



UNHCR BRAZIL
Call for Expression of Interest
PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM FOR REFUGEE-LED ORGANIZATIONS 2024

1. What is the Protection Grants for Refugee-Led Organizations?

Refugee-Led Organizations make notable contributions to their communities but face significant challenges in accessing direct and flexible funding. They are often excluded from existing networks, resulting in limited access to information and resources which may hinder the increase of their impact.

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) proposes a different approach by inviting all refugee-led organizations to send their expression of interest to participate in the protection grant program. Through the program, people directly affected by forced displacement will receive financial and technical resources to collaborate with the UNHCR in the implementation of its programs in Brazil, specifically in support of pre-documentation, guidance on access to rights and services, identification of protection cases and referral to the public network, cultural and linguistic mediation in public service centers, Portuguese language courses, prevention of gender-based violence, preparation, translation and dissemination of information targeted to refugee communities, among others.

The program is designed for non-profit organizations led by refugees (formalized or not), which are recognized in their communities for their social contributions.

This program is currently accepting applications nationwide in Brazil.

2. What the Grants offer?

Within this call, selected organizations will receive **financial support** up to **USD 3,000** (equivalent to BRL 15,000.00) to implement their projects.

The proposal budget must contain the necessary goods and services, and detailed values up to a total of USD 3,000. The organization is solely responsible for the purchase of these items.

Organizations supported with the grant will establish a formal partnership with UNHCR for quick impact initiatives and will be able to implement the planned activities in a period of up to 6 months.

*Please note UNHCR may not support the full amount that has been applied for.

3. Funding Criteria

Scope of the partnership

The proposed initiatives must be related to the implementation of UNHCR programs in Brazil, specifically in support of refugees, migrants and stateless persons, for access to rights and services, identification of protection

cases and referral to the public network, cultural and linguistic mediation in public service centers, teaching Portuguese, prevention of gender-based violence, preparation, translation and dissemination of information targeted at refugee communities (information, booklets, videos, etc.), among others.

Legal Status

The organization, or at least one individual managing the organization, must be registered in Brazil. For example, registered in a national database (e.g. CNPJ) or obtained the personal documentation (e.g. CPF).

It is not necessary for the organization to be formalized.

The organization or a member must have an active email address that can be routinely accessed.

The organization or a member must be available to participate in technical training and meetings with the UNHCR, which will be scheduled and notified in advance.

Qualification as a Refugee-Led Organization

An organization led by refugees is an organization:

- Mainly led by forcibly displaced persons. This means that over half of the leadership positions within the organization, including decision-making positions, are held by individuals who are refugees, asylum seekers, or stateless.
- Or jointly/equally led by forcibly displaced persons and local host communities: This means that the organization has an equitable distribution of leadership and decision-making roles between members of forcibly displaced communities and individuals from local host communities (Brazilians).

For this call, people with a humanitarian residence permit will also be classified as being in a situation of forced displacement.

Additional attention will be paid to ensuring that organizations led by LGBTQIAPN+ person, women, people with disabilities, indigenous populations and other underrepresented groups receive support and encouragement to apply to the program.

Only non-profit organizations, formalized or not, based in Brazil will be considered eligible.

Governance structure

It will be necessary to provide documentation to prove the composition of the organization's board of directors, such as a statute, among others.

Experience of the organization

The organization must present documented evidence of having already carried out protection or assistance activities for communities affected by forced displacement. For example, reports, photos and/or letters of technical recommendation from other partners.

*It is strongly desirable that the organization has documentation that demonstrates the existence of Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA) and other UNHCR ethical regulations.

Financial Management

The organization must have a legally registered bank account in Brazil, or a key member of the organization must have a bank account in their name.

4. How to apply?

To apply for grants through the program, each organization must fill out an online application form available at this link: <https://enketo.unhcr.org/x/t3yBGavK> .

Important information to include in the form:

- CNPJ of the organization or CPF of the legal representative of the organization
- Bank account information (bank name, branch, account number)
- Copy of personal documentation of members of the organization's board of directors
- Documented evidence that demonstrates an organizational structure for planning and decision-making, such as a statute.
- Documented evidence of the organization's track record in protecting or assisting communities affected by forced displacement (e.g., reports, photographs, and/or letters of technical recommendation)
- If applicable, documentation that demonstrates the existence of Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA) policies and other UNHCR ethical regulations.
- A budget spreadsheet detailing the goods and services to be purchased.

UNHCR may contact your organization to discuss your application, so please ensure you provide contact details for the appropriate person.

Please note that proposals will be accepted in Portuguese, Spanish, French and English.

5. How will the organizations be selected for funding?

UNHCR Team led by Programme Unit, in collaboration with Project Control and other Units with technical expertise reviews the applications and verifies the eligibility criteria are met.

Only the selected applications will be contacted.

Attention: If you require any additional information or if you encounter technical issues in submitting your application, please address your questions to brabrrlo@unhcr.org .

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