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Strengthening Women's Movements on Women, Peace, and Security in three Fragile Contexts (SWoMO) Project

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Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) in partnership with CARE is pleased to announce the capacity-building opportunity for ZG-Partners¹ under the SWoMO project. We warmly welcome concept notes from Women-Led Organizations that work in the Eastern Equatorial States on WPS. A total of 12 ZG Partners will be selected through a competitive process in the three project locations; Bor, Jonglei State, Torit, Eastern Equatoria State, and Juba, Central Equatoria State (Only 4 ZG WROs partners will be selected).

Please read these guidelines carefully before you submit your concept note.

YWCA reserves the right to reject Concept Notes that are not fully completed or do not meet the eligibility criteria.

Please submit your applications to timonvivivnit@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please email atoogibson123@gmail.com.

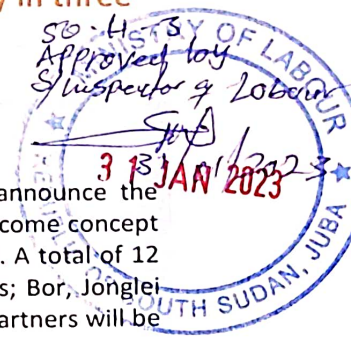
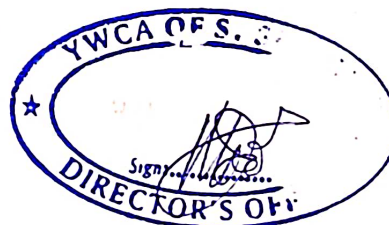
Background:

YWCA South Sudan is an established non-partisan and registered National Non-Governmental Organization operating in South Sudan. YWCA aims to empower women and girls and ensure that their rights are promoted and protected through women's leadership. It focuses on psychosocial support, economic empowerment, peacebuilding, education, strengthening the capacity of Women's Rights Organizations (WROs), and advocating for the rights and health of women, girls, and youth in South Sudan.

YWCA with funding from the German Ministry of Economic Development (BMZ) through CARE in International in South Sudan will implement the Strengthening Women's Movements on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in three fragile contexts (SWoMO) project. The project's overarching objective is Women's Rights Organizations and excluded groups of women and girls in Egypt, Iraq and South Sudan have increased their influence on the UNSCR 1325 agenda on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) at the local, national, and multi-country levels. YWCA will implement the project alongside other WLOs in South Sudan including Women Agency for Progress Organization (WAPO) and Women Empowerment Center- South Sudan (WECSS).

SWoMO – South Sudan Project

¹ The ZG WRO partners are women-led organizations that will be selected through a competitive process to receive capacity building under the SWoMO project.





CARE South Sudan alongside the PT-Partners (Projekträger)²; Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Women Education Center – South Sudan (WECSS), and Women Agency for Progress Organization (WAPO), with funding from the Germany Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), is implementing the Strengthening Women’s Movements on Women Peace and Security (WPS) in three fragile states (SWoMO) project in Jonglei, Central and Eastern Equatorial States. The purpose of the project is to increase the influence of Women’s Right Organizations and excluded groups of women in South Sudan on the UNSCR 1325 agenda on WPS at the local, national, and multi-country levels. The project is implemented in collaboration with CARE Egypt Foundation and CARE Iraq.

The project/program/initiative has 1 project outcome and 3 expected outputs outlined below:

Outcome:

Women’s Rights Organisations and excluded groups of women and girls use their strengthened strategies, capacities, and improved networks to collectively organize, participate and influence in informal (civil society-led) and formal (government-led) decision-making spaces on the WPS agenda at the local, national, and multi-country levels.

