**Ukraine Community Recovery Fund**

**Second Call for Proposals – 27 May 2024**

1. **Background**

The United Nations (UN) in Ukraine, in coordination with the Government, continue the implementation of the Ukraine Community Recovery Fund to support an inclusive, area-based approach that is in full synergy to the early recovery priorities as identified in the UN Transitional Framework (2022-2024) and the priorities of the Government from the second Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment.

Thanks to a new generous contribution from Denmark received in May 2024 the Steering Committee approved the Second Strategic Allocation earmarked for mine action for community recovery.

This Call for Proposals is organized to implement the second strategic allocation under Mine Action pillar.

1. **Priorities of the Call for Proposals**

In line with the [Terms of Reference of the Ukraine Community Recovery Fund](https://ukraine.un.org/en/256751-ukraine-community-recovery-fund-terms-reference) (Annex to this Call), the present Call for Proposals has the following objective:

**Mine Action for Community Recovery**

**Thematic focus**: Mine action is a key enabler for community recovery – promoting economic activities and supporting voluntary and safe returns. Under this allocation, mine action support will be provided in communities where it can contribute to livelihoods and returns.

1. **Financial allocation**

The available financial allocation under this Call for Proposals is USD 5,820,517.64.

The *minimum amount* of the project proposal is set to US$ 2 Million.

The *maximum amount* is limited by the financial allocation indicated above.

1. **Eligibility criteria**

***Applicants***

Eligible applicants for the Call for Proposals are UN entities resident in Ukraine that fulfil the following criteria:

* Proven operational presence (field office, humanitarian and recovery activities) in the area of programme support that can be leveraged for rapid delivery of proposed interventions.
* Mandate relevant to mine action and community recovery.
* Proven experience in mine action on the local level.

***Partnerships***

In line with the inclusive community recovery focus, the proposals must demonstrate consultation and partnerships with the relevant regional administration, authorities of targeted hromadas, civil society representing vulnerable groups such as rural households, grassroots women, persons with disabilities, internally displaced persons and veterans associations. Proposals are not required to be joint but must demonstrate joint analysis and joint aligned planning and interventions in targeted communities among UN agencies. Before submission of the proposal the applicant must ensure UN agencies active in the area are consulted and UN activities are coherent.

Considering the thematic focus, the proposal must demonstrate consultation and alignment with the State Emergency Service of Ukraine.

1. **Application procedure**

Project proposals in line with the call for proposals are submitted for consideration **latest by 21 June 2024, 23:59 Kyiv time**, to the Fund Secretariat, hosted in the UN Resident Coordinator Office. Project proposals should be submitted by email in MS Word format to ana.lukatela@un.org and aliaksei.vavokhin@un.org.

The applicant must use the attached **Ukraine CRF Project Document Template** with the following minimum elements: 1) project narrative including justification, alignment to regional priorities and other submitted proposals, description of activities demonstrating the inclusive community recovery approach, partnerships, gender marker description and score 2) budget in format of UNSDG budget categories, 3) results framework with clear link/contribution to the indicators in the Fund’s TOR.

**The maximum project duration is 12 months** from disbursement of the funds to the successful applicant.

**Note**: all projects must fulfil the minimum requirements indicated in the [Ukraine Community Recovery Fund Terms of Reference](https://ukraine.un.org/en/256751-ukraine-community-recovery-fund-terms-reference) (i.a. *Section 7 Programmatic arrangements*).

Targeted communities/hromada authorities / applicants must register the intervention in the DREAM system and the MPTFO Fund Management Platform after project approval.

1. **Evaluation, selection and award procedure**

Proposals will be evaluated for compliance by the Fund Secretariat in the UNRCO after which a Technical Review committee will review proposals and submit those recommended for approval to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will review and approve the recommendation via email on a no-objection basis.

The Technical Review Committee will review the proposals according to the procedure and against quality and relevance criteria indicated in the Fund’s ToR (Section 6 – Funding allocation process).

Funds will be released to the UN entity within five days of the SC approval and UN RC signature.

