## Specific Call for Expression of Interest

## Project Title: "*Safe Roads – safe and healthy children”*

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| The purpose of this Specific Call for Expression of Interest is to identify eligible Civil Society Organisations for prospective partnerships supporting the delivery of the Project „ *Safe Roads – Safe and Healthy Children”*, which is implemented starting from September 2021 to September 2024 in Balti Municipality, Singerei and Ungheni towns. **The total budget available for this call for expression of interest is USD 140.000.**  Eligible Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) are invited to submit proposals for partnership highlighting their relevant capacities, expertise, skills and ability to support the delivery of sought results for children as outlined in section 1.3 below. Local and National CSOs are encouraged to apply.  Organisations that wish to participate in this Specific Call for Expression of Interest are requested to send their submission (signed and stamped by the authorized officer) clearly marked “CSO Specific Call for Expression of Interest – Safe Roads Project” at the following address:    [chisinau@unicef.org](mailto:chisinau@unicef.org)  or deliver in a sealed envelope at  UNICEF Moldova  131, “31 August 1989” Str.,  Chisinau, MD 2012, Republic of Moldova  Applications must be submitted in **English**.  Any requests for additional information should be addressed in writing to Alexandr Petrov, e-mail: [apetrov@unicef.org](mailto:apetrov@unicef.org). UNICEF responses to any queries or clarification requests will be made available to all online at [www.unicef.md](http://www.unicef.md).  Applications will be assessed by an evaluation committee 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 that participation in this Specific Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee the CSO will be ultimately selected for partnership with UNICEF. Selected CSOs 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 partnerships with CSOs.  Applicant CSOs will be informed of the outcome of their submissions by communication sent out to the email/ postal address that is indicated in the CSO submission. |

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| **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 UNICEF Programme of Cooperation in Moldova | In the Republic of Moldova, UNICEF works with the government and other partners to ensure that all children in Moldova, especially the most vulnerable, enjoy their right to education, health, an adequate standard of living, and participation within a child-friendly legal environment, and are protected from abandonment, neglect, discrimination, exploitation and violence. Further information on the programme can be found on <https://sites.unicef.org/about/execboard/files/2017-PL7-Moldova-CPD-ODS-EN.pdf> |
| 1.3 Specific results | Within this framework and as set out in UNICEF-Government of Moldova Country Programme 2018-2022, working with government and other partners, UNICEF will contribute to achieve the following results:  **Outcome 1. Equitable, Child Sensitive Systems and Services**  By 2022, Moldova national systems and services are more inclusive, able to protect the rights of children, and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in an equitable way  **9 Output 3. Quality, inclusive education**  By 2022, schools and pre-schools have the capacity to apply and monitor quality teaching and learning and are able to address violence, drop-out and absenteeism  **Outcome 2. Social Change for Child Rights**  By 2022, Moldova society has knowledge on fundamental child rights and fulfils its obligations, effectively supports social outcomes for children, and most vulnerable children and adolescents are empowered to claim their rights  **9 Output 9. Community level modelling for social inclusion of vulnerable children**  By 2022, comprehensive models involving different national entities address the challenges in realization of all rights of the most vulnerable children in sustainable manner  Prospective CSO partners, should demonstrate their ability to support the successful delivery of **one or more** of the following results for children:   1. **Provide support for the improvement of road safety through the development of policies introducing 30km/h school zones speed limits; out-of-school learning and extra-curricular educational policies to introduce and institutionalize road safety education** 2. Develop a road map including municipalities/towns where there is an increased number of road accidents involving children. 3. Co-design, develop and test policy for 30km/h school speed zones in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research and advocate for its institutionalization. 4. Co-design, develop and test school learning and extra-curricular educational policies on road safety education in with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research. 5. **Enhance institutional capacities on road safety and healthy behaviours amongst key stakeholders, children and adolescents** 6. Train trainers on the application of extra-curricular educational policies on road safety education. 7. Strengthen the capacities of service providers and parents/caregivers in addressing the barriers to road safety practices by children and adolescents. 8. Co-design and test small-scale innovative solutions for 1000 children and young people (for further scaling-up). 9. Conduct behavioural experiments aimed at reducing child injuries (preschool and school levels) 10. Evaluate innovative solutions and the behavioral experiments for possible scale up and ensure follow-up. 11. **Raise awareness on road safety and positive behaviour change for safe and healthy journeys to/from school for students, parents, caregivers and communities.** 12. Increase the level of awareness and communication on road safety for local public authorities, schools, parents, children and adolescents in targeted communities. 13. Leverage resources and partnerships to increase awareness of 30km/h school speed zones and road safety education.   The cases of individual proposals or consortiums the applicant shall submit only one full application supported by one comprehensive program proposal outlining clearly the capacities and skills to deliver on **one or more** of the results in above-mentioned result areas. |

