**Call for Proposal (CFP) for Responsible Parties**

**Section 1**

**CFP No. UNW-2022-WPS-1**

1. **CFP letter for Responsible Parties**

UN Women plans to engage a (Responsible Party) as defined in accordance with these documents. UN Women now invites sealed proposals from qualified proponents for providing the requirements as defined in the UN Women Terms of Reference.

Proposals must be received by UN Women at the address specified not later than 18:00 on 27 January 2022.

**The budget range for this proposal should be**: 500,000 ILS (min) – 580,000 ILS (max)

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| **This UN Women Call for Proposals consists of Two sections:** | **Annexes to be completed by proponents and returned with their proposal (mandatory)** |
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Interested proponents may obtain further information by contacting this email address: [palestine.registry@unwomen.org](mailto:palestine.registry@unwomen.org)

1. **Proposal data sheet for Responsible Parties**

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| **Programme/Project: 118953** | **Requests for clarifications due:** | |
|  | **Date: 14 January 2022** | **Time: 18:00 Palestine Time** |
| **Program official’s name: Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Palestine** | **(via e-mail:** [**palestine.registry@unwomen.org**](mailto:palestine.registry@unwomen.org)**)** | |
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| **Email:** [**palestine.registry@unwomen.org**](mailto:palestine.registry@unwomen.org) | **UN Women clarifications to proponents due: [if applicable]** | |
|  | **Date: 20 January 2022** | **Time: 15:00 Palestine Time** |
| **Telephone number: 02-62-80450** |  | |
|  | **Proposal due:** | |
| **Issue date: 4 January 2022** | **Date: 27 January 2022** | **Time: 18:00 Palestine Time** |
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|  | **Planned award date:** |  |
|  | **14 February 2022** |  |
|  | **Planned contract start-date / delivery date:** | |
|  | **1 March 2022 / 31 December 2022 (10 months)** | |

