**Call for Expression of Interest**

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| **Title** | Enhancing inclusivity of child protection services towards LGBTQIA+ children. |
| **Eligible Applicants** | Registered independent local/national NGOs/CBOs |
| **Deadline for EOI** |  03 rd of February 2025 till 11:00 AM |
| **Country** | Poland |

**Background:**

Save the Children International – Poland has conducted an LGBTQIA+ Context Analysis (CA), focusing on the humanitarian contexts of refugees from Ukraine as well as children and young adults on the move from other countries, among whom many are asylum seekers. The CA was developed as part of the pilot project to identify potential risk informed options for enhancing inclusivity of child protection case management support towards children across diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expression and sexual characteristics in the humanitarian context of Poland. The project is part of the PRM-funded project - PRISM: Working with LGBTQI+ children and their families in protection case management in humanitarian settings.

Considering the key findings of the context analysis such as:

* the limited number of child protection actors using case management approaches
* legal limitations to the scope in which non-governmental actors can support children through case management, dependent on parental consent
* existing expertise on supporting LGBTQIA+ adults and providing protection services to refugees, migrants and asylum seekers among NGOs and CSOs operating in Poland
* the balance between systemic gaps in the inclusivity of state child protection systems and social welfare services and their legal mandate to protect children

SCI Poland decided to launch a pilot project that will focus on enhancing the inclusivity of public child protection services towards LGBTQIA+ children.

**Objectives of the project:**

SCI invites civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) registered in Poland and working in the area of LGBTQIA+ rights and migrant and refugee protection organizations to submit an expression of interest (EoI) to the call for a pilot project aimed at enhancing the inclusivity of child protection services towards LGBTQIA+ children.

The aim the pilot is to establish a technical partnership with Save the Children Poland to develop and provide contextualized trainings, workshops and facilitation of community of practice tools and guidelines on LGBTQIA+ affirmative approaches to supporting individual children. The pilot aims to reach key actors among public institutions mandated to protect children, in a selected location in Poland.

**Withing the scope of the project partners are expected to cover at a minimum the following activities – jointly with SCI:**

1. Participation in mandatory introductory trainings delivered as part of the project – 5 days – March 2025
2. Stakeholder mapping and engagement in the specific local context where the project will be implemented – one location (powiat). March – April 2025
3. Contextualization and developing of the training curriculum and other relevant materials (tools, guidelines) including through joint workshops and individual work. March – April 2025
4. Delivery of 4 contextualized trainings/workshops to key actors among public institutions mandated to protect children on LGBTQIA+ affirmative approaches to supporting individual children. April – June 2025
5. Conducting lessons learnt and developing and implementing necessary training modifications. May – June 2025
6. Facilitating community of practice meetings as a follow up to the training – 3 meetings per training group – 12 in total. May – August 2025
7. Participate in two dissemination events to share developed tools, guidelines and lessons learnt – in person or online. August – September 2025

**Locations:** SCI envisages the implementation of the project in a chosen location (powiat) depending on the specific area of work of selected organization(s).

**Technical partnership profile:**

SCI's project implementation envisages the establishment of a technical partnership bringing together expertise in child protection, LGBTQIA+ rights and migrant and refugee protection organisations. It is planned that the group would not exceed 3 organizations, including Save the Children. SCI encourages joint submission between partners working in the same geographical area with different areas of expertise (for example LGBTQIA+ and refugee focused organizations).

**Maximum budget:**

Up to 20,000 USD USD

Examples of costs that can covered within funding:

* Salaries of key staff responsible for project implementation
* Community of practice meetings
* Travel costs
* Operational costs e.g. office rent

**Project costs covered by Save the Children:**

* Costs of technical working group meetings
* Costs of training (venue, stationary, refreshments)
* Dissemination events

**Duration of the project: 1.03 – 30.09.2025**

**Expression of Interest Guidelines:**

1. Only one project per organization can be awarded
2. Partners can submit EoIs in a consortium
3. Expression of Interest must include:
	1. Concept Note – Annex A
	2. Partner Budget – Annex B
4. Applications should be submitted:

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1. Timeline:

The deadline for submission of EOIs: 03.02.2025 till 11.00 AM

Notification results: 04.02.2025

Project start: 1.03.2025

**Evaluation Criteria:**

A panel of Save the Children staff will evaluate each EOI based on:

**Formal Criteria (mandatory):**

* Organization registered in Poland
* Documented experience in working with LGBTQIA+ persons in Poland (experience in working with children with refugee and migration experience will be an added advantage)

**Technical Criteria and scoring value:**

* 1. Effectiveness and feasibility of programme activities/approaches as described in the concept note - 50%
	2. Established relations with local authorities and stakeholders – 40%
	3. Cost breakdown – 10%

**Attachments to the Call for Expression of Interest:**

1. **Narrative Concept Note**

Please find below the link to the template:

<https://savethechildren.pl/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Annex-A-Concept_Note-Template_PRISM.docx>

1. **Partner Budget**

Please find below the link to the template:

<https://savethechildren.pl/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Annex-B-Partner-Budget-Template_PRISM.xlsx>

**Any agreement between Save the Children and organization will be contingent on the following aspects:**

* Secured funding from the donor and its approval of the selected organisation – **please note that the contracting will be contingent upon obtaining approval from the donor - The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) of the selected organization/s.**

The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) is the humanitarian bureau of the State Department. PRM promotes U.S. interests by providing protection, easing suffering, and resolving the plight of persecuted and forcibly displaced people around the world.

* An organization pre-selected through the EoI process must pass the vetting and Partner Assessment process facilitated by Save the Children Polska after the preselection – applicant will be requested to provide data for Partner Vetting (name, date of birth and place of birth of key management staff) after being preselected.
* Operational and technical approval by Save the Children of the final proposal developed jointly with the partner

Should Save the Children be unable to identify a suitable partner through the call or should the partner approval by the donor be unsuccessful, Save the Children reserves the right to proceed with a different modality of the project implementation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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