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| **Section 2: Application requirements and timelines** | | |
| 2.1 Documentation required for the submission | The expression of interest shall include the following documentation:   * Copy of CSO registration in the country of origin * Copy of CSO registration in Moldova * Attachment I – CSO Partner Declaration, Profile and Due Diligence Verification Form * Attachment II - Programme Proposal and/or Programme document(s).   **A maximum of 1 proposal may be submitted by the same CSO** | |
| 2.1 Indicative timelines | Call for Expression of Interest issue date | 5 August 2021 |
| Deadline for submissions of CSO proposals | 26 August 2021 |
| Extended Deadline for submissions of CSO proposals | N/A |
| Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications | 20 August 2021 |
| Review of CSO submissions | 16 September 2021 |
| Notification of results communicated to CSO | 20 September 2021 |

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| **Section 3: Process and timelines** | | |
| 3.1 Review & evaluation of CSO submissions | CSO submissions are assessed by the Partnership Review Committee in consultation with technical specialists, using the criteria outlined in section 3.2 and 3.3 below.  Only CSO submissions that comply with the requirements of the eligibility and exclusion criteria will be eligible for further evaluation.  The 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 in this Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee that 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 criteria outlined in section 3.4 below and in accordance with applicable policies and procedures on partnerships with CSOs. | |
| 3.2 Eligibility & exclusion criteria | * Eligibility criteria   CSO must:   1. be registered in the Republic of Moldova, or local branches of International NGOs. 2. not be an entity named on any of the UN Security Council targeted [sanction lists.](https://scsanctions.un.org/search/) 3. not politically affiliated  * Exclusion criteria   CSO submission which:   1. do not include all required documents duly completed and signed or do not comply with specifications set in this Call for Expression of Interest; 2. are not submitted in English;   will be excluded from the selection process. | |
| 3.3 Selection criteria | UNICEF Moldova Country Office will review the evidence provided by the CSO submission and assess applications based on the following criteria: | |
| Proposal relevance, quality, and coherence (60%) | Includes review of the proposed programme:   * Relevance of the proposal for achieving expected results; * Clarity of activities and links to expected results; * Innovative approach; * Sustainability of intervention; |
| Institutional capacity and sustainability (30%) | Includes a review of the CSO:   * Expertise and experience in the sector/result area; * Local experience, presence, and community relations; * Management ability; * Experience working with UN/UNICEF * Experience in working and advocating with government at the central and local level |
| Other  (10%) | Includes a review of:   * Proven record of delivering programs for children and adolescents, including building capacities * Replicability/scalability of the proposed approach; * Access/security considerations. |
| 3.4 Prospective partnership agreement | All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submissions by communication sent out to the email address that is indicated in the CSO submission.  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:   * Prioritisation of the proposed intervention in line with the work plan; * Availability of funding to support proposed intervention; * Complementarity or proposed action with ongoing interventions.   Upon finalisation at the technical level, the proposal for partnership will be submitted to the Representative for review and approval. It should be noted however that the Representative has the final authority to approve or reject any proposed partnership agreement on behalf of UNICEF. | |

**Attachment I – CSO Partner Declaration, Profile and Due Diligence Verification Form**

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| The purpose of this declaration is to determine whether a prospective partner is committed to UNICEF values and principles.  Information provided in this form will be used to inform the review and evaluation of CSO submissions as outlined in the Call for Expression of Interest under section 3. |

