

Call for Proposal (CFP)

for Non-Governmental Organizations, Academic Institution or Registered Non-Governmental Organizations/Community Based Organizations

Assessing the implementation of the Women Peace and Security agenda through knowledge material: development of policy briefs

CFP No. 004 - 2019

Section 1 – CFP letter

UNWOMEN plans to engage Responsible Party (Non-Governmental Organization, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Academic Organizations) as defined in accordance with these documents. UNWOMEN now invites sealed proposals from qualified proponents for providing the requirements as defined in the UNWOMEN Terms of Reference. Proposals must be received by UNWOMEN at the address specified not later than 11:59 pm EST on 17 May 2019.

This UNWOMEN Call for Proposals consists of six sections and a series of annexes that will be completed by proponents and returned with their proposal:

- CFP section 1: CFP letter (this document)
- CFP section 2: Proposal data sheet
- CFP section 3: Instructions to proponents
- CFP section 4: UNWOMEN Terms of Reference

CFP forms to be returned (mandatory):

- Annex B1-1 Proposal/no proposal confirmation form
- Annex B2 Template for proposal submission
- Annex B1-5 Resumes of proposed team members
- Annex B1-6 Capacity Assessment Checklist

Interested proponents may obtain further information by contacting this email address:
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Section 2: Proposal data sheet

Program/Project: Assessing the implementation of the Women Peace and Security agenda through knowledge material: development of policy briefs

Email vicentiu.vlad@unwomen.org

Issue date: 3 May 2019

Requests for clarifications due

Date: 9 May 2019

(via e-mail)

Time: 11: 59 pm EST

UNWOMEN clarifications to proponents due

Date: 14 May 2019

Time: 04:00 pm EST

Proposal due

Date: 17 May 2019

Time: 11:59pm EST

Planned award date: 24 May 2019

Planned contract start date: 31 May 2019

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Section 3: Instructions to proponents

1. Introduction

- 1.1. UNWOMEN invites qualified parties to submit Technical and Financial Proposals to provide services associated with the UN WOMEN requirement for Responsible Party (Non-Governmental Organization, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Academic Organizations).
- 1.2. A description of the services required is described in CFP Section 4 -Terms of Reference.
- 1.3. UNWOMEN may, at its discretion, cancel the services in part or in whole.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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, UNWOMEN 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.
- 1.6. Effective with the release of this CFP, all communications must be directed only to UNWOMEN, by email at vicentiu.vlad@unwomen.org. Proponents must not communicate with any other personnel of UNWOMEN regarding this CFP.

2. Cost of proposal

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.

3. Eligibility

Proponents must meet all mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria as set out in Annex B2-1. See section 10 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 B2.1. 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.

4. Clarification of CFP documents

A prospective proponent requiring any clarification of the CFP documents may notify UNWOMEN in writing at UNWOMEN email address indicated in the CFP by the specified date and time. UNWOMEN will respond in writing to any request for clarification of the CFP documents that it receives by the due date outlined on page 1. Written copies of UNWOMEN 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.

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 advertised source.

5. Amendments to CFP documents

At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, UNWOMEN 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.

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

6. Language of proposal

The proposal prepared by the proponent and all correspondence and documents relating to the proposal exchanged between the proponent and UNWOMEN, shall be written in English. 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.

7. Submission of proposal

- 7.1. Technical and financial proposals should be submitted as part of the template for proposal submission (Annex B2) in one email. with the CFP reference and the clear description of the proposal by the date and time stipulated in this document. If the emails and email attachments are not marked as instructed, UNWOMEN will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the proposals submitted. The email text body should indicate the name and address of the proponent.

All proposals should be sent by email to the following secure email address:
vicentiu.vlad@unwomen.org

- 7.2. Proposals should be received by the date, time and means of submission stipulated in this CFP. Proponents are responsible for ensuring that UNWOMEN receives their

proposal by the due date and time. Proposals received by UNWOMEN after the due date and time may be rejected.

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 UNWOMEN inbox. UNWOMEN 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 UNWOMEN in the dedicated inbox on or before the prescribed CFP deadline.

