

IOM Call for Proposals

A Greenhouse Project - Promoting livelihoods, social cohesion and food security in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Context

IOM continue to assist Syrian refugees fleeing Syria due to the prolonged conflict and violence in the country. Under the framework of the Regional Refugee Resilience Plan (3RP), IOM aims at strengthening Syrian refugees self-reliance and enhancing social cohesion between them and host community. The livelihood support provided by IOM so far in camps and host communities across the KRI has proven to be an important component to help preserve and strengthen social networks and maintain positive relationships between the refugee and host community populations. Livelihood activities increase Syrian refugees' financial stability and future employability upon return, allowing them to become self-reliant and decreasing the psychosocial stressors associated with dependency on aid and economic vulnerabilities.

Under the current phase of 3RP, IOM aims to support the formation of new cooperatives and the enhancement of existing ones if they are identified in the agricultural sector of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I), through the provision of farming, agricultural and business training members

Scope of work

IOM is seeking implementing partners with experience in advanced agricultural techniques to implement agricultural activities such as farmer training, greenhouses construction and formation and/or enhancement of greenhouses cooperatives. By supporting beneficiaries in maintaining a sustainable income generating activity, the cooperatives will enhance beneficiaries' resilience and at the same time promote positive relationships between them.

The project geographical coverage is within the KR-I and includes Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Dahuk governorates.

IOM will favorably consider project proposals that are also looking at contributing to the development of local agricultural infrastructure and environmental management within the scope of work as follows:



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1. Provide technical support to individual beneficiaries and local government structures in the development of efficient water resource management practices, innovative agricultural techniques and strategies to maintain a competitive edge within local and regional markets.
2. Introduce modern irrigation systems such as drip or sprinkler irrigation systems, which are significantly more efficient in their use of water.
3. Provide water conservation and management training program, which will focus on the reduction of water wastage, the promotion of water-efficient irrigation techniques, and the introduction of innovative water-management and energy-saving technologies, such as rainwater harvesting, grey water recycling, ecological sanitation, and solar water disinfection.
4. Provide farmers with training in agriculture-specific best practice, including responsible natural resource management; for example, organic composting, small crop planting, pest management, pre- and post-harvest techniques, soil analysis and restoration, crop rotations, seed multiplication, and greenhouse management.

In addition, the beneficiaries (farmers) of the targeted governorates should be taught organic fertilizer production through organic waste composting and ecological waste management. This will not only reduce their farming-related expenditures but also reduce their reliance on chemical fertilizers, benefitting the environment and the community's health. Those who complete the training program will be provided with greenhouses, seeds, fertilizers, peat moss, hand tools, pesticides, and drip irrigation system.

Guidelines for submitting application

1. Project Duration

The proposed projects should start on 15th August, 2016 and be completed not later than 1st December, 2016.

2. Beneficiaries

The proposed projects should target both Syrian refugees and residents of the local host community.

3. Geographical coverage

The proposed projects should cover in camps and/or out of camps areas with high concentration of Syrian refugees within the governorates of Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Dahuk.

4. Deliverables

The following activities have to be included in the project proposal:

- Activity 1:** Provision of farming training to minimum of 16 beneficiaries per governorate (48 in total across KRI), with at least 70% of them Syrian refugees, and the rest host community members. ***Proposals that include feasible approaches for maximizing the number of beneficiaries in this intervention, through value chains, multiplier effects and other strategies will be assessed positively under Evaluation Criteria No.4***
- Activity 2:** Construction of minimum 8 greenhouses per governorate (24 in total across KRI). IOM engineers will be providing the design, taking into account the successful candidate in house expertise.
- Activity 3:** Provision of technical expertise and on ongoing support to beneficiaries during the preparatory and operational phases of cooperative formation
- Activity 4:** Provision of ongoing technical farming and business counselling support to beneficiaries, members of the greenhouses cooperative

The successful candidate will be working in collaboration with an IOM specialist on cooperative formation and value chain management. Regular liaison with the Ministry of Agriculture will also be required to ensure host government collaboration.

IOM will favorably consider project proposals focused on all or some of the four points in the *Scope of work* section of this Call.

5. Eligibility criteria

- The applicant is a local or international organization
- The applicant has an official and valid registration within the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
- Proposal and budget are submitted in IOM template provided in the CFP
- The applicant should have financial capacity to pre-finance up to 20% of the proposed activities
- The applicant should have a fully staffed and operational office and an organizational profile.
- Minimum scoring: 60% of total score will be considered successful -48 total score

6. Evaluation criteria

IOM shall evaluate the Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the above mentioned activities, compliance to the requirements of the Call for Proposals and by applying an evaluation criteria and a point system. Each proposal shall be given a technical score by a review committee. IOM will conduct due diligence on any organization that is short-listed, which may include a physical verification visit.



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1) TECHNICAL CAPACITY (20 points)

- 1.a) Proven expertise in provision of farming training and greenhouses cooperatives
- 1.b) Proven expertise in cooperative formations
- 1.c) Proven experience in managing grants from International Organizations
- 1.d) Access/availability of farming training facilities

2) PROPOSAL RELEVANCE (15 points)

- 2.a) Relevance of the proposal to the scope of the Call for Proposal
- 2.b) Relevance of the project to the needs of the targeted population
- 2.c) Clarify of methodology, work plan and project activities

3) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (15 points)

- 3.a) Number of staff assigned to the project
- 3.b) Main staff relevant education and expertise
- 3.c) Physical presence of a functional office

4) VALUE FOR MONEY (30 POINTS)

- 4.a) Number of beneficiaries served versus total budget proposal (i.e. Cost per beneficiary)
- 4.b) Any cost share or in-kind contributions from the applicant
- 4.c) Ratio between staff and office costs versus direct operational assistance to beneficiaries

7. Reporting Requirement

The successful organization will need to provide IOM with monthly narrative report and final narrative and financial reports, including all activities undertaken under the project no later than three weeks after the completion of the project.

8. How to apply

Interested organizations are requested to send the following documents using the templates attached to this call for proposal.

- 1. Technical application (max. 4 pages) – see IOM Technical Application Template (Annex A) including project work plan and list of relevant past projects
- 2. Cost Application (budget breakdown as per Annex B)
- 3. Copy of valid government registration certificate
- 4. Organization profile including organizational chart
- 5. Bank statement



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6. Social security notify
7. Project manager and Trainers CVs

Submissions will be assessed based on both the technical and cost applications. Applicants shall submit separate applications (each application including all the above documentation) for each governorate, if they possess the capacity to implement activities in more than one governorate.

The above documents should be accompanied by a covering letter from the organization with a signature of the contact person and the official stamp of the organization.

The Proposals must be sent to sbeccaletto@iom.int, copying IOMIRAQBIDS@iom.int by 1st August 2016.