1. **UN Women Terms of Reference**

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| 1. **Introduction**   **“Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Palestine” Programme**  In 2021, the situation in Palestine has been marked by multiple, overlapping crises: more than 54 years of Israeli military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, 14 years long blockade on Gaza, the internal Palestinian political division, the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting economic crisis and recurrent escalations of hostilities between Israel and Palestinian armed groups.  The Women, Peace and Security agenda (WPS) was established by UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) in 2000 and followed by nine additional resolutions, outlines UN and state obligations for ensuring that the needs and priorities of women and girls impacted by conflict are addressed and that peace is brokered in an inclusive and sustainable manner. In 2016, the State of Palestine was the second Arab state to adopt a National Action Plan (NAP) on WPS, recognizing the disproportionate impact of the occupation and internal political split on Palestinian women and girls and their vital participation in all aspects of peacebuilding. Palestine adopted its second NAP (2020-2024) for the implementation of Resolution 1325 in October 2020. Despite progressive actions adopted by the government and civil society to further the WPS commitments, women continue to be absent from reconciliation talks which led to the signing of the reconciliation agreements between Fatah and Hamas in 2017, and consequently talks continue to be overwhelmingly male dominated. Maintaining gains like the electoral gender quotas have been an ongoing fight for women’s rights activists, not to mention that elections do need to take place for quotas to be meaningful.  The UN Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth, Peace and Security is the first international policy framework that recognizes the positive role young people play in preventing and resolving conflict, countering violent extremism and building peace. The participation of young people, especially young women, in societal discussions and politics is crucial to ensure that the voices of different interest groups are heard and that the decisions being made reflect the will of the population. While young people (aged 15-29) make up 30 per cent of the total Palestinian population, they often feel estranged from decision-making. According to a UN Women report, despite the fact that young women are active agents of peace, defy gender stereotypes and stand at the frontlines of peacebuilding efforts, their work remains under-recognized, under-studied and under-financed. The report also notes that references to young women in policies, action plans and frameworks should not be limited to a language related to protecting them or addressing their discrimination, rather, to emphasize the positive and transformative role they can play in building sustainable peace.  In the framework of the programme “Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Palestine”, generously funded by the Government of Norway, and implemented by UN Women in 2019-2021, the State of Palestine had endorsed Palestine’s second National Action Plan (PALNAP) to implement UNSCR 1325. The PALNAP is based on four pillars: a) protection and prevention, b) accountability, c) participation, and d) relief and recovery. It focuses on actions that respond to institutional needs and priorities of the State and ensure that the institutions responsible are equipped to implement the PALNAP.  On the 21st anniversary of UN Security Resolution 1325 and reiterate calls to promote Palestinian women’s role in peace and security, UN Women held an Open Day on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in partnership with the General Union of Palestinian Women in October 2021. The event, held in Gaza City, served as an important space for Palestinian women, gender equality advocates and the international community to reflect on the implementation of UN Security Resolution 1325 in Palestine, 21 years after its adoption.  Over the two days of the Open Day, the participants highlighted the important role that Palestinian women can play in national reconciliation, took stock of the challenges to effectively implement the WPS agenda in Palestine, and formulated recommendations to strengthen women’s role in reconciliation and peacebuilding, including for the establishment of a platform where Palestinian women leaders, holding diverse political views and across generations, can convene and strategize on how to increase women’s participation in the Palestinian reconciliation process.  Participants also agreed on the importance of holding democratic and free elections as soon as possible, with at least 30 per cent quota reserved for women’s representation. Female and male youth peacebuilders recommended stronger inclusion of youth in gender responsive peacebuilding and recovery efforts and systematic engagement with feminist organizations in pushing a gender equality agenda.  In this context, and to build on the achievements of phase I and informed by the recommendations of the Open Day, UN Women is inviting proponents to submit proposals for providing required services/results under phase II of the programme “Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda” per the description below. |
| 1. **Description of required services/results**   **Important Note:**  • UN Women will accept applications from:   1. Individual proponents 2. Two organizations submitting a joint technical and financial proposal. The proposals should identify a lead applicant and a co-implementing partner. The lead applicant will be the one evaluated against UN Women’s eligibility criteria set out in this Call for Proposals.   • Both individual proponents’ and joint proposals’ submissions can mention sub-implementing partners (e.g. grassroots organizations, informal networks, specialized agencies…) in their project proposal to carry out specific project activities.    • All individual applicants and lead applicants (in the case of joint proposals) must be registered in Palestine as national/local non-governmental and non-profit organizations.  • Joint proposal submissions are highly encouraged.  • UN Women reserves the right to exclude proponents and submissions that do not meet these requirements.  In the framework of the phase II of the Programme “Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Palestine “and the priorities outlined above, UN Women Palestine Country Office welcomes proposals against the following output areas and activities.  **Outcome 1. An enabling environment for implementation and monitoring of WPS commitments in Palestine is promoted**  **Output 1.1. - Women feminist leaders have the resources and capacity to engage in and lead WPS advocacy, policymaking, and decision-making efforts**  **Activity 1.1.1**. Support the establishment of a caucus group of women/ feminist leaders (including young leaders), to lobby decision makers for higher representation of women political leaders and activists in track 1 and track 2 peacebuilding efforts.  **Activity 1.1.2.** Carry out WPS advocacy campaigns, using different tools, targeting national governmental actors, political parties, and decision makers in Palestine (on elections, reconciliation etc.)  **Activity 1.1.3.** Carry out international advocacy initiative and campaigns to promote international accountability with regards to the protection of Palestinian women under occupation and their participation in conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts.  **Activity 1.1.4.** Support UN Women efforts in promoting coalition building and joint lobbying among women’s leaders in the West Bank and Gaza through convening and exchange of know-how and best practices.  **Output 1.2. Young people, including young women and men, have the capacity and space to participate in political processes and peacebuilding efforts**  **Activity 1.2.1**. Organize tailored trainings for male and female youth on the youth, peace and security (YPS) agenda and its linkages with the WPS agenda.  **Activity 1.2.2.** Carry out actionable intergenerational dialogues between women's feminist leaders and youth on political processes and peacebuilding efforts  **Activity 1.2.3.** Carry out coaching and mentoring programmes for male and female youth at women’s organizations engaging experienced Palestinian WPS leaders and young people. This will include paid internships and job-placements.  **Activity 1.2.4.** Support social media initiatives that promote young women's (including conflict affected and marginalized women) participation in peace and security. This will include the use of creative and youth-friendly tools (in the absence of youth access to formal negotiation tables).  **Activity 1.2.5.** Support youth-led advocacy campaigns on YPS and WPS, and women’s political participation.  **Activity 1.2.6.**  Develop a series of stories narrated through the lens of male and female youth that navigate their experiences as living under occupation and taking part in ending conflict and achieving peace.  These interventions shall be aligned with UN Women’s Corporate Strategic Plan Outcome 5 “Women and girls contribute to and have greater influence in building sustainable peace and resilience and benefit equally from the prevention of natural disasters and conflicts and from humanitarian action” and Palestine Strategic Note Outcome 4.2. “An enabling environment for implementation and monitoring of WPS commitments in Palestine is promoted”; the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda approach of leaving no one behind and Sustainable Development Goal 16 on “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions”; Palestine Second National Action plan on WPS (2020-2024); and guided by the national WPS priorities and commitments as articulated by key WPS actors. |
| 3. **Timeframe:** The initial timeframe of the project is 10 months (until 31 December 2022).  The budget range for this proposal are specified in the first page of this Call for Proposals. |
| 1. **Competencies:**    1. Technical/functional competencies required:  * Organizational experience and proven track record on the areas of expertise relevant to the thematic focus of this proposal. * Previous experience in ensuring meaningful participation of women and/or youth, in particular those facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination due to poverty, ethnicity, disability, age, geography, migratory status etc… * Proven track record in capacity development of local women’s organizations and/or youth organizations. * Ability to propose a realistic activity schedule and implementation strategy as well as to identify risks and propose appropriate risk mitigation measures. * Promotion of national and local ownership in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players. * Track record of sustainability of previously implemented projects beyond the financing period and (where applicable), how to reproduce them and improve them over time. * Alignment with the UN and UN Women values, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda approach of leaving no one behind and Sustainable Development Goal 16 on “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions”;   1. Other competencies, which while not required, can be an asset for the performance of services: * Previous experience managing grants from UN agencies, INGOs or international organizations. * Complementarity with other funds and programmes managed by UN Women Palestine. * Alignment with the Palestine Second National Action plan on WPS (2020-2024) and the national WPS priorities. |

