

English Info session Questions and Answers, 16, 17 February 2022

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Questions and Answers

Q1: Can organizations apply if they have previously applied for a grant from WPHF under the Rapid Response Window?

A 1: Yes, but if the organization's both projects are selected, the organization must choose only one of the projects.

Q 2: Can female prisoners be one of the target groups?

A2: Yes, we encourage targeting women subject to intersecting forms of discrimination, but the submission should be linked to the WPHF impact area (s).

Q3: Are Organizations that do not have women among the founders, but only at the level of project management eligible to apply? Which organizations are eligible to apply?

A3: The eligible organizations are as the below:

National and local women-led, women's rights, feminist, or civil society organizations with a proven track record working with women and girls, are eligible to apply. Grassroots and local community-based organizations are particularly encouraged to apply. Joint projects are allowed and encouraged.

To be considered a "Women's Rights or Feminist Organization," the organization's official mission/vision statement must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights. The organization must aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, and work to transform these.

"Women-led organization" must be headed by a woman as director/head of organization.

To be considered "Youth rights", the organization's official mission/vision must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing the rights of youth.

"Youth-led organization" must be headed by a youth as defined by the country/organization

Other CSOs must demonstrate experience in addressing violence against women and girls, gender inequalities and/or women's rights.

Q4: Can an organization headed by a nun be eligible to apply, given that the association's mandate is health?

A4: Yes, all women-led organizations are eligible to apply, but the project must be linked to the WPHF impact area(s) specified in this call for proposals.

Q5: Can organizations that did not participate in this session still apply for the CFP?

A5: Yes, this session is only to provide information about the CFP and answer your questions. Submission of proposals is open to all organizations that meet the criteria until March 15, 2022.

Q6: Can an organization that is registered in Lebanon but that does not have a bank account in fresh dollars apply for this CFP?

A6: A bank account is not required when applying to this CFP, but it will be required upon signing the agreements with the selected organizations. It is not possible to transfer funding without a bank account in fresh dollars in the lead-organization name. However, organizations that do not have a bank account in fresh dollars can apply as co-implementers, in partnership with a leading organization that has a bank account in fresh dollars.

Q7: Can an unregistered organization or unregistered partner organization apply?

A7: The lead organization should be registered, but this does not apply to partner organization(s). It is sufficient for the lead organization to be registered.

Q8: How many beneficiaries should be included in the project target groups? and what is the age of the target group (s)? Could the target group (s) be under 18 years old? Could men be among the target group(s)?

A8: Each organization determines the number of beneficiaries for its project. There is no required number of beneficiaries under this CFP.

Yes, the organization can target different age groups, including those under the age of 18. Men can also be targeted in the project activities, but the focus should be on improving the participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.

Q9: Are there specific criteria for distributing the budget?

A 9: No, there are no specific criteria for budget allocation. But the distribution and allocations of the budget must be logical and aligned with the proposed intervention.

Q10: Can unions apply for the WPHF CFP?

A10: No, unions are not eligible to apply, but they can be partners in projects submitted by other leading organizations.

Q11: Can an organization registered outside Lebanon but also has a registered office in Lebanon apply?

A11: No, organizations registered outside Lebanon cannot apply, even if they have a registered office in Lebanon. These organizations can apply by partnering with a local lead organization, but they need to justify the added value of including non-local projects.

Q12: Should the organization provide additional documents, other than the application form and the registration documents?

A12: At this stage, organizations are required only to submit the application form, including the two annexes (Result framework and Budget), as well as the organization's registration papers. As for the bank account, it is required upon the signature of agreements.

Q13: Can organizations registered as civil, non-profit corporations that have previously taken funds from other donors apply for this CfP?

A13: Yes, organizations registered as civil, non-profit corporations can apply for this CfP.

Yes, organizations who received funding from other donors can still apply to this CfP, except for organization that received funding From the Lebanese Humanitarian Fund (LHF) during the last two years.

Q14: Does the lead organization needs to submit any additional official document (memorandum of understanding) with the partners?

A14: At this stage, the only documents required are the application form and registration papers. However, after selecting the organizations, a process to review projects and other requirements will take place. Additional requirement will be discussed bilaterally with the selected organizations.

Q15: Is it possible to share Questions after this session, until when?

A15: Your questions and inquiries can be sent to cfp.lebanon@unwomen.org until March 9, 2022.

Q16: If a team consists of more than three organizations and will submit one project proposal, is it acceptable for the project management team to be from more than one organization, i.e. not be employees of the lead organization that will present the project?