- 7.3 The "Certificate of Proponent's Eligibility and Authority to Sign Proposal" contained in this CFP must be executed by a representative of the proponent who is duly authorized to execute contracts and bind the proponent. Signature on the certificate represents that the proponent has read this CFP, understands it and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions. The proponent's proposal with any subsequent modifications and counter-proposals, if applicable, shall become an integral part of any resulting contract.
- 7.4 **Late proposals:** Any proposals received by UNWOMEN after the deadline for submission of proposals prescribed in this document, may be rejected.

8. Clarification of proposals

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of proposals, UNWOMEN 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. UNWOMEN will review minor informalities, errors, clerical mistakes, apparent errors in price and missing documents in accordance with the UNWOMEN Policy and Procedures.

9. Proposal currencies

All prices shall be quoted in (currency) US Dollars.

UNWOMEN reserves the right to reject any proposals submitted in another currency than the mandatory currency for the proposal stated above. UNWOMEN may accept proposals submitted in another currency than stated above if the proponent confirms during clarification of proposals, see item (8) 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.

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.

10. Mandatory/pre-qualification criteria

- 10.1 The mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria have been designed to assure that, to the degree possible in the initial phase of the CFP procurement process, only those proponents with sufficient experience, the financial strength and stability, the demonstrable technical knowledge, the evident capacity to satisfy UNWOMEN requirements and superior customer references for supplying the services envisioned in

this CFP will qualify for further consideration. UNWOMEN 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.

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

11. Evaluation of technical and financial proposal

11.1.PHASE I – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (70 points)

- 11.1.1. Only proponents meeting the mandatory criteria will advance to the technical evaluation in which a maximum possible 70 points may be determined. Technical evaluators who are members of a Committee for Partners’ Assessment (CPA) appointed by UNWOMEN 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.

	Technical description and appropriateness/adequacy of approach	40 points
	Relevance and technical capacity: (See Capacity Assessment Checklist) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proposed staffing (number and expertise) for the services to be delivered; • organizational experience and proven track record/credibility on gender and development, RBM and its application to key processes (e.g., planning, programming, monitoring, reporting and evaluation), and other areas of expertise relevant to the services required • relevant experience in partnerships with UN Women, other UN agencies, governments, NGOs, and other development actors 	15 points
	Governance and management capacity: (See Capacity Assessment Checklist) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management arrangement for the required services, including for monitoring and reporting, and if needed, evaluation • Overall governance/management structure of the proponent organization 	8 points
	Financial and administrative management capacity: (See Capacity Assessment Checklist)	7 points
	TOTAL	70 points

11.2.PHASE II - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL (30 points)

11.2.1. Financial proposals will be evaluated following completion of the technical evaluation. The proponent 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 $(\$10.00/\$20.00) \times 30$ points = 15 points

12. Preparation of proposal

12.1. 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.

12.2 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 UNWOMEN 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.

12.3 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.

12.4 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 UNWOMEN established requirements. Acceptance of such changes is at the sole discretion of UNWOMEN.

12.5 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.

12.6 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.

Part of proposal	Mandatory Requirements/pre-qualification criteria (Annex B2.1 hereto)
Part of proposal	Template for proposal submission (Annex B2)
Part of proposal	Resumes of proposed team members with prescribed information (Annex B1-5)
Part of proposal	Capacity Assessment Checklist (Annex B1-6)

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.

Pre-submission:

Proponents shall complete and return the Proposal/no proposal confirmation form prior to the submission deadline indicating whether they do or do not intend to submit a proposal.

Stand-alone document	Proposal/no proposal confirmation form (Annex B1-1 hereto)
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13 Format and signing of proposal

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.

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.

14 Award

14.1 Award will be made to the responsible and responsive proponent with the highest evaluated proposal following negotiation of an acceptable contract. UNWOMEN reserves the right to conduct negotiations with the proponent regarding the contents of their proposal. The award will be in effect only after acceptance by the selected proponent of the terms and conditions and the terms of reference. **The agreement will reflect the name of the proponent whose financials were provided in response to this CFP.** Upon execution of agreement UNWOMEN will promptly notify the unsuccessful proponents.

