

Call for Expression of Interest

Local Partnerships

Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe

Call Ref No	SSD/Call EOI/23/08
Date of Issue	20/07/2023
Deadline for Questions, if any	31/07/2023 (1700HRS)
Submission deadline	10/08/2023 (1700HRS)

Background:

HELP – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe is a German non-governmental humanitarian aid organization duly registered with the courts of law in Bonn – Germany www.help-ev.de. Help was founded in July 1981. HELP started its work by providing humanitarian assistance for Afghan refugees having fled to Pakistan. After the very first years of its existence HELP started to continuously expand its humanitarian work to other countries. HELP has since expanded its activities and is now operational worldwide in over 20 countries with current focus on Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Mali, Indonesia, Iraq, Montenegro, Niger, Serbia, Syria, Sri Lanka, Chad/Sudan, Zimbabwe, South Sudan etc; engaged in emergency assistance as well as in resilience and development projects.

Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe is registered in South Sudan with Relief & Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) No. 086; currently implementing its WASH, Nutrition, Food Security and Livelihoods projects in Greater Yirol, Lakes region since 2011 providing clean safe drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene service in various states in the Republic of South Sudan (RoSS) to reduce water and hygiene-related diseases, fight against malnutrition and other prevalent problems.

Through its partnership and cluster-based coordination with various national organizations and governmental authorities, Help provides technical support and capacity building in Lakes State and Jonglei state in South Sudan.

Purpose of Call for Expression

The purpose of this Call for EOI is to invite eligible registered local/national NGOs based in South Sudan with access/operational presence in disaster/conflict prone Counties to submit their interest (EOI) for potential partnership with Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe. A panel will review and select eligible NGOs for partnership based on availability of funds. Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe will conduct due-diligence of shortlisted national NGOs, sign MoUs with selected NGOs to collaborate on range of activities including joint assessment, context analysis and joint programme design/proposal to donors. Help will benefit from local NGOs presence, thematic experiences, understanding of the context, conduct assessment and jointly explore funding opportunities. In the spirit of implementing the recently signed MAPUTO protocol and the signing of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD), this call will largely prioritize women led organizations and organizations led by persons with disabilities.

Issuance of this Call for EOIs does not constitute any commitment for funds nor does it commit the Help to pay for any costs incurred in preparation or submission of application. Applications/EOIs are submitted at the risk of the applicant. All preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

Evaluation Criteria

The partnership working group will conduct a review of applications/EOI and the key consideration for initial mapping/shortlisting of L/NNGO for potential partnership will include:

- I. Registered national NGO with established office in conflict/disaster prone counties, and demonstrated prior experience of implementing humanitarian programs in disaster/conflict prone counties.
- II. Prior experience of working experience with INGO, UN or any institutional donor.
- III. Operational experience of not less than 3 years, including experience in successfully managing at least one project with budget of approximately \$ 150,000
- IV. Capacity in two or more of the specified sectors such as WASH, Education, Shelter, Health, Nutrition, Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), Protection, Gender, Education, Disaster Risk Reduction, Refugee response etc.

By submitting the EOI, the L/NNGOs agree to support the visit of Help's team members for due-diligence/capacity assessment. Help will conduct due-diligence of only shortlisted L/NNOGs. The due diligence exercise will include:

- I. Review of documents and evidence to validate the information/experiences described by NNGO's in EOI application.
- II. Review of financial, HR, procurement, security management manuals, strategic plans etc. and evidence of implementation of these policies will be gathered through sample review. It will include, review of previous project agreements, reports and assessments.

EOI submission guideline and deadline

Partners interested in responding to this EOI call should write to Ms Savai at savai@help-ev.de and request for the EOI template. The EOI template should be filled out as per the instructions/guidelines given for each section and the application/EOI should be submitted (**in MS Word format**) via email to recruitment-ssd@help-ev.de and cc savai@help-ev.de. The total size of the email with attachments should not exceed five (5) MB, zipped files will be preferred. The application must be legible and not require magnification. Please keep attachments clear, concise, easy to follow, while also in complete compliance with the instructions herein and EOI template. Help will **not review any additional document** other than the filled EOI (in attached template), the registration document, annual narrative report for year 2022, and most recent audit report (year 2022) at this point and may request applicant for any additional information/documents on need basis.

This Call for EOI will remain open until **17:00 hrs CAT on August 10, 2023**. Only **completed EOIs** in compliance with the guidelines, received within the deadline will be considered for further review process. The interested NNGOs are requested to submit their EOIs through email only with subject title –“**EOI for Local Partnership_ Name of Organization**” in title of the email.

Applicants can submit only one EOI under this Call for EOIs. If multiple EOIs are received from the same applicant, all submissions will be declared ineligible and receive no further consideration in the review process.

In case of further queries, applicants can contact Help through omondi@help-ev.de; the deadline for the queries and question is **July 31st, 2023**.