion activities.
- d) Experience in conflict-affected areas is an advantage.
 - e) Proven familiarity with key principles of Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)
 - f) Be working in compliance with all applicable civil and fiscal regulations.
 - g) Demonstrate a track record of working in partnership with donors, UN and International Organizations.
 - h) Demonstrate a clear organizational structure and have the financial capacity to absorb funds.
 - i) Submit proof of access to the targeted location of the proposed project.
 - j) Commit to the direct implementation of the proposed activities without another intermediary.

- k) Present a proposal budget (Annex B – Budget Template) clarifying implementation, operational, and other related costs.
- l) Demonstrate through supporting documentation project management and implementation capacity.
- m) Applicants shall not be involved in terrorist act/criminal activities or associated with individuals and/or entities associated with terrorist act/criminal activities. For this purpose, Applicants shall not be included in the proscribed list of individuals and/or entities as contained in the 1267 Committee of the UN Security Council Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC)
- n) Submit a complete application package (see Article 15).
- o) Provide audited financial statements from the last two years.
- p) Have fully completed the Due Diligence Assessment (DDA) Process using the following links: Due Diligence assessment: <https://ee.kobo.iom.int/x/eJEEixA>
- q) PSEAH Capacity assessment: <https://ee.kobo.iom.int/x/nu7e6ha2>

Advantage for selection:

Having access to the target location is considered **an advantage**. This includes demonstrated Operational presence in the target areas, with having permanent staff, office and adequate equipment for their proposed operation.







After the Proposals have been submitted to the IOM Sudan IPSC and during the evaluation period, Implementing Partners (IPs) that have submitted their Proposals are prohibited from making any kind of communication with any IOM members, as well as its Secretariat regarding matters connected to their Proposals. Any effort by the Implementing Partners (IPs) to influence IOM in the examination, evaluation, ranking of Proposal, and recommendation for the award of contract may result in the rejection of the Implementing Partners (IPs) Proposal.

9- Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Technical Evaluation Criteria		
Programmatic expertise	The required specific skills, sector specialists in social cohesion and Peacebuilding and community-based planning Programme, knowledge and human resources and capability to operate in an emergency response, thus implement agreed activities within the shortest delay. Understanding of the context, with a specific focus on (local) security conditions and protection needs is necessary.	20%
Technical Capacity	Ability to deliver project objectives, accountability mechanisms and sound financial management, taking into account the audit results of the previous IOM -funded projects, past performance and the external audit of partners’ financial statements, where applicable.	20%
Access and Implementation Capacity	Ongoing program in the area of operation; local knowledge is an advantage; engaging IDPs nomads and Host communities 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. Previous and in-house expertise in legal protection will be considered as an asset.	20%
Past Experience/Performance	International and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UN or INGO policies, practices and programmes, an understanding of and ability to work within IOM’s funding limitations and associated inherent risks.	10 %
National Organizations	In line with the Localization strategy of IOM Sudan, National organizations will be considered.	5%
Relevant Needs Assessment	Considerations will be given if the applicant is able to submit a relevant needs assessment which corresponds and further substantiates the response proposed by the applicant, especially if the partner has been an active participant in the needs assessment.	5%
Financial Evaluation Criterion		
Cost and Budget Effectiveness	The support costs of the Project should be at reasonable/acceptable level in relation to direct costs of project deliverables. Provide breakdown between administrative costs and project deliverables.	20%

- The IP Selection Committee (IPSC) shall evaluate the Proposals based on their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference, compliance to the requirements of the CEI and by applying an evaluation criterion and point system. Each responsive proposal shall be given a technical score. The proposal with the highest score or rank shall be identified as the Highest Rated/Ranked Proposal.
- A proposal shall be rejected at the stage if it does not respond to important aspects or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical qualifying score which is 55 points.
- The minimum technical score required to pass is 55 points. Please note that meeting the maximum of 80 points will allow the applying IP to be competitive but does not necessarily result in winning the application.
- Technical Proposal shall not be considered for evaluation in any of the late submission, i.e., after the deadline set, unless justified.

