

Questions Received and Answers

Invitation for the call for proposals for the ACT Global Civil Society Platform on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

Question 1:

We have a few questions that we hope you can answer (or address during the pre-proposal conference). We are preparing a proposal in consortium with two other organizations.

1. Does UN Women expect all three consortium partners to fill out Annex B-1, B-2 (in terms of signatures from each organization), B-3, and B-4, or only the lead partner?
2. Moreover, in Annex B-4, it is not exactly clear what is meant by “Rules of governance of the organization”. Could you please explain?
3. Our last question relates to UN Women’s role as a strategic partner and co-convener of the ACT Platform. We are curious to hear a bit more about this and would like to know how many staff from UN Women would be involved, and in what capacity?

Answer 1:

- 1) Only the lead partner in the consortium is required to fill the Annexes of Call for Proposals.
- 2) Further, “Rules of governance of the organization” in Annex B-4 can include constitutions of the organization, detailed regulations, policies, protocols of the organization which regulates the organization's internal management, conduct and responsibilities of its board members and staff.
- 3) Initially, UN Women will serve as a strategic partner to the ACT CSO Platform along with the ACT Programme’s Civil Society Steering Committee. UN Women will provide incubation support to the ACT CSO Platform, while it sets up operations and develops its shared advocacy agenda and work plan. The primary role of UN Women is to facilitate dialogue and collaboration with high-level decisionmakers, other multi-stakeholder platforms, and support with strategic communications and resource mobilization for the sustainability of the platform. The UN Women ACT Programme Team (2 staff members will be directly supporting the Platform and will engage other colleagues as required).

Question 2:

1. Our consortium is composed of many NGOs, and we would like two NGOs to lead the process. You say that only one would be the responsible party. We could nominate one, but then could we decide together everything and divide the responsibilities among us? What do you suggest? Because we will work 50/50 in everything.

2. When you are asking a proposal should we present a plan for the whole \$830,000 USD budget to be distributed among NGOs all over the world or only the cost of our work and the advocacy training, advocacy participation at global meetings and our media campaigns in 4 languages? Because you say that the cheapest proposal is better... but we want to distribute the whole.
3. We have received in Spanish, another call for a regional (LAC) ACT proposal. What is the relation between this global call and the regional call? Are they different or are they the same?

Answer 2:

- 1) Yes, one NGO should be named as the responsible party. Parties can internally decide and deliberate on responsibilities. However, the Responsible Party should satisfy the mandatory requirements/ pre-qualification criteria and the capacity assessment requirements (Annex B-1 and B-4: of the Call for Proposal). In the case of consortia proposals, the lead proponent /responsible party can distribute funds to the sub-partners that are named in the proposal. The responsible party cannot outsource all the activities and funds. Some of the activities must be implemented by the responsible party.
- 2) The proposed budget should cover how the party intends to achieve the goals in the proposal. \$830,000 USD is the amount available for this project and the proposed budget should be for the full amount. Financial proposals should be made in accordance with the principles in **component 6 of Annex B-2 the CFP**. It should be noted that the proposal and budget can include grant-making activities to support other women's rights organizations, but this is not compulsory. If a grant making component is included in the proposal, please add a field for grants in the budget and please note that, up to 50% of the budget may be used for this purpose and not more than 25% of the partner agreement value can be issued per individual grant.
- 3) The global call for proposals is different to the regional proposals. There have been 3 regional proposals launched (2 in Africa and one in Latin America). The Latin America CFP is the only one that remains open. The link to the Latin America CFP can be accessed [here](#).