



Expression of Interest from interested NGOs to implement a Women and Youths economic empowerment Project

1. Background

UN Women, grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action, peace and security. UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to implement these standards.

In pursuit of the above, UN Women is inviting local organizations to support the implementation of Women and youth's economic empowerment project in South Sudan.

2. Scope of Work

UN Women in partnership with the Ministry of Youths and Sports, and with funding from the African Development Bank is implementing a project called, *"Private Sector Development in Fragile Context: Capacity Building and Access to Finance for Youths and Women (PSDFC) Project"*. The project targets two locations, in South Sudan, namely, Western bahr-el-ghazal, and Western Equatoria over a period of 36 Months. The overall goal of the PSDFC project is to increase employment opportunities, market access and incomes for marginalised women and youths in South Sudan. The specific objectives of the PSDFC project are: (i) Support growth of SMEs and linking them to MFIs & Markets (ii) Strengthened institutional capacities of the government and private sector institutions to promote growth of SMEs and the economic empowerment of women and youths. The project directly targets 1,500 beneficiaries (450 women and 1,050 youth between the age of 18-35 years, 50% of which are women). The beneficiaries will be supported to establish 55 market/value chain-oriented Village Savings and Loans Associations that will enable women and youths to have access to capital, sustainable revolving start-up grants and business and financial management skills.

UN Women therefore invites expression of interests from Local partners, to support with the implementation of the project in the two above stated locations. Preference will be given to NGOs which are based in or have operating offices in the above-mentioned locations.

3. Eligibility Criteria for the Expressions of Interests

Eligible NGOs will be expected to have:

- A valid registration with the South Sudanese Government. Attach a valid Registration Certificate, with strong presence/office in Wau and or Yambio.



- Extensive experience in implementing livelihoods and or economic empowerment projects that include organizing women and youths' beneficiaries into Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs).
- Track record of strong partnership with local communities, community-based organizations and government agencies in previous assignments.
- At least five years demonstrated experience implementing programmes on gender equality and women empowerment with a focus on Political Participation, Women Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action.
- Qualified core staff at field and management level in the above-described key result areas.
- Sound financial management and internal financial control system. Attach certified audit reports for 2-3 previous fiscal years.
- At least 50% women on its Board and its staff, with substantive representation of women in leadership positions. An organogram must be attached.

4. NGO Pre-selection Process

A three-phase selection process will be put in place which includes:

1. Submission of expression of Interest (EOI); Please request the submission template from binya.francis@unwomen.org
2. Field verification of the shortlisted NGOs
3. One-to-one meetings to fill the full partner assessment for the shortlisted NGOs.

5. Submission Requirements and Guidelines

Expression of Interest on filled UN Women submission template, must be delivered in electronic format no later than Friday 27 May 2022 at 17: 00 hrs. (South Sudan Time) to this e-mail address: binya.francis@unwomen.org