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 One year with the option to renew under the same terms and conditions for an additional period or periods as indicated by UNWOMEN.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Assessing the implementation of the Women Peace and Security agenda through knowledge material: development of policy briefs

This call for proposals is open to non-governmental organisations, academic institutions, think tanks legally established and operating in the United States, as specified below.

Purpose: Selection of qualified responsible parties for the Programme

Duration: 5 June – 20 December 2019 (tentatively)

Contract Type: Project Cooperation Agreement

Deadline for submissions: 17 May 2019 by 11:59pm, New York local time

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is inviting non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academic institutions and think tanks working in the areas of women's political empowerment, gender equality, violence against women, conflict prevention and resolution, social inclusion and support to community-based organizations to submit proposals.

Section 4: UN Women Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

a. Background/Context for required services/results

UN Women, grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls, the empowerment of women, and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. The active participation of women and girls in shaping their future, based on a recognition of their dignity and capacities, is posited in several global policy frameworks as a basic condition to promote gender equality and women's rights. SDG 16 "Peace, Justice and effective, accountable, inclusive Institutions" and SDG 5 "Gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls" are understood and implemented together, as interdependent and synergic goals. Placing women's rights at the center of all its efforts, UN Women leads and coordinates the United Nations system efforts to ensure that commitments on gender equality and gender mainstreaming translate into action throughout the world. It provides strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States' priorities and efforts builds effective partnerships with civil society and other relevant actors.

Required Intervention

Overall goal: Provide an expert assessment of the implementation of the women peace and security agenda from a thematic a geographic perspective, to present technical inputs for advocacy and decision-making scenarios.

The present Call for Proposals seeks to work in two major outcomes:

Outcome 1: Government Support for Women's Participation in Peace Processes: What Works?

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is organizing an international seminar on Strengthening Women's Participation in Peace Processes: What Roles for Member States? The high-level seminar is scheduled to take place in Rome, Italy, on 13 and 14 June 2019. It will examine the role of Member States in advancing the full and effective participation of women in mediation and peace processes. The meeting will bring together participants including Member State officials and representatives from the United Nations and regional organizations, representatives from the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network and other regional networks of women mediators, as well as women peacebuilders, academia and think tank representatives.

It is now being recognized that women's participation in peace negotiations leads to better content of peace agreements, higher implementation rates of these agreements, and lasting peace. The 2015 Global Study on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) first provided evidence of the results, women's meaningful participation and influence bring to the success and sustainability of peace and security initiatives. An analysis of 40 peace processes since the end of the Cold War, conducted by the Graduate Institute of Geneva showed, in cases where women's groups were able to exercise a strong influence on the negotiation process, chances were higher that an agreement would be reached than when women's groups exercised weak or no influence. Strong influence of women in negotiation processes also positively correlated with a greater likelihood of agreements being implemented. The Global Study findings have been reaffirmed by the sustaining peace agenda, which also highlights the indispensable role, women play in preventive diplomacy and mediation, and as key drivers of sustainability and inclusiveness. Moreover, the role of mediators, and of women mediators in particular, was also confirmed as one of the key factors determining the quality of women's participation in peace processes.

Yet, while women are often actively engaged in mediation processes at community level, their expertise is still overlooked when it comes to formal, high-level peace initiatives, and they continue to be mostly

marginalized. Low numbers of women in mediation roles persist despite various commitments proclaimed by Member States, regional organizations and the United Nations. Between 1990 and 2017, women still constituted only 2 per cent of mediators, 5 per cent of witnesses and signatories, and 8 per cent of negotiators in all major peace processes. As the international community and women across the world prepare to mark the 20-year anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1325 (2000), Member States, regional organizations and the United Nations are stepping up efforts to increase results and demonstrate transformative implementation of the women, peace and security agenda.

