Terms of reference
Developing the concept for a cross-learning project on support to migrants vulnerable in transit

Duration: A total of 10 days with deliverables expected by the 15th of February
Starting day: 13th of January 2020
Location: Geneva or home-based

Background
International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) is looking for a consultant to help explore the possibility of developing a joint project with the NGO Committee on Migration (New York), aiming at facilitating cross-learning among NGOs, other practitioners and policy-makers on improving the quality and consistency of responses to migrants vulnerable in transit. Various evidence demonstrates the risks faced by migrants in transit and especially those that are vulnerable due to inter-linked factors, including age, gender, disability, health status, etc.

Although the ultimate responsibility for the protection of the rights of migrants as per international law lies with States, many NGOs are often in the frontline supporting directly the vulnerable migrants as well as advocating towards and working with governments’ agencies to improve policies and services available. Despite the many challenges faced, NGOs have also succeeded to improve the situation for many vulnerable migrants in transit in various contexts. Often this is done within a partnership approach whereby government, UN, civil society and other partners organise together their competences, capacities and shared interest to address a range of migrant vulnerability factors, needs and rights. The challenge is to do so both concretely and consistent with standards and objectives widely recognised by States and the international community, including in international law, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the Global Compact on Refugees. It is thus important to take stock of all the various practices and enable NGOs, other practitioners and policy makers to learn not only from the good practices, but also from the shortcomings and failures experienced.

Expectations for the Consultancy
The selected consultant is expected to:

- Conduct a short desk research on vulnerable migrants in transit (2 days);
- Provide a mapping of various initiatives and/or interests which facilitate cross-learning on supporting vulnerable migrants among policy makers and practitioners, with a specific focus on the NGOs (2 days);
- Draft a project concept note based on the above-mentioned analysis, suggesting action-oriented results for a two to three years period, underlining the rationale behind and the activities to be implemented, including geographic coverage and partners to work with. A total budget estimation for the project is also required (4 days);
- Identify and engage with potential donors to support the project and guide ICVA on the next steps (4 days);
Deliverables

- A document of max 6 pages project concept note, including references to various ongoing initiatives (mapping) and the budget estimation;
- A one pager summarising the various discussions with the potential donors and suggestions to ICVA on the next steps;

Required expertise, experience and skills

- At least 10 years of sound expertise and experience in migration, including with vulnerable migrants;
- Excellent knowledge of human rights and international law;
- Active participation in and solid understanding of various global and regional migration related processes;
- Excellent writing and communication skills with ability to analyse complex information and transmit synthesised messages to various audiences;
- Proven experience in engaging with donor agencies, especially States and philanthropic institutions;
- Excellent knowledge of and experience working in civil society migration networks and their members, ability to think in synergy and complementarity

Organisation within ICVA

Throughout the work, the consultant must be registered in accordance with the legal requirements at their base and must be able to submit documentation that proves that she/ he is meeting all legal obligations for the consultancy, including full compliance with ICVA regulations including the safeguarding policy. The consultant will report to ICVA Director of Policy and consult regularly with ICVA Forced Migration team.

How to apply

If you are interested by the consultancy and believe to have the required expertise and skills, please apply by the 24th of December by sending your CV and a motivation letter, as well as detailed price quote for the services to mirela.shuteriqi@icvanetwork.org
Selected candidates will be invited for an interview the week of the 6th of January.