CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FOR LOCAL PARTNERS IN UKRAINE

ASB UKRAINE

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1. Background on ASB

Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) is a German non-governmental organization with over 300 branches nationwide. ASB operates both nationally and internationally, responding to emergencies and supporting development efforts worldwide. The organization's foreign aid division focuses on emergency relief and early recovery, including health services, WASH, livelihoods, and protection.

ASB has been active in Ukraine since 2014, with ASB Ukraine officially registered in 2016 as a separate sub-division. ASB Ukraine is currently implementing humanitarian and nexus interventions that provide humanitarian assistance and strengthen the resilience of conflict-affected communities. Our work is supported by the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) and Nachbar in Not (NIN).

ASB Ukraine maintains offices in Kyiv and Lviv and implements programs across multiple regions, including Kyiv, Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Poltava, Chernihiv, Zhytomyr. Interventions are implemented directly and through local partners in close collaboration with local authorities.

For further information about our activities and ongoing initiatives, please visit our social media pages: https://asb.org.ua/; https://www.facebook.com/ASBUkraine/; https://www.linkedin.com/company/asb-ukraine/

ASB Ukraine has identified the following key Programmatic Strategic Goals:

1. **Strategic Objective 1: Humanitarian Support** is provided in high-severity areas, ensuring that the most urgent basic needs are met via timely, coordinated multisectoral assistance for vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on accessibility, inclusion, and a gender-responsive approach.
2. **Strategic Objective 2: Economic Recovery and Livelihoods** programs support the critical infrastructure and restoration of income sources, contributing to the sustainable recovery and resilience of communities.
3. **Strategic Objective 3: Partnerships and Localization** focus on developing and strengthening the capacity and leadership of local organizations to actively deliver services and coordinate responses, promoting a locally led, inclusive, and sustainable humanitarian response.

ASB Ukraine is committed to a locally led response that strengthens local ownership, resilience, and programmatic impact. Since the beginning of its operations in Ukraine, ASB has partnered with local organizations, recognizing the particular value of their close connections to communities and understanding of local contexts. Their presence on the ground and established relationships with communities and local authorities enable them to engage effectively with people, including in hard-to-reach areas and among vulnerable groups. These strengths contribute to greater community acceptance, local ownership, and a response that is grounded in local realities and priorities.

2. Purpose of this Call for Expressions of Interest

ASB Ukraine invites qualified and experienced local non-profit organizations, including legally registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs) currently operating in Ukraine, to express their interest in exploring potential cooperation with ASB Ukraine.

The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EoI) is to identify organizations interested in developing mutually beneficial partnerships that contribute to humanitarian assistance, early recovery, resilience-building, and nexus programming in Ukraine. Through this process, ASB Ukraine aims to establish relationships with local organizations that bring relevant expertise, strong community connections, and a commitment to supporting conflict-affected and vulnerable communities.

Cooperation may take different forms depending on the organization's experience, capacities, geographic presence, thematic expertise, and the needs and priorities identified by both parties.

ASB Ukraine recognizes that effective partnerships develop over time and that organizations may have different capacities, experiences, and entry points for cooperation. Collaboration may therefore begin with a specific activity or project and evolve, depending on mutual experience, demonstrated capacities, program needs, and available funding, into a broader or longer-term partnership.

ASB Ukraine values the role of local organizations in understanding and responding to community needs. Through collaboration, knowledge sharing, and appropriate capacity-strengthening support, ASB Ukraine seeks to build the capacities of local partners, promote locally informed and sustainable responses, and strengthen the collective impact of humanitarian and development interventions.

3. Information on application and selection process

Interested local organizations are invited to express their interest in partnering with ASB Ukraine by completing and submitting the online application questionnaire via the link below no later than **29 January 2027**.

Application questionnaire: ASB Ukraine - Call for Partnership: Expression of Interest (EOI) - Заповнити форму

Questionnaires are reviewed on a rolling basis to identify organizations whose experience, expertise, capacities, geographic presence, and areas of work align with ASB Ukraine's program priorities and potential opportunities for cooperation. Depending on the nature and scope of potential cooperation, organizations may be invited to participate in further discussions, asked to provide additional documentation, or undergo an organizational assessment.

Shortlisted organizations may be subject to formal compliance and due diligence checks, including verification of legal registration, governance structures, financial management and internal controls, safeguarding policies and practices and other compliance requirements.

For any questions or requests for clarification regarding this Expression of Interest, please contact **info@asb.org.ua**.

4. Criteria for Partnership

ASB Ukraine will assess applicants against the criteria below. Organizations are not expected to meet every criterion in full; the overall fit, relevant experience, and potential for cooperation will be considered:

- Be legally registered in Ukraine and eligible to receive donor funding in accordance with applicable laws and regulations
- Demonstrate relevant experience and technical expertise in sectors identified as priorities for Ukraine
- Have an established presence, operational capacity, or demonstrated access to communities in at least one of the following regions: central, southern, or eastern Ukraine.
- Ideally have experience working with international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), United Nations (UN) agencies, institutional donors, or other relevant funding partners
- Ideally have appropriate financial management, procurement, and internal control systems and procedures in place to ensure transparent, accountable, and effective use of resources

NOTE: ASB Ukraine will review all submitted EoIs against the criteria above. Organizations meeting demonstrating a strong overall fit may be shortlisted for due diligence and further partnership discussions. Submitting a questionnaire or being shortlisted does not constitute a commitment to award funding or enter into a partnership. Any collaboration will be subject to further discussions, relevant assessments and approvals, and agreement on the objectives, roles, responsibilities, and conditions of cooperation.

ASB Ukraine does not charge fees at any stage.