

Call for Expression of Interest :

The First Emergency Response fund for Moldova from Education Cannot Wait

The purpose of the Call for Expression of Interest is to identify eligible Civil Society Organisations for prospective partnership with UNICEF Moldova. Eligible Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) are invited to submit proposals for partnership to support the achievement of results for children outlined in the 2022 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) for the Ukraine Situation and section 1.3 below.

Organisations that wish to participate in this Call for Expression of Interest are requested to submit the **signed and scanned PDF copies** of the requested documents to the following email address, with the subject line "**CSO Call for Expression of Interest Ref: ECW/2022**":

chisinau@unicef.org

By **Wednesday, 24 August 2022**.

Applications must be submitted **in English**.

Any requests for additional information should be addressed in writing by **Wednesday, 17 August 2022** at the latest to the following e-mail address: chisinau@unicef.org with the following subject line "Enquiry - CSO Call for Expression of Interest Ref: ECW/2022". UNICEF responses to any queries or clarification requests will be made available to all on the [Inter-Agency Refugee Education Working Group \(IREWG\) SharePoint Folder](#) before the deadline for submission of applications.

Applications will be assessed by an Evaluation Panel, including representatives of the Ministry of Education and Research (MER), UNICEF and UNHCR, to identify CSOs that have the mandate, capacities and comparative advantage to support the achievement of results for children using criteria outlined in section 3 below. It should be noted however that participation in this Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee the CSO will be ultimately selected for partnership with UNICEF. Selected NGOs will be invited to review and finalise partnership agreements in accordance with the criteria outlined in section 3.4 below and applicable policy and procedures on partnership with CSOs.

Applicant CSOs will be informed of the outcome of their submissions by communication sent out to the email that is indicated in the CSO submission.

Section 1: Background

1.1 UNICEF mandate	UNICEF is the agency of the United Nations mandated to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.
1.2 RRRP and ECW's FER for Moldova	<p>Since the war began in Ukraine in February 2022, the Republic of Moldova is one of the countries most affected by the influx of refugees from Ukraine.</p> <p>In line with the RRRP covering the period from March to December 2022, UNICEF Moldova works with the government and other partners to facilitate the search for solutions for all and the promotion of social and economic opportunities while ensuring conducive and equal conditions for the refugees fleeing Ukraine. Further information on the humanitarian response in Moldova to the Ukraine Situation can be found on UNHCR Operational Data Portal.</p> <p>In response to the refugee influx and the need to support education services for refugee and host community learners (3 – 18 years) nationwide, Education Cannot Wait (ECW) approved in July 2022 a First Emergency Response (FER) programme for Moldova.</p>

	The FER aims to provide tailored and gender-responsive formal and non-formal education to 10,000 vulnerable girls and boys, including adolescents in pre-primary, primary and lower secondary education.
1.3 Specific results	<p>Within this framework and as set out in the approved FER proposal for Moldova, UNICEF will contribute to achieving the following results with key activities in collaboration with the implementing partners selected through this call for expression of interest:</p> <p>OUTCOME 1: The most vulnerable boys and girls, including adolescents have equitable access to inclusive and quality learning opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for refugee learners' integration into the formal education system • Provision of non-formal education programmes, including catch-up classes/bridging Romanian classes • Provision of learning and teaching materials <p>OUTCOME 2: Refugee and Host community boys and girls, including adolescents have equitable access to safer learning environments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH in School for the implementation of safe school protocols "infection prevention and control" in 160 schools hosting refugee children • Distribution of hygiene and dignity kits <p>OUTCOME 3: Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and other protective programmes are available for students, education personnel and parents/caregivers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHPSS, gender-based violence, child protection and child safeguarding and referral systems for children and teachers in 800 schools as well as parents and caregivers • Holistic and cross-sectoral approach through the collaboration with Government/other Working Groups, Sub-Working Groups, and Task Forces in the Refugee Coordination Forum. <p>Please see the "FER ECW Call for Expression of Interest" folder on the IREWG SharePoint site for additional documentation and information.</p>

