

IOM MISSION – (KENYA COUNTRY OFFICE)

**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROJECT:**

**RESILIENCE-BUILDING AMONG CROSS-BORDER COMMUNITIES THROUGH ENHANCED ACCESS TO WATER AND LIVELIHOODS**

1 **Timeline**

Call for Expression of interest ID #	EOI-K10-2024- 072
Posted (date)	15 July 2024
Clarification Request Deadline	2 weeks from advertisement
Application Deadline	29 July 2024
Notification of Results	12 August 2024
Implementation Start Date	1 September 2024
Implementation End Date	31 October 2025

2 **Locations**

Mandera County (Mandera East and/or Lafey sub counties)

3 **Sector(s) and area(s) of specialization**

1) Livelihood diversification support aiming to increase access to climate-smart agriculture and green job opportunities for climate change affected population targeting migrants, displaced and host communities.

2) Access to sustainable and integrated water supply for climate change affected population targeting migrants, displaced and host communities and for livestock’s sustainable consumptions.

4 **Issuing Agency**

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

5 **Project Background**

Established in 1951, IOM is a lead United Nations agency in the field of migration, works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

The Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) region in Kenya is facing immense humanitarian needs following five consecutive below-average rainy seasons and flash floods. Over 6.4 million people, including 5.4 million severely food insecure people, require assistance in 2023. Currently, a total of 1.8 million students do not have access to safe water within their schools and 3.8 million people, including 70,325 refugees and 8,270 irregular migrants, are facing significant challenges in accessing clean and safe water in the 23 drought-

affected counties. Women and girls face increased risks of gender-based violence as they travel long distances in search of food and water and encounter growing tensions in their homes. Millions of people have lost their livelihoods due to the drought, and hundreds of thousands have been displaced, many of whom have arrived at urban areas where they have no support system, limited access to basic services and lack access to social and economic opportunities. Although the arrival of recent rains has eased the drought, it has also caused further loss of livestock and heightened the risk of communicable diseases. As a result of the rains, recharge of water points is happening in some areas. Others have not received sufficient rainfall while also areas are experiencing flooding. Full recovery of water sources is predicted to take long even when normal rain patterns return. The longer-term impact of inaction in responding to the water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs are multiple across different sectors leading to malnutrition, insecurity and intercommunal conflict, increased Gender-Based Violence (GBV), depletion of household savings for water purchases, an increase in school dropout rates and heightened risk of water-borne diseases. Quality of lives and livelihoods are at significant risk of irreversible deterioration if the WASH response is not immediately supported, scaled up and sustained, in particularly focusing on longer-term sustainable solutions taking climate change and environmental needs into consideration.

Immediate action by humanitarians is crucial to save lives and alleviate suffering, while resilience and climate adaptation efforts are required to mitigate the long-term impact of the drought. Yet, with only 95 million USD received by mid-May 2023 out of the 452 million USD requested under the Drought Response Plan, the response by humanitarian partners is falling short of the needs.

In response to the above context and through this project, IOM in collaboration with IGAD will aim to contribute towards enhancing the capacity of Mandera Triangle stakeholders in building climate resilience and integrated water resource management, enhancing water related livelihoods, green economy support and infrastructural improvement to address and mitigate resource-based conflict. The project will take an integrated approach to build resilience and social cohesion that helps people to prepare for and cope with current threats whilst building their capacity to adapt in the long term to shocks, stress, and uncertainty. Community-based approaches will underline all components of the action, whereby local government, community institutions, community-based organizations, and water management committees as well as target beneficiaries will play a central role in the planning and implementation of the action

To respond to the immediate needs of climate change affected populations whilst strengthening durable solutions for long-term stability, IOM Kenya is implementing a project “*Resilience-Building Among Cross-Border Communities Through Enhanced Access to Water and Livelihoods*” through the funding from the European Union.

