

Call for Proposal (CFP)
National Women Led Organizations (WLO) to address Prevention of Gender-based Violence and harmful practices in view of Covid-19 Response

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) South Sudan is in the process of identifying **Women-led Non-governmental Organizations registered in South Sudan (WLO) working on gender equality, especially addressing gender based violence, harmful practices and creating enabling environment for prevention of GBV** for collaboration in the implementation of the project for Gender-based violence prevention and post violence care (COVID-19) with the funding from Global Fund and supported by UNDP.

The proposed initiatives/activities must focus on promotion of gender equality, gender-based violence prevention and bodily autonomy within a budget not exceeding **25,000 USD** to be implemented within period of one year (1st October – 30 September 2023).

About the Project:

Since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, gender based violence, particularly domestic violence against women and girls, teenage pregnancies and other violations of women's rights have witnessed an upsurge around the world. Civil society organizations, women's rights groups and the frontline responders have all anecdotally highlighted the rising risk factors such as food insecurity, economic insecurity and unemployment, school closure related risks such as increased child marriages, high teenage pregnancies, sexual violence and harassment in public spaces. While South Sudan faces challenges with regards to credible evidence base and data to ascertain the scale of the issue, all stakeholders agree on the increased risk of gender based violence, including sexual exploitation and abuse, harassment, domestic violence, sexual violence, emotional and economic violence fuelled through the food and income insecurity risks.

To mitigate and respond to the multiplier risk of Covid-19 and GBV, the C19RM under Global Fund has been allocated to South Sudan to focus on prevention as well as response to GBV. C19RM funds the following areas: COVID-19 Response; COVID-19 related adaptation of programs to fight HIV, TB and malaria; and strengthening formal and community health systems. These three areas should also incorporate cross-cutting activities that bolster community responses to COVID-19 and support pandemic preparedness. For further information, please visit <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/covid-19>.

About the Women-led Organizations' Call for Proposal:

Through this CFP, UNFPA with the support from Global Fund and UNDP, seeks to solicit national women-led organizations, especially the groups representing marginalized groups to pilot, bolster or scale up approaches focusing on prevention of or response to

gender based violence and enabling women and girls to realise their full potential in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and creating an enabling environment for the realization of this. The applicant organization can submit a proposal as per the below guideline, along with the documentation mandated below.

Potential Areas for Proposal:

Please note that these are only indicative areas for proposal. The Applicants are encouraged to apply for innovative approaches having catalytic effect. Some examples of the proposals include –

- **GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.** Projects which can be supported may include actions addressing sexual harassment in public spaces, mental health related violence on women, child marriage and early pregnancies and dropping out of school and initiatives to support girl's re-entry into formal school systems, Online Gender-Based violence (Cyber Bullying), setting up community led systems for addressing GBV, setting up early warning systems at the community level linking the conflict-induced violence and GBV, addressing the policy gaps; addressing conflict related sexual violence.
- **LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND:** The project could focus on key population that are focus of the Global Fund and focus on the empowerment of the key population in South Sudan.
- **SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS:** promote rights based approaches addressing sexual and reproductive health and rights, advocate against issues denying women and adolescent girls' access to relevant and gender sensitive information and services to enjoy their full reproductive health rights. Advocacy and research interventions to advance gender equality in the context of sexual health, through building critical awareness, participation and agency among affected community members.
- **ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RIGHTS:** The topic may include actions increasing viable women's economic opportunities, addressing policy, budgetary and cultural barriers to social inclusion in economic systems, increasing financial inclusion and access to finance, and strengthening local commerce and trade.
- **WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS & LEADERSHIP:** growth and deepening of women led movements which adopts inclusive approaches in accelerating transformative changes within the women's and girls' movement(s); advances disability rights, children's rights, migrant rights, HIV Positive persons rights, gender rights for minority groups, environmental justice, and addresses negative social norms.
- **MEN AND NORM-SETTERS ENGAGEMENT FOR GENDER EQUALITY:** This could include how women's groups would like to sensitise men on their role in gender equality, interventions focusing on care responsibilities for men and boys.
- **INNOVATION FOR GENDER EQUALITY:** Any other Subject that addresses and prevents GBV using an innovative approach.

Those interested in this partnership are invited to send their proposal to the **UNFPA Country Representative**, via email : southsudan.procurement@unfpa.org by 5:00 pm on Monday 31st October 2022 enclosing the information listed below.

Documents required:

1. Proof of being a women led organization (WLO)
2. Full legal name and address of applying WLO organization
3. Copy of valid legal registration in South Sudan/ Evidence of South Sudanese Women Led Organization (WLO)
4. Short description of **(Maximum 2 pages)** existing operations on gender equality, GBV prevention and response, ending child marriage, activism on sexual reproductive and rights, women economic empowerment and promotion of human rights
5. PROPOSAL: Please ensure that the following information is well articulated on the proposal **(Maximum 5 pages inclusive of detailed budget)**:
 1. Statement of organization's expertise in gender equality, women's empowerment, GBV prevention and response, ending child marriage, advocacy on bodily autonomy and human rights
 2. Project vision,
 3. Evidence of engaging institutions and communities on GBV prevention and response during covid-19 and post recovery
 4. Evidence of collaboration with other donor organizations, UN agencies and international organizations (INGO's)

Essential Eligibility Criteria:

- The applying organisation must be a legally registered charity in South Sudan.
- Be governed and led by women, with women filling the majority of leadership and management positions in both the board and secretariat levels; Young women-led organization (age group of less 35 years of age is given priority)
- Not more than 7 years since WLO establishment and operations
- The applying civil society organisation is aligned with the UNFPA and Global Fund's mission and vision.

Desired Criteria

- The applying organisation is relatively small – where a small grant can make a big difference.
- The proposed project proposes innovative approaches/ solutions towards prevention and response to gender-based violence and addressing harmful practices in South Sudan.
- The proposed project focuses on themes within gender equality and GBV that are underexplored and proposes to work with the most vulnerable population.

Upon receipt of the above information from prospective WLO, UNFPA will evaluate and pre-assess proposal. **Total 10 WLO will be selected for a small grant of 25,000 USD each WLO.** Please note that one of the WLO that meets the regulatory criteria will be identified as the manager of the other 9 WLO to operate as a consortium.

Note:

- Due to the high interests to partner with UNFPA on area of mandate, UNFPA will not confirm receipt of CFP.
- Only proposals which have qualified will be notified by 14th November 2022.