

### *Call for Expression of Interest*

# **CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (CEE) STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH UNICEF – Climate Action for the Last Mile: Reaching the Most Vulnerable Children in Zimbabwe Programme**

**CEF/ZWE/2025/005**

## **1 Timeline**

Posted	Apr 9, 2025
Clarification Request Deadline	Apr 14, 2025
Application Deadline	Apr 23, 2025
Notification of Results	May 22, 2025
Start Date	Jun 1, 2025
End Date	Jul 1, 2026

## **2 Locations**

- A Zimbabwe
  - a Manicaland
  - b Matabeleland South
  - c Bulawayo
  - d Harare

## **3 Sector(s) and area(s) of specialization**

- A WASH and Environment
  - a Natural resources, environmental pollution and climate action

## **4 Issuing Agency**

UNICEF

## **5 Project Background**

1. Background In-line with the UNICEF CEE 2022-2026 program goal of ensuring that by 2026; children, young people and their families are resilient to climate change through adaptive, responsive, and child-centered policy, planning, and implementation in Zimbabwe. UNICEF would like to establish strategic Climate, Energy and Environment (CEE) partnerships with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other eligible institutions in: Matabeleland South, Manicaland and Harare Provinces. The overall objective of the partnership is to bring together UNICEF and the partner's capacities and comparative advantage in the Climate, Energy and Environment (CEE) sector in Zimbabwe, to pool resources and

capacities together in building approaches and evidence towards achieving resilient, sustainable, and scalable child sensitive development to the CEE sector in Zimbabwe. This is to contribute to the well-being of children and their families in vulnerable situations in the face of climate and environment induced shocks and stresses, by adopting CEE interventions to the local context, offering sustainable pathways to resilient livelihoods and well-being. Applicants are therefore requested to demonstrate their contribution and its impact to the partnership and the development of the CEE sector in the given Province and the country. Additional background can be found below.

**2. Expected Partnership Outcome and Output Statements** The partnership is expected to enable joint implementation of CEE interventions in Zimbabwe towards ensuring that children, young people, and their families are resilient to climate change through adaptive, responsive, and child-centered policy, planning, and implementation through:

- **PROTECTING** the lives, health and well-being of children and the resilience of their communities by adapting essential social services to a changing climate, more frequent disasters, and a degrading environment.
- **EMPOWERING** every child through their life course with the developmental opportunities, education, and skills to be a champion for the environment.
- **REDUCING** emissions and environmental footprint while advocating for the fulfilment of ambitious international sustainability and climate change agreements.

**3. Purpose of this EOI** The purpose of this request for EOI is to establish a strategic partnership to achieve results under the KOICA funded Climate Action for the Last Mile – Reaching the Most Vulnerable Children in Zimbabwe programme. The programme focus will be on the following two objectives:

1. Increased climate resilience for children and their communities through the provision of climate-smart social services and infrastructure via gender-responsive and inclusive low-carbon development pathways that reduce climate vulnerabilities.
2. Improved climate policies, finance, and institutional capacity to ensure children benefit directly or indirectly from stronger legal frameworks, enhanced climate finance, access to climate justice, and improved regulations to address climate-related risks effectively. The initiative targets 30,000 direct beneficiaries, 40% of whom are children, through climate-smart water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), education, health, nutrition, child protection, and social protection systems. Additionally, the project will enhance children's engagement in climate governance, ensuring they are actively engaged and that their voices are heard in climate policy formulation and decision-making processes.

## 6 Expected Results

Specifically, the Implementing Partner is expected to technically support the implementation of the following activities in support of the above two objectives towards achieving the overall programme results:

**Outcome 1: Children and their communities are less vulnerable to climate change through enhanced access to C3SI.** Focus - Children and young people have access to climate and environment education and enhanced practical green skills - Establish/strengthen school environment clubs across 40 schools guided by the MoPSE/EMA principles on the same. - Clearly define activities in liaison with UNICEF, EMA and the school environment clubs and technically support implementation and monitoring of the activity calendars of the school environment clubs. These will include practical learning where applicable: eg nurseries for fruit and indigenous trees; nutrition gardens; fisheries in school fishponds; wetland management; solid waste management, water conservation and energy efficiency initiatives) - Implement activities that champion learning and action hubs while promoting green skills for the learners through the school environment clubs - Facilitate cross learning and increased awareness on climate and environment education among young people through environment club competitions, and - provide start up resources for outstanding/winning initiatives that address climate and environment challenges and support the implementation of the ideas by the learners

