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**Call for Expression of Interest
for Grant Agreement partnerships
(CfEI/HCR/SVK/2025/001)**

The purpose of the Call for Expression of Interest (CfEI) is to encourage Refugee-Led and (RLOs)¹ and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs),² including organizations led by Temporary Protection holders [odideneč], to seek support in strengthening their capacity to respond to the needs of refugees and vulnerable host communities in Slovakia through a Grant Agreement partnership with UNHCR. A grant agreement partner can also be community-based organizations from host communities, provided their stated objectives and activities are centered on supporting forcibly displaced and stateless people.

UNHCR will seek to prioritize organizations engaged in activities aimed at one or more of the following areas:

- community mobilization and engagement of refugee and host communities with a focus on social cohesion and socioeconomic inclusion/integration;
- giving an active voice to refugees;
- information support to refugees;
- sustainable cooperation with municipalities, local NGOs and private sector to the benefit of refugees;
- non-formal education and skills development supporting the inclusion of refugee children and youth;
- language education and skills development for refugees, including people of working age and older persons;
- enhancing community-based mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), e.g. through sports or culture;
- strengthening refugee participation in community engagement and volunteering initiatives, e.g. in areas such as environmental protection;
- supporting marginalized groups and persons with specific needs (such as women and girls, survivors of gender-based violence, LGBTIQ+ persons, persons with disabilities, older persons, members of the Roma community, other minority groups).

IMPORTANT NOTE: activities related to cash assistance, procurement and distribution of food and/or medicine and cross-border activities, will not be covered under this programme.

¹ A Refugee-Led Organization (RLO) is an organization or group in which persons with direct lived experience of forced displacement play a primary leadership role and whose stated objectives and activities are focused on responding to the needs of refugees and/or related communities. (see also [Definition: Refugee-led Organization \(RLO\)](#))

² A Community-based Organization (CBO) is a group of individuals from within a community who come together to accomplish a common goal (or a set of goals) to improve the well-being of that community by providing services and assistance or by advocating for its needs. CBOs are non-profit, grass-roots organizations, whose activities are based primarily on peer and/or community-led contributions such as labour, materials and in some cases financial support. (see also the [Community-Based Organization Management Handbook](#))



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The grant represents **maximum USD 12,000** (equivalent approx. EUR 11,760 at the time of issuing this Call). The basis of partnership will be a Grant Agreement that entails a description of the activities envisaged, a commitment to use funds solely for the purpose of activities as agreed, strengthening the capacity of the selected organization, as well as simplified reporting requirements.

UNHCR reserves the right to accept a proposal in whole or in part. Conclusion of a Grant Agreement with UNHCR is subject to a selection process and availability of funds. The selection of a partner through this CfEI does not constitute an obligation for UNHCR to conclude a Grant Agreement.

How to apply?

Registered on the UN Partner Portal (UNPP): If you are registered on the UNPP, click [here](#) to view the Call for Expression of Interest and apply **by 7 February 2025**.

Not Registered on the UN Partner Portal (UNPP): If you are not registered on the UNPP, submit your project idea, using the [Grant Agreement Concept Note template](#) and send it to svkbrgrantagr@unhcr.org **by 7 February 2025**.

Queries will be accepted via email to svkbrgrantagr@unhcr.org **by 4 February 2025**.

NB: A Grant Agreement Concept Note can be submitted for one or more activities for implementation during 2025 on the territory of the Slovak Republic.

[For more details on eligibility please see the Grant Agreement Concept Note template above.](#)

Date Results to be communicated

UNHCR will contact the selected applicants to initiate the Grant Agreement partnership, as per the operational priorities, following a review of the applications and decision by the Office.

All applicant organizations will receive a reply **by 28 February 2025**.

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