

Call for Proposals

Project: Just Future

Target locations: Bor and Wau

Publication date: 29 March 2022

Submission dateline: 22 April 2022

Implementation Period: June – December 2022

Eligible organizations: Registered CSOs, NNGOs with presence in the project target locations

Subaward amount: Two sub-grants of **€25,000** each to be awarded; one in Bor and one in Wau

I. Introduction

Search for Common Ground is looking for 2 partner civil society organizations (CSOs) – one in Wau and one in Bor – to collaborate in the implementation of its Just Future project in these two locations.

II. Project overview

Search for Common Ground's (Search's) mission is to transform the way individuals, organizations, and governments deal with conflict, away from adversarial approaches and towards collaborative solutions. Headquartered in Washington DC, USA, and Brussels, Belgium, with field offices in 35 countries, Search designs and implements multifaceted, culturally appropriate and conflict-sensitive programs using a diverse range of tools, including media and training, to promote dialogue, increase knowledge and determine a positive shift in behaviors.

Search and its partners in the Just Future Alliance are implementing a 5-year project that seeks to strengthen the capacity of civil society actors in fragile contexts to respond to gaps in provision of adequate security and justice services, political decision-making and peace processes that provide adequate civic space and respect for human rights. The project ("*Just Future*") is implemented in 6 countries (Afghanistan, Burundi, DRC, Mali, Niger and South Sudan) – with funding from The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In South Sudan, the Just Future Consortium include Cordaid, Women International Peace Centre, Rift Valley Institute, Eve Organization, Initiative for Peace Communication Association (IPCA), South Sudan Law Society (SSLS), and Steward Women. Other international alliance partners also support different activities of the project in South Sudan.

The project seeks to achieve the long-term impact: *Improved accessibility, responsiveness and accountability of security and justice institutions, and inclusive political decision-making and peace processes, achieved by mobilizing civil society for collective action and advocacy that contributes to acceleration and localization of SDG16+ in 6 fragile countries.*

Programme Objective/Outcomes

This impact is being delivered through achievement of 3 programme outcomes (POs), specifically: (1) *Security providers are more responsive, accountable and people-centred, and take action* enabling the most excluded constituencies to enjoy safety, protection and enforcement of the law; (2) *Justice providers are more accessible, responsive and accountable, and take action* enabling the most excluded constituencies, to defend and enforce their rights, redress grievances and resolve disputes through diverse pathways to justice; and (3) *Political decision-making, especially in regards to peace processes, is more inclusive of and accountable to the most excluded constituencies*, which are able to influence and negotiate collectively with duty-bearers and power-holders in a context of adequate civic space and respect for human rights.

III. Target groups

The programme focuses on the most excluded security and justice seekers in conflict-affected communities, especially those disproportionately affected by insecurity and injustice and often excluded from political decision-making and peace processes, specifically:

- women
- youth
- people living in displacement, including IDPs and returnees
- other excluded identity-based groups

The programme's ambition is to enhance the capacity of these constituencies to understand and demand respect for their rights, and provide them with opportunities for improved dialogue with state duty-bearers and collective action challenging existing barriers to inclusion through the advocacy and influencing work of primary stakeholders.

IV. Geographic Scope

The project is being implemented in 6 target locations of Bor, Juba, Torit, Wau, Yambio and Yei.

I. Activities

The Just Future project was rolled out from January 2021 and the consortium partners have introduced the project to all the six project locations mentioned above. The national CSO partners

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have established community structures and implemented activities in collaboration with those structures in the project locations. Leveraging these efforts and the established structures, the new partners to be based in Bor and Wau will implement project activities in accordance with the year 2 (2022) strategy.

South Sudan specific objectives for 2022 Strategy

SO 1.1: Women and youths are collaboratively working with security actors to address security issues in the communities

SO 1.2: Security stakeholders and CSOs are better informed and aware of security priorities

SO 1.3: Capacity of state security actors and traditional authorities to handle case of (S)GBV and CRSV improved

SO 1.4: SSR/G process in South Sudan as part of the R-ARCSS is more inclusive and people-centred

SO 2.1: Customary chiefs consider women’s land rights and make judgements in reference to the rights

SO 2.2: Police, formal and informal courts and public prosecutors establish and strengthen structures to respond to needs of justice seekers

SO 2.3: Improved coordination between customary courts and formal courts

SO 2.4: Survivors of SGBV and CRSV actively participate in transitional justice and access to justice

SO 3.1: Most excluded constituencies jointly engage and influence local, state and national authorities on their rights to participate in local and national political processes

SO 3.2: Local formal and informal authorities engage with and support the participation of excluded constituencies in local and national peace processes

SO 3.3: Women and youth-led CSOs use international platforms and instruments to influence the key political and peace processes

The activities and specific deliverables to be implemented in both Bor and Wau are listed below.

Strategic Objectives	Outcome	Description of Activity	Deliverables
Start-up phase		(a) negotiation and signature of sub-agreements with Search, including introduction to narrative and financial reporting templates;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signed sub-award agreement ● Participation in 1 internal

