



The European Union Delegation to Ethiopia

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)

- 1. The European Union Delegation** to Ethiopia is seeking expressions of interest from organizations that can successfully implement Component 3 of the EU Trust Fund funded action '**Stimulating economic opportunities and job creation for refugees and host communities in Ethiopia in support of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) in Ethiopia**' (<https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/region/horn-africa/ethiopia/stimulating-economic-opportunities-and-job-creation-refugees-and-host-en>)
- 2. Background.** The EU is committed to support the Government of Ethiopia in its decision to implementing the CRRF and the nine pledges by shifting from a 'care and maintenance' or camp-based model of refugee assistance to an approach, which emphasizes refugee self-reliance, refugee mobility in-country and the integration of refugees into regional and national development processes. The intervention logic is that enhancing the capacities of key actors to work along more sustainable and development-oriented lines and supporting individuals among refugees and host communities as well as local business and SME's will stimulate sustained economic growth and provide economic and job opportunities for refugees and host communities alike in the Jijiga area in Somali Regional State. The maximum budget allocated for this component is EUR 10 million.
- 3. Purpose and objective of the call.** Based on the goal of the action, the purpose and objective of this call is to invite consortiums of organizations that could successfully work towards the attainment of component 3 of the action aimed at strengthening socio-economic development and better economic and employment opportunities for refugees and host communities in the Jijiga area (Somali Regional State) by supporting and piloting the implementation of Ethiopia's refugee pledges, in particular those related to local integration of refugees, expansion of Out-of-camp policy and Documentation pledges. After receiving the Expression of Interests up to three organizations will be invited to present a detailed proposal and discuss it with relevant EU experts. It is expected that at the end of the negotiations one consortium will be selected.
- 4. Experience required and selection criteria.** The consortium should as minimum have a combined expertise in development and humanitarian issues, business development and job creation and proven experience in Ethiopia and in Somali Regional State. Participants in the consortium should be organizations with expertise related to the activities under component 3 of the action and could be private sector entities, foundations, civil society organizations, EU Member States' development agencies, etc. Priority will be given to involving entities with expertise in private sector development.

Expression of interest will be examined and evaluated by the Contracting Authority with the possible assistance of external assessors. All applications will be assessed according to the following criteria¹:

¹ For British applicants: Please be aware that eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an

- i) Proven experience implementing actions aiming at stimulating economic development through private sector support in particular the segment of small and medium-sized enterprises;
- ii) Proven experience implementing job creation programmes and or employment schemes in particular for women and youth. Job creation opportunities for vulnerable population in the form of (i) wage employment; (ii) self-employment; and/or (iii) new business start-up;
- iii) Proven experience on economic integration of vulnerable populations in local and regional markets;
- iv) Proven experience on training schemes to increase the employability of target groups;
- v) Proven experience matching labour supply and demand and targeting of project activities towards economic sectors and skills where there is demand;
- vi) Proven experience working/engaging with regional and local governments and authorities to develop and implement integrated and inclusive development plans;
- vii) Deep understanding of legal, economic and social, and cultural factors and specificities of the Somali State Region in Ethiopia to facilitate the implementation an economic and job creation opportunities' programme in the region; and,
- viii) Capacity to provide co-finance to the action as own contribution.

5. **How to apply.** Organizations interested to apply need to: (i) provide information about the organization (s) that could be involved in the action (max. 1 page); (ii) provide brief information about the proposed action (max. 3 pages); and (iii) provide supporting evidence that the organization(s) meet the Eol's criteria (max. 2 pages). All required documentation shall be sent to the following e-mail address DELEGATION-ETHIOPIA-EUTF@eeas.europa.eu no later than the 15th of August 2018. The tentative date for the notification of the contracting authority's decision is first week of September 2018. The commencement of the action is planned during the last quarter of 2018.

agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible to participate) or be required to leave the project on the basis of Article 12.2 of the General Conditions to the grant agreement.