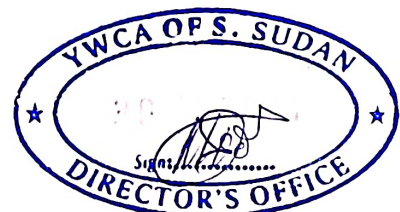
Outputs:

- 1- Women’s Rights Organisations have strengthened institutional capacity, increased resource mobilization, and improved strategic plans on the WPS agenda that are representative of and accountable to excluded groups of women and girls.
- 2- Women’s Rights Organisations and excluded groups of women and girls have increased capacity to engage in informal and formal decision-making spaces on the WPS agenda at the local, national, and multi-country levels.
- 3- Women’s Rights Organisations and excluded groups of women and girls have strengthened networks to gather, exchange and amplify learning on the WPS agenda at the local, national, and multi-country levels.

To achieve the goal of strengthening Women’s Rights Movements on the Women, Peace and Security agenda project implements the following key activities, aligned with the project’s overall purposes and outcomes:

- Activity 1.1. Project Women’s Rights Organisations develop and implement institutional capacity-strengthening plans through training, technical assistance, coaching, and mentoring.
- Activity 1.2. Project Women’s Rights Organisations develop and implement resource-mobilization strategies to increase access to funding opportunities.
- Activity 1.3. Project Women’s Rights Organisations develop and implement Strategic Plans which represent the priorities of excluded groups of women and girls.

² the PT-WROs make up the women’s rights movements that form the focus of this project, sometimes they will also participate together with the ZG-WROs in project activities, such as training sessions or advocacy events.





- Activity 2.1. Project Women’s Rights Organisation representatives participate in training, mentoring, and coaching on the WPS agenda, and related influencing, advocacy, and monitoring.
- Activity 2.2. Project Women’s Rights Organisations develop and implement collective influencing, advocacy, and monitoring plans to promote WPS priorities with decision-makers at the local and national levels.
- Activity 2.3. Excluded groups of women and girls engage with decision-makers on their WPS priorities at the local and national levels.
- Activity 3.1. Project Women’s Rights Organisations and excluded groups of women and girls document, share and exchange collective learning on WPS priorities with local and national networks.
- Activity 3.2. Project Women’s Rights Organisations across three countries exchange knowledge, experience, and learning on the WPS agenda through multi-country networks.
- Activity 3.3. Project Women’s Rights Organisations amplify their initiatives through CARE’s regional and global mechanisms.

Table 1. Project Areas of Coverage

State	District/County
Eastern Equatoria State	Torit
Jonglei State	Bor
Central Equatoria	Juba



Table 2. Target PT and ZT WROs

Key Participants	Impact or Target Group	No. Direct Participants	State/County	PT	ZG
PT - WROs	Target group	3	Bor, Jonglei	1	4
ZG - WROs	Target group	12	Juba, CES	1	4
			Torit, EES	1	4
Total		15			

The Project WROs (PT and ZG)

This project understands women’s rights movements to consist of women’s rights organizations (WROs) and marginalized groups of women and girls. The project will work with WROs both as implementing partners (Projekträger, or PT) and as Target Groups (Zielgruppen, or ZG). The term “project WROs” will be used to refer to both PT- and ZG-WROs. As the PT-WROs also make up the women’s rights movements that form the focus of this project, sometimes they will also participate together with the ZG-WROs in project activities, such as training sessions or advocacy events. The PT-WROs will work at the national, regional, and local levels, and will support the ZG-WROs to meaningfully participate and





lead in project initiatives on the WPS agenda. They will also be involved in project initiatives on WPS at the multi-country level.

The ZG-WROs in South Sudan will be formal and legally registered NGOs with the relevant national and local authorities. The project will choose small and medium-sized NGOs with at least 60% women staff members and volunteers, with preference given to those headed by women executive directors. It will target WROs that have some established capacity in advocacy, community-based initiatives, institutional governance, fundraising, and strategy development, but which require support to strengthen skills and approaches in these areas. This will include technical support, training opportunities, and access to funding.

The selected ZG-WROs will be familiar with the operating context and will have strong relationships with the local community, particularly with women and girls from excluded groups. They will have links to traditional leaders and local authorities, including schools and health facilities which support initiatives on GBV and SRHR. They will also have good relationships with civil society and women’s rights networks, and with relevant local or national institutions related to peace and gender equality and will participate in some coordination meetings or working groups and sub-clusters at the local level.