**Annex B-1**

**Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria**

**[To be completed by proponents and returned with their proposal]**

**Call for proposal**

**Description of Services:**

**CFP No. UNW-2022-WPS-1**

Individual proponents and lead applicants are requested to complete this form and return it as part of their submission. Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating on this section. To be considered, proponents must meet all the mandatory criteria described below. All questions should be answered on this form or an exact duplicate thereof. UN Women reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent’s response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will result in disqualification.

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| **Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria** | **Proponent’s response** |
| * 1. Confirm that the services being requested are part of the key services that the proponent has been performing as an organization. This must be supported by a list of at least two customer references for which similar service is currently or has been provided by the proponent. | Reference #1:  Reference #2: |
| * 1. Confirm proponent is duly registered or has the legal basis/mandate as a non-profit organization | Yes/No |
| * 1. Confirm proponent as an organization has been in operation for at least five (5) years[[1]](#footnote-2) | Yes/No |
| * 1. Confirm proponent has a permanent office within the location area. | Yes/No |
| * 1. Proponent must agree to a site visit at a customer location in the location or area with a similar scope of work as the one described in this CFP. | Yes/No |
| 1.6 Confirm that proponent has not been the subject of a finding of fraud or any other relevant misconduct following an investigation conducted by UN Women or another United Nations entity. The Proponent must indicate if it is currently under investigation for fraud or any other relevant misconduct by UN Women or another United Nations entity and provide details of any such investigation | Yes/No |
| 1.7 Confirm that proponent has not been the subject of any investigations and/or has not been charged for any misconduct related to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)[[2]](#footnote-3). | Yes/No |
| 1.8 Confirm that proponent has not been placed on any relevant sanctions list including as a minimum the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List(s), United Nations Global Market Place Vendor ineligibility and the EU consolidated Sanction list | Yes/No |

