



## Expressions of Interest

Road safety experts to conduct appraisals of projects submitted to the UNRSF calls for proposals

Expressions of Interest launched on 27 September 2019

Submission deadline is 27 October 2019 (23:59 CET)

## 1. BACKGROUND

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Every year, an estimated 1.35 million people are killed, and around 50 million injured, in road crashes. Most road crashes affect young people and more than 90 per cent take place in developing countries. This makes poor road safety one of the most pressing social, economic and development issue of our time. Beyond human suffering, road traffic deaths and injuries impose significant economic and financial losses to individuals and to societies, estimated to create a \$1.85 trillion burden on the global economy each year. In acknowledgement of the importance of road safety, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development included road safety in two of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (targets 3.6 and 11.2). Despite significant national and international efforts in recent years, the world is still far from achieving these global targets. Moreover, road safety has not been adequately funded at the national, regional or global levels.

In recognition of these challenges, the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) was established<sup>1</sup> in April 2018<sup>2</sup> as a multi-partner trust fund to facilitate concrete action towards achievement of the road safety targets of Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 11.<sup>3</sup>

The Fund's goal is to leverage the collective knowledge and capability of its participating UN organizations to achieve global impact and long-term developmental change in a substantial reduction in road traffic injuries and fatalities in low- and middle-income countries, and the economic loss arising therefrom.

The Fund's master plan is the [Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety \(GFPA\)](#), which reflects a holistic and inclusive system approach to addressing challenges in road safety building upon the proven success of the countries with the strongest records in road safety. It reflects and in turn supports the principles of road safety systems as provided in the Fund's [Terms of Reference](#).

The Fund conducted a pilot call for proposals in the fall of 2018, culminating in the Steering Committee's approval and award of funding for projects totaling USD 940,928. More information on the pilot call can be found [here](#).

## 2. OBJECTIVE

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This Expression of Interest invites applications from road safety experts to conduct appraisals of the project proposals submitted to the 2019 Call for Proposals to the UNRSF. The Expression of Interest is open for a one-month period, between 27 September 2019 and 27 October 2019 (deadline 23:59 CET). The UNRSF secretariat will review all applications and through a competitive process, select 2-3 experts to conduct the appraisals. Other qualified applicants that

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/260, *Improving global road safety*, A/RES/70/260, (15 April 2016), available from <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/70/260>; General Assembly resolution 72/271, *Improving global road safety*, A/RES/72/271, (12 April 2018), available from <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/72/271>.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum of Understanding between Participating UN Organizations and the United Nations Development Programme regarding Operational Aspects of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund (Fund MoU).

<sup>3</sup> See [sustainabledevelopment.un.org](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org), in particular targets 3.6 and 11.2.

are not selected for the 2019 Call for Proposals will be rostered to conduct appraisals of future calls for proposals.

### 3. RESULT OF SERVICES

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#### Ultimate result of services

Under the overall guidance of the Head of the UNRSF secretariat and direct supervision of the Programme Officer in charge of projects, the experts will deliver individual appraisal reports of project proposals submitted to the UNRSF 2019 Call for Proposals utilizing the Fund's [Priorities and Criteria for Funding Projects](#) and the guidelines for the Call for Proposals.

#### Tangible and measurable outputs of the work assignment:

Final consolidated appraisal report that meets the secretariat's quality criteria and the deadlines prescribed.

Language: Report in English; Format: electronic in both MS Word and PDF formats.

#### Performance indicators

- Draft consolidated appraisal report of project proposals submitted to the UNRSF 2019 Call for Proposals submitted on time and of satisfactory quality.
- Final consolidated appraisal report submitted on time and ready for circulation to the Steering Committee.

### 4. SCHEDULE OF THE WORK DELIVERY AND PAYMENT

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#### Duration of contract

Each selected expert will be engaged in this role between 19 November and 10 January for a total of 15 working days.

Task	Estimated delivery date	Expert working days	Responsibility	Location
Briefing by UNRSF secretariat to experts on key documents of the Fund	Week of 18 Nov 2019	1	UNRSF secretariat	Geneva, Switzerland
Project documents and appraisal templates shared with road safety experts	16 Dec 2019	n/a	UNRSF secretariat	n/a
Draft appraisals submitted to UNRSF secretariat	6 Jan 2020	12	Experts	Home-based
UNRSF secretariat sends comments on draft appraisals	8 Jan 2020	n/a	UNRSF secretariat	n/a
Road Safety Expert submits final appraisals to UNRSF secretariat	10 Jan 2020	2	Experts	Home-based

Payment for this assignment will be disbursed in one installment, upon receipt of the final consolidated appraisal report.

While this is a home-based assignment, the experts selected for the pool will be required to either travel or connect electronically to Geneva in November 2019 to attend a briefing session on the key documents of the Fund to be delivered by the UNRSF secretariat.

## **5. EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

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### **Education**

Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in road safety, engineering, economics, law, business administration or related area. A first-level university degree in any of these fields, in combination with two additional years of qualifying work experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

### **Professional Experience**

At minimum of ten years of progressively responsible experience related to road safety is required. Practical experience in planning, designing and implementing road safety project in low- and middle-income countries is required. Knowledge of road safety management in the countries with remarkable performance in road safety is required. Knowledge of global, regional and national initiatives as well as the UN legal instruments on road safety is desirable.

### **Language Requirements**

Fluency in English (both oral and written) is required; knowledge of another UN official language is an advantage.

## **6. INSTRUCTIONS**

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Applicants are required to submit a detailed CV and a cover letter within the mandatory deadline of 27 October 2019 (23:59 CET).

Complete applications should be sent electronically to: [unrsf\\_secretariat@un.org](mailto:unrsf_secretariat@un.org) with a copy to [madeeha.bajwa@un.org](mailto:madeeha.bajwa@un.org). The secretariat will acknowledge receipt within one week. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible in advance of the deadline.

Following the relevant UN rules, evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise, which may be followed by interview.

The secretariat will inform all applicants of the outcome of their application by mid-November 2019.

**Note:** Selected experts will need to sign a no conflict of interest declaration, attesting that their appraisals will in no way provide any benefit to themselves, or persons with whom they have family, business, personal or financial ties and that they will not be engaged in the implementation or supervision of any of the projects that they are appraising.