A16: The lead organization is responsible in front of WPHF / UN Women, however the project can for example be managed by a committee composed of members from the different organizations.

Q17: Will funding be given to more than one organization, or only one organization per stream will be selected?

A 17: More than one project will be selected under this CfP. However, the total amount of proposals budgets should not exceed the maximum amount of this CFP, i.e. 900 000 USD.

Q18: Are organizations applying with a project proposal related to Economic Empowerment and Protection from Gender-Based Violence eligible for this CfP?

A18: No, the focus of the WPHF CfP is on improved political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts. More specifically, the Call for Proposals will focus on funding initiatives that

- *Enhance women's, including young women's, participation in political and decision-making processes. This could be within community committees or forums, decision-making and*

governance bodies at district, regional or national levels, student clubs and unions, or in political processes such as elections or processes aimed at promoting peacebuilding and recovery;

- *Enabling women and civil society organizations to successfully contribute to integrating gender-specific language, women's demands and/or financial commitments into recovery and peacebuilding plans and policies;*
- *Increase women and young women's political participation to contribute to peacebuilding efforts inter- and intra-community*

AND/OR apply for institutional funding (Stream 1)

Institutional Funding Stream (WPHF impact area 1) to reinforce the institutional capacity of local women's rights civil society organizations working on implementing commitments related to the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action agenda (WPSHA).

Q19: Can an organization that applied for UN Women CfP 2021 on "Work on women's political participation, women, peace and security, women's economic empowerment and protection and social norms in Lebanon" still apply to WPHF CfP?

A19: Yes, the organization can still apply to WPHF CfP.

Q20: Is it mandatory to apply as a consortium?

A 20: No, it is not a must, it is encouraged but organizations can apply alone too.

Q 21: Can organizations working with LGBTIQ+ apply to WPHF CfP?

A 21: Yes, organizations working with LGBTIQ+ can apply to WPHF CfP. However, they need to mention the targeted population and link their intervention to impact area 6.

Q 22: What is the main difference between both funding streams?

A 22: Stream one focuses on reinforcing the institutional capacity of local women's rights civil society organizations working on implementing commitments related to the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action agenda (WPSHA). The budget for this stream is between 2500 to a maximum of 30000 USD.

Stream 2 is programmatic funding focuses on WPHF impact area 6 (*Peacebuilding and Recovery*): Improved political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts. The budget under this stream is between 30,000 to a maximum of 200,000 USD.

Q 23: Can an organization apply to both streams (1 and 2)?

A 23: Yes, an organization can apply to both stream 1 and stream 2, but only apply once in each stream.

Q 24: What are the impact and targeted areas of the CfP?

A 24: WPHF Impact area 6 (*Peacebuilding and Recovery*): Improved political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.

Q 25: When will the results of selection take place?

A 25: Approximately, 6 weeks after the submission deadline, by end of April 2022.

Q 26: Can the project cover Beirut?

A 26: Yes, Beirut can be covered under this CfP and all Lebanese areas.

Q 27: Is it possible for an organization to submit a proposal concerning the women's rehabilitation process, and their reintegration into society, or if not, submit a proposal for the institutional funding to be able to save more lives?

A 27: *Stream 1 (institutional funding) focuses on organizations working on WPS and humanitarian issues only.*

For stream 2 (programmatic funding), the proposal needs to focus on Improved political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts. Please refer to Q 2 for further details.

Rehabilitation services would not be part of this CfP.

Q 28: What is the maximum amount for funding?

A 28: the maximum amount for institutional funding (stream 1) is 30,000 USD, and the maximum amount for stream funding 2 is 200,000 USD.

Q 29: Do applicants need to submit a more detailed budget or is the budget in the proposal template sufficient?

A 29: No, only the budget annex in the proposal template is required at this stage.

Q 30: Can co-implementing organizations funded under WPHF round 1 apply for programmatic funding?

A 30: No, they cannot apply under stream 2 (programmatic funding), but they can apply under stream 1 (Institutional funding).

Q 31: Is the number of beneficiaries that should be submitted in the proposal related to the targeted number for the proposal or a number of participants that are already included in the organization?

A 31: For stream 1, institutional funding: the beneficiaries are the people in your organization

For stream 2, programmatic funding: the beneficiaries are those who are benefiting from the project (outside of the organization).

Q 32: Can organization apply if they did not attend the info sessions?

A 32: Yes, the info sessions aim only at providing information on the CfP.