

Call for Expression of Interest for multi-annual partnership with The Netherlands Refugee Foundation (SV-Stichting Vluchteling) for in-country partners, as part of the ASPIRE direct funding and capacity strengthening program.

Purpose of the call

The purpose of this call for expressions of interest is to invite in-country based national and local organizations with relevant experience in protection and improved access to services for refugees and host communities in Southeast Türkiye (11 provinces in SET region) to submit their interest for participating in the ASPIRE program through a potential multi-annual partnership with the Netherlands Refugee Foundation.

About The Netherlands Refugee Foundation

The Netherlands Refugee Foundation (*Stichting Vluchteling*) is an emergency relief organization that supports partner organizations globally to assist displaced populations. In case of acute need, the Netherlands Refugee Foundation provides funding to international and national partners in order to provide direct assistance, such as shelter, medical care, clean drinking water and sanitation. In the Netherlands, the Refugee Foundation provides information to the Dutch public about the situation of refugees and internally displaced as well as about emergency aid in general.

In recent years, following its commitments on advancing localization, the Netherlands Refugee Foundation has been growing its direct funding and organizational capacity strengthening support to over 50 local and national partners in over 20 countries.

Read more on <https://www.vluchteling.nl/en>

Background of the Expression of Interest

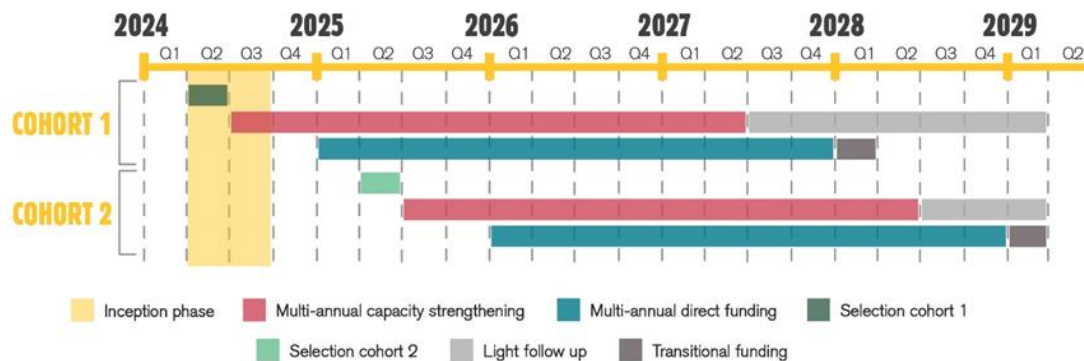
ASPIRE: Advancing Sustainable Partnerships to Improve Resilience and Empowerment.

The Netherlands Refugee Foundation is launching the ASPIRE program: “Advancing Sustainable Partnerships to Improve Resilience & Empowerment” which aims to advance the leadership of in-country partners in Iraq, Lebanon, and Türkiye, through equitable, multi-annual partnerships that focus on the priorities and aspirations of these organizations by integrating streams of organizational capacity strengthening and direct funding. ASPIRE has the following two objectives: 1. Protection of refugees and host communities by in-country partners¹; and 2. Access to improved services, facilities and information systems for refugees and host communities². The program will be implemented in the three countries simultaneously during a period of five years with two cohorts of partners to be selected. – the

¹ By stating protection we specifically aim to Sustainably improve the living conditions of refugees and host communities in host countries by providing access to basic human rights. This may include freedom of movement, access to basic socio economic rights, improving access to legal documentation, access to justice and/or civil documents, and countering violence (including gender-related violence), exploitation and discrimination.

² By stating access to services we aim to sustainably improve the living conditions of refugees and vulnerable host communities in the host countries by providing access to improved services, facilities and information systems (=essential infrastructure). This may include access to improved safe drinking water systems, sanitation and/or waste management

first cohort selection takes place in the second quarter of 2024, while a second cohort will be selected during the second quarter of 2025. (please see the visual below for the rough timeline).



From the kick off of the program on April 1st 2024, during the first three months of inception, the Netherlands Refugee Foundation will identify potential in-country partners through the publication of the call for the Expression of Interest on various relevant platforms in all three countries, and conducting a partner and humanitarian landscape mapping. ASPIRE will target organizations often excluded from international funding streams due to lack of access to the standard INGO funding channels, their size precluding them from INGO or donor awareness, and/or the age of the organization and potential lack of a long enough track record for many INGO or donor eligibility requirements. As such, ASPIRE will prioritise, but not be limited to, *Community-based Organizations (CBOs)*, *Refugee-Led Organizations (RLOs)*, *Women-Led Organizations (WLOs)*, and *(small) national Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)*³(not being country offices or sister organizations of northern/international NGOs).

Following partner selection, selected partners will develop projects aligning with the two above-mentioned objectives and community priorities for a funding amount ranging from 40,000 to 100,000 euros per year. In parallel, partners will conduct organizational self-assessments to identify organizational capacity strengthening and -sharing priorities. In addition, partners will participate in workshops to develop joint risk sharing plans, accountability mechanisms and participatory feedback loops. Each partner will be part of ASPIRE for a period of three years.