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| Name of organization: |  | | |
| Acronym: |  | | |
| Type of organization (select only one) | National NGO (an NGO that is established in only one country)  Community-based organization (grassroots association)  Academic institution (a degree conferring institution)  International NGO (an NGO that has offices in more than one country) | | |
| Head of organization: |  | | |
| Deputy head of organization: |  | | |
| Declarations | | Yes | No |
| 1. By answering yes, the organization confirms that it is committed to the core values of the UN, the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD):   <http://www.unicef.org/crc/>  <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CEDAW.aspx>  <http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/convention/convoptprot-e.pdf> | |  |  |
| 1. By answering yes, the organization confirms that it is a non-profit entity.   *Attach the statute or constitutional document establishing the entity as a non-profit organization.* | |  |  |
| 1. By answering yes, the organization confirms that it is legally registered in the country of implementation.   *Attach official registration in the country of implementation. If the response is no, provide explanation:* | |  |  |
| 1. By answering yes, the organization confirms that it is committed to prohibiting and combatting fraud and corruption[[1]](#footnote-2), sexual exploitation and abuse[[2]](#footnote-3), and child safeguarding violations. Furthermore, the organization confirms that it is committed to promoting the protection and safeguarding of children[[3]](#footnote-4). | |  |  |
| 1. By answering yes, the organization confirms that neither the organization nor any of its members is mentioned on the [United Nations Security Council Consolidated Sanctions List](https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/un-sc-consolidated-list), and that the organization has not supported and does not support, directly or indirectly, individuals and entities sanctioned by the Committee or any person involved in any other manner that is prohibited by a resolution of the United Nations Security Council adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.   *Attach the list of the organization board members, if applicable.* | |  |  |
| 1. By answering yes, the organization confirms that it is committed to transparency and accountability.   *FOR INGOs only:*  *Provide link to publicly available annual reports and/or certified financial statements* | |  |  |

I declare, as an official representative of the above-named organization, that the information provided in this declaration and attached documentation is complete and accurate, and I understand that it is subject to UNICEF verification.

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| Name of partner |  |
| Name and title of the duly authorized  partner representative |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

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| Section 1. CSO information | | |
| 1.1 Contact details | Address |  |
| Telephone |  |
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| Section 2. CSO expertise and experience in the sector area | |
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| 2.1 CSO mandate, sector area and geographic coverage | Outline the organization’s mandate, field of work and geographic coverage |
| 2.2 Available expertise and specialists | Outline the distinctive technical capacity of the organization in the sector area that the proposal is aimed at:   1. Design of policy introducing 30km/h speed limits around schools’ zones    1. Development of out-of-school learning and extra-curricular educational policies on road safety education 2. Piloting and experimentation through the design, running and evaluation of a portfolio of experiments to test various approaches as per the new extra-curricular educational policies exploring the potential for replication and scaling-up. 3. Awareness and Capacity Building, mainly to improve knowledge and skills among professionals, parents/caregivers and children on the behavioural changes required to improve overall safety. |
| 2.3 Key results achieved over the past 5 years | Outline of key results achieved in sector area in recent years, including any recognition received at local / global level for the work in the sector area |

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| Section 3. Local experience, presence and community relations | |
| 3.1 Ongoing programmes in sector area | Outline of type / scope of ongoing programmes in the sector area |
| 3.2 Knowledge of the local context | Outline of presence and community relations in the proposed programme location(s) |
| 3.3 Existing networks | Outline of ongoing collaborations with national institutions and local communities in the sector area |

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| Section 4. Management ability | | |
| 4.1 Annual budget | Size of annual budget (previous year, USD) |  |
| Source of core funds or income |  |
| Main funding partners/ donors |  |
| 4.2 Core staff | Outline of number and key functions of core organization staff | |
| 4.3 Any other information  demonstrating financial capacity | E.g. results of previous capacity assessments if available (such as the micro assessment) | |