**Section 2**

**CFP No. UNW-2022-WPS-1**

1. **Instructions to proponents (Responsible Parties)**
2. **Introduction**
   1. UN Women invite qualified parties to submit Technical and Financial Proposals to provide services associated with the UN Women requirement for Responsible Party.
   2. UN Women is soliciting proposals from non-profit Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) registered in Palestine. Women’s organizations or entities are highly encouraged to apply.
   3. A description of the services required is described in CfP Section 1- C “Terms of Reference”.
   4. UN Women may, at its discretion, cancel the services in part or in whole.
   5. Proponents may withdraw the proposal after submission, provided that written notice of withdrawal is received by UN Women prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of proposals. No proposal may be modified subsequent to the deadline for submission of proposal. No proposal may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of proposals and the expiration of the period of proposal validity.
   6. All proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance for a period of 90 calendar days after the date specified for receipt of proposals. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected.In exceptional circumstances, UN Women may solicit the proponent’s consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing.
   7. Effective with the release of this CFP, all communications must be directed only to UN Women, by email at [palestine.registry@unwomen.org](mailto:palestine.registry@unwomen.org) . Proponents must not communicate with any other personnel of UN Women regarding this CFP. **Please mention the number of this call for proposal in the subject of your e-mails: UNW-2022-WPS-1** – UN Women is not responsible for misplaced e-mails.
3. **Cost of proposal**

2.1 The cost of preparing a proposal, attendance at any pre-proposal conference, meetings or oral presentations shall be borne by the proponents, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the CFP process. Proposals must offer the services for the total requirement; proposals offering only part of the services will be rejected.

1. **Eligibility**

3.1 Proponents must meet all mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria as set out in **Annex B-1**. See point 4 below for further explanation. Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating on this section. To be considered, proponents must meet all the mandatory criteria described in **Annex B-1**. UN Women reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent’s response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will result in disqualification.

3.2 All individual applicants and lead applicants must be registered in Palestine as non-profit organizations.

1. **Mandatory/pre-qualification criteria**

4.1 The mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria have been designed to assure that, to the degree possible in the initial phase of the CFP selection process, only those proponents with sufficient experience, the financial strength and stability, the demonstrable technical knowledge, the evident capacity to satisfy UN Women requirements and superior customer references for supplying the services envisioned in this CFP will qualify for further consideration. UN Women reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent’s response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will affect your evaluation.

4.2 Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating in the mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria section. In order to be considered for Phase I of the technical proposals’ appraisal, proponents must meet all the mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria described in this CFP.

1. **Clarification of CFP documents**

5.1. A prospective proponent requiring any clarification of the CFP documents may notify UN Women in writing at UN Women email address indicated in the CFP by the specified date and time. UN Women will respond in writing to any request for clarification of the CFP documents that it receives by the due date. Written copies of UN Women response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be posted using the same method as the original posting of this (CFP) document.

5.2. If the CFP has been advertised publicly, the results of any clarification exercise (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be posted on the UN Women Palestine Website .

6. **Amendments to CFP documents**

6.1. At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, UN Women may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective proponent, modify the CFP documents by amendment. All prospective proponents that have received the CFP documents will be notified in writing of all amendments to the CFP documents. For open competitions, all amendments will also be posted on the advertised source.

6.2. In order to afford prospective proponents reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their proposals, UN Women may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of proposal.

**7. Language of proposal**

* 1. The proposal prepared by the proponent and all correspondence and documents relating to the proposal exchanged between the proponent and UN Women, shall be written in English.
  2. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the proponent may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an appropriate translation of all relevant passages in English. In any such case, for interpretation of the proposal, the translation shall prevail. The sole responsibility for translation and the accuracy thereof shall rest with the proponent.

