

Call for a researcher

JRS Malta is launching a call for Expression of Interest for a **researcher** to work with the Project Research Coordinator to conduct a mapping exercise into the needs and sources of support of asylum seekers who identify as vulnerable.

Purpose of the Call

This task is part of the RRF (Rapid Response Fund) project “Supporting the protection and integration needs of vulnerable asylum seekers in Malta: a coordinated approach”, which is supported by the Swiss contribution to reduce social and economic disparities in the EU. This project aims to ensure that vulnerable asylum seekers receive the individualized care and support they need to integrate in Malta and live with dignity.

One of the objectives of this project is that of gaining a better understanding of both the needs and the sources of support for vulnerable asylum seekers, with a view to tailoring services and support to meet the needs and build on the strengths identified.

Over the years, JRS Malta has observed that, very often, individuals with multiple needs are forced to access different forms of support from a variety of services – both NGO and mainstream. As there is sporadic or limited collaboration between services, particularly mainstream government services, services are fragmented, leading to gaps in service provision and possible duplication of services and support. Beyond the need for services, vulnerable asylum seekers often end up isolated, lonely and socially excluded. This further exacerbates several of the challenges they face and negatively impacts their mental health. There are few spaces for these individuals to engage in social experiences and build healthy and supportive relationships with other members of society.

The outcomes of the research will also be shared with other stakeholders to improve the overall knowledge, accessibility and relevance of services for this category of vulnerable asylum seekers.

Tasks

The chosen researcher will be accountable to and work under the supervision of the Project Research Coordinator and provide regular progress reports.

The researcher will be requested to:

- Participate in research activities that are ongoing upon joining the team
- Analyse the data collected
- Draft report on the findings of the mapping exercise

The final report shall be submitted by the end of January 2026.

The remuneration for this project is **€2,360** (VAT included).

Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Have experience in research and policy analysis.
- Possess strong analytical and writing skills.
- Be based in Malta, for research activities.

The following will be considered an asset:

- Previous experience working with people and communities of diverse backgrounds, immigrants and/or asylum seekers and/or with vulnerable individuals.

Application

Applicants are to submit a brief cover letter outlining their approach to the research, a police conduct certificate issued by the Criminal Records Office or other competent authority not earlier than one (1) month from the date of application, together with a sample of previous research work by not later than Friday 18th July to the JRS Operations Manager on mark@jrsmalta.org or by post to JRS Malta, 1 Pjazza E Tonna, Floriana FRN 1481.

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