UN Women is actively supporting these efforts and the proposed high-level seminar in Rome seeks to examine the role of Member States in advancing the full and effective participation of women in mediation and peace processes. The international seminar will interrogate countries' support in relation to regional networks of women mediators, as they strive to increase the inclusion of women and of gender perspectives in peace processes and related peace agreements. Political and technical aspects of Member States' involvement will be considered, including the formulation of mediation mandates, the appointment of female Envoys, the provision of incentives, including financial incentives for women's representation in negotiating parties' delegations, advocacy for the appointment of women as chief or lead mediators and as members of mediation teams for peace processes led by the UN and regional organizations, as well as encouraging international contact groups or "friends of mediation" forums, which can play an important role in the advocacy and coordination of efforts to promote effective participation of women or support the implementation phase of peace processes.

It is in this context that UN Women is seeking to recruit the services of an organization with the capacities of producing an expert background paper on: Government Support for Women's Participation in Peace Processes: What Works?

Outcome 2: Assessing the gaps in implementation for the 20th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 in Latin America

The Security Council resolution 1325 will turn 20 years old on 31st October 2020. Two decades after the Security Council first observed that a lack of gender equality adversely affects the maintenance of international peace and security, more attention is paid to assuring women's participation in peace processes. Regrettably the absence of women from peace negotiations and decision-making is still far too common place. Violence committed against women and girls in conflict situations may be more thoroughly documented and condemned but has not abated. A new generation of programmes and jurisprudence aims to help survivors and deter perpetrators but neglect and impunity are still rampant. Seventy-nine countries have adopted National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security and the global footprint of this agenda has grown significantly, but implementation has not matched the rhetoric heard at summits or the targets set on paper. Financial support to gender equality in conflict and post-conflict countries has increased, but funds often fail to reach the most vulnerable or support the women's organizations who work to prevent violence and build peace in their communities.

The lead up to the forthcoming 20th anniversary of 1325 in 2020 will result in more attention from Member States, civil society and policy-makers and create the momentum to review the progress and implementation. Harnessing the energy and enthusiasm for the anniversary, as well as for the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, will be crucial to consolidating and advancing policy and operational gains.

UN Women has already identified six gap areas that will be prioritize in the lead up to 2020. They are as follows:

1. Women's participation in decision-making on the economy in peace and post-conflict processes and access to resources.
2. Measures to protect women's human rights defenders and women's civil society in conflict situations.

3. Financing for women, peace and security in conflict areas.
4. Increasing the number and share of women in the rule of law and security sector and in peacekeeping.
5. Ensuring peace processes are inclusive, including women's participation.
6. Ensuring analysis and assessments of risk and conflict include gender analysis.

UN Women is in the process of identifying partnerships and initiatives for each of these areas, as well as continuing to spotlight other ongoing priorities such as *inter alia* prevention and response to conflict-related sexual violence, sustaining peace and conflict prevention and preventing violent extremism. Knowledge-management, including documentation of good practice, enhanced south-south and triangular cooperation, and making evidence and information more accessible will be prioritized.

While the areas have been identified, different regions in the world bear different levels of implementation or non-implementation of these priority areas. Therefore, UN Women seeks to assess the current context of three specific areas in the Latin American region and seeks to contract the services of an organization with the capacities of producing 3 policy briefs:

1. Participation of women in security forces (including peacekeeping) in Latin America;
2. The role and protection of women human rights defenders in the implementation of peace initiatives and conflict prevention in the Latin American region.
3. Migration trends and impacts against women and girls in Latin America.

2. Description of required services/results

Outcome 1: Government Support for Women's Participation in Peace Processes: What Works?

Under the direct supervision of the Chief, UN Women Peace and Security Section, the organization will produce a background paper assessing the challenges and opportunities to support women's meaningful participation in peace processes.