1. **Submission of proposal**
   1. Technical and financial proposals should be submitted as part of the template for proposal submission (Annex B2-3) in one email. with the CFP reference and the clear description of the proposal by the date and time stipulated in this document.
   2. All proposals should be sent by email to the following secure email address: **palestine.registry@unwomen.org**

**The email subject must indicate the line the number of this call for proposal - UNW-2022-WPS-1 - and whether the application is from an individual proponent or a joint financial proposal.** The email text body should indicate the name and address of the individual proponent/lead applicant. If the emails and email attachments are not marked as instructed, UN Women will assume no responsibility for the misplacement, premature opening or disqualification of the proposals submitted.

8.3 Proposals should be received by the date, time and means of submission stipulated in this CFP. Proponents are responsible for ensuring that UN Women receives their proposal by the due date and time. Proposals received by UN Women after the due date and time may be rejected.

8.4 When receiving proposals by email (as is required for the CFP), the receipt time stamp shall be the date and time when the submission has been received in the dedicated UN Women inbox. UN Women shall not be responsible for any delays caused by network problems, etc. It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that their proposal is received by UN Women in the dedicated inbox on or before the prescribed CFP deadline.

8.5Late proposals: Any proposals received by UN Women after the set deadline for submission of proposals prescribed in this document, will be rejected.

**9. Clarification of proposals**

9.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of proposals, UN Women may, at its discretion, ask the proponent for a clarification of its proposal. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the price or substance of the proposal shall be sought, offered or permitted. UN Women will review minor informalities, errors, clerical mistakes, apparent errors in price and missing documents in accordance with the UN Women Policy and Procedures.

1. **Proposal currencies**

10.1 All prices shall be quoted **in New Israeli Shekel (NIS).**

10.2 UN Women reserves the right to reject any proposals submitted in another currency than the mandatory currency for the proposal stated above. UN Women may accept proposals submitted in another currency than stated above if the proponent confirms during clarification of proposals, see para (9) above in writing, that it will accept a contract issued in the mandatory proposal currency and that for conversion the official United Nations operational rate of exchange of the day of CFP deadline as stated in the CFP letter shall apply.

10.3 Regardless of the currency of proposals received, the contract will always be issued and subsequent payments will be made in the mandatory currency for the proposal above.

1. **Evaluation of technical and financial proposal** 
   1. **PHASE I – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL** (**70 points**)
      1. Only individual proponents and lead applicants meeting the mandatory criteria and having submitted all annexes indicated in this section (see para 12.6) will advance to the technical evaluation in which a maximum possible 70 points may be determined. Technical evaluators who are members of an Evaluation Committee appointed by UN Women will carry out the technical evaluation applying the evaluation criteria and point ratings as listed below. In order to advance beyond Phase I of the detailed evaluation process to Phase II (financial evaluation) a proposal must have achieved a minimum cumulative technical score of 50 points. Proposals submitted by partnerships will be awarded the same score for both Streams.

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| 1 | Proposal is compliant with the Call for Proposal (CfP) requirements | 10 points |
| 2 | The Organization(s) mandate is relevant to the work to be undertaken in the TORs (**component 1)** | 20 points |
| 3 | The Proposal demonstrates a sound understanding of the requirements of the TOR and indicates that the organization has the prerequisite capacity to undertake the work successfully (**components 2, 3 and 4)** | 35 points |
| 4 | The Proposal is a joint proposal that clearly mentions roles, responsibilities and importance of the two applicants to achieve the project’s objectives. | 5 points |
|  | TOTAL | 70 points |

**11.2 PHASE II - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL** (**30 points**)

Financial proposals will be evaluated following completion of the technical evaluation. The proposal with the lowest evaluated cost will be awarded 30 points. Other financial proposals will receive pro-rated points based on the relationship of the proponents’ prices to that of the lowest evaluated cost.  
  
Formula for computing points:  
Points = (A/B) Financial Points  
  
Example: Proponent A’s price is the lowest at $10.00. Proponent A receives 30 points. Proponent B’s price is $20.00. Proponent B receives ($10.00/$20.00) x 30 points = 15 points

1. **Preparation of proposal**
   1. You are expected to examine all terms and instructions included in the CFP documents.

Failure to provide all requested information will be at proponent’s own risk and may result in rejection of proponent’s proposal.

