



## **Expression of Interest - Official Development Assistance Projects 2021**

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### **Section A – Instructions**

Expressions of Interest for Official Development Assistance Projects 2021 and the requested supporting documentation are to be submitted by email to [development.mfea@gov.mt](mailto:development.mfea@gov.mt) by not later than **12 noon (GMT+1) of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

### **Section B - Scope**

- The scope of the Expressions of Interest is to work together with interested Voluntary Organisations (VOs), which are registered with the Commissioner for the Voluntary Sector, on pre-defined projects that target the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their attainment, especially in these unprecedented circumstances.
- The economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic are enormous and have led to extraordinary economic shocks that are felt by the entire local community. Africa is no stranger to the effects of the pandemic. It is in this spirit, and for the fact that Malta is diplomatically represented, that the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs will focus its efforts to help the Ethiopian and Ghanaian local communities.

## **Section C – Projects required from the Expressions of Interest**

### **One project in Ethiopia**

#### **Theme: Quality Education and Vocational Training (targeting SDGs 4 and 8)**

This project aims at setting up space for vulnerable children and people within the Ethiopian community, where they can access quality education and national training, with the aim of equipping them with the right tools and skills to help them craft a better life for themselves, especially during harder to reach times throughout the pandemic. This shall be a phase 1 for the project, with intentions of building on measures further in ensuing years.

Interested VOs are kindly required to explain how they can set up two different rooms at the Kidane Mehret School and Orphanage in Addis Ababa, utilising Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds, as per section D of this Expression of Interest, to procure equipment and deliver training thereon, as follows:

- a) The first room (within the Orphanage section) needs to be furnished with the necessary equipment to teach sewing skills to both male and female youths; and
- b) The second room (within the School section) will be an e-learning hub that requires to be equipped with IT infrastructure, connections, laptops and any other equipment, and to provide e-learning opportunities to children.

Applicant VOs are encouraged to team up with a reputable and reliable partner in Ethiopia, that would preferably have experience in development projects, to facilitate implementation on the ground, and to act as an interface with Kidane Mehret School and Orphanage and the VO in Malta. In as much as is possible, the sewing skills acquired should lead to future opportunities of apprenticeships and employment.

It is important that the project proposal submitted incorporates a gender component in all policies and practices, to ensure that everyone is equally addressed and that the projects respond to the needs of all genders alike.

Besides the items listed in Section E, interested parties should also provide the following:

1. Description of equipment and amounts needed and values;
2. Course types and values, beneficiary age groups, courses content, deliverables and outcomes (e.g. proficiency levels reached by x number of students, male and female).

In order to establish the type and amount of equipment needed for both rooms, Kidane Mehret School and Orphanage can be reached by emailing Sister Laetitia Borg ([laetborg283@gmail.com](mailto:laetborg283@gmail.com)) or calling on + 251 911200776 and + 251 911228089.



## **Two projects in Ghana**

### **Project 1: E-learning for Health (targeting SDGs 3 and 4)**

Amid the COVID-19 crisis, technology is playing a renewed significant role. Online platforms and tools have been developed in response to this pandemic to accommodate the growing demand for online training and other knowledge-sharing platforms.

In this spirit, the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs would like to offer VOs an opportunity to provide online courses and material for e-learning opportunities for Ghanaian nationals in the field of health, to equip medical staff with the right tools and skills sets in their day-to-day work.

It is important that the project proposal submitted incorporates a gender component in all policies and practices to ensure that everyone is equally addressed and that the project responds to the needs of everyone equally.

Costs in the setting up and the running of the online platform should be included within the Expression of Interest and should fall within the €55,000 set budget as per Section D.

Besides the items listed in Section E, interested parties should also provide the following:

Course types and values, beneficiary target group type (mention profession), courses content, deliverables and outcomes (e.g. proficiency levels by trainees reached, which health clinics and departments receive training).