The paper will provide an overview of the opportunities, governments have to influence both the participants and substance of peace processes at all levels. It will also provide a series of examples of processes in which governments have attempted to leverage these various roles and will provide an assessment of the effectiveness of these strategies. Case study examples will include peace efforts in Colombia, Yemen, Libya, and the Central African Republic. Moreover, the report will provide concrete, action-oriented recommendations for governments. These recommendations will provide a clear set of options for governments to provide resources, including political and financial, and avenues to shift the current state of gender imbalance in peace talks. The recommendations will include how governments can substantively support and leverage initiatives like the nascent regional women mediator networks.

The background paper will be presented at the high-level seminar scheduled to take place in Rome, Italy, on 13 and 14 June 2019

Activities:

Under the supervision and guidance of the Chief, UN Women Peace and Security Section, in close consultation with the Policy Specialist, Peace and Security, the organization will implement the following three tasks:

- I. **Produce a 6000 to 8000 word-background paper on Government Support for Women's Participation in Peace Processes: What Works?**
- II. Examining the normative, political and funding opportunities, challenges and prospects that exist for Member States to step up their support, nationally and through regional and international organizations, to networks of women mediators and to enhanced women's

- participation in peace processes;
- III. Presenting best practices and lessons learned for Member States to advance women's meaningful participation in peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements, including their support to civil society organizations;
 - IV. Offering policy-oriented recommendations on ways for Member States to accelerate implementation of the women, peace and security agenda as it regards to inclusive peace processes and peace agreements ahead of the 20-year anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council resolution 1325 in 2020.
 - V. **Attend the seminar on Strengthening Women's Participation in Peace Processes: What Roles for Member States? Scheduled to take place in Rome, Italy, on 13 and 14 June 2019 to:**
 - VI. Present the main outcomes of the research and key recommendations on Member States' roles in advancing inclusive peace processes and peace agreements.

Outcome 2: Assessing the gaps in implementation for the 20th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 in Latin America.

Under the direct supervision of the Chief, UN Women Peace and Security Section, the organization will produce three papers with a focus on Latin America:

- **Women and security forces (including peacekeeping):** this paper aims to assess the opportunities and bottlenecks that women have to participate in the security sector of the Latin American countries. It also aims at providing recommendations on how to increase their participation and leadership in this sector and to showcase the value-added of increasing the number of women.
- **Roles and protection of women's human rights defenders:** women working as human rights defenders and community leaders experience consequences in their security due to their advocacy and denunciation role. Attacks against women leaders and human rights defenders in conflict and post-conflict contexts have been on the rise. For example, Colombian women rights activists have suffered an increase in threats and attacks, including assassinations, after the signing of the 2016 peace agreement. The aim of this paper is to assess the impact and best practices of women leaders in peacebuilding and conflict prevention initiatives and to provide recommendations on how to support these leaderships to transit from activism to political leadership.
- **Migration trends and impacts against women and girls:** the current migration phenomena taking place in the Latin America region (North of Central America, Venezuela) have had serious impacts against women and girls, both in their access to service-provision, as to their security. However, these situations have been analyzed from an emergency response perspective, but the linkages with peace and security pillars (rule of law, corruption, widespread violence) and the Sustaining Peace resolutions need to be documented. The aim of this paper is to assess the opportunities and challenges for women's leaderships in the current migration context, and to provide policy and operational recommendations for decision-makers.

3. Geographical area

For the first outcome of this call, the attendance to the seminar "Strengthening Women's Participation in Peace Processes: What Roles for Member States?" in Rome, Italy is required. For the second outcome, field data collection in the Latin American region is recommended. Sharing of findings and advocacy for policy recommendations will be done with UN agencies and mechanisms, member states, civil society and the media.

4. Institutional Arrangement

The selected organization(s) will sign a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with UN Women. A thorough selection process will take place to identify the potential partner/s. The selection process will be based on

proven capacity to deliver the proposed outputs/activities by the selected organization/s. The organization's capacity will be assessed by UN Women as per UN Women's policy and procedures.

5. Reporting

The selected responsible partners will work closely with UN Women during project implementation and will provide quarterly and final narrative and financial reports in line with UN Women guidelines and requirements.

6. Timeframe

The project will commence upon the signature of a partnership agreement with the selected organization/s and will end six months after the signature of the agreement.

