

## Expression of Interest (EOI) Letter and Questionnaire

**To:** Civil society organizations (CSOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and non-profit organizations working in selected geographic areas in Northwest Syria and Turkey

**From:** Global Communities

**Reference:** Seeking Local Partners for Northwest Syria/Turkey Humanitarian Response

**EOI Number:** GC-EOI-18-001

### BACKGROUND

Global Communities is an international organization committed to implementing development and humanitarian programming in partnership with communities worldwide to bring about sustainable, impactful changes that improve the lives and livelihoods of the vulnerable. We make a difference by engaging with communities, governments, the private sector, community service organizations (CSOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as partners for good—bringing together complementary strengths and shared responsibilities to work toward common goals. We work with a focus on dual accountability – to the communities whom we are committed to helping and to the donors who trust us to use their resources wisely and effectively.

### Global Communities' Work in Syria

Global Communities assists those in need with an emphasis on saving lives, easing suffering and improving living conditions through the provision of agricultural inputs, quality shelter solutions, protection assistance and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities. Over 6 million people in Syria have been displaced by the conflict, sometimes more than once, and are living either in camps or in host communities. Global Communities is committed to directly assisting those affected by the crisis, prioritizing the most vulnerable, while planning for a sustainable recovery. We look at how to provide immediate, lifesaving relief while also working with communities to make the impact of our programming more sustainable. In addition to our commitment to the humanitarian principles, our approach also goes beyond the distribution of goods to include working with communities on resilience.

### Food Security and Livelihoods

Since our work in Syria began in 2014, Global Communities has focused heavily on food security and livelihoods through agriculture programming, preferring a resilience and capacity building approach to strengthen the agriculture sector. We provide direct assistance to farmers by distributing agriculture inputs such as seeds, tools and fertilizer to help them increase their yield so that they can better feed their families or supplement their income by selling in the local market. We support animal breeders by providing livestock, fodder and veterinary inputs to ensure better milk production for their own consumption as well as preparing and selling dairy products. We work to maintain and increase capacity in farming communities and agriculture sector through training and asset management. This work has included strengthening extension services, rehabilitating and maintaining irrigation systems, and integrating a disaster risk reduction and market-value chain approach in our programming. We focus on working closely with community-based civil society institutions in Syria including farmers' unions and women's associations to support their development and impact.

### Shelter

Global Communities works in both camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and in communities with shelter programming encompassing an emergency response modality as well as those with a more sustainable impact. We distribute non-food item (NFI) kits directed at meeting winterization needs or to support recently displaced households. In the past, we have distributed shelter kits, sealing kits, and winterization kits. Furthermore, we work to provide more durable shelter solutions for more settled people, including both IDPs and members of the host community which has included rehabilitating homes and collective centers.

## **Protection**

Protection needs are pervasive throughout Syria for IDPs and host communities. For IDPs, multiple displacements create new risks, including in camps due to lack of privacy and exposure to exploitation and abuse. Women and girls are especially vulnerable to protection risks such as forced/early marriage, child labor, domestic violence, and sexual and gender-based violence (GBV). Many children have dropped out of school due to the lack of educational facilities, and are at risk of family separation, abuse/exploitation, and child labor. Boys in particular are at risk of recruitment into armed groups. Elderly IDPs and those with disabilities or chronic health problems face difficulties in movements and accessing needed services. All groups are at risk of explosive hazards during transit or in the locations where they settle.

Global Communities' protection programming aims to provide protection for vulnerable individuals and communities through specialized and non-specialized services, such as community outreach and awareness raising, psychosocial support activities, life skills and vocational training, and case management for protection cases.