10. **Attachments**

Description	URL
ANNEX A – Terms of Reference	 Annex A_ToR - CS1276 BN.docx
ANNEX B - Financial and Narrative Reporting	 Annex B_ Budget and financial report
ANNEX C - Concept Note Template	 Annex C_Template-for-IP-C
ANNEX D - Project Implementation Agreement Template	 ANNEX D_Project Implementation Agr
ANNEX E – Templates Implementing Partner References Checklist	 ANNEX E Templates Impleme
ANNEX F – Declaration of Conformity for Partners	 ANNEX F Declaration of Con

11- Corrupt, Fraudulent, and Coercive Practices

IOM Policy requires that all IOM Staff, Implementing Partners, applicants, manufacturers, suppliers or distributors, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of all contracts. IOM shall reject any proposal put forward by applicants, or where applicable, terminate their contract, if it is determined that they have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices. In pursuance of this policy, IOM defines for the purposes of this paragraph the terms set forth below as follows:

- Corrupt practice means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of the Procuring/Contracting Entity in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- Fraudulent practice is any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, the Procuring/Contracting Entity in the procurement process or the execution of a contract, to obtain a financial gain or other benefit to avoid an obligation.
- Collusive practice is an undisclosed arrangement between two or more applicants designed to artificially alter

the results of the tender procedure to obtain a financial gain or other benefit.

. Coercive practice is impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any participant in the tender process to influence improperly its activities in a procurement process or affect the execution of a contract.

12- Conflict of Interest

All applicants found to have conflicting interests shall be disqualified to participate in the procurement at hand. An Applicant may be considered to have conflicting interest under any of the circumstances set forth below:

- . An Applicant has controlling shareholders in common with another Applicant.
- . An Applicant receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy from another Applicant.
- . An Applicant has the same representative as that of another Applicant for purposes of this application.
- . An Applicant has a relationship, directly or through third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the Application of another or influence the decisions of the Mission/procuring Entity regarding this CEI.
- . An Applicant submits more than one application in this CEI.
- . An Applicant who participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the Goods and related services that are subject of the application.

13- Negotiations and Award of Contract

IOM reserves the right to request clarifications and/or modifications on any part of the technical and financial proposals after the successful passing of the technical evaluation (please see Section 7). A recap of the meetings will be recorded by IOM which then will be signed by both IOM and the Implementing Partners (IPs).

The contract shall be awarded, through a notice of award, following negotiations and subsequent post-qualification to the Implementing Partners (IPs) with the Highest Rated Responsive Proposal. Thereafter, the IOM shall promptly notify other Implementing Partners (IPs) on the shortlist that they were unsuccessful. Notification will also be sent to those Implementing Partners (IPs) who did not pass the technical evaluation.

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, and to annul the CEI process and reject all Proposals at any time prior to agreement award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Applicant or Applicants or any obligation to inform the affected Applicant or Applicants of the grounds for IOM's action.

The Implementing Partners (IPs) is expected to commence the assignment as soon as the agreement is being signed.

14- Expression of Interest submission guidelines

This document contains instructions on the preparation and submission of the Application including Annex A: IP Information.

1. The application must be submitted by email to iomsudanipsc@iom.int no later than 26 Dec 2024. Late Application will not be considered. Applications must adhere to the *Expression of Interest submission guidelines* below; incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. A detailed description must be provided on how the requirements specified in the Call for Expression of Interest (CEI) issued by IOM will be matched by the capabilities, experience, knowledge and expertise of the Implementing Partners
3. Implementing Partners (IPs) may only submit one proposal. If an Implementing Partners (IPs) submits or participates in more than one proposal such proposal shall be disqualified.
4. The Application must be submitted through email, and the subject line of the email should read: **Application -CEI-SDN/CSPB/2024/CEI07– [Name of applicant organization]**". Late Application will no longer be considered.
5. The Application must be submitted in the English language and in the format prescribed by IOM within the CEI. All required information must be provided, responding clearly and concisely to all the points set out. Any application which does not fully and comprehensively address these CEI requirements may be rejected.
6. The Application document should comprise of the following:
 - a. Cover Letter.
 - b. Duly accomplished application documentation as outlined within the CEI signed on all pages by the Implementing Partner's Authorized Representative; and
 - c. Any other relevant documents