The project objective is **to build climate change resilience and integrated water resource management through improved water infrastructure, rainwater harvesting, better natural resource management, accessibility to market and trade routes in Mandera county.** To achieve the objective, the project aims to achieve the two Specific Objectives:

**Specific Objective I:** *Targeted border communities have increased availability and access to markets and sustainable water for human consumption and their livelihood.*

**Specific Objective II:** *Develop livelihood interventions and regional initiatives on water resource management and climate change adaptation to prevent and mitigate impacts on future droughts.*

In this call for Expression of Interest, IOM Kenya is inviting international and national non-government organizations (I/NGOs) in Kenya with proven capacity, field presence and technical expertise to implement various activities on diversified resilient/climate smart water supply and livelihoods support in Mandera County.

The main Results to implement these components are:

*Result 1: Communities living along the border areas have increased access to WASH services through construction/ rehabilitation of ground and surface water infrastructures.*

*Result 2: Communities have increased capacity to sustainably manage water resources and related infrastructure through WUAs*

*Result 4: Border communities are supported through income-generating livelihoods activities.*

## 6 **Expected Results**

### **Result 1: Communities living along the border areas have increased access to WASH services through construction/ rehabilitation of ground and surface water infrastructures.**

This output encompasses the development and rehabilitation/repair of potable water sources, such as boreholes, wells, water pans and water troughs to ensure functional and reliable water supply for domestic and sustainable livelihood use. It will involve development of new water infrastructure and rehabilitation/repair of existing infrastructures in Mandera County in Kenya.

#### **Planned Activities:**

*1.1 Technical and community assessment on mapping of at least 12 existing surface and underground water schemes in coordination with the local authorities and targeted communities for potential rehabilitation/ repair or upgrade of six schemes, including baseline for identifying three priority location for new water sources for equitable drinking water supplies and sustainable climate smart livelihoods support for targeted communities. Develop a technical proposal detailed designs for the proposed six rehabilitation/repair or upgrades, new water schemes and prepare the exact cost projection of the proposed activities for the assessed schemes.*

*1.3 Rehabilitation of existing six water sources identified and prioritised during the assessment and to ensure support to domestic use, livestock and agricultural support.*

*1.4 Drilling and/construction of three complete high yield water supply systems following gap analysis, hydrogeological survey, EIA, to consist of an elevated water tank and solar power system, installation of water points/animal troughs, water kiosks and piping extensions to cater both the communities and their livestock including support to smart agriculture.*

### **Result 2: Communities have increased capacity to sustainably manage water resources and related infrastructure through WUAs.**

This Result aims to strengthen the capacity of communities to sustainably manage water sources and related infrastructure through formation or enhance the existing water users' association (WUAs). It seeks to empower communities to take ownership of their water resources, ensuring long-term sustainability while mitigating conflicts over access to water hence contribute to improved water governance and socio cohesion among residents in the project in the project including the promotion/ development of private partnership.

#### **Activities:**

*2.1 Conduct assessment and mapping of existing water users' associations, community farmer groups and any water system related community-based organizations to identify appropriate capacity development activities.*

*2.2 Establish and Conduct capacity development trainings of (9) nine water management*

*committees (WUAs), in collaboration with key county government partners on sustainable local water management, including strengthening the technical care and maintenance of water sources and water facilities-newly drilled or/ rehabilitated to ensure sustainability and building community resilience.*

*2.3 Training of Trainers (ToT) on sanitation and hygiene promotion to (30) thirty members.*

*2.4 Conduct Nine (9) community-based orientation sanitation and hygiene promotion.*

#### **Result 4: Border communities are supported through to income-generating livelihoods activities.**

This Result aims to provide income-generating livelihood opportunities for targeted border communities in Mandera County in Kenya. The proposed livelihood opportunities will be closely linked to the constructed and rehabilitated water infrastructures. The action will also promote climate change adaptation which will contribute to green economy, including sustainable livelihoods and building community resilience among climate-induced vulnerable population.

