**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH PLAN INTERNATIONAL SUDAN ON HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN DAFUR STATE AND SOUTH/NORTH KORDOFAN**

**JULY 2025**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this call for expressions of interest is to invite local NGOs with relevant experience in humanitarian response in the following sectors: Child Protection, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), Gender, Water, Sanitation, Education in Emergencies, Hygiene (WASH), and Food Security/Nutrition in Sudan for a potential partnership with Plan International Sudan. Strong preference will be given to those NGOs that have physical presence and existing programs in Darfur, North and South Kordofan States. The successful NGOs will contribute to savings lives, alleviating suffering and promoting the right to life with dignity of the targeted vulnerable population affected by different crises.

Applications must be submitted in English, and they will be assessed by a Technical Review Panel to identify NGOs that have the mandate, capacities and demonstrated expertise to support the achievement of respective humanitarian response objectives and goal. It should be noted that participation in this Call for Expression of Interest does not guarantee the NGO will be selected for a partnership with Plan International Sudan.

**About PLAN INTERNATIONAL SUDAN**

Plan International is an independent humanitarian and development organization that advances children’s rights and equality for girls. We believe in the power and potential of every child but know this is often suppressed by poverty, violence, exclusion and discrimination. And it is girls who are most affected. We work with children, young people, and communities, and we are committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of the most vulnerable and excluded children while supporting children's rights and gender equality. We work together with, our supporters, government, and partners to ensure that girls and boys know their rights, and have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to fulfil them.

Plan International Sudan has been operational in Sudan for the past 45 years focusing on promoting children's rights and equality for girls and young women within its humanitarian and development programming portfolio. Our programs are designed to deliver significant changes for girls and boys, putting a special emphasis on gender equality. At present, Plan International Sudan has projects in 7 States (White Nile, Kassala, Gedarif, North Kordofan, South Kordofan, North Dafur with a coordination hub in Port Sudan. Due to the ongoing crisis, Plan continues to scale up its humanitarian program to address the increased needs across the country. We have a strong localisation commitment and are actively seeking new partnerships with local NGOs.

**Background of the EoI**

The growing impact of complex emergency conditions is putting at risk the lives of millions of children and adolescents, increasing the number of people who rely on humanitarian assistance, and exacerbating pre-existing crises and poverty. The country has been accommodating internally displaced people as a result of protracted conflict, insecurity, as well as climate disaster. This has raised humanitarian needs and made the population increasingly vulnerable to widespread food insecurity, displacement, and loss of livelihoods, preventing children to be timely supported with basic lifesaving needs there by exacerbating their protection risks.

In reference to the increasing need for Humanitarian assistance, coverage gap and unmet needs, Plan International Sudan would like to scale-up its humanitarian work in Darfur, South and North Kordofan States in the sectors of Child Protection, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), Gender, Water, Sanitation, Education in Emergencies, Hygiene (WASH), and Food Security/Nutrition

Therefore, Plan is requesting EOIs for partnership with local organizations operating in Darfur, North and South Kordofan State.

**Minimum eligibility requirements for the local NGOs**

1. Local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) duly registered and eligible to operate in the country.
2. The organisation should have active field presence in Darfur, South and North Kordofan for not less than 3 years (cumulative) with strong linkages with CBOs.
3. The organisation should have the ability to establish or expand operation in the targeted locations within a short period.
4. The organisation should demonstrate a strong commitment to international humanitarian principles, including clear standards for child protection, disability, gender equality and women's empowerment, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and anti-fraud and anti-corruption.
5. The organisation should have strong commitment towards gender equality and inclusion
6. The organisation should have its country office specific accounts audited (at least for the last 3 years) by a certified public accounting firm. The reports should be made available as public documents, as and when required.
7. The organisation should have experience in implementing a minimum three programs in the following sectors: Child Protection, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), Gender, Water, Sanitation, Education in Emergencies, Hygiene (WASH), and Nutrition

**Selection Process**

The selection process will consist of two steps. The first step will be shortlisting of organisations based on the information submitted as part of this EoI and the selection criteria below. Those organisations that have been shortlisted; Plan International Sudan will then undertake a standardized due diligence assessment after which a final selection process will be undertaken.

**Selection Criteria (first step)**

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| **Criteria** | **Points** |
| Has documented evidence of a valid registration to operate in Sudan | 5 |
| The organisations’ experience and current operational footprint in Darfur, South and North Kordofan States including linkages with CBOs | 10 |
| Has a valid HACT assessment or OCHA/SHF assessment with a low or medium risk rating | 5 |
| Experience in humanitarian programming in Darfur, North and South Kordofan States in the following sectors:Child Protection, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), Gender, Water, Sanitation, Education in Emergencies, Hygiene (WASH), and Food Security/Nutrition | 15 |

**Interested organisations are invited in fill out the following template and provide documentation where indicated.**

**Template to fill (max 3 pages)**

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| **Brief Organisation Profile** | **Prospective Partner Input (Insert a short & precise text)** |
| Name and nature of organisation (sector, mandate) |  |
| When was the organization founded (year) and when was it registered? Provide contact details of 2 staff |  |
| Type of organisation: * National/local Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)
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| Head office full address  |  |
| Number of field office(s) in Darfur State equipped and with staff (currently operational: please indicate by district/specific localities |  |
| List the Darfur States you currently have operations? |  |
| List projects in Darfur Region you have implemented in the past three years, indicating funding partner, sector, title of project and funding your organisation received |  |
| Area(s) of expertise in the following humanitarian sectors and outline key activities your organisation has undertaken in the following sectors over the past 3 years (Maximum of 4 activities per sector): Child Protection, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), Gender, Water, Sanitation, Education in Emergencies, Hygiene (WASH), and Food Security/Nutrition |  |
| **Cross-Cutting and Organisational requirements** |
| 10.  | Organisational Code of Conduct | Attach copy |
| 11 | Accountability to the affected population  | Include experience in establishing and managing community-based feedback mechanisms |
| 12.  | List of CBOs you are currently support in Darfur State |  |
| 14.  | Does your organisation currently have a valid HACT assessment? | If yes, outline the year of assessment and rating given |
| 15 | Has your organisation undertaken a OCHA assessment to access the SHF? | If yes, outline year and rating given |
| **This call for expression of interest covers period from September 2024 to August 2026. Organizations already working with Plan International Sudan are not expected to provide this information.** |
| **EoI Submission deadline: 9th September 2024** |
| **Please submit the completed form to:** **Sudan.Procurement@plan-international.org** |

**Disclaimer:** The issuance of this request for application does not commit Plan International Sudan to any partnership with any prospective and potential local implementing partner responding to this call and prospective local partners will not be reimbursed for any cost incurred during the preparation and submission of an application and does not guarantee partnership.