

Call for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Local Humanitarian Partners

1. **TOGETHER! – Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response”**

With the support of the Federal Foreign Office Germany, Malteser International in Partnership with COAST Trust is implementing in a consortium the localisation program “TOGETHER! - Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response”. The three-year program will be implemented in Asia, Africa and Latin America and aims to offer an opportunity to five local or national organisations in each of eight participating countries to jointly develop and undertake capacity strengthening and exchange measures in order to reinforce their institutional and operational capacity to effectively respond to humanitarian crises. In case of Bangladesh, four local or national organizations will get opportunity to be the part of this project.

TOGETHER! will create a space for establishing complementary partnerships and promoting local partners’ roles as leading local actors in humanitarian response. Capacity strengthening and exchange activities will be based on LHPs’ self-defined needs and priorities and the larger humanitarian context in their countries. LHPs will have access to funding for implementing innovative humanitarian approaches and for institutional strengthening. The programme will further provide technical support and advisory services to LHP and facilitate the creation of platforms for knowledge exchange, learning and evidence-based good practice. The programme and its success depend on the active cooperation of all stakeholders in a spirit of mutual engagement and genuine partnership.

2. **General Information about Malteser and COAST Trust relation and information on Malteser International**

2.1 **General Information on MI and Coast and their relationship**

COAST (www.coastbd.net) is an independent, non-profit and progressive coastal NGO in Bangladesh, having registration with the NGO Affairs Bureau of the Government of Bangladesh and registered with Microcredit Regularity Authority (MRA) from Bangladesh Bank. It has also received special consultative status from UN ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). Concerning It is also a certified organization by HQAI (www.hqai.org). COAST trust is implementing ACCORD project designed to uplift and livelihood of host community at Cox’s Bazar funded by Malteser International and BMZ. For TOGETHER project, COAST trust is the principle partner for Bangladesh. COAST is liable for government related accountability (project approval, annual audit report and annual reports including amendments). COAST trust has hosted the county project unit for Bangladesh.

2.2. **General information on Malteser International**

Malteser International, the worldwide relief agency of the Order of Malta for humanitarian aid, works in more than 28 countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas for people in need, regard-less of their religion, origin or political affiliation. Its mission is to provide emergency relief as well as to implement rehabilitation measures and to facilitate the link between emergency relief and sustainable development. Christian values and the humanitarian principles of impartiality and independence form the basis of its work in the following areas: Relief, Reconstruction & Rehabilitation; Health & Nutrition; Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH); Livelihood & Social Programs and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Malteser International has been operating in Bangladesh since 2017 (after the Rohingya Influx) and is currently active in Cox’s Bazar district and northern flood affected districts. Malteser has project for host community in

Cox's Bazar having field office at Cox's Bazar. Malteser International has small staff structure of 5 and currently have 2 partner organization in Bangladesh. Malteser is involved in primary health care services, community outreach for health and hygiene services, nutritional services, WASH services, livelihood/ income generation activities and provision of relief assistance after disasters.

3. Information on the application and selection process

We would like to hear from any national organisation who is interested and motivated to be part of the three-year long collaborative program.

The selection of partners will take place in a two-stage process. In the first stage, an initial selection of collaborating organisations based on your expressed motivation, expectations and added value for this program. The second stage will involve a participatory process to ensure that the five Local Humanitarian Partners (LHPs), which can be organizations or networks, complement and support each other and are a good fit with the objectives of the program.

Please fill in the Application Form. In this Application Form, in addition to basic information on your organisation, we ask you to share with us your motivation for collaboration in this program, the expectations you place on the program as well as the added values your organisation brings to the program. These constitute the main criteria for selection. Kindly also submit the supporting documentation as stated in the Application Form.

4. LHPs eligibility and qualification criteria

Any local or national organisation meeting the below programme-related criteria and administrative requirements are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest.

4.1 Programme-related criteria

1. Have a presence or being active in the following divisions of Bangladesh: Chattogram, Barisal, Khulna and Rangpur, Mymensingh.
2. Share the vision of the ToGETHER! programme on localising humanitarian emergency response.
3. Have the willingness and ability to further develop capacities in humanitarian response.
4. Have the willingness to actively engage in and contribute to the joint effort, share knowledge and participate in joint initiatives at the Country Steering Committee level.
5. Have previous experience in humanitarian (or preparedness) action and/or have a double mandate in development and humanitarian action.
6. Have experience in working with marginalised and vulnerable groups.
7. Be committed to undertaking a self-defined capacity self-assessment to develop and implement a strengthening plan in the areas of humanitarian preparedness, response, coordination, advocacy and political dialogue
8. Show willingness to actively engage in humanitarian advocacy in the country.
9. Be committed to developing a strategy plan for the sustainability of the organisation after the end of the programme
10. Have the willingness to create team cohesion, coordination and integration and to build the capacity other local organization and actors - transferring capacity to enable the community and individuals to determine their own path forward.

11. Has not already independently access to substantial international funding.
12. Should only in exceptional cases have been or be part of another recent or current similar, long term capacity strengthening project.

4.2 Administrative requirements

1. Be a non-profit, non-governmental organisation registered in NGOAB working closely with the local community and should have at least **5 years** working experience in humanitarian response.
2. Be able to host a seconded or hired full-time experienced and knowledgeable staff member for the project throughout the duration of the programme. (Related staff costs will be covered by the programme.)
3. Be willing to undergo a reference check and a two-way risk assessment.
4. Be willing to enter in a partnership based on the principles of: trust and respect; mutuality; complementarity; transparency, anti-fraud, anti-corruption; accountability.
5. Be committed to respecting humanitarian standards: Core Humanitarian Standard, Code of Conduct for The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, Do No Harm, Sphere, Gender and Diversity, Community Engagement and Accountability CEA, Child protection and safeguarding, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

5. Requirements to submit the Expression of Interest (Eoi)

Detailed information on this expression of interest including the application form will be made available to interest local NGOs from COAST website <https://coastbd.net/expression-of-interest-eoi/> from **12th November 2020** and online application is can be submitted not later than 28th November 2020, 5:00 pm. Online application form both in Bangla and English are available from this link.

Application closing date: 28th November 2020, by 5:00 pm

Applications will be considered only if meeting all basic requirements set out in the detailed expression of interest. Short listed local NGOs will be contacted for further process.

Interested applicants can collect more information, if needed by sending queries to together@coastbd.net, feedback will be provided as soon as possible.

All application must be submitted online, application via email or mail will not be accepted.

Personal persuasion will be treated as the weakness of the applicant. We strongly discourage personal contact for any information in this regard, as all information is available on COAST website, further information can be provided by email.