##### **Activities:**

*4.1 Provide trainings and resources for income-generating activities related to water to improve household production such as sustainable small-scale agriculture, fodder production and livestock rearing in project locations to 180 individuals.*

*4.2. Promote sustainable climate smart livelihood activities to (6) six beneficiary communities linked to the constructed and rehabilitated water infrastructure.*

##### **Monitoring:**

- a) Conduct regular field supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the progress of the activities.
- b) Submit the necessary narrative and financial reports, as required by IOM.

## **7 Other Information**

### **Coordination with Relevant stakeholders**

The local implementing partner will establish close coordination with various government entities, including but not limited to the County Commissioner's Office, County Government of Mandera, IGAD, NDMA, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, County Water Department, NEMA, WASH sector leads and national and County level, as well as with other relevant Livelihood and WASH partners.

### **Diversity, equity, inclusion and Accessibility Integration**

The implementing partner will ensure diversity and social integration by ensuring that age, gender and other diversity differences and inequalities around human trafficking issues are considered, as well as equal provision of rights and opportunities regardless of their sex, age, ethnicity, social status, income, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability etc.

**Diversity:** The partner will ensure fair engagement and participation of diverse stakeholders (men, women, youth, minorities and so on) in consultation, trainings, capacity building, workshops and all activities in line with diversity and inclusivity concerns.

**Equity:** The implementing partner will ensure equity in the provision of services, and fairness and impartiality throughout the implementation period.

**Inclusion:** The project will be research-guided to ensure inclusion of vulnerable populations, survivors, diverse

gender identities and social backgrounds. The implementation approach will promote gender transformative messages. The intervention will mainstream respect, protection and fulfilment of human rights in all phases of the implementation and applying a human rights-based approach in the provision of direct assistance to contribute to the elimination of all forms of discrimination.

**Accessibility:** The partner will ensure accessibility to the project activities to all stakeholders and beneficiaries, including those with disabilities, in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The project will seek to ensure hard-to-reach communities are not left behind by implementing activities at village level, utilizing existing structures.

## 8. **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Concept Note (Logic, data collection methodology and data analysis methodology)	Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results; Expertise on climate smart agriculture and green economy, technical borehole drilling and construction in arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) areas, stakeholder and beneficiary capacity building including experience in climate resilient WASH and Infrastructure interventions. Relevant technical expertise and experience in working with a different range of stakeholders in Mandera County.	50%
Experience in climate smart agriculture and green economy related livelihood support, as well as WASH infrastructural interventions, including community capacity building for sustainable WASH support.	With proven experience in the last 3 years in climate smart agriculture and green economy related livelihood support, WASH infrastructural interventions and community capacity building for sustainability of WASH projects.	10%
Workplan	With clear activities, timeline and responsible persons to carry out the project in a timely manner within the project implementation period.	10%
Funds availability	The implementing partner must have the financial capacity to commence implementation by utilizing its current available organizational funds.	20%
Field Presence	With strong field presence and office in Mandera County implementing Livelihoods and WASH & Infrastructure interventions and other various programmes on humanitarian, development or disaster risk reduction and management programmes.	10%

## 9 **Attachments**

Description
ANNEX A – Implementing Partner References Checklist
ANNEX B – Implementing Partners General Information Questionnaire
ANNEX C – Declaration of Conformity Form
ANNEX D – Concept Note Template

10 ***For more information on this partnership opportunity, and to apply, please visit***

<https://kenya.iom.int/>

The organizations responding to this call need to demonstrate their capacity to implement all listed activities as a single package. Partial applications for individual activities will not be considered.

IOM reserves the right to cancel/reduce the scope of planned activities or to introduce new/broaden the scope of the existing activities. Selected Implementing partner needs to be ready to develop a detailed budget based on submitted proposal in two weeks upon receiving the notification from IOM.

