

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS (CFPs)

Regional Capacity Development on VAW Data Initiative for Arab States and East and Southern Africa Regions

1. Can individual experts or researchers submit proposals?

No. Individual experts or researchers are not eligible. These calls for proposals specifically target institutions or consortia of institutions that can provide services as specified in the CFPs.

2. Are private companies or consultancy firms eligible to apply?

No. Private companies, consultancy firms, businesses, or for-profit associations are not eligible to apply either as a lead institution or a member of a consortium.

3. Are UN agencies/offices eligible to apply?

No. UN agencies/offices are not eligible. The calls for proposals are for civil society organizations only. Please see Question 7 for the CSO definition. Should UN agencies/offices be interested to collaborate, please contact the Joint Programme with the contact email indicated in the CFPs to discuss possible modalities for collaborations.

4. Can current UN Women grantees or implementing partners apply?

Yes. If an implementing partner already has an ongoing agreement with UN Women, that does not preclude the partner from applying for another call for proposal. The only thing is that if the partner is selected, the partner will have to ensure that it has the capacity to implement multiple agreements.

5. Can institutions without physical and operational presence in the Arab States region or the East and Southern Africa region apply?

No. However, institutions without physical and operational presence in the two regions can apply as consortium members. If submission is from a consortium, the lead institution of the consortium should be physically based in the respective region.

6. Can institutions without experience and technical expertise in the areas of quantitative data collection and analysis apply?

As specified in the CFP, the key required technical competency is experience and technical expertise in the areas of quantitative data collection and analysis, preferably on gender-related issues, sexual and reproductive health, violence against women, or public health. This includes sound knowledge of quantitative research methods, preferably on VAW prevalence studies and all phases of research including planning, design, data collection, statistical analysis, interpretation, report writing and dissemination, as well as very good understanding of ethical and safety principles and requirements throughout all these the phases.

7. Who is considered as a civil society organization (CSO)?

As specified in the CFPs, civil society organization means non-State, not-for-profit, voluntary entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from the State and the market. CSOs represent a wide range of interests and ties. CSO includes but are not limited to community-based organizations (CBOs), nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), youth-led organizations, LGBTI organizations, faith-based organizations and Academic Institutions but the CSO definition does not include business or for-profit associations.

8. What countries are covered under the two regions:

The Arab States region covers the following countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

The East and South Africa region covers the following countries: Botswana, Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, Somaliland, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

9. What is the main objective of the regional capacity development initiative?

The key goal for the regional capacity development initiative is to enhance and institutionalize expertise and capacities at national level in the regions on the measurement of VAW in alignment with globally agreed standards and principles.

10. What is the relationship between the regional capacity development initiative and the 5-year Joint Programme on Violence against Women Data?

This regional capacity development initiative is a component under the 5-year Joint Programme. It is under the Outcome 2 of the Joint Programme on Strengthening capacity of national institutions to collect violence against women data in line with globally agreed standards .

11. Are audited statements of last 3 years significant?

Yes. Audited statements of last 3 years are mandatory.

12. Can the financial proposal include vehicles and/or equipment?

No. The Joint Programme cannot fund procurement of vehicles, equipment, or hardware.

13. Who would cover the cost of the pilot training?

All costs relevant to the pilot training should be included in the budget of the proposal. The selected institution will organize the pilot training, be in charge of logical arrangements for the training, and be responsible for costs related to the training.

14. What should be the training duration?

The in-person training programme should be between 1 and 3 weeks. Given the complexity of the subject matter, the quality of the training curriculum and the methods for delivering the curriculum effectively and efficiently are of critical importance. Proponents are encouraged to propose innovative and effective strategies for the delivering the proposed training curriculum with the highest quality possible.

15. What language should the proposal be?

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.

16. Should proposals be submitted in hard or electronic copy?

Proposals should be submitted electronically.

17. When is the deadline for the proposal submission?

The deadline for proposal submission is Wednesday, 20 May 2020, at 16:00 EST