* 1. Proponent’s proposal must be organized to follow the format of this CFP. Each proponent must respond to every stated request or requirement and indicate that proponent understands and confirms acceptance of UN Women stated requirements. The proponent should identify any substantive assumption made in preparing its proposal. The deferral of a response to a question or issue to the contract negotiation stage is not acceptable. Any item not specifically addressed in the proponent’s proposal will be deemed as accepted by the proponent. The terms “proponent” and “contractor” refer to those organizations that submit a proposal pursuant to this CFP.
  2. Where the proponent is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the proponent must not only state its acceptance, but also describe, where appropriate, how it intends to comply. Failure to provide an answer to an item will be considered an acceptance of the item. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.
  3. The terms of reference in this document provides a general overview of the current operation. If the proponent wishes to propose alternatives or equivalents, the proponent must demonstrate that any such proposed change is equivalent or superior to UN Women established requirements. Acceptance of such changes is at the sole discretion of UN Women.
  4. Proposals must offer services for the total requirement, unless otherwise permitted in the CFP document. Proposals offering only part of the services may be rejected unless permitted otherwise in the CFP document.
  5. Proponent’s proposal shall include all of the following labelled annexes:

**CFP submission** (on or before proposal due date):

As a minimum, proponents shall complete and return the below listed documents (Annexes to this CFP) **as an integral part of their proposal**. Proponents may add additional documentation to their proposals as they deem appropriate.

Failure to complete and return the below listed documents as part of the proposal may result in proposal rejection.

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| Part of proposal | **Annex B-1** Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria |
| Part of proposal | **Annex B-2** Template for proposal submission |
| Part of proposal | **Annex B-3** Format of resume for proposed staff |
| Part of proposal | **Annex B-4** Capacity Assessment minimum Documents |

1. If after assessing this opportunity you have made the determination not to submit your proposal, we would appreciate it if you could return this form indicating your reasons for non-participation.
2. **Format and signing of proposal**

13.1 The proposal shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the proponent or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the proponent to the contract. The latter authorization shall be indicated by written power-of-attorney accompanying the proposal.

13.2. A proposal shall contain no interlineations, erasures, or overwriting except as necessary to correct errors made by the proponent, in which case such corrections shall be initialled by the person or persons signing the proposal.

1. **Award**

14.1 Award will be made to the responsible and responsive individual proponent/lead applicant with the highest evaluated proposal following negotiation of an acceptable contract. UN Women reserves the right to conduct negotiations regarding the contents of the proposal. The award will be in effect only after acceptance of the terms and conditions and the terms of reference. **The agreement will reflect the name of the individual proponent/lead applicant whose financials were provided in response to this CFP**.

14.2 The selected proponent is expected to commence providing services as of the date and time stipulated in this CFP.

14.3 The award will be for an agreement with an original term of 10 months. Renewal may be subject to availability of funding and partner(s) performance.

**Annex B-2**

**Template for proposal submission**

**Call for proposal**

**Description of Services:**

**CFP No. UNW-2022-WPS-1**

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| **Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria** |

Proponents are requested to complete this form (**Annex B-2)** and return it as part of their submission. Proponents must meet all mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria as set out in **Annex B-1**. Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating on this section. To be considered, proponents must meet all the mandatory criteria described in Annex B-1. UN Women reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent’s response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will result in disqualification.

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| **Component 1: Organizational Background and Capacity to implement activities to achieve planned results** (max 1.5 pages) |

This section should provide an overview with relevant annexes that clearly demonstrate that the proposing organization has the capacity and commitment to implement successfully the proposed activities and produce results. Key elements to be covered in this section include:

1. Nature of the proposing organization(s) – Is it a community-based organization, national or sub-national NGO, research or training institution, etc.?
2. Overall mission, purpose, and core programmes/services of the organization(s)
3. Target population groups (women, indigenous peoples, youth, etc.)
4. Organizational approach (philosophy) - how does the organization deliver its projects,  e.g., gender-sensitive, rights-based, etc.
5. Length of existence and relevant experience
6. Overview of organizational capacity relevant to the proposed engagement with UN  Women (e.g., technical, governance and management, and financial and administrative  management)

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| **Component 2: Expected Results and Indicators** (max 1.5 pages) |

This section should articulate the proponent’s understanding of the UN Women Terms of Reference (TOR). It should contain a clear and specific statement of what the proposal will accomplish in relation to the UN Women TOR. This should include:

1. The **problem statement** or challenges to be addressed given the context described in the TOR.
2. The specific **results** expected (e.g., outputs) through engagement of the proponent. The expected results are the measurable changes which will have occurred by the end of the planned intervention. Propose specific and measurable indicators which will form the basis for monitoring and evaluation. These indicators will be refined, and will form an important  part of the agreement between the proposing organization and UN Women.