All applicants will receive written notification, within the two weeks after the deadline for the submission of Concept Note, of the outcome of the selection process. Should an applicant request further clarification, IOM will provide a response explaining the transparency and integrity of the selection process undertaken.

IOM reserves the right to decline disclosure of the specificity of decision derived by the IOM mission due to reasons related to confidentiality.

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any Expression of Interest, and to annul the selection process and reject all Expression of Interest at any time, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Implementing Partners.

For more information, please send an email to Sherman Mutengu ([smutengu@iom.int](mailto:smutengu@iom.int))

### **Expression of Interest submission guidelines**

This document contains instructions on the preparation and submission of the Application including its Annex A: IP Information.

1. A detailed description must be provided of how the requirements specified in the Call for Expression of Interest (CEI) issued by IOM will be matched by the capabilities, experience, knowledge and expertise of the Implementing Partners.
2. The Application must be submitted electronically via the following email: [iomnborfq@iom.int](mailto:iomnborfq@iom.int) **not later than 29 July 2024**. In case you have questions please send your email to [smutengu@iom.int](mailto:smutengu@iom.int) not later than **22 July 2024**. You are requested to indicate the subject in the email to read the Call for Expression of Interest **EOI-KE10-2024-072** while sending your application. Late Application will no longer be considered.
3. The application must be submitted in the English language and in the format prescribed by IOM within the CEI. All required information must be provided, responding clearly and concisely to all the points set out. Any application which does not fully and comprehensively address this CEI requirements may be rejected.
4. The Application document should comprise of the following:
  - a. Cover Letter;
  - b. Duly accomplished application documentation as outlined within the CEI signed on all pages by the Implementing Partner's Authorized Representative; and
  - c. Concept Note, budget, results matrix and workplan
  - d. Audited Financial Statement/Report (last 2 years)
  - e. Any other relevant documents such as past project reports that proves the relevant experience of the organization
5. Applications may be modified or withdrawn in writing, prior to the closing time specified in this Request for EOI. Applications shall not be modified or withdrawn after the deadline.
6. The Implementing partner shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Application and IOM will not in any case be responsible and liable for the costs incurred.
7. At no occasion will IOM ask an application fee or any other money from Implementing Partners.
8. All information given in writing to or verbally shared with the Implementing Partners in connection with this CEI is to be treated as strictly confidential. The Implementing Partner shall not share or

invoke such information to any third party without the prior written approval of IOM. This obligation shall continue after the selection process has been completed whether or not the Implementing Partner application is successful.

9. IOM will treat all information (or that marked proprietary/sensitive/financial) received from Implementing Partners as confidential and any personal data in accordance with its Data Protection Principles.
10. The Implementing Partner, by applying, gives consent to IOM to share information with those who need to know for the purposes of evaluating and managing the proposal.
11. IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any Application, and to cancel the process and reject all Applications, at any time without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Implementing partner or any obligation to inform the affected Implementing partner of the ground for IOM's action.

## Annex A

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER REFERENCES CHECKLIST

The below information is requested to be include in the response to the CEI issued by IOM:

#### TABLE 1 – MAIN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER EXPERIENCE IN LAST THREE YEARS (free format)

- Starting Month/ Year
- Ending Month / Year
- Donor / Lead partner
- Description of projects
- Contract Amount

Remarks (Provide documentary evidence)

#### TABLE 2 – SIMILAR EXPERIENCE IN LAST THREE YEARS (free format)

- Year
- Donor / Lead partner
- Description of projects
- Contract Amount
- Remarks (Provide documentary evidence (\*))

#### TABLE 3 – LIST OF KEY STAFF MEMBERS (free format)

- Name
- Designation Qualification
- No. of Years of Experience

Provide an organizational chart and detailed CVs for key management and personnel in the Organization

#### TABLE 4 – ANY OTHER INFORMATION (free format)

In addition to the required information, Implementing Partners may provide any other related documents



Annex B

IOM Mission – Kenya Country Office

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**Implementing Partners General Information Questionnaire**

Information provided in this form will be used as input to the Due Diligence Assessment of applicants

Call for Interest ID number:	
Full name of the Organization and abbreviation:	
Address and e-mail of contact person:	
Date of completion:	
Existing partnership with IOM?	
If yes, when did the cooperation with start?	

