



## **United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

### **Urban Basic Services Branch: Water for Asian Cities Programme**

#### **Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Cooperating Partners**

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UN-Habitat launched the Water for Asian Cities (WAC) Programme in partnership with the Governments of Asia and the Asian Development Bank in 2003 at the Third World Water Forum and since then it has implemented numerous projects in the South Asia region in the areas of urban water demand management; integrated urban environmental sanitation; pro-poor urban water and sanitation governance; gender mainstreaming; community-based water and sanitation services and Human Values Based Water Education.

As per its strategy of promoting private sector partnership in pursuance of its goals, UN-Habitat and Coca-Cola Company embarked upon a unique partnership programme in 2007 to improve access to safe water and basic sanitation facilities in schools in India. Through this unique partnership, several innovative projects have been launched in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Vietnam to improve access to water and sanitation in schools and communities. Later in 2011, Coca-Cola India, NDTV and UN-Habitat together launched a campaign called 'Support My School' (SMS) to raise awareness and funds to provide revitalization and upgradation of schools in rural and semi-urban India with an emphasis on proper sanitation, access to safe drinking water, rain water harvesting and sporting facilities to keep the students active and healthy and optimally using the school open spaces to improve the school environment. The SMS campaign has now become a regular activity and expanding over the years in several states of India.

During 2015-16, SMS model of developments is proposed to be undertaken in at least 10 schools. Location of schools will be decided through need assessment and discussions with stakeholders.

The project objectives are to:

- (I) Improve health condition of the urban poor, especially children, through improving access to safe drinking water, sanitation and sports facilities in schools;
- (II) Create rain water harvesting facilities and green spaces; and
- (III) Create awareness on healthy active living and hygiene practices through practical WASH education to improve attendance in schools thereby ensuring quality education for underprivileged children.

UN-Habitat shall contribute to the tune of US\$ 90,000 towards this project on the "Implementation of Support My School Campaign in India" which will be implemented under the framework of an Agreement of Cooperation (AOC). The Cooperating Partner is also expected to make a significant contribution (in-cash or in-kind) towards the project.

To be considered eligible as a Cooperating Partner, the organization submitting an EOI must be either a not-for-profit/ NGO or an inter-government organisation. Such organisations must also have at least five years related experience in one or more of the following areas:

- WASH in Schools and promotion of groundwater recharge through water conservation and rainwater harvesting;
- Drinking Water and Environmental Sanitation in urban/ peri-urban areas with a focus and special consideration to environmental, social and sustainability-related factors;
- Pro-poor and pro-vulnerable Urban Water and Sanitation Governance;
- Health and Environmental related issues in schools particularly serving poor communities; and
- Advocacy & awareness tools and social mobilization focusing on capacity building activities at various levels including knowledge sharing.

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

- 1) Experience of the organisation in implementing such activities in the relevant sectors;
- 2) The support/ contribution, the organisation is willing to make including, cash and in kind; (contribution in terms of staff time, office space and equipment and other support in-cash and in-kind should be expressed in monetary terms);
- 3) Softcopies of statement of annual budget and annual reports of the previous 5 years;
- 4) Softcopy of two latest audited reports; and
- 5) Governance and organisational structure; experience and qualifications of key professional staff and infrastructure facilities of the organisation.

**Detailed information can be obtained from:**

Water for Asian Cities Programme  
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URL: [www.unwac.org](http://www.unwac.org) || <http://www.in.undp.org/content/india/en/home/operations/procurement/>

Expression of Interest must be delivered no later than **17:30 hrs on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015** at the following email address: [Jogesh.Arora@unhabitat.org](mailto:Jogesh.Arora@unhabitat.org). Please use file sharing services (OneDrive, Dropbox etc.) for emails above 9Mb.

*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 in the Expressions of Interest/or solicitation process.*

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