

**United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
Sri Lanka**

Call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) –
Training and Capacity Building – Central and Uva Provinces of Sri Lanka

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UN-Habitat Post-Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction programmes assist countries in recovering from conflicts and natural disasters. UN-Habitat's interventions are driven by a 'Peoples' Process' which seeks to empower vulnerable communities enabling them to take a lead in rebuilding their lives and physical assets. UN-Habitat's housing and infrastructure projects aim to contribute to a sustainable solution for the communities in the plantation sector in the Central Province through the improvement of living conditions and social cohesion by the provision of permanent housing and reconstruction and rehabilitation of vital community infrastructure such as internal access roads, drainage systems, preschools, and multipurpose community centres.

The plantation sector, with a population of one million people, is characterised as the least developed and poorest in the country. In addition to social fragility of the communities, the central hills of Sri Lanka are listed as an environmentally fragile area in the National Physical Plan of Sri Lanka.

The *Indian Housing Project in the Central and Uva Provinces (IHP-CUP)* aims to contribute to the sustainable resettlement of plantation worker families in newly created cluster villages or small townships and envisages construction of new houses, with the involvement of owner-beneficiaries and Estate Workers' Housing Cooperative Societies. The IHP-CUP is divided into three phases: the first phase is a pilot to test the implementation strategy constructing 1,134 housing units. The Project aims to construct new houses through a peoples' process with the participation of worker families. UN-Habitat will support the construction of up to 1,600 houses in Nuwara Eliya District. The *Human Development Initiative through Empowerment and Settlement Improvement in the Plantation Settlements* in Sri Lanka (HDI) aims to contribute towards human development in Nuwara Eliya district through capacity building of youth, communities and local authorities; increasing resilience of the communities through settlement planning and provision of community infrastructure facilities; and through awareness creation towards mainstreaming plantation settlements into the administrative procedures of GoSL. It is expected to directly benefit over 10,000 persons and indirectly benefit 250,000 persons in Nuwara Eliya district. UN-Habitat will work in four plantation settlements and two surrounding villages in the Kothmale and Nuwara Eliya Divisional Secretariats in Nuwara Eliya district. The settlements are where the IHP-CUP is being implemented. Empowered and resilient plantation communities with satisfactory living conditions, safer settlements, better access to basic services and improved livelihood skills is the goal of the above 2 Projects.

In this context, UN-Habitat invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from eligible organisations to become a Cooperating Partner for the above initiative under the framework of an Agreement of Cooperation (AoC). The areas are as follows,

- Train 50 - 75 youth in English and Information Technology;

- Create awareness among and build capacity of the local and national governments/administration on the need to integrate plantation settlements into mainstream administrative process;
- Train and capacity building of Estate Workers Housing Co-Operative Societies (EWHCS);
- Raise awareness, train promoters and installers, and distribution of improved cooking stoves; and
- Train and establish community-based savings groups.

The EoI should contain, but need not be limited to the following:

1. Experience of the organisation in implementing activities in the relevant sectors mentioned above;
2. Details of experience and qualifications of key professional staff and infrastructure facilities of the organisation; and
3. The support/contribution of the submitting organisation for the project in both - cash and in kind.

Note: The parties submitting the EoI will provided details of activities coming under each sector/area proposed above.

Detailed information can be obtained from:

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Expressions of Interest must be delivered no later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, 19th April 2017 to the above e-mail address.

Please note that this EoI notice does not constitute a solicitation. UN-Habitat reserves the right to change or cancel this requirement at any time throughout the Expressions of Interest/or solicitation process.

Submitting a reply to an EoI does not guarantee that a Cooperation Partner will be considered for receipt of the solicitation when issued and only Cooperation Partners who are deemed qualified by UN-Habitat upon completion of evaluation of submissions will receive the final solicitation document.