**A. BACKGROUND AND GOVERNANCE**

Is your organization legally registered in the country(ies) of implementation? If yes, please provide registration number/proof. If not, please explain.	
What is the status of the organization (e.g. IO/INGO, NGO, etc)?	
Does the organization produce an annual audited financial statement that is publicly available? If not, please explain.	
Does the organization`s management or ownership have any affiliation to IOM that would result in a conflict of interest?	
Who has influence over the organization?	
When was the Organization founded?	
When was the Organization last assessed by IOM or another UN entity?	
Date of last external evaluation and the name of the evaluator. Can the evaluation be shared with IOM?	

**B. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Is an updated organizational structure/chart and the CVs of key personnel attached to the application?	
Where does the organization work in the country and what is its in-country structure and field presence?	
How many staff members work in the country office/programme?	
Are the all the main operational functions adequately staffed and resourced (finance, logistics, implementation, M&E)?	
Does the organization have personnel guidelines?	

Does the organization have personnel security procedures?	
<b>C. EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND INFLUENCE</b>	
<b>Networks and coordination</b>	
Is the organization involved in networking with other Civil Society Organizations, humanitarian organizations or networks? If yes, please provide details.	
Does the organization coordinate its work with other Civil Society Organizations (local, national, international)? If yes, please provide details.	
How does the organization interact with beneficiaries and communities?	
Does the organization coordinate with the government/authorities?	
Does the organization engage in public or political processes (i.e. national and local government policy or budget discussions / decisions)	
<b>Information and advocacy</b>	
Does the organization produce information materials regularly? If yes, please describe.	
Does the organization hold public events for fundraising or other purposes? If yes, please describe.	
Does the organization work through the media?	
Does the organization use advocacy as a foundation of its work? If yes, please describe.	
Does the organization perform any lobbying activities? If yes, please describe.	
<b>C. PROGRAMMATIC CAPACITY</b>	
Does the organization have a stated mission and vision? Please provide the link if publicly available.	
What are the target group(s)/ beneficiaries of the organization?	
What is the geographical focus of the organization?	
What is the programmatic focus of the organization?	
Does the organization have a documented risk register and a risk management process?	
<b>Does the organization:</b>	
Uphold and abide by the humanitarian principles?	
Support the provision of impartial assistance solely based on needs?	
Operate independently without the imposition of a political agenda?	
Uphold a do-no-harm approach?	
Have a long-term plan/strategy in place?	
Have a framework for Accountability to Affected Populations?	

Have a Code of Conduct or other ethics policy?	
Have policies and procedures to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse?	
<b>D. FINANCIAL CAPACITY</b>	
What donors are currently supporting the organization's programmatic activities?	
What is the current overall budget for the organization's activities?	
Has the organization faced any liquidity or solvency related challenges during the past three years? If yes, how was it resolved?	
<b>Accounting system</b>	
Does the organization have detailed policies documenting its accounting standards, rules and procedures?	
Which accounting standards the organization follows (IPSAS; IFRS, national)?	
Which accounting software does the organization use and is it integrated with other functions (e.g. HR, procurement, etc.)?	
What is the document retention policy in relation to accounting and supporting documents? How does the organization ensure a safety of archives from theft, fire, flooding etc.? Were there any challenges faced in this respect during the last three years?	
Are all costs booked in the organizations accounts in a timely manner?	
Can the organization provide periodic financial reports at the project level?	
<b>Financial control</b>	
Does the organization have its own bank account registered in its own name?	
Does the organization have established internal audit functions?	
Is there a regular requirement for external audit on the companies accounts and if yes, is it carried out in a timely manner?	
Does the organization comply with the audit recommendations received?	
What are the main characteristics of the internal control system in place? Were there any challenges faced in this respect during the last three years?	
How does the organization ensure sufficient segregation of duties?	
Is there a system in place to avoid double reporting of expenses to donors? Des the organization have a project accounting solution in place to facilitate related controls?	
<b>Cost effectiveness</b>	