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| Section 5. Experience working with UN / UNICEF | | | | |
| Programme/project title | Total budget (USD) | Funding UN agency | Year end | Key results achieved |
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## Attachment II – Programme Proposal (to be completed by CSO Applicant)

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| The purpose of this proposal is to provide an outline of the proposed intervention for which the CSO is proposing to partner with UNICEF. A separate form should be filled for each programme proposal submitted.  Information provided in this form will be used to inform the review and evaluation of CSO submissions as outlined in the Call for Expression of Interest under section 3. |

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| Section 1. Proposal overview | | | |
| 1.1 Programme title |  | | |
| 1.2 Results to which the programme contributes | *Refer to Section 1.3 of the Call for Expression of Interest* | | |
| 1.3 Programme duration | *Number of months, From MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY* | | |
| 1.4 Geographical coverage | *State/ province, etc*. | | |
| 1.5 Population focus | *Number of beneficiaries / groups* | | |
| 1.6 Programme Budget | From CSO |  | % |
| From UNICEF |  | % |
| Total |  |  |

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| Section 2. Programme description | |
| 2.1 Rationale/ justification  *(3 to 5 paragraphs; max 400 words)* | *“Why” this programme*  *This section outlines the problem statement, the context and the rationale for the Programme:*   * *Overview of the existing problem, using data (disaggregated) from existing reports; who is affected and what are the barriers/bottlenecks to outcomes for children?* * *How the problem is linked to national priorities and policies;* * *The relevance of the Programme in addressing problem identified.* |
| 2.2 Expected results  *(No narrative required)* | *“What” this programme will achieve*  *The table below defines the programme results framework (results and their link to results defined in the country programme and/or humanitarian response plan; specific indicators, baselines, targets and MOV for each programme output).* |

| Result statement | Performance indicator/s | Baseline | Target | Means of Verification[[4]](#footnote-5) |
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| Corresponding result from Country programme/ Humanitarian Response Plan[[5]](#footnote-6) | - Xxx  - Xxx |  |  |  |
| Programme Output 1  *Service or product resulting from the programme* | *List each indicator in a separate line* |  |  |  |
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| Programme Output 2 |  |  |  |  |
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| Programme Output 3 |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.3 Gender, Equity and Sustainability  *(3 paragraphs; max 250 words)* | *“How” this programme takes into account gender, equity and sustainability*  *This section briefly mentions the practical measures taken in the programme to address gender, equity and sustainability considerations.* |
| 2.4 Partner’s contribution  *(1 paragraph; max 100 words)* | *This section briefly outlines the partner specific contribution to the programme (monetary or in-kind)* |
| 2.5 Other partners involved  *(1 paragraph; max 100 words)* | *“With whom” will this programme works in partnership*  *This section outlines other partners who have a role in programme implementation, including other organisation providing technical and financial support for the programme.* |
| 2.6 Additional documentation  *(1 paragraph; max 100 words)* | *Additional documentation can be mentioned here for reference.* |

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| Section 3. Programme work plan and budget |
| *The table below defines the programme implementation work plan (the specific activities to be undertaken towards achievement of each of the programme outputs; the schedule of implementation; and the planned budget, including the CSO and UNICEF’s contributions to the programme)*  *Note: Text and costs in blue provided as an example.* |