## **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

Global Communities' WASH programming works both in camps and in communities with an aim to provide access to clean water and sanitation facilities, as well as to improve hygiene practices. Global Communities rehabilitates water stations and sanitation systems for communities in need. Prioritization is given to systems that reach people and transition them away from costly or risky alternatives and where community health is suffering due to poorly functioning systems. As a part of these interventions, we work to engage people through community outreach increasing buy-in ensuring that ownership of public assets is located in the community. As a part of Global Communities' emergency response, we distribute hygiene kits to displaced households.

In the camps, Global Communities is delivering life-saving services including water pumping and trucking (including water treatment/chlorination), latrine cleaning, solid waste collection, WASH infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation, and environmental health and hygiene promotion. Emergency WASH support has improved IDPs lives through rehabilitation of critical water supply and sanitation infrastructure and distribution of specialized hygiene kits.

## **Geographic Areas in Syria**

Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Idlib, Latakia and Rural Damascus Governorates.

## **Areas of Technical Expertise**

*Food Security and Livelihoods:* Improving food security and livelihoods for conflict-affected households, specifically farmers and animal breeders, through the distribution of inputs, capacity building, asset management and a value-chain approach.

*Logistics Supplies and Relief Commodities:* Distribution of non-food items (NFIs) to IDPs and conflict-affected populations.

*WASH:* Provision of water supply, solid waste management, sanitation systems, rehabilitation of water and sanitation systems, and distribution of hygiene kits and hygiene promotion activities.

*Shelter and Settlements:* Provision of shelter and collection center repair and rehabilitation, and provision of emergency and transitional shelter.

*Winterization:* Provision of NFI kits, coal and heating stoves to reduce impact of winter weather on vulnerable IDPs and host communities.

*Protection:* Protection of women, children and people with special needs through the provision of specialized and non-specialized protection, child protection and GBV services through static facilities and mobile teams.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This opportunity is open to non-profit CSOs and NGOs working at the community level in the geographic areas listed above and sensitive to the needs of women and children. All CSOs and NGOs must be currently registered in a neighboring country to Syria or in Syria, and have operations ongoing in Syria and/or Turkey. An EOI letter and completed questionnaire must be submitted to [TurkeyGrants@globalcommunities.org](mailto:TurkeyGrants@globalcommunities.org) by May 15, 2018 for an initial pool of partners or by August 15, 2018 to supplement the partner pool. Global Communities will review applications on an on-going basis. Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Must have prior experience of at least a total of **one year** with international donors. E.g. United Nations, USAID, WHO, BPRM, ECHO, etc.
- Must have experience implementing projects in one or more of the geographic areas listed for a minimum of **six months**.
- Must have experience implementing at least one project with a value of **\$200,000 USD or more**.
- Must demonstrate a qualified and diversified staff.
- Must have past performance references related to the area of technical expertise and geographic area.
- Must have adequate management systems in place to manage finances and assets to US government regulations and/or UN standards.
- Have demonstrated knowledge and application of humanitarian principles.

Ranking of EOI letters and questionnaires will be based on the following:

- Needs of the donor
- Official registration of the CSO/NGO
- Prior experience and past performance working in a technical sector
- Qualifications of key technical staff
- Prior experience and past performance working in a geographic area
- Demonstrated organizational management systems (finance, procurement, security, logistics systems, etc.) for compliance to donor rules and regulations
- Demonstrated knowledge and past performance applying humanitarian principles
- Organizational audit or project audit reports

EOIs will be submitted as a letter with a completed EOI questionnaire attached. Please be sure to indicate the geographic areas of operation and areas of expertise in which your organization has the required experience, a contact person including email address and telephone number for any questions related to the EOI letter and questionnaire, and the country and date of official registration of your CSO/NGO. Letters and questionnaires should be submitted by email with the subject "Expression of Interest to Provide Humanitarian Aid in Syria/Turkey and Questionnaire #GC-EOI-18-001" to [TurkeyGrants@globalcommunities.org](mailto:TurkeyGrants@globalcommunities.org). Hand-delivered letters and questionnaires can be submitted to the address below by May 15, 2018 or August 15, 2018.

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