**Outcome 2: Child sensitive climate and gender responsive policies, laws and justice:** Focus - children are enabled to have a voice and participate in key climate and environment policy formulation initiatives - Avail/strengthen platforms for children and young people participation and advocacy in climate action including key climate and environment advocacy days/initiatives (eg. World Environment Day, Wetland Conference- Ramsar); COP processes – (eg. simulation exercises, Local Conference of Children and Youth on Climate Change (LCOY) - Technically support the development and implementation of an activity calendar for children's voice in climate and environment discussions/platforms (to include COP processes, key climate and environment advocacy days, and initiatives/events) Further the Implementing Partner is expected to support the project Communications and Visibility, Partner Coordination, Project Monitoring and Evaluation as detailed below:

**Communications and Visibility** Technically support the project communications and visibility through the following activities:

- Design, print and distribute project merchandise [messaging to be designed and co- created with children in the project locations - Content generation and storytelling, including by children and young people, for use on the country website of UNICEF Zimbabwe and its social media platforms as well as by partners; communication products can include text stories, photo essays and video products that will generate visibility for the programme - Photography, testimonials, programmatic visits, media tours, videos, and social media posts as required

**Partner coordination** Under the overall guidance of UNICEF, the partner will work with other project stakeholders such as the Environment Management Agency (EMA), the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (MoPSE), the project school authorities, children, and young people as well as any other relevant stakeholders to achieve project results and

scalability. Monitoring and Evaluation The Implementing Partner is expected to support the Monitoring and Evaluation including reporting and organizing monitoring visits under the overall supervision of UNICEF.

## 7 Indicative Budget

150000.00000

## 8 Other Information

4. Duration of Partnership The proposed partnership duration shall be for an initial the period of one year (12 months), with possibility of annual extension upon joint review, satisfactory performance, and availability of resources, not beyond December 2026. 5. Partner Eligibility Criteria • Legal operational status in Zimbabwe • Demonstrable significant work in “Climate, Energy and Environment” sector in Zimbabwe. • The applications are requested from organizations with evidence-based operational capability in the province/s of interest. • Expertise and experience in both climate and environment programming, policy, and children and young people engagement • Demonstrable level of capacity (human and logistical) to operate in the province/s of interest. • Experience working with UNICEF or other UN funded projects. • Previous experience with international donors or partnership experience working with INGOs. • Involvement and presence in each Province, with good reputation and relations with local stakeholders in the province and within local communities. • Experience with mainstreaming child protection, gender-based violence, and prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation; including a focus on people with special needs (PWSN). • Demonstrated skills, capacity and interest in systems-focused advocacy and capacity for development and/or emergency work, with a preference for humanitarian-development nexus approach. • Demonstrable capacity to contribute technical, material, and financial resources to the partnership. UNICEF will consider partner’s contribution and value for money. • Experience with child-rights based approaches. Organizations that meet the Eligibility Criteria and wish to participate in this Call for Expression of Interest are requested to register in the United Nations Partnership Portal (UNPP) to obtain the full EOI requirements and guidance documents. All submissions will be made through the UNPP. To log on to the UNPP follow the link below: <https://www.unpartnerportal.org/landing/> If you experience challenges accessing the UNPP please send an email clearly marked “CSO Call for Expression of Interest - CEE- Partnership – National” to Eglina Tawuya, UNICEF Climate and Environment Specialist. Email: [etawuya@unicef.org](mailto:etawuya@unicef.org)

## 9 Selection Criteria

Name	Description	Weight
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results	Clarity of activities and expected results; Relevant Expertise and Experience; Children and young people Engagement, Experience working with UN; Innovative approach	N/A
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Sector expertise and experience	Expertise in climate and environment education including capacitating environment clubs	N/A
Other	Experience in children and youth engagement	N/A
Other	Experience in climate policies, strategies and climate action	N/A
Innovative approach	Experience in climate innovation solutions	N/A

## 10 Attachments

Description	URL
ToRs	<a href="#">Download the document here</a>
Application Template	<a href="#">Download the document here</a>

## 11 Concept Note Template



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