Annex B2-1

Call for proposal

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Proposal/no proposal confirmation form

If after assessing this opportunity, you have made the determination not to submit your proposal we would appreciate if you could return this form indicating your reasons for non-participation.

Date:

To: UNWOMEN

Email:

From: _____

Subject _____

YES, we intend to submit an offer.

NO, we are unable to submit a proposal in response to the above-mentioned Call for Proposal due to the reason(s) listed below:

- The requested products are not within our range of services
- We are unable to submit a competitive proposal for the requested services at the moment
- We cannot meet the requested terms of reference
- Your CFP is too complicated
- Insufficient time is allowed to prepare a proposal
- We cannot meet the delivery requirements
- We cannot adhere to your terms and conditions (please specify: payment terms, request for performance security, etc.)
- Other (please provide reasons) _____
- _____
- We would like to receive future CFPs for this type of services
- We don't want to receive CFPs for this type of services

If UNWOMEN has questions to the proponent concerning this NO PROPOSAL, UNWOMEN should contact Mr./Ms. _____, phone/email _____, who will be able to assist.

Annex B2-2

Call for proposal

Description of Services: Assessing the implementation of the Women Peace and Security agenda through knowledge material: development of policy briefs

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Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria

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a. Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria	b. Proponent's response
1.1. 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:
1.2. Confirm proponent is duly registered or has the legal basis/mandate as an organization	Yes/No
1.3. Confirm proponent as an organization has been in operation for at least five (5) years	Yes/No
1.4. Confirm proponent has a permanent office within the location area.	Yes/No
1.5. 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	Yes/No

another United Nations entity and provide details of any such investigation	
1.7 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)	Yes/No

Annex B2-3

Call for proposal (Template for Proposal Submission)

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Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria

Proponents are requested to complete form Annex A and return it as part of their submission. Proponents must meet all mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria as set out in Annex B. Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating on this section. To be considered, proponents must meet all the mandatory criteria described in Annex B. 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.

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 – 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
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)

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:

7. The **problem statement** or challenges to be addressed given the context described in the TOR.
8. 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 UNWOMEN.

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

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

Project No:		Project Name:											
Name of Proponent Organization:													
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													
1.3													
1.4													

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

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. Use the below table:

Category of Risk	Description	Likelihood	Risk Response

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:

- Include only costs which directly 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 you will be able to make do for less.
- The budget should include all costs associated with managing and administering the activity. Particularly include the cost of monitoring and evaluation.
- Indirect costs, or administrative overhead costs, such as staff salaries and office rent are

not funded. These therefore should not be part of the funding request.

- 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.

Result 1 (e.g. Output) Repeat this table for each result.				
Expenditure Category	Year 1, [Local currency]	Total, [local currency]	US\$	% Total
1. Personnel				
2. Equipment / Materials				
3. Training / Seminars / Travel Workshops				
4. Contracts		..		
5. Other costs				
6. Incidentals				
7. Other support requested		..		
8. Contingency (max. 5%)				
Total Cost for Result 1				

Annex B2-4

Call for proposal

Description of Services: Assessing the implementation of the Women Peace and Security agenda through knowledge material: development of policy briefs

CFP No. 004 - 2019

Format of resume for proposed staff

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 B2-5

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**Capacity Assessment Document Checklist
For Potential Implementing Partners/Responsible Parties**

Governance, Management and Technical

Document	Mandatory / Optional	Yes / No
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	Mandatory	

Administration and Finance

Document	Mandatory / Optional	Yes / No
Administrative and Financial Rules of the organization	Mandatory	
Internal Control Framework	Mandatory	
Audited Statements of last 3 years	Mandatory	
List of Banks		
Name of External Auditors		

Procurement

Document	Mandatory / Optional	Yes / No
Procurement Manual	Mandatory	
Procurement Code of Conduct		
List of main suppliers / vendors		

Client Relationship

Document	Mandatory / Optional	Yes / No
List of main clients / donors	Mandatory	
Two references	Mandatory	
Past reports to clients / donors for last 3 years		