Pursuant to Regulation MoF-No 04/2017 on Criteria, Standards and Procedures for Public Financing of NGOs, the Division for Community Education Issues the following:

**Public call for providing financial support for funding of projects of NGOs who run learning centres that support Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian students, as well as other students that contribute educational attainment**

1. The Division for Community Education invites all non-governmental organizations registered in the Republic of Kosovo, which manage the learning centers, whose work program is focused on any of the areas related to support students from the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities to apply for financial support for projects that contribute to the support of these students. **NGOs managing learning centres which have registered with MESTI, or are in the process of registration are especially encouraged to apply.**

2. NGOs, in accordance with this public call, can apply with for the following priority areas:

   a) Improving learning outcomes and attendance in pre-primary, primary and secondary education, through supplementary education and support for Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian and other students

3. Non-governmental organizations can apply for one project, which would cover learning centres that contribute to the educational support of Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian and other students through the following activities:

   a) Educational support activities for Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian and other students in pre-university education

   b) Capacity building for learning centre staff to support Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian and other students

   c) Increasing parents’ awareness of the importance of educating students from the Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian and other communities.
d) Improving cooperation between learning centres, schools and municipal education directorates

4. The total planned value of the call is €200,000.

The minimum amount of financial support that can be allocated for each individual project is €10,000 euros, while the maximum amount for a project is €100,000. Maximum amount per one learning centre covered by a project is €25,000.

5. The deadline for submission of proposals ends on 3 May 2023.

6. NGOs can apply with a maximum of one project under this call. The project implementation period is from six (6) to ten (10) months starting from September 2023.

Project applications are eligible from all NGOs registered in the register of non-governmental organizations in the Republic of Kosovo and which operate in the Republic of Kosovo at least three (3) years prior to the publication of the public call. Applicant NGOs must demonstrate the experience of at least two years in working with learning centres for Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities as the priority area of the public call. NGOs must also have completed financial transactions in a transparent manner in accordance with the legislation on NGOs in the Republic of Kosovo and in accordance with the accounting rules and have fulfilled the contractual obligations towards the financial support provider and all other providers of public financial support.

Prior to signing the contract, the NGO must provide proof that the responsible person in the NGO is not under investigation for criminal offenses as well as proof from the Tax Administration that the NGO has no current outstanding tax debts and other obligations.

7. Proposals will be submitted only on the required forms, which along with the guidelines for applicants, are available on the MESTI website https://masht.rks-gov.net/

Completed documents must be delivered in person to the following address: Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, “Agim Ramadani” Street, no. 10000, Pristina. Ground floor office no. 4.

The process of receiving, opening and reviewing applications, evaluating applications, contracting, awarding funds, time and manner of filing complaints, handling documents and the indicative implementation calendar of call are detailed in the Guidelines for public call applicants.

Only projects that have are received within the deadline provided by this public call, and which fully meet the defined conditions of the public call, will be considered for financial support.

8. All issues related to the public call can be clarified only electronically, by sending an e-mail to the address: Nazan.Safqi@rks-gov.net