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| **Component 3: Description of the Technical Approach and Activities** (max 2.5 pages) |

This section should describe the technical approach and should be able to show the soundness and adequacy of the proposed approach, what will actually be done to produce the expected results in terms of activities. There should be a clear and direct linkage between the activities and the results at least at the output level. Specific strategies should also be described to support the achievement of results, such as building partnerships, etc.

Activity descriptions should be as specific as necessary, identifying **what** will be done, **who** will do it, **when** it will be done (beginning, duration, completion), and **where** it will be done. In describing the activities, an indication should be made regarding the organizations and individuals involved in or benefiting from the activity.

This narrative is to be complemented by a tabular presentation that will serve as Implementation Plan, as described in Component 4.

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| **Component 4: Implementation Plan** (max 1.5 pages) |

This section is presented in tabular form and can be attached as an Annex. It should indicate the **sequence of all major activities and timeframe (duration).** Provide as much detail as necessary. The Implementation Plan should show a logical flow of activities. Please include in the Implementation Plan all required milestone reports and monitoring reviews.

**Implementation Plan**

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|  | Name of Proponent Organization/Lead Applicant:  (if foreseen): Name of the co-applicant | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Brief description of Project | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | Project Start and End Dates: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Brief Description of Specific Results (e.g., Outputs) with corresponding indicators, baselines and targets. Repeat for each result | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| List the activities necessary to produce the results Indicate who is responsible for each activity | | | | Duration of Activity in Months (or Quarters) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activity | | Responsible | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1.1 | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.2 | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Monitoring and Evaluation Plan** (max. 1 page)

This section should contain an explanation of the plan for monitoring and evaluating the activities, both during its implementation (formative) and at completion (summative). Key elements to be included are:

• How the performance of the activities will be tracked in terms of achievement of the steps and milestones set forth in the Implementation Plan

• How any mid-course correction and adjustment of the design and plans will be facilitated on the basis of feedback received

• How the participation of community members in the monitoring and evaluation processes will be achieved

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| **Component 5: Risks to Successful Implementation** (1 page) |

Identify and list any major risk factors that could result in the activities not producing the expected results. These should include both internal factors (for example, the technology involved fails to work as projected) and external factors (for example, significant currency fluctuations resulting into changes in the economics of the activity). Describe how such risks are to be mitigated.

Include in this section also the key **assumptions** on which the activity plan is based on. In this case, the assumptions are mostly related to external factors (for example, government environmental policy remaining stable) which are anticipated in planning, and on which the feasibility of the activities depend

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| **Component 6: Results-Based Budget** (max. 1.5 pages) |

The development and management of a realistic budget is an important part of developing and implementing successful activities. Careful attention to issues of financial management and integrity will enhance the effectiveness and impact. The following important principles should be kept in mind in preparing a project budget:

* All amounts shall be quoted in New Israeli Shekel (NIS).
* Include costs which relate to efficiently carrying out the activities and producing the results which are set forth in the proposal. Other associated costs should be funded from other sources.
* The budget should be realistic. Find out what planned activities will actually cost, and do not assume that would cost less.
* The budget should include all costs associated with managing and administering the activity or results, particularly include the cost of monitoring and evaluation.
* The budget could include “Support Costs”: those indirect costs that are incurred to operate the Partner as a whole or a segment thereof and that cannot be easily connected or traced to implementation of the Work, i.e., operating expenses, over-head costs and general costs connected to the normal functioning of an organization/business, such as cost for support staff, office space and equipment that are not Direct Costs.
* “Support Cost Rate” means the flat rate at which the Partner will be reimbursed by UN Women for its Support Costs, as set forth in the Partner Project Document and not exceeding a rate of 7%. The flat rate is calculated on the eligible Direct Costs.
* The budget line items are general categories intended to assist in thinking through where money will be spent. If a planned expenditure does not appear to fit in any of the standard line item categories, list the item under other costs, and state what the money is to be used for.
* The figures contained in the Budget Sheet should agree with those on the proposal header and text.

