

CFP: UNW-M&W-RP-001/2019 Selection of an Umbrella Organization

Men and Women for Gender Equality Regional Programme (Phase II)

Answers to inquiries sent via email

Question 1: In the guidelines, it states: "Geographical area: The proposed programme targets the West Bank including East Jerusalem and Gaza."

Does this means that in our proposal we need to target areas in both the West Bank and Gaza? or is it sufficient if we submit proposals only targeting East Jerusalem and the West Bank? If we need to also target Gaza, can we then submit a proposal with proposed partnership with institutions/organizations implemented in Gaza?

Answer: Yes. As per the CFP letter:

- The lead applicant organization may apply jointly with two or more organizations (highly recommended). UN Women will sign a partnership agreement with and disburse funds to the applicant/lead organization only.
- Interested organizations need to demonstrate ability to implement the activities in both the West Bank including East Jerusalem and Gaza.

Question 2: There is clearly a capacity building component that will be implemented alongside the grants component to the CBOs. There is however, not much description about this component in the TOR, and in some of the cases some conflicting information.

The umbrella organization is supposed to facilitate the capacity building of the CBOs. In the same paragraph under output 3.1, the umbrella organization in partnership with UN Women will support the CBOs to develop advocacy and communication strategies and targeted campaigning using tools developed by UN Women.

Are these tools for campaigning only or also for developing the advocacy and communication strategies? What is the role of UN Women versus the umbrella organization?

Answer: UN Women will provide the tools that were developed under phase I; these include the youth and gender advocacy toolkit and the policy and programme guidance notes, knowledge products on women's rights in Islam and others. These tools will be used to build the capacity of the CBOs in advocacy. The umbrella organization will be leading the capacity building of the CBOs.



Question 3: There is a role for UN Women (4th paragraph under output 3.1) to continue to provide coaching of CBOs and strengthen their advocacy skills. In the same paragraph, the understanding is that UN Women will support the CBOs (and other organizations) to develop their advocacy and communication strategies and targeted campaigning; and that the capacity development will have a two-pronged approach, etc., Is this completely the role of UN Women?

Answer: UN Women will sign a partnership agreement with an umbrella organization. The umbrella organization will be responsible on managing the community- led interventions and enhance the capacity of CBOs and CSO in advocacy. The umbrella organization will be leading the capacity building of the CBOs. UN Women will provide support as needed to the umbrella organization.

Question 4: Under section 4 "Competencies", there is a requirement for the umbrella organization to develop the capacity building programme/plan for the CBOs based on their technical and operational/managerial needs and gaps, etc., The assumption is that the capacities of the CBO were developed in the previous phase, will this still be required in this phase?

Answer: For this phase, it is required to build the capacities of the CBOs in advocacy to achieve output 3.1 "Civil society organizations have greater capacity to advocate for legal and policy change based on the research findings." The umbrella organization will also be responsible to mentor the CBOs' implementation of work and build their capacities further in gender equality, masculinities as well as financial and administrative management.

Question 5: There is mention in the TOR of an advocacy capacity assessment tool, is it possible to receive a copy?

Answer: Yes, at a later stage.

Question 6: Is there an indicative budget for the capacity building component?

Answer: ILS 90,000.

Question 7: While the duration of the project is 24 months, what is the expected duration for implementing the CBOs sub-projects?

Answer: At least 18 months.



Question 8: National Advisory Committee: who are the members of the National Advisory Committee and how often does this Committee meet?

Answer: The committee is composed of Sida/Swedish government representative a representative of the government and a representative of one or more of: Civil society/ an NGO; Academia; other civil society organization and UN Women; the committee will meet twice a year.