ASPIRE is funded through the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as part of the “Migration & Displacement 2023-2028 subsidy framework”. Please find more information about ASPIRE and the framework of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on <https://www.vluchteling.nl/en/about-us/collaborations/aspire>

This call is published in parallel in Türkiye, Lebanon and Iraq, where a number of partners will be selected to participate in each country.

Skills and qualifications

³ When referring to “small” organizations in this call, we consider organizations with an annual income of €500.000 or less. For the selection of partners, the Netherlands Refugee Foundation will be focusing on the lower quartile (according to annual income) of the initial shortlisting.

Minimum eligibility requirements for in-country partners to participate in the ASPIRE program:

- Have a relevant track record of working with refugees or host communities of at least one year.
- Be actively engaged with the refugee and host communities.
- Have active presence and be operational in SET provinces (Adana, Ayıdaman Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Mardin, Mersin, Şanlıurfa and Osmaniye) for not less than one year, with available human resource and program management structure.
- Have expertise in one or both of the two project-level objectives as stated above.
- Have the ability to be operational in the targeted location within maximum 4-6 months.
- Possess project management expertise, both financially and operationally, and are able to provide supporting documentation, such as project reports, evaluations, and audit reports in English or Turkish, for example.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, and prevention of fraud and corruption.

Required documents:

- If available, a valid certificate of registration for Türkiye.
- (Audited) financial statements for at least the last one year (please share up to three years, in case available). If not available, we kindly ask for elaboration in the template below.
- Organogram of the organization.

How to apply

- Please carefully read the eligibility criteria and submit the completed form, including the the upload of supporting documents, no later than **30 June 2024**
- The Netherlands Refugee Foundation will conduct a screening process to verify all submitted documents after submission.
- Short-listed organisations will be asked to provide more in-depth information about the organization at the next stage. Moreover, a vetting process and a reference check will be conducted as part of the next stage.

Applications can be submitted in Turkish or English, and will be assessed by a Technical Review Panel to identify organizations that have the mandate, capacities and expertise to support the achievement of 1. Protection of refugees and local communities by in-country partners; and 2. Access to improved services, facilities and information systems for refugees and host communities.

You can submit your application through the google form (links shared below) or fill the template which shared at the end of the call and send us email at aspire@vluchteling.nl as PDF format with required documents.

Turkish version of the application form: <https://forms.gle/d4SssKq5FCyamTkd6>

English version of the application form: <https://forms.gle/zGfEA8w3kTNbRHwA8>

Please ensure that your organization only submits one application. For any questions in the meantime, please send us an email at aspire@vluchteling.nl or contact us on +905354840055

All applicants will receive feedback on their application via email. Expressions of Interest submitted after the deadline will not be considered. It should be noted that the participation in this Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee the organization will be selected for a partnership with the Netherlands Refugee Foundation.

The Netherlands Refugee Foundation does not charge any fee at any stage of the selection process. For any complaints, feedback or suggestion please send us an email at supportcare@vluchteling.nl

Template to fill (max 3 pages)

<i>Brief organizational profile</i>	<i>Prospective partner input</i> <i>Please insert a short and precise text</i>
Name and nature of organization (sector, mandate)	
When was the organization founded (year)? Is the organization registered? If yes, when was it registered?	
Type of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroot initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Local collective <input type="checkbox"/> Community based initiative or organization <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee-led organization <input type="checkbox"/> Women-led organization <input type="checkbox"/> National/local non-governmental organization (NGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain)	Check relevant box(es) on the left. If not sure, please explain briefly.
Active in <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq <input type="checkbox"/> Türkiye <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon	
Region(s) in which the organization currently has operations	
Location of main/head office	
Number of office(s) equipped and with staff (currently operational), if any	Please indicate district/specific location.

Area(s) of expertise:	Please briefly elaborate.
1) community identified needs related to access to services for (vulnerable) refugees and host communities; and/or 2) protection for (vulnerable) refugees and host communities.	
Annual budget of the organization in Euro	
If currently or previously funded, information on current and previous donor(s) (No value required, please list them)	Current donor(s): Previous donor(s):
Does the organization possess project management expertise, both financially and operationally, for which supporting documentation, such as project reports, evaluations, and audit reports for example, could be shared at a later stage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Cross-cutting and organizational specifications	Prospective partner input <i>Please insert a short and precise text</i>
Registered as a legal entity with proof of registration	Yes / No
Commitment to protection from Sexual Exploitation and sexual Abuse (PSEA) and prevention of fraud and corruption	Please explain, including a description of available documentation, if any
Organizational Code of Conduct	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How is accountability to the affected population ensured?	
Membership in any network, association or federation of NGOs, if any	

Contact details of organization	
Contacts details, including telephone number and email address (please provide for two people)	[Name/Surname, Position, Phone and E-mail]
	I [Name of the organization] hereby give my consent to the Netherlands Refugee Foundation, also known as SV, to share information with those who need to know for the purposes of evaluating and managing collected expressions of interest. The Netherlands Refugee Foundation will treat all information (or that marked proprietary, sensitive, or financial and any personal data) received from applicants as confidential in accordance with its Data Protection Principles. We agree not to disclose, share, or discuss this information with any third parties without prior written consent. All data collected will be securely stored.