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### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**International Organization for Migration (IOM)** is calling for proposals from civil society organizations (CSOs), consultancies or consultancy firms to document and consolidate **HUMAN STORIES OF CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION IN BARMM**.

#### **Background**

The Moro people in the Southern Philippines have struggled for self-determination for more than 400 years since the 1565 Spanish arrival in the Philippines. Their struggle stems from primordial notions of homeland, indoctrination, social marginalization, and historical displacement, in which the government intervened through multiple negotiations and several agreements. The Moro people's main appeal includes the protection of their religious and cultural beliefs, safeguards from land, a greater share of public funds, and increased economic and political opportunities. With the clamor to correct the historical injustices and to recognize their right to chart their own political and cultural path, rebellion against the state ensued in which the Moro people claimed as a legitimate exercise of their right to self-determination.

More than three years have passed since the historical inauguration of the BARMM, and despite the delay in the transition, the peace process has achieved several significant milestones such as the decommissioning process of MILF combatants under the normalization track. More than 7,000 combatants underwent the third phase of the decommissioning process, and each have received transitional cash assistance, socioeconomic package and livelihood settlement grant. Some 19,345 former combatants have already been through the first two phases and the first part of the third phase since 2015. The decommissioning process is one of the key provisions of the 2014 Annex on Normalization of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro that aims to empower former MILF combatants in their transition as "peaceful and productive civilians," including the provision of health, technical and livelihood services.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) through its Transition and Recovery Unit (TRU), continues to support the successful decommissioning of former combatants since 2019 through various projects. The organization recognizes the importance of keeping the memory of this ongoing Bangsamoro journey alive- from its origins to its struggles, and its success stories and current milestones in-progress. The organization intends to inspire the community and encourage a peaceful Bangsamoro decommissioning process through a compilation of stories of former combatants who have successfully reintegrated.

IOM invites proposals from civil society organizations (CSOs) and consultancy firms to document this journey and consolidate Human Stories into information and education materials, such as: videos, documentary, a published/book bound narrative, or in any form as preferred by the selected partner.

#### **Overall Objective:**

The overall objective of this call for proposal is to find a contractor that can create a comprehensive narrative of the Bangsamoro struggle and its current milestones through the eyes of former combatants that have successfully navigated their way towards a peaceful and progressive transition to civilian life. IOM intends to use these narratives to encourage and inspire the Bangsamoro community that a peaceful and progressive reintegration exists and is achievable.

#### **Specific Objective:**

Collect, document, and consolidate human stories of conflict transformation. The selected partner should effectively capture the key aspects of the Bangsamoro struggle, from its origins to the journey that they have taken towards successful reintegration. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate linkages to BARMM institutional bodies and capture stories of key figures that can act as role models for wider society.

**Requirements:**

*Cultural sensitivity*

Promoting and improving cultural sensitivity involves understanding the social, political, and historical contexts of the Bangsamoro community. The proposal must contain knowledge and understanding of the cultural factors affecting the decommissioning and reintegration process.

*Gender-based analysis requirements*

International Organization for Migration (IOM) is committed to gender equality in the project implementation. Applicants are expected to incorporate these considerations in their proposal.

*Timeliness*

Since this engagement will run for only eight weeks, IOM expects the contractor to be able to deliver the required output within the specified timeframe. Logistic and other challenges that may be caused by the political climate during the engagement period must be considered in the workplan. Flexibility and good time management are vital skills the contractor must possess.

**Timeline**

The engagement will run for **eight weeks from April to May 2022**. The production partner is expected to commence the assignment immediately after signing the Service Agreement and complete the assignment as per the delivery schedule below:

<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Target due date (<i>indicative</i>)</b>
Contract signed	Week 1
Submission of creative concept and detailed workplan	Week 2
Inception Meeting	Week 2
Submission of rough drafts/video output	Week 5
Review and finalization	Week 7
Deliver finalized content	Week 8

**Deliverables and payment**

Achievement of the specific deliverables will determine the release of fees in tranches:

1.	Submission of creative concept and detailed Workplan	20% (TBD)
2.	Submission of rough drafts	30% (TBD)
3.	Submission of finalized content	30% (TBD)
4.	Submission of final operational and financial report detailing the completion of the output	20% (TBD)

**Application process:**

Proposals will be evaluated by an internal IOM committee and the decision will be made based on the quality and budget of the proposals and the experience and relevance of the experts. Results will be announced no later than 1 April 2022. The IOM Technical Team will notify the selected participating institution by email.

IOM reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications received.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

The organization are required to have proven experience in:

- Conceptualizing information campaigns, including the design and production of media content.
- Production of media content in the social and development field; experience creating content related to Mindanao Peace Process and Human Interest Stories will be considered a strong asset.

**Please submit the following documents:**

1. A **cover letter** signifying interest in the proposed project.
2. **CSO/ Consultant Profile:** A brief summary of the organization and CV of the experts and/or relevant persons who will be working on the project, including records on past experience in similar assignments and name of references.
3. **Concept Note** for the media content to be produced (on Human Stories of Conflict Transformation), including a tentative detailed workplan.
4. **Financial Proposal** listing all costs associated with the assignment including the itemize Technical/ Consultant fees in local or USD currency per day.

The proposal should be written in English.

**How to apply:**

Interested applicants should submit their completed application package to Imari Babali at [ibabali@iom.int](mailto:ibabali@iom.int).

- a. Please mark the subject line of your email with “Call for Proposals: Human Stories of Conflict Transformation” and
- b. Proposals should be submitted no later than 28 March 2022.

ONLY SHORT-LISTED CONSULTANTS OR ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED.