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To

The Country Representative UNHCR Uganda

Mackenzie Road Kololo

Kampala
Cc Senior Protection officer

Cc .SGBV/BGV officer

Dear Sir

**Re: Expression of interest for MWOK Organization as a local NGO to work with UNHCR Urban refugee program Kampala**

MWOK HO is a fully registered National Non-Organization with registration number 12200. It is non –political, non-denominational and not for profit established in 2015 and obtained a full registration with NGO board of Uganda, Ministry of internal affairs on 16th July 2016. We work both in emergency and development through empowerment of vulnerable communities for sustainable well-being and development.

 MWOK HO is core Partner for resilience (PfR) in Africa, and also an active member of Uganda National Humanitarian learning plat form (UNHLP) which comprises of humanitarian organizations ,research organizations ,civil society ,business ,government and academia to deliberate on the increasing importance of Humanitarian Knowledge and learning in disaster risk reduction (DRR)in Uganda. We are new partner seeking partnership with UNHCR Urban Refugee program to implement Community policing in urban more especially in Kampala Wakiso Mpigi and Mukono Districts to create and improve awareness between the Refugee Community and national for peaceful co-existence.

Both the nationals and Refugee community have little or no knowledge of rights and duties of every person living in Kampala as embedded in chapter 4 of Constitution of Republic of Uganda 1995 as amended. This will create awareness in terms of rights duties and obligations of both refugees and nationals and strengthen their capacity in terms economic and contribute to the achievements of strategic development of individual income and that country in National Development Program iii **(NDPiii) and vision 2040**.

Uganda has ratified many world Refugee articles but Ugandan and Refugees still have found it hard to live at peace on the fact that there is mismatch of each other’s interest. Some Ugandans think and believe that Some Refugees come to Uganda and take advantage and eat more of Ugandan resources than the host community.

This puts UNHCR at cross road to do community policing and sensitization of all community both the Refugee and Host community about the each other’s role and benefit for peaceful co-existence .

Given this program MWOK will be in position in cooperation with stake holders like Local authority and Police, KCCA to do community policing and sensitization hence peaceful co-existence.

This lack of knowledge of both Refugee and Host communities about their rights ,duties and obligation have widened the gap of these two groups which affects their security ,economy and less productive, refugees have continued seeing themselves as people of no value and importance. MWOK will stand with both communities and provide awareness and knowledge as it is widely known that **“Knowledge is** **Power”**

The all strategic goal of **MWOK HO** is to contribute to awareness of duties Rights and obligations of both the host and Refugee communities through Community based intervention for adaption to bring positive change and encourage peaceful co-existence through community policing.

**Our core thematic areas include:**

* **Community policing**
* **Legal and social counseling**
* **Gender and Social Protection for Prevention of Violence of all forms (SGBV/GBV**)

**MWOKHO has signed MOU** with OPM to implement activities targeting Refugees and host Communities in Uganda. Before Covid-19 we had hopes of getting support from OPM to support projects on integrated livelihoods, Adolescent health and Environment restoration **( ILAHER**) targeting refugees in Nakivale in Isingiro District in South western Uganda. The Overall goal of project is to improve wellbeing through enhanced skills and expanded income opportunities for the youth and women, and promotes healthy behaviors among adolescents and protect local environment through restoration for sustainable use.

The word Refugee come with a lot of human challenges ranging from social economic and political which need to be addressed from positive perspective by provision of counseling coupled with with social and economic support.

We are targeting to prevent and increase awareness and provide pycho-social support to vulnerable refugees and Ugandans regarding the dangers of early marriages, drug abuse for better health reduce crime for productive community, secure their future.

Those in conflict with law we look forward to provide legal counseling and guidance through community policing and police weekly follow up with those in police custody and provide legal solutions.

We look forward to building effective partnerships and synergy for strengthening community-based interventions to address challenges of pyscho-social legal and empower both Host and refugee community for peaceful co-existence.

Your consideration will be much appreciated

**Yours sincerely**

**Muhereza Francis**

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