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**Call for Applications**

**Women-Led or Women-Focused Organizations**

**IRC in South Sudan**

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world’s worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, IRC offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster. At work today in over 40 countries and 22 U.S. cities, we restore safety, dignity and hope to millions who are uprooted and struggling to endure. The IRC has been operating in South Sudan since 1989 providing critical Health, Nutrition, Protection and Rule of Law, Child Protection, Education, WASH and Economic Wellbeing (EWB) services across four states and one administrative area in South Sudan. The IRC has 12 offices including two offices in Northern Bahr el Ghazal - NBeG (Aweil East, Aweil South), five offices in Unity State (Bentiu, Koch, Mayendit, Ganyliel and Nyal), one in the Ruweng Administrative Area (Jamjang) covering operations in the Ajuong Thok and Pamir Refugee Camps and the host community, two offices in Upper Nile (Maban, Renk) covering the refugee response, one office in Rumbek town covering the whole of Lakes, and a country office in Central Equatoria (Juba) for urban programming as well.

The IRC Strategy100 commitment recognizes that actors closest to the crisis are the main agents of response and recovery. When we partner with local actors, we contribute to greater impact and scale and more sustainable outcomes. We are committed to being a feminist and anti-racist organization that promotes equality, diversity, and inclusion. IRC South Sudan, therefore, seeks out organizations led by or focused on women and other people disproportionately impacted by crisis and systemic inequality.

**Purpose of the Call for Applications**

The IRC in South Sudan is planning to expand its work with women-led organizations. The request for applications aims to identify women-led or women-focused organizations with shared vision and values, and eligible for potential partnership with the IRC in South Sudan. In particular, the IRC is looking for organizations with technical experience working with women in micro- and medium-scale enterprises.

Partners are expected to demonstrate knowledge and experience in developing and delivering entrepreneurship training, provision of business growth and start-up grants, financial inclusion through formal financial institutions and informal (VSLA groups), and capacity in facilitating private and public sector partnerships with the government line ministries and private sectors that support women entrepreneurs. Previous knowledge on gender responsiveness for women entrepreneurs is a plus.

**Locations**

The locations are the 10 States (Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Upper Nile, Jonglei, Unity, Lakes, Warrap, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Northern Bahr el Ghazal) and two Administrative Areas(Greater Pibor and Ruweng).

**Partnership Duration**

The initial IRC engagement will be for one year with a potential two-year opportunity based on available donor funding.

**How to apply**

Organizations that wish to participate in this Call for Application are requested to send their submission (application form and required supporting documents) via email with the following subject *“Women-Led Organization Call for Applications”* at the following email address: [SS-GrantsSS-Grants@rescue.org](mailto:SS-GrantsSS-Grants@rescue.org)

**Deadline:** 16th February 2024. 5.00 pm (Juba time).

**Submission:**

* [**Application Form** (download and fill out)](https://rescue.box.com/s/m9ne55j9nso3fa6hchmxt1m47bl0z5dy)
* **Required supporting documents:**

1. Evidence of registration with the Government
2. Tax Certification with Government
3. Organization Profile
4. Organization Code of Conduct
5. PSEA policy
6. HR Policy
7. Finance Policy
8. Procurement Policy
9. Photo gallery showing the organization's training center / conference hall / office where you are planning to host the activities / trainings in the state(s) or administrative area for which you are applying.

[Application Form](https://rescue.box.com/s/m9ne55j9nso3fa6hchmxt1m47bl0z5dy) and the Supporting Documents listed above must be submitted in English.

Interested organizations with relevant experience and meeting the requirements will be contacted by IRC for further consideration.

**Request for information**

Any requests for additional information must be addressed in writing on or before 7th February 2024 to

[SS-GrantsSS-Grants@rescue.org](mailto:SS-GrantsSS-Grants@rescue.org)

IRC will organize a virtual information session via Teams to respond to questions submitted by interested applicants. The session will take place on 9th February 2024, between 9 am – 10 am (Juba time).

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODE2ZDk3YjItMjQ2OC00YjE2LWE1ODktMzQyOTFkODJhZjMz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2205f1318c-6783-4326-b729-bf537a761db8%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222da894d9-a60a-4202-ae58-accaf6f65d7f%22%7d)

**No payment and reporting of misconduct.**

No payment is required to submit an application in response to this Call for Applications. Any known or suspected misconduct can be reported through the following channels (all of which are separate from IRC office issuing this request for applications):

* Ethics and Compliance Unit (ECU): [integrity@rescue.org](mailto:integrity@rescue.org)(by email)
* [IRC’s Ethics Hotline (Ethics Point)](https://rescuenet.rescue.org/Interact/Pages/Content/Document.aspx?id=10123) (by phone or web form)
* IRC’s Ethics Hotline also can be accessed externally from the [IRC website](https://www.rescue.org/page/ethics-hotline-report-issue).