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		(b) internal start-up meeting with Search to discuss rollout, budget and personnel management, and plan activities;	project start-up meeting;
Outcome 1: People-Centered Security governance			
SO 1.1: Women and youths are collaboratively working with security actors to address security issues in the communities	1.1.2 <i>Women groups hold regular meetings to discuss safety/ Security issues</i>	1.1.2.1 Supporting women peace network monthly meetings	8 meetings
	1.1.3 <i>Youth groups raise concerns with traditional leaders</i>	1.1.3.1 Support meetings between the traditional authorities, quarter council, youth groups to deliberate on how to minimize insecurity in their communities	2 meetings
SO 1.2: Security stakeholders and CSOs are better informed and aware of security priorities	1.2.1 youth leaders, women leaders and chiefs actively engage with security stakeholders on community security and safety	1.2.1.1 Support engagement meetings between youth leaders, women leaders, CSOs and chiefs with security actors	1 meetings conducted
SO 1.4: SSR/G process in South Sudan as part of the R-ARCSS is more inclusive and people-centred	1.4.1 Strengthen police-community relations to improve community safety and security	1.4.1.1 Support PCRC meetings to strengthen relations and collaborations between police and the community	8 PCRC meetings
OUTCOME 2: Access to Justice			
SO 2.1: Customary chiefs consider women's land rights and make judgements in reference to the rights	2.1.1 <i>Women, youth, IDPs and refugees are aware of their rights and take action to demand for justice</i>	2.1.1.3 Organize community dialogues with justice actors to provide opportunities for youth, women, IDPs, Refugees and returnees to advocate for their land rights	1 dialogue meeting
	2.1.2 <i>Traditional chiefs and local government authorities consider and uphold women rights to secession of property and</i>	2.1.2.1 Dialogue with chiefs and local government authorities on developing standards for protection of women rights to secession and ownership of land and property	1 dialogue with support from SSLS

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	<i>ownership in their decisions</i>		
SO 2.2: Police, formal and informal courts and public prosecutors establish and strengthen structures to respond to needs of justice seekers	2.2.1 <i>Justice providers are strengthened and effectively respond to the needs of justice seekers</i>	2.2.1.2 Facilitate quarterly coordination meetings of justice providers with community members including women, youth, IDPs, Refugees and Returnees	2 quarterly meetings
	2.2.2 <i>Most excluded and vulnerable constituencies (IDPs, Refugees, Returnees, Women and Youth) establish alternative dispute resolutions mechanisms to resolve disputes non-violently</i>	2.2.2.1 Consultation with vulnerable constituencies to identify potential members to be trained as Joint Community Mediation Groups (JCMGs)	- 2 consultative meetings conducted - CMGs members identified - 1 CMG formed
		2.2.2.2 Organize Communities awareness on the roles and responsibilities of the JCMGs and the referral pathways	Organize 3 meetings with JCMGs
OUTCOME 3: Inclusive Political Decision-Making and Peace processes			
SO 3.1: Most excluded constituencies jointly engage and influence local, state and national authorities on their rights to participate in local and national political processes	3.1.1 <i>Women and Youth groups are formed/identified</i>	3.1.1.2 Conducting a three days' leadership workshop for women peace network	1 workshop organized
	3.1.2 <i>Women and Youth groups are capacitated to engage in peace processes</i>	3.1.2.2 Provide mentorship and coaching of women and youth groups on dynamics, lobbying and advocacy	2 coaching meetings
	3.1.3 <i>Women and Youth groups work and plan together</i>	3.1.3.1 Organise monthly meetings for women and youth peace networks	6 meetings

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SO 3.2: Local formal and informal authorities engage with and support the participation of excluded constituencies in local and national peace processes	3.2.2 <i>County commissioners/mayors invite constituencies and take into consideration recommendations regularly</i>	3.2.2.1 Conduct stakeholder’s engagement forum with county commissioners, mayors, and the excluded constituencies to solicit ideas on local peace processes.	2 meetings
Quarterly monitoring visits to assess impact of the project		SFCG’s DM&E will be conducting quarterly monitoring visits to assess how the project objectives and outcomes are being achieved, and progressive impact of the local initiatives. During the DM&E visit, the partner should facilitate the work of the staff in the communities, secures any required approvals to conduct assessments and support in any DM&E related recruitment e.g of enumerators.	Facilitate 2 monitoring visits
Quarterly reflection meetings		SFCG’s program team in Juba will be holding quarterly program reflection meetings to assess and evaluate the progress of the project implementation and make adjustments where necessary. Regional team (RPM and DM&E) might also attend the meetings. The CSO partner will also be required to participate in these meetings as it’s involved in implementing key activities of the project.	Participate in 2 quarterly program reflection meetings

Capacity desired for the Sub Awardee

- Proven experience and functioning operations of working in Yei or Wau
- Experience working with various stakeholders including national and local authorities
- Experience working in sensitive contexts,
- Experience working with youth, men, women, persons with special needs, religious leaders and traditional authorities
- Ability to co-design and implement activities efficiently and effectively.
- Experience in using media platforms (including community radio) to engage communities

Eligibility criteria

- Be a non-profit organisation legally registered to operate in Yei and/or Bor.
- Demonstrated experience in the fields of conflict resolution and peacebuilding, good governance, access to justice, and media; and a commitment to conflict sensitivity and principles of *do no harm*.

Selection criteria

- The proposals must answer the aforementioned project outcomes and specific objectives and demonstrate: feasibility, sustainability, and focus on engaging the most vulnerable and most excluded constituencies in project activities
- The sub grantee should design how to implement the aforementioned activities and also where possible include other creative initiatives that contribute to the achievements of the project objectives.
- The sub grantee will be responsible for submitting and preparing monthly progress reports to Search for Common Ground (Search).
- Demonstrate value for money.
- Present clear budget and indicator-based project monitoring plan.

Selection

Search will select the received applications based on the aforementioned selection criteria. Each applying organisation should submit a project for no more than 8 months with clear activities to achieve the anticipated deliverables.

Submission

Submit a detailed proposal through the SFCG's provided concept note template, explaining clearly how the organization will implement this project in the target communities. Please submit a detailed work plan (in chart form) and a budget for the activities using the attached templates. Submit your application not later than **17:00 hrs CAT on 22 April 2022** to **Search for Common Ground, South Sudan through the email: ssdprocurements@sfcg.org**

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