

Open Call for Proposals Northern Syria Emergency Response

Call Opens:	22 August 2023
Deadline for Submissions:	01 October 2023
Send Application package to:	cfp.syria@unfpa.org

1. Objectives and Purpose of the Call for Proposals

With the overall goal of contributing to peaceful and gender equal societies, and aligned to UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, the purpose of this Call for Proposals is to provide grants to women and young women's non-governmental organizations in areas impacted by the Earthquake in Syria that focus on humanitarian response, protection of women and girls, and socio-economic recovery, participation and leadership of women and young women in crisis and humanitarian contexts, particularly those who are forcibly displaced and other groups of women and girls at higher risks of vulnerability. The targeted areas for the call for proposals include those affected by the earthquake including Aleppo, Hama, Latakia, Tartous and Homs Governorates.

Specifically, the Call for Proposals contributes to the following Impact Areas:

- ▶ Impact Area 3: Strengthening women's participation and leadership in planning and responding to humanitarian crisis
- ▶ Impact Area 5: Enhancing the safety, security and mental health of women and girls

2. Country Context Linked to Call for Proposals

On 6 February, a major earthquake of magnitude 7.8 – the region's strongest in nearly a century – struck south-east Türkiye and northern & middle Syria, leaