

## ANNEX C: CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

*Note:* The purpose of the [Call for Expression of Interest](#) is to solicit interest from existing or prospective partners that wish to participate in a UNHCR operation and contribute complementary resources (human resources, knowledge, funds, in-kind contributions, supplies and/or equipment) to achieving common objectives as agreed in a [Project Partnership Agreement](#).

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST EOI/JOR/03/SYR/2017							
Project title and Identification: <b>Alternative pathways of cash: a livelihoods project to graduate urban Syrian refugees out of poverty</b>				Project Location: Jordan,			
<b>Brief Background of the Project:</b>							
As of 30 October 2016 over 600,000 Syrians in Jordan are registered with UNHCR, 80% living in urban areas. Jordan is not a signatory to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees however the GOJ refers to Syrians as “refugees”. The protection space is considered favourable. UNHCR’s overarching strategic priority in Jordan is to preserve protection space by supporting the government in maintaining an environment whereby refugees may exercise their rights. The protection response aims at being pragmatic, sustainable and well-coordinated with other actors.							
Age & Gender Group For Syrians (Urban)							
Age	0-4	5-11	12-17	18-35	36-59	60+	%
Female	38,014	54,027	33,478	78,275	45,221	11,895	50.7%
Male	40,079	57,156	35,095	74,600	38,051	8,450	49.3%
Total	78,093	111,183	68,573	152,875	83,272	20,345	
%	15.2%	21.6%	13.3%	29.7%	16.2%	4.0%	
Following the London conference in February the Jordanian government commitment to create job opportunities for Syrians, a number of livelihoods opportunities that were not even discussed in the past are now available to Syrian refugees and particularly the possibility to be legally and gainfully employed with a work permits . This shift has been the result of UNHCR’s and other actors’ advocacy and represents an innovative approach to crisis and post-crisis situations aimed at making of a refugee crisis an opportunity for economic development.							
Prior to the London Donor Conference, UNHCR and Better Work Jordan (ILO/IFC) piloted a project aimed at matching Syrians with jobs in the garment sector. The project contributed to the advocacy for reducing barriers in the access to work permits, most notably the use of Ministry of Interior cards in lieu of passports and the repeated grace period for the permits to be provided for free, and allowed for a number of lessons learnt.							
UNHCR works closely with the Ministry of Labor and continues to date to support the work permits initiative, but also coordinates the Livelihoods working groups and livelihoods activities in the camp in collaboration with other agencies and NGOs, continues to advocate for greater openings to fully realize the right to work legally of Syrian refugees, supports the capacity of the Ministry of Labor and implements a limited number livelihoods projects. Contributing to research and creating an evidence							

base for strategic planning as well as understanding better market dynamics and value chains are also areas UNHCR is interested in and in which it tries to harmonize approaches of the many actors committed to improve livelihoods and resilience in Jordan.

Based on the above, and thanks to the strong mechanisms in place with the Vulnerability Assessment Framework as a tool for targeting cash assistance for basic needs, UNHCR would like to pilot a project that will allow for the use of cash and other tools – including referral to a variety of existing livelihoods projects – to graduate some of the most vulnerable refugee households from a situation of extreme poverty to a situation of relative self-reliance. The project will use some of the approaches of the “graduation out of poverty” model including cash transfers to stabilize income at the beginning, financial education training, livelihood training, coaching, and seed capital for self-employment or links to wage employment, savings. Identifying targets, understanding better localized markets, as well as assessing the motivations and aspirations of Syrian communities in identified areas, will be the part of the project that will also contribute to the overall understanding of livelihoods options that can be scaled up at a later stage.

Goal/Objective, Expected Outcome and Main Activities:

**Objective:** Improved self-reliance of urban refugee households through a project that uses tools of the “graduation out of poverty approach” and cash to support livelihoods programming

**Output:** Undertake assessments and analysis

Activities will include:

1. A socio economic profiling of refugee HHs that could be potentially targeted, identify needs and aspirations; define and discuss targeting criteria;
2. Mapping innovative and viable projects that create employment or self-employment, as well as training courses;
3. Exploring legal pathways to small /home based businesses and artisanal work;
4. Assessing viable local markets and value chains;
5. Assessing existing financial services and their ability to offer services.

**Output:** Facilitate employment and self-employment of 250 refugees from Syria

Activities can include:

1. Support 100 refugees living in urban areas in the transition from cash assistance to self-reliance through self-employment including starting/strengthening businesses and homebased activities;
2. Coach through regular home visits;
3. Refer to existing opportunities in training, employment services, business development, and financial services.
4. Train in financial literacy
5. Match 100 Syrian refugees with existing employment opportunities;
6. Support 50 refugee young men and women in joining trainings that lead to job placement and/or promote insertions in apprenticeships/ fellowships that have a good potential for employment/self-employment.

Population of Concern: Syrian Refugees

Submission Deadline: <b>18 December 2016</b>	Date Decision Results to be Communicated to Applicants: <b>20 January 2017</b>
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**Selection Criteria:**

- Concept notes from the national NGOs with required expertise are particularly encouraged.
- International agencies should be able to demonstrate specialized expertise in the sector, work in collaboration with national NGOs/CBOs and/or a clear exit strategy.

**Criteria Description**

**Sector expertise and experience:** the required specific skills, sector specialists, knowledge and human resources available with the organization in the project area, similar projects in the Syria situation countries. Innovative interventions that include collaboration with private sector and through existing government mechanisms will be prioritized.

**Project management:** ability to deliver project objectives, accountability mechanisms and sound financial management,

**Local experience and presence:**

Ongoing programme in the area of operation and demonstrable evidence of local presence and knowledge including assessment of the area of intervention.

Demonstrate collaboration with national NGOs and local CBOs for future sustainability.

Working relationship, collaboration with relevant government authorities.

**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) that are presently available (or potentially mobilized by the partner) in order to supplement UNHCR resources.

**Cost effectiveness:** level of direct costs and administrative costs imposed on the Project in relation to project deliverables.

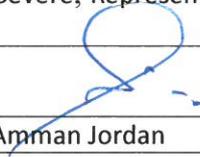
**Experience working with UNHCR:** global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies, practices and programme, including an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's funding limitations and associated inherent risks.

Other:

- Registration with Government of Jordan
- Participation in 3 RP and active participation in relevant Sector Working Group is an asset

**Other information (optional)**

- Registration in UNHCR portal
- Prequalification for procurement status with UNHCR or have initiated a consultation process

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