7. Applications may be modified or withdrawn in writing, prior to the closing time specified in this Request for EoI. Applications shall not be modified or withdrawn after the deadline.
8. The Implementing partner shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Application and IOM will not in any case be responsible and liable for the costs incurred.
9. IOM at no occasion will ask an application fee from Implementing Partners.
10. All information given in writing to or verbally shared with the Implementing Partners in connection with this CEI is to be treated as strictly confidential. The Implementing Partner shall not share or invoke such information to any third party without the prior written approval of IOM. This obligation shall continue after the selection process has been completed whether or not the Implementing Partner application is successful.
11. IOM will treat all information (or that marked proprietary/sensitive/financial) received from Implementing Partners as confidential and any personal data in accordance with its Data Protection Principles.
12. The Implementing Partner, by submitting an application, gives consent to IOM to share information with those who need to know for the purposes of evaluating and managing the proposal.
13. IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any Application, and to cancel the process and reject all Applications, at any time without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Implementing partner or any obligation to inform the affected Implementing partner of the ground for IOM's action.
14. The Application documents should comprise of the following:
 - a. Technical Grant Application: The Technical Application should be comprised of a short narrative proposal, including a realistic action plan that addresses the specified need related to the CEI objectives mentioned above (see Annex D: Concept Note Template)
 - Additionally, technical grant applications should include:
 - Grant Details: Contact information of the applying organization, grant details and grant summary the proposed action (Section 1 of Annex D).
 - Project Description: the objective and intended results of the proposed project.
 - Detailed Project Location
 - Log Frame: the activities to be implemented, linking these clearly to the objectives outlined in project description.
 - Work Plan: a brief work plan by month, outlining all preparation, implementation and monitoring and evaluation activities, including a kick-off meeting.
 - Management: include a management plan, indicating staffing plan outlining roles and responsibilities of key expert staff to ensure timely delivery of objectives, support staff for reporting. Include capacity statement, including past experience, logistics capacity and financial management capacity.
 - Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E Plan): include an M&E strategy to monitor and evaluate activities against project objectives.
 - b. Cost Application: Primarily indicate the cost for carrying out the proposed project activities (See Annex B - Budget Sheet). At a minimum, the Cost Application will include the following information:
 - Cost Application: detailed budget and budget narrative. Budgets should be prepared in USD currency and include a brief description of each budget line justification (including staff deliverable tasks).
 - Detailed Budget - a detailed budget providing cost break-down operational activities, support cost, etc.
 - For operational costs, cost of running the project's operations including the costs of delivering the projects services to all sorts of training participants, community stakeholders and the affected population, staff salaries, needed materials and other project's direct implementation costs.
 - Support costs should not be higher than 30% of the overall budget amount. No overhead will be covered by the grant.
 - The Financial Proposal shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days. During this period, the Implementing Partners (IPs) are expected to keep available the professional staff for the assignment. IOM will make its best effort to complete negotiations and determine the award within the validity period. If IOM wishes to extend the validity period of the proposals, the Implementing Partners (IPs) has the right not to extend the validity of the proposals.
 - c. Supporting Documents: In addition to the above, please include as a separate application component the following information:
 - Proof of registration in Sudan

- Proof of any previous involvements in similar projects
- Previous M&E, audit reports, reference letters and any other related supporting documents.

15. For more information on this partnership opportunity, and to apply, please visit

For more information, please contact in writing to iomsudanipsc@iom.int. The subject line for emails containing questions should read “**Questions - SDN/CSPB/2024/CEI07– [Name of Organization]**” Questions submitted after the specified deadline will not be considered.

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.