| Result Level | Result/activity | Timeframe (quarters/year(s) | | | | | Total (CSO+UNICEF) | CSO contribution | UNICEF contribution | |
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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Year2 | Cash[[6]](#footnote-7) | Supply |
| Progr. Output 1: | *E.g. Community-based management of SAM introduced in 200 villages In 10 districts*  Performance indicator(s),  *- # children receiving RUFT/in patient*  *- # children receiving RUFT/ community*  *- recovery rate* | | | | | | *400,000* | *10,000* | *190,000* | *200,000* |
| Act.1.1 | *Organise training of 500 health workers in community nutrition in 10 districts* | *x* | *x* |  |  |  | *100,000* |  | *100,000* |  |
| Act. 1.2 | *Undertake community outreach activities & referral in 200 villages in 10 districts* | *x* | *x* | *x* | *x* |  | *50,000* |  | *50,000* |  |
| Act. 1.3 | *Provide nutrition equipment & supplies in 50 health centres* | *x* |  |  | *x* |  | *200,000* |  |  | *200,000* |
| Act. 1.4 | *Programme management and technical supervision* | *x* | *x* | *x* | *x* |  | *50,000* | *10,000* | *40,000* |  |
| Progr. Output 2: | Output statement  Performance indicator(s): | | | | | | Sub-total output 2 | Sub-total output 2 | Sub-total output 2 | Sub-total output 2 |
| Act 2.1 | Activity statement[[7]](#footnote-8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Act. 2.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Progr. Output 3: | Output statement  Performance indicator(s): | | | | | | Sub-total output 3 | Sub-total output 3 | Sub-total output 3 | Sub-total output 3 |
| Act 3.1 | Activity statement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Sub-total for the outputs | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| Progr. Output 4 | Effective and efficient programme management | | | | | | Sub-total output 4 | Sub-total output 4 | Sub-total output 4 | Sub-total output 4 |
| Act 4.1 | *Standard activity:* In-country management & support staff[[8]](#footnote-9) pro-rated to their contribution to the programme (representation, planning, coordination, logistics, admin, finance) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Act 4.2 | *Standard activity:* Operational costs pro-rated to their contribution to the programme (office space, equipment, office supplies, maintenance) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Act 4.3 | *Standard activity:* Planning, monitoring, evaluation and communication[[9]](#footnote-10), pro-rated to their contribution to the programme (venue, travels, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sub-total for programme costs** | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| HQ costs[[10]](#footnote-11) | HQ technical support[[11]](#footnote-12) (7% of the cash component) | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| **Total programme document budget** | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |

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1. In line with provisions of [CF/EXD/2013-008](https://unicef.sharepoint.com/sites/portals/RF/Regulatory%20Framework%20Library/DHR%20Exec%20Dirs%20CFEXD2013-008%20Policy%20Prohibiting%20and%20Combatting%20Fraud%20and%20Corruption.pdf) “Policy Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. In line with provisions of [ST/SGB/2003/13](https://undocs.org/ST/SGB/2003/13) entitled “Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. in line with provisions of [CF/EXD/2016-006](https://unicef.sharepoint.com/sites/portals/RF/Regulatory%20Framework%20Library/DHR%20Exec%20Dirs%20CF%20EXD%20006%20Child%20Safeguarding%20Policy%2001-Jul-2016.pdf) "Policy on Conduct Promoting the Protection and Safeguarding of Children" [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. The specific sources from which the status of each of the performance indicators can be ascertained. If any data source is a survey or a study which the implementing partner is planning to conduct for this programme, this should be planned and budgeted for in section 3 below (programme workplan and budget). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Refer to Section 1.3 of the Call for Expression of Interest. If the programme contributes to more than one result, each should be identified in a separate line, with programme outputs listed below each corresponding result. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. The budget is prepared in the currency of implementation. Most generally, this correspond to the local currency in the country. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Costs budgeted as part of the programme output budgeting include the following:

   Cash for activities, such as workshop or trainings;

   Cost of supplies that directly assist beneficiaries or beneficiary institutions, including warehousing, transport and assembling;

   Technical assistance and costs of technical staff to directly support beneficiaries / beneficiary institutions (experts in health, education, protection, etc.);

   Cost of surveys and other data collection activities in relation to beneficiaries or measurement or programme expected results;

   Communication activities to directly support programme planned results. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Costs of technical assistance/staff directly related to the achievement of planned results are budgeted as part of programme output budgeting, see above footnote 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. Costs of M&E and communication activities directly related to the achievement of the planned results re budgeted as part of the programme output budgeting, see above footnote 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. Only payable to organizations with headquarters outside of the country of implementation. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. Amount is an estimate. Amount paidis a standard 7% on actual expenditures subject to calculation exclusions as per Annex I of the CSO Procedure. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)