Section 2: Application requirements and timelines		
2.1 Documentation required for the submission	<p>The expression of interest shall include the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of CSO registration in country of origin • Copy of CSO registration in Moldova • Attachment I - Partner Declaration signed by authorised official • Attachment II - NGO Identification and Profile signed by authorised official • Attachment III - Programme Proposal. <p>(The templates for the three attachments are available on the "FER ECW Call for Expression of Interest" folder on the IREWG SharePoint site.)</p>	
2.1 Indicative timelines	Call for Expression of Interest issue date	10 August 2022
	Deadline for submissions of CSO proposals	24 August 2022
	Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications	17 August 2022
	Review of CSO submissions	31 August 2022
	Notification of results communicated to CSO	7 September 2022

Section 3: Process and timelines

<p>3.1 Review & evaluation of CSO submissions</p>	<p>CSO submissions are assessed by the Evaluation Panel in consultation with technical specialists, using criteria outlined in section 3.2 and 3.3 below. Only CSO submissions which comply with the requirements of the eligibility and exclusion criteria will be eligible for further evaluation. Results from the review will be used for purposes of mapping and selection of CSOs in relation to the specific results outlined in section 1.3 above. It should be noted that participation to this Call for Expression of Interest however does not guarantee CSOs will be ultimately selected for a partnership agreement with UNICEF. UNICEF reserves the right to invite selected partners to review and finalise proposals for partnerships in line with the criteria outlined in section 3.4 below and in accordance with applicable policy and procedures on partnership with CSOs.</p>							
<p>3.2 Eligibility & exclusion criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility criteria: CSO must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) be registered in the country of origin and in Moldova. b) not be an entity named on any of the UN Security Council targeted sanction lists. • Exclusion criteria CSO submission which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) are not sent in scanned PDF documents. b) are not sent to the indicated email address (chisinau@unicef.org) before the specified deadline. c) do not include all required documents duly completed and signed or do not comply with specifications set in this Call for Expression of Interest. d) are not submitted in English. will be excluded from the selection process. 							
<p>3.3 Selection criteria</p>	<p>UNICEF office will review the evidence provided by the CSO submission and assess applications based on the following criteria.</p> <p>For international NGOs newly established in Moldova to respond to the Ukrainian refugee crisis, it is strongly recommended to form a consortium with a national NGO and highlight in the application the combined advantages of the consortium. One joint application is to be submitted per consortium.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="409 1291 1432 1881"> <tr> <td data-bbox="409 1291 678 1528"> <p>Proposal relevance, quality and coherence (60%)</p> </td> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="678 1291 1432 1528"> <p>Includes review of the proposed programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results. • Clarity of activities and expected results. • Innovative approach. • Sustainability of intervention. • Adequacy and clarity of proposed budget (including the contribution by CSO). </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="409 1528 678 1881"> <p>Institutional capacity and sustainability (30%)</p> </td> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="678 1528 1432 1881"> <p>Includes a review of the CSO*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expertise and experience in the sector/area. • Local experience, presence and community relations. • Management ability. • Experience working with UN/UNICEF or other development partners. • Experience working in education in emergencies (EiE), especially education for refugees. <p>(*A consortium between international and national NGOs is strongly encouraged for the evaluation of these criteria.)</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Proposal relevance, quality and coherence (60%)</p>	<p>Includes review of the proposed programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results. • Clarity of activities and expected results. • Innovative approach. • Sustainability of intervention. • Adequacy and clarity of proposed budget (including the contribution by CSO). 		<p>Institutional capacity and sustainability (30%)</p>	<p>Includes a review of the CSO*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expertise and experience in the sector/area. • Local experience, presence and community relations. • Management ability. • Experience working with UN/UNICEF or other development partners. • Experience working in education in emergencies (EiE), especially education for refugees. <p>(*A consortium between international and national NGOs is strongly encouraged for the evaluation of these criteria.)</p>	
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	Added value (10%)	<p>Includes a review of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replicability/scalability of the proposed approach. • Potential to contribute to strengthening advocacy and communication to leverage additional funding for refugees and host communities in Moldova. • Participation and engagement in the IREWG Moldova.
3.4 Prospective partnership agreement	<p>All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submissions by communication sent out to the email that is indicated in the CSO submission.</p> <p>Applicants whose proposals are assessed as having a specific comparative advantage to achieve results for children outlined in 1.3 above may be invited to jointly review and finalise the partnership agreement based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritisation of proposed intervention in line with the RRRP. • Availability of funding to support proposed intervention. • Complementarity of proposed action with ongoing interventions. 	