Malta's High Commissioner in Ghana, Mr. Jean Claude Galea Mallia can be reached by email, [maltahighcommission.accra@gov.mt](mailto:maltahighcommission.accra@gov.mt), for further assistance.

### **Project 2: E-learning on Climate Change and Biodiversity (targeting SDGs 4, 11, 12,13 and 15)**

Never in the history of the environmental movement has a topic gained as much public attention as climate change. However, this attention has been focused almost entirely on ways in which society stands to suffer from its consequences, but not on ways how this can be mitigated.

In this spirit, the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs entrusts an interested VO in providing online material, online lessons and training for both teaching staff and children between ages 4 and 16, focusing on Climate Change and Biodiversity.

The aim of the project is for the teaching staff and pupils to gain awareness of the main current and future threats of climate change and their adverse effects on biodiversity; understand the relevance of biodiversity conservation in combating climate change and to comprehend how local biodiversity initiatives can be designed to reduce biodiversity loss and habitat degradation.

The project proposed must foster a clear link to entrepreneurship. Through this project we want to move away from donor practices towards development entrepreneurship with the aim of enabling upward socioeconomic mobility as well as ensure impact, scale and sustainability soundness.

It is important that the project proposal submitted incorporates a gender component in all policies and practices, to ensure that everyone is equally addressed and that the projects respond to the needs of all genders alike.

The costs of either outsourcing the setting up of a platform or the establishment of a platform should feature within the Expression of Interest together with the utilisation and running costs.

Besides the items listed in Section E, interested parties should also provide the following:

Course types and values, beneficiary age groups, courses content, deliverables and outcomes (e.g. proficiency levels reached by x amount of students, male and female).

## **Section D - Financing**

The projects will be financed by Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds with a ceiling of €55,000 per project.

## **Section E - Terms and Conditions**

Expressions of interest shall be exclusively welcome on any of the above themes for any given project.

The following information must be included for the proposals to be considered:

- a) Full name of lead representative of the Voluntary Organisation (VO), including registration number, and applicant details of who is submitting the expression of interest (name, address and contact details including e-mail);
- b) Copy of legal representative's identification documents (valid ID card or Passport);
- c) Organisation organigram clearly identifying who will be working on the project;
- d) Details and description and role of other partners and/or private entities working also on the project. These can be based in Malta or within the country of implementation (name, address and contact details including e-mail address of lead representative of the partner);
- e) Budget pre-set by the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs against listed activities, deliverables and timeframes. The proposal may be less than €55,000 but the Grant shall not exceed this amount;
- f) Soft copies of submissions must be provided in Excel, pdf or jpg formats. Other formats will not be considered;
- g) Offers need to include (if applicable) delivery costs. The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs shall not be charged with any other charges on delivery, which were not reflected in the respective Expression of Interest submission;
- h) Prices should be inclusive of VAT or similar taxes. All components of the price should be inclusive of taxes, customs, and import duties and discounts. It shall also be inclusive of fuel, stops, layover costs, catering expenses and all applicable airport taxes;
- i) No payment will be made for items that have not been costed in the submission of the expression of interest;
- j) Prices quoted should be fixed for a minimum of 90 days and not subject to revision or escalation of cost;
- k) The information must be submitted in English;
- l) Any Expression of Interest received after the deadline of noon **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**, shall be disregarded;
- m) In submitting an Expression of Interest, the applicant accepts in full and its entirety, the content of this document, including subsequent clarifications issued by the Ministry for



Foreign and European Affairs, whatever the applicant's own corresponding conditions may be, which are hereby waived;

- n) Applicants are expected to examine carefully and comply with all instructions, forms, and specifications contained in this document.

### **Section F – Submission format**

Expressions of Interest are to be straightforward, clear, concise and specific to the information requested. For submissions to be considered complete, applicants must provide all the requested information mentioned in this document as well as any other comments, observations or suggestions, which potentially may assist the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs in analysing submissions.