



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha Department of Foreign Affairs

Ukraine Crisis-Specific Irish Based NGOs Call for Proposals Guidance Note

The humanitarian situation in Ukraine has deteriorated rapidly since the launch of a Russian Federation military offensive on 24 February 2022. The intense military escalation has resulted in loss of life, injuries, and mass movement and displacement of civilian population throughout the country and to neighbouring countries, as well as severe destruction and damage to civilian infrastructure.

According to the UN, over 18 million Ukrainians will be affected by the conflict in humanitarian terms in the country or neighbouring countries. UNICEF estimates that 7.5 million children in Ukraine are at heightened risk. Nearly 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced within Ukraine, adding to the almost 3.4 million and counting who have fled the country since 24 February. Combined, the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and those who have fled to other countries amount to around 9.8 million people. As of March 21st, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has reported at least 2,149 civilian casualties, including 816 killed, though the actual figures are likely much higher as fierce clashes continue across the country.

Access to basic goods, like food, water and medicine is increasingly difficult with increased risks of affected populations dying from dehydration, hunger and lack of access to essential medicines. Amid escalating hostilities, a potential food crisis with global implications looms on the horizon.

In response to this dire humanitarian situation, Irish Aid is allocating funds towards Irish based International NGOs to respond to this crisis, either directly or through local partners, affiliates or family member organisations on the ground. Consortia are welcome.

All applications should be sent to humanitariangoteam@dfa.ie by **COB April 6th** using the Application Form; Results Framework template and Budget template.

Please also refer to the Eligibility Criteria document accompanying this Call for Proposals.

A maximum budget threshold of €500,000 applies per application.

Proposals will be appraised with a particular focus on the following:

- Demonstrated track record of working in Ukraine and/or border areas either directly, or through local partners, family member organisations, or affiliates
- Demonstrated track record and expertise relevant to the priority sector/s proposed in the intervention;
- Clear results to be achieved with a well-defined target group based on need and vulnerability;
- Clear identification of the added value the organisation and proposed programme or project will bring to the wider Ukraine response;

- Coordination and collaboration with other stakeholders;
- Clear approach to mainstreaming relevant cross-cutting issues;
- Solid assessment of risks and mitigation measures in place;
- Budget-including Value for Money.

In light of Ireland's commitments to gender equality and protection, proposals should include meaningful provision for the protection of women and girls and other vulnerable groups.