

DATE: 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): 2026_RFI_003

FOR THE SUPPLY OF EARTH-FILLED PROTECTIVE BARRIER SYSTEM

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 28 OCTOBER 2026 – 23:59 HRS CET

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees “UNHCR” is requesting information regarding **Earth-filled Protective Barrier System**.

This Request for Information (RFI) seeks market information regarding **Earth-filled Protective Barrier System**. This RFI is not a solicitation process and will not result in a contract award, nor does it create any obligation on the part of UNHCR. This RFI is not intended to solicit proposals from prospective vendors but to gather information that would help UNHCR understand the market situation. Responses to this RFI will not be used to pre-qualify vendors. This RFI seeks to collect information/data that will be used to understand capabilities in the market. All costs associated with the preparation of a response to this RFI shall be covered by the Supplier.

INTRODUCTION TO UNHCR

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established in 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly to lead and co-ordinate international actions to protect refugees and to identify lasting solutions for them. The organization’s primary purpose today is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people worldwide.

In more than seventy decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. Today, a staff of some 14,000 people in 122 countries work to help about 129.4 million displaced people. For further information on UNHCR, its mandate, and operations please see <http://www.unhcr.org>.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Given UNHCR’s global presence in challenging and security-sensitive operational environments, certain locations require the provision of heightened security measures and services to support the continuity and safety of operations.

The system of interest is a prefabricated, modular, collapsible or foldable, cellular protective barrier that can be transported unfilled, rapidly deployed on site, and filled with locally available soil, sand, gravel, crushed aggregate or other suitable granular material.

Potential applications include:

- Blast-pressure and fragment mitigation;
- Protective perimeter walls; Temporary and semi-permanent security barriers;
- Protection against certain direct and indirect-fire, fragments and debris;
- Vehicle and pedestrian-channel separation;
- Flood diversion and temporary flood protection;
- Protection of critical infrastructure, buildings, accommodation and operational facilities.

2. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

UNHCR is soliciting the market for information and is interested to know whether the goods provided by the potential supplier has the capacities as listed and detailed in Annex A – Technical Specifications (or alternative/innovative capacities).

The purpose of this RFI is to gather information and gain an understanding of the current market of those goods, designed to be flexible, effective, and efficient **Earth-filled Protective Barrier System**. After this RFI and the submissions received, UNHCR may seek clarification(s) to the information provided by your company/organization.

If there is any need for clarification regarding the RFI, please consolidate and send your request to Istvan Martha at martha@unhcr.org, copying Mohamedbashir Baniismai at baniisma@unhcr.org. In the interest of transparency, UNHCR may decide to publish the clarifications to all potential suppliers. The names of potential suppliers will remain anonymous.

3. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Interested parties are requested to respond in writing no later than **28 October 2026, 23:59 HRS CET**. The documents must be sent by email to Istvan Martha at martha@unhcr.org, copying Mohamedbashir Baniismai at baniisma@unhcr.org.

The cover letter must bear your official letterhead, clearly identifying your company.

Documents, including attachments, should be submitted in PDF format. Copies of the PDF format documents may, as an addition, be included in Excel or other formats, etc.

UNHCR does not assume any responsibility for late submissions. All interested parties are urged to take the necessary measures to ensure timely and proper submission.

Please be aware that UNHCR's email policy limits the size of attachments to a **maximum of 10MB**, so it may be necessary to send more than one email for the whole submission.

Please indicate in the email subject field:

- RFI reference no. 2026_RFI_003
 - Name of your firm
 - The number of emails sent e.g., 1/3, 2/3, 3/3 etc.
- E.g., 2026_RFI_003 – ABC Limited – 2/3

All propriety, confidential information, or any other limitations on the disclosure must be clearly marked and labelled. To the fullest extent consistent with UNHCR's rules and legal obligations, information identified by the respondent as "Propriety" or "Confidential" will be kept confidential.

UNHCR will review the responses and may seek further clarifications and information from certain respondents. These requests for clarifications or information may take the form of communication by telephone, in writing, or email. In addition, certain RFI respondents may be invited to present their responses and/or conduct on-site demonstrations to UNHCR. UNHCR will not bear any costs relating to such presentations or to the preparation and submission of the RFI responses.

Note: This RFI is not intended for suppliers to prepare detailed proposals at this stage but rather to provide information. Receipt of this RFI does not automatically qualify your company to compete for the requirement, should UNHCR decide to initiate a detailed procurement process in the future. This document also is not construed in any way as an offer to contract with your company/organization.

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