What the SWoMO Project Capacity Building Initiative would look like

Under the SWoMO Project, the capacity-building initiative will target a total of 12 ZG WROs (4 in each location) in the three project locations: Bor, Juba, and Torit. The PT alongside the ZG WROs and excluded groups of women and girls use their strengthened strategies, capacities, and improved networks to collectively organize, participate and influence informal and formal decision-making spaces on the WPS agenda at the local, national, and multi-country levels.

CARE International in South Sudan will select and provide capacity-building opportunities to selected ZG partners in the following areas.

Applicants may seek capacity strengthening in the following areas:

- Resource mobilization
- Strategic plan development
- Collective influencing and advocacy
- Policy development and strengthening



All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria as follows:

- Must be a South Sudanese organization.
- Must be a non-government, non-political, and not-for-profit (non-commercial) entity.
- Must be legally registered at the national or state level.
- Must be an organization whose head/director is female or gender non-conforming. Your organization’s chair can either be female, male, or gender non-conforming.
- Must have at least 2/3 staff, volunteers, or female or female members.



- Must be an organization that can demonstrate, through its activities and actions, a belief in the full realization of women's and girls' empowerment, transforming gender inequalities, and working with other excluded groups.
- Must have a presence in Eastern Equatorial, Central Equatorial, and Jonglei states.
- Have a strong focus on advocacy and community activities on gender equality and women's rights, including women's political participation, women's leadership, GBV, SRHR, and WPS.
- Predominantly work at the community and regional levels, enhancing social mobilization, advocacy, and engagement with local community groups.
- Work in a more limited way at the national level, supporting project initiatives on WPS alongside the PT-WROs.

Application & Review Process

How to Apply

The call for proposals is open from **January 31, 2023**, until **February 17, 2023**. Interested WLOs in South Sudan that meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to fill out the application form here attached. Your proposal should be no longer than 5 pages. CARE reserves the right to reject Concept Notes that are not fully completed or do not meet the eligibility criteria. The application form should be sent to the email address below:

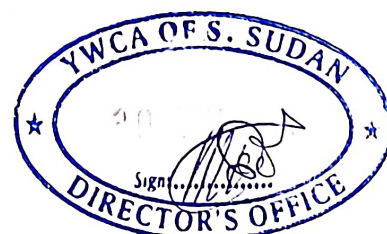
timonvivivnit@gmail.com Subject must read: **SWoMO Capacity Strengthening Initiative 2023 - Name of Your Organization)**

Applicants may also contact this email address should they have any questions about the opportunity.

Information about this call will be shared through the South Sudan NGO Forum and available newspapers and notice boards, emails, and social media groups such as Skype, WhatsApp, and Facebook, the opportunity will also be shared for circulation with other existing women's networks in the country, the Germany Embassy, our list of current WVL multi-year grant partners, and other networks and contacts as relevant. However, eligibility will not be restricted to these networks and contact lists. Any WLO, excluded group, or women's network in Eastern Equatorial, Central Equatorial, or Jonglei state that meets the criteria is welcome to apply.

Applicants' Review Process

Applications will be reviewed, and decisions will be shared on a rolling basis for successful applicants. The 12 ZG-WROs will be selected through an open competitive process, where all eligible ZG-WROs in the project locations will be invited to apply. The PT-WROs will lead the selection process with technical support from CARE South Sudan, using the methodology developed for the Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) project funded by GAC. The steps include: 1) Developing the call for proposals and application template as guiding documents, 2) Advertising the call for proposals through South Sudan NGO Forum and available newspapers and notice boards in the three project regions, 3) Compiling and forming an evaluation committee to rate the applications, using a well-defined evaluation matrix, 4) A Partner Selection Committee made up of staff from the PT-WROs and CARE South Sudan reviewing scores, discussing and deciding on





selected ZG-WROs. After the preliminary selection, all ZG-WROs will undergo due diligence and organizational capacity assessment to determine capacity-building priorities.

NOTE:

This call for proposals is strictly limited to Women-Led Organizations operating in South Sudan.

