

Call of Expression of Interest (EOI)

Psychosocial Support and Emergency Pedagogy for Traumatized Children - Further Education for MHPSS Specialists.

Background:

Since 2011, the conflict in Syria has created severe humanitarian and psychosocial challenges. Children and adolescents—who represent more than half of internally displaced people experience acute psychological distress resulting from repeated traumatic events, displacement, loss, and instability. Local organizations operate child-friendly spaces and psychosocial activities; however, there is a critical shortage of trained practitioners capable of delivering trauma-informed interventions and emergency pedagogy.

To address these gaps, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implements a dedicated Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) project in Northwest and Northeast Syria. A key component is strengthening the capacity of MHPSS professionals through structured online training, mentorship, and knowledge dissemination.

Within this framework, GIZ invites qualified companies/contractors to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to design and implement a six-month online further education programme on trauma and emergency pedagogy, based on Waldorf educational principles, tailored for MHPSS professionals in Northeast Syria (NES).

Service requirements:

The selected contractor will be responsible for:

1. Training Programme Development and Delivery:

- Develop a **tailored online training curriculum** (basic and advanced levels) in collaboration with Syrian partner organizations.
- Focus on emergency pedagogy and trauma-informed approaches for children aged **3–6** and **7–12**.
- Deliver **six months of online training** for **30 MHPSS professionals** in Arabic Language.
- Use diverse methodologies (lectures, group work, creative exercises, case discussions).
- Ensure materials are culturally appropriate and pedagogically aligned with **Waldorf methods**.

2. Mentorship and Supervision:

- Provide ongoing mentorship/supervision to support participants in integrating new methods into their daily practice with children and adolescents.
- Offer regular follow-up sessions, troubleshooting, and individualized guidance.

3. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting:

- Develop and apply an M&E approach aligned with GIZ requirements.
- Submit:
 - Inception report
 - Quarterly/bi-annual progress updates
 - Final report including success indicators, lessons learned, and recommendations
- Contribute to knowledge management and document good practices.

4. Final Knowledge Sharing Event:

- Present approaches, results, and lessons learned in an **expert exchange workshop** with GIZ and Syrian partner organizations.

Duration of Assignment:

- 01 April 2026 – 31 October 2026.

Expert Deployment:

The contractor must propose a qualified team including at least:

Team Leader

- Master's degree in psychology, education, social sciences, or related field
- 10+ years' professional experience in education sector
- 10+ years management/leadership responsibility
- Extensive experience in Middle East projects and development cooperation
- Expertise in **Waldorf education** and child development.

Key Expert 1 – Trainer/Pedagogue

- Relevant degree in education, psychology, or social work
- 8+ years' experience in training on early childhood education and emergency pedagogy
- 5+ years' experience with **Waldorf approaches**
- Arabic fluency
- Strong experience in conflict settings.

Key Expert 2 – Trainer/Art Therapist

- Degree in art therapy, psychology, or related field
- 8+ years' experience in trauma-informed and art-based training

- 5+ years' **Waldorf-based** experience
- Arabic fluency

Key Expert 3 – Admin & Finance Officer

- Bachelor's degree in finance or accounting
- 3+ years of financial and administrative experience
- Experience supporting logistics training in development programmes.

Short-Term Expert – Translation/Interpretation

- Degree in translation/linguistics
- C1 proficiency in Arabic and English
- 5+ years' experience in mental health or medical translation
- Experience providing real-time interpretation for training sessions

Submission Requirements:

Interested companies are requested to submit the following documents:

1. **Letter of Interest** confirming willingness to participate.
2. **Company Profile including:**
 - Mission, core expertise, and organizational capacity
 - Evidence of experience in:
 - MHPSS
 - Emergency pedagogy or trauma-informed training
 - Work in conflict-affected settings
 - References from previous or similar assignments demonstrate the organization's capacity and experience in implementing comparable activities.
3. **Legal and Administrative Documents including:**
 - Company registration and license.
 - Tax compliance certificate.
 - Proof of financial stability (e.g. 3 years audited statements).
 - Bank account under the company name.
 - Declaration of non-blacklisting and absence of litigation.

4. Declaration Letter including:

- Confirmation of participation in the tender
- Full names of owners/representatives and sample signatures
- Official company stamp sample

5. Contact Details

- Full company name
- Address, website, email, and phone number
- Designated focal point for communication

All documents must be submitted **in the order listed above**.

Submission Details

- Deadline: **1st March 2026**
- Submissions must be sent electronically to: ig_quotation@giz.de
- Subject line: "EOI – Online Training on Emergency Pedagogy and Trauma Support"

Provide a letter directed at GIZ exploring:

- Declaration letter of your company or organization is interesting and will participate in the tender.
- Full names of owners and representatives, with their signatures' samples.
- A stamp sample is also required.

Interested companies are requested to submit the documents listed above along with their complete company contact details by the specified deadline. This Expression of Interest (EOI) serves as a market survey to identify qualified suppliers and contractors. GIZ reserves the right to select the most suitable contractors or firms for future service provision and project representation as required.

Interested companies must submit above mentioned documents via email to: ig_quotation@giz.de, in a proper digital filing order as the above-listed order by the owner of the company or an authorized representative. Otherwise, the company's interest will be considered non-responsive.