

Call of Express of Interest (EOI) Provision of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Curriculum Development and Training Services

Since 2011, the armed conflict in Syria has resulted in one of the largest humanitarian crises globally. With 15.3 million people in need of aid, 90% of the population living below the poverty line, and 6.9 million displaced internally in Syria, the psychosocial load on both displaced persons and locals is immense. The situation is further worsened by the February 2023 earthquake, the COVID-19 pandemic, and ongoing violence.

The Syrian healthcare system, weakened by years of conflict and economic challenges, cannot meet the growing demand for mental health care. There is a critical shortage of specialized professionals, including therapists and psychotherapists, as clinical psychology and psychotherapy are not well-established in the current education and training system. Additionally, social stigma surrounding mental illness limits effective intervention and prevention efforts.

Since 2020, GIZ has implemented a stand-alone project to improve Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the local population in Syria. The project emphasizes building the capacity of health and social workers through training in specialized areas such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), psychodrama, and emergency pedagogy. Special attention is given to gender-sensitive approaches and the needs of vulnerable groups, including children, adolescents, women, and people with special needs.

In this context, GIZ seeks a qualified company/contractor to develop and implement a comprehensive **MHPSS training curriculum** to further enhance the capacities of local psychosocial workers and health professionals in Northeast Syria.

Service requirements:

The contractor will provide the following services:

1. Curriculum Development and Implementation:

- Develop and deliver a curriculum comprising:
- **Module 1:** Comprehensive MHPSS Training (covering group and individual therapeutic skills, with distinct approaches for adults and children).
- **Module 2:** General Disorder Identification based on DSM stands for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (e.g., PTSD, depression, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, trauma-informed care.) tailored for group and individual sessions, subdivided for adults and children.
- Ensure the training meets certification standards in MHPSS and Trauma Pedagogy for participants.

2. Training Delivery:

- Train up to 36 humanitarian workers, including psychologists, psychosocial workers and health professionals.
- Conduct 160 teaching hours over 20 days within a 12-week period.

- Deliver training online, with participants attending from designated training venues alongside local co-facilitators.
- Ensure the training language is Arabic.

3. Expert Deployment:

- Mental health professional experience (university degree Master, in psychology, psychotherapy,
- Extensive Knowledge of MHPSS frameworks, such as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines or Sphere Standards.
- Proven Clinical skills in mental health support (e.g., individual and group therapy, crisis intervention).
- familiarity with the humanitarian context.
- In-depth Contextual Understanding of the political situation and mental health, psychosocial wellbeing in syria
- Expertise in identifying general disorders based on the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders), including PTSD, depression, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, and others.
- Skilled in providing trauma-informed care tailored for both group and individual sessions, with specialized approaches for adults and children.
- Strong experience in delivering MHPSS-related training topics, both in-person and online.
- Capable of providing assessments to evaluate learning outcomes, participant engagement, and the overall effectiveness of the training.
- Experience in conducting overall impact evaluations of training programs and compiling comprehensive final reports.
- Ability to Provide ongoing support and resources to experts to address challenges and improve outcome.
- Identify, prepare, and manage qualified international and national experts (short-term and long-term) to deliver the training.
- Online training experience, knowledge of how to use online tools, questionnaires, or tests to gauge participant participation, learning objectives, and the training's overall efficacy.
- Competence in identifying, preparing, and managing qualified international and national experts for both short-term and long-term engagements, to deliver high-quality training.
- Ability Provide all necessary equipment, supplies, and training materials for the training.
- Manage costs, expenditures, and invoicing in compliance with GIZ standards.

4. Reporting Procedures:

- Submit regular reports, including:
- **Inception Report:** Initial plan detailing project scope and timeline.
- **Progress Reports:** Quarterly or half-yearly updates (5-7 pages) on implementation status.

- **Final Contributions:** Inputs for GIZ's reports to its commissioning party.

Interested companies are requested to submit a Letter of Interest accompanied by the following documents:

1. Technical Proposal:

- A detailed methodology and approach for developing and implementing the MHPSS curriculum.
- Proposed work plan and timeline for the 12-week training program.
- Profiles and qualifications of the proposed team of experts (international and national).
- Description of previous experience in similar projects, particularly in conflict-affected situations.

2. Financial Proposal:

- A comprehensive budget breakdown, including:
 - Professional fees for experts.
 - Operational and administrative costs.
 - Cost of equipment and materials.

3. Company Profile:

- Overview of the company, including mission, values, and areas of expertise.
- Evidence of prior work in MHPSS capacity building or related fields in the different areas.
- References or statements from similar projects.
- Able to provide certifications for the participants

4. Legal and Administrative Documents:

- Company registration and licenses.
- Tax compliance certificate or equivalent.
- Proof of financial stability (e.g., audited financial statements, bank statements).

5. Supporting Documents:

- Examples of similar training curricula developed or delivered by the contractor.
- Certifications or accreditations relevant to MHPSS training.
- A scanned copy of the license and registration certificate that shows the contractor is qualified to work in Iraq and KRI.
- Provide an Affirmation that the firm has been neither blacklisted by any Government, semi-governmental institute, or private institute

nor involved in any litigation in the current or during the last two (2) years or a (self-disclosure).

- Annual turnover of the last three financial years.
- Provide the requirements per the attached assessment grid for checking the eligibility of contractor.
- Terms of reference (ToR) and CV for each expert, **Provide a letter directed to GIZ exploring:**
- Declaration letter of your company or organization is interested and will participate in the tender.
- Full names of the owner and representatives, with their signatures' samples.
- A stamp sample is also required.

Interested companies must submit the above-mentioned documents and the full contact details of their company within the specified date, **26/01/2025**

This expression of interest is a market search for qualified suppliers and contractors. GIZ keeps the right to the appropriate selection of the best-qualified contractors/firms for future demand of the provision of Services and representation for the project mentioned above.

Interested companies must submit the above-mentioned documents via email to: procurement.iraq@giz.de , in a proper digital filing order as the above-listed order by the owner of the company or an authorized representative. Otherwise, the company's interest will be considered non-responsive. The email subject must be named below with the deadline:

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