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| Outcome 1 - The expenditure categories are indicative. | | |
| **Expenditure Category** | **Cost in ILS** | **% Total** |
| 1. Personnel |  |  |
| 2. Equipment / Materials |  |  |
| 3. Training / Seminars / Travel Workshops |  |  |
| 4. Contracts |  |  |
| 5. Other costs |  |  |
| 6. Incidentals |  |  |
| 7. Other support requested |  |  |
| 8. Support Cost (not to exceed 7%) |  |  |
| **Total Cost** |  |  |

I, (Name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am (Position) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of (Name of Organization) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; that by signing this Proposal for and on behalf of (Name of Organization) (if applicable, name of the co-applicant) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am certifying that all information contained herein is accurate and truthful and that the signing of this Proposal is within the scope of my powers.

I, by signing this Proposal, commit to be bound by this Technical Proposal for carrying out the range of services as specified in the CFP package and respecting the Terms and Conditions stated in the UN Women Partner Agreement template (Document attached).

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(Signature)

(Printed Name and Title)

(Date)

**Annex B-3**

**Format of resume for proposed staff**

**Call for proposal**

**Description of Services:**

**CFP No UNW-2022-WPS-1**

Name of Staff: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years with NGO: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Education/Qualifications**: (Summarize college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of schools, dates attended and degrees-professional qualifications obtained).

**Employment Record/Experience**

(Starting with present position, list in reverse order, every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organization, title of position held and location of employment. For experience in last five years, detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment).

**References**

Provide names and addresses for two (2) references.

**Annex B-4**

**Capacity Assessment Minimum Documents**

**(to be submitted by potential Responsible Parties and submission assessed by the reviewer)**

**Call for proposal**

**CFP No. UNW-2022-WPS-1**

**Governance, Management and Technical**

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| **Document** | **Mandatory / Optional** |
| Legal registration | Mandatory |
| Rules of Governance / Statues of the organization | Mandatory |
| Organigram of the organization | Mandatory |
| List of Key management | Mandatory |
| CVs of Key Staff proposed for the engagement with UN Women | Mandatory |
| Anti-Fraud Policy Framework which is consistent with UN Women’s one or adoption of UN Women anti-fraud policy | Mandatory |
| Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) policy consistent with the UN SEA bulletin [ST/SGB/2003/13](https://undocs.org/ST/SGB/2003/13)  Where RP has adopted UN Women SEA Protocol, RP has to ensure to have developed a SEA policy; | Mandatory |

**Administration and Finance**

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| **Document** | **Mandatory / Optional** |
| Administrative and Financial Rules of the organization | Mandatory |
| Internal Control Framework | Mandatory |
| Audited Statements of last 3 years | Mandatory |
| List of Banks | Mandatory |
| Name of External Auditors | Optional |

**Procurement**

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| **Document** | **Mandatory / Optional** |
| Procurement Policy/Manual | Mandatory |
| Templates of the solicitation documents for procurement of goods/services, e.g. Request for Quotation (FRQ), Request for Proposal (RFP) etc. | Mandatory |
| List of main suppliers / vendors and copy of their contract(s) including evidence of their selection processes | Optional |

**Client Relationship**

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| **Document** | **Mandatory / Optional** |
| List of main clients / donors | Mandatory |
| Two references | Mandatory |
| Past reports to clients / donors within the last 3 years | Optional |

1. In exceptional circumstances fewer years of history registration may be accepted if it is be fully justified. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. [Secretary General’s Bulletin, 9 October 2003 on “Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=ST/SGB/2003/13)” (ST/SGB/2003/13), and United Nations Protocol on allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse involving Partners [↑](#footnote-ref-3)