Overview

Empowering Children in the Context of Migration in ASEAN through Life Skills, Psychosocial Support and Meaningful Participation

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Open

Purpose and scope

This Call for Expression of Interest is issued by UNICEF under the EU-funded PROTECT programme. UNICEF Centre of Excellence in Bangkok is implementing the programme, which aims to uphold the rights of women migrant workers and children in the context of migration by strengthening policies and protection mechanisms and improving access to inclusive services, information and livelihood opportunities.

The proposed project will invest in the skills, wellbeing and meaningful participation of children and young people in the context of migration. It will contribute to PROTECT objectives related to access to information and services and the prevention of rights violations, while supporting ASEAN commitments on protection, inclusive education, psychosocial support and meaningful child participation. The programme country named is Thailand, with a geographic focus in Kanchanaburi.

Who can apply

UNICEF is seeking proposals from partners with expertise in migrant and refugee child protection, skills development, mental health and psychosocial support, and pathways to further education and employment for children and young people in the context of migration. These areas describe the expertise sought from partners; proposals are to be submitted by partners.

The project is intended to support migrant, displaced and refugee children and young people aged 15–20 in ASEAN. Selected partners will provide training and mentoring, deliver mental health and psychosocial support, and connect fellows with further education, vocational development and employment opportunities, including on-the-job training and internships.

Priorities

Partners must provide training and mentoring in digital, financial, green and climate-related, and life skills, as well as practical English and host-community language learning. The project combines this skills training and language learning with mental health and psychosocial support, which partners are required to deliver.

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The programme uses a peer-led approach. Partners must support fellows to co-create learning resources and, with appropriate supervision and support, share their knowledge and skills with other migrant and refugee children and young people. The project invests in their meaningful participation alongside skills and wellbeing.

The project will contribute to access to information and services and the prevention of rights violations. It also supports ASEAN commitments on protection, inclusive education, psychosocial support and meaningful child participation. The broader programme aims to improve access to inclusive services, information and livelihood opportunities for women migrant workers and children in the context of migration.

Sources

unpartnerportal.org - Official call

Salient One analysis. Official call documents and amendments govern the funding conditions.