Is the organization cost conscious? What principles are followed to minimize costs?	
Are quotations or invoices collected before purchases are made?	
<b>E. PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN CAPACITY</b>	
Describe the logistical setup of the organization.	
Does the organization have and follow counterterrorism policies requiring systematically vetting partners and suppliers against recognized lists of terrorists?	
<b>Procurement</b>	
Does the organization have clear procurement regulations? If yes, please share a copy.	
Was the organization's procurement policy reviewed and accepted by other organizations and/or donors?	
Does the organization have a clear policy for segregation of duties and delegation of authority in the procurement process?	
Does the organization have (and use) a procurement plan?	
Does the organization use ERP system to post procurement transactions?	
<b>Asset and warehouse management</b>	
Does the organization have an asset database?	
Does the organization have established protocols for handing over, write-off, sales and disposals of assets?	
Does the organization have procedures for managing stocks and warehouses?	

I, the undersigned, warrant that the information provided in this form is correct and, in the event of changes, details will be provided as soon as possible:

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Name/ Signature/ Date

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY FORM

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

SIGNATORY (NAME AND TITLE):

DATE:

As authorised signatory for the organization named above (the "Organization"), I hereby represent and warrant that neither the Organization, nor any person having powers of representation, decision-making or control over it or any member of its administrative, management or supervisory body, has been the subject of a final judgement or final administrative decision for one of the following reasons:

- a) bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up procedures;
- b) breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions;
- c) grave professional misconduct, including mis-representation;
- d) fraud;
- e) corruption;
- f) conduct related to a criminal organisation;
- g) money laundering or terrorist financing;
- h) terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities;
- i) child labour and other trafficking in human beings, any discriminatory or exploitative practice, or any practice that is inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child or other prohibited practices;
- j) irregularity;
- k) creating or being a shell company.

On behalf of the Organization, I further represent and warrant that:

- a) The Organization is financially sound and duly licensed;
- b) The Organization has adequate human resources, equipment, competence, expertise and skills necessary to perform the partnership activities fully and satisfactorily, within the stipulated completion period and in accordance with the relevant conditions of collaboration;
- c) The Organization complies with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations when performing the partnership activities;
- d) The Organization will in all circumstances act in the best interests of IOM;
- e) No official of IOM or any third party has received from, will be offered by, or will receive from the Organization any direct or indirect benefit arising from the partnership activities;
- f) The Organization has not misrepresented or concealed any material facts during the partnership process;
- g) The Organization will respect the legal status, privileges and immunities of IOM as an intergovernmental organization;
- h) Neither the Organization nor any persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over the Organization or any member of its administrative, management or supervisory body are included in the most recent Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List (the "UN Sanctions List"), or are the subject of any sanctions or other temporary suspension. The Organization will immediately disclose to IOM if it or they become subject to any sanction or temporary suspension;
- i) The Organization does not employ, provide resources to, support, contract or otherwise deal with any person, entity or other group associated with terrorism as per the UN Sanctions List and any other applicable anti-terrorism legislation;

- j) The Organization will apply in the partnership activities the highest ethical standards, the principles of efficiency and economy, equal opportunity, open competition and transparency, and will avoid any conflict of interest;
- k) The Organization undertakes to comply with the Code of Conduct for IOM Implementing Partners.

It is the responsibility of the Organization to inform IOM immediately of any change to the information provided in this Form.

IOM reserves the right to withdraw any offer of partnership or terminate any agreement, with immediate effect and without liability, in the event of any misrepresentation made by the Organization in this Form.

Date and signature