1. **Indicative timeline**

Deadline for submission of proposals: 21/06/2024

Deadline for proposal review by Technical Review Committee: 28/06/2024

Deadline for notification of results: 01/07/2024

**Annex 1**: [Ukraine Community Recovery Fund Terms of Reference](https://ukraine.un.org/en/256751-ukraine-community-recovery-fund-terms-reference)

**Annex 2**: Assessment tables

**Annex 3**: Ukraine Community Recovery Fund Project Document Template (attached).

**Annex 2 – Assessment tables**

In line with the [UCRF ToR](https://ukraine.un.org/en/256751-ukraine-community-recovery-fund-terms-reference#:~:text=The%20Ukraine%20Community%20Recovery%20Fund,and%20pilot%20innovative%20recovery%20initiatives.), the Technical Review Committee would use the following indicative criteria to assess the quality and relevance of the proposal.

Please use a separate table for each proposal.

Please score each criteria and provide a brief justification / comment.

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| 1. **Compliance with minimum requirements of the UCRF ToR**
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| **Minimum requirements** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Project results from community level consultations including the active participation of women, displaced, veterans and civil society representatives, as applicable. |  |  |
| Project has a gender equality marker (GEM) based on a four-level scale, to set targets for allocations to programmes serving women and girls, and to allow the monitoring of the share of allocations serving women and girls. GEM 0 and GEM 1 projects will not be accepted. |  |  |
| A minimum of 15% of project resources should be allocated to supporting gender equality/women’s empowerment as the principal objective (and tracked). |  |  |
| Proposals by individual agencies are accepted but must demonstrate joint planning and alignment of interventions to ensure a holistic approach. Proposals must demonstrate gaps in one or more of the five pillars that can be strategically addressed through the Fund.  |  |  |
| Project will be required to focus on using sustainable materials and practices with an eye towards rebuilding a greener Ukraine. |  |  |

**Note:** if a proposal does not meet at least one of the minimum requirements, it is in principle eliminated, unless the Technical Committee recommends revision of a proposal within 24 hours to address the issue.

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| 1. **Assessment of quality and relevance**
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| **Please rate each sub-criterion from 1 (very bad) to 5 (very good)** |
| ***Strategic relevance***  | **Score** | **Comment** |
| Alignment with call for proposal priorities  |  |  |
| In line with the UN Transitional Framework, or subsequent planning frameworks |  |  |
| Proposal has the possibility to be scalable at a later stage |  |  |
| Sustainability of proposed intervention is built in |  |  |
| ***Quality programming***  |  |  |
| Responds to a clear need in an innovative manner aiming to bring improvement to pre-war status  |  |  |
| Evidence based including through community consultations  |  |  |
| Interventions are targeted at the community level and inclusive of underserved communities  |  |  |
| Demonstrate that community members have been involved in the identification of needs, design of interventions, decision-making and implementation and monitoring, with the goal of empowering local stakeholders  |  |  |
| Multi-sectorial area-based is explained including coordination of planning with other UN Organizations  |  |  |
| Responsive to the different needs of community members with regards to age, gender and diversity, and will measure results using disaggregated data (LNOB)  |  |  |
| Coherent with policy and programming frameworks in the domain  |  |  |
| ***Monitoring***  |  |  |
| A comprehensive logical framework that clearly links objectives with outcomes, outputs and activities  |  |  |
| A detailed monitoring plan and coherent information on how progress will be monitored and reported on during implementation  |  |  |
| A clear risk matrix with mitigation measures is defined |  |  |
| An assessment against gender equality marker criteria  |  |  |
| ***Cost-effectiveness***  |  |  |
| Added value of joint programmes  |  |  |
| Coherence of the budget with the logical framework, activities and work plan, including sub-partner budget, where applicable.  |  |  |
| Cost-effective and reasonable budget in comparison with commonly accepted ranges  |  |  |
| **Total (maximum 90 points)** |  |  |

**3. Recommendation of the Technical Committee member**:

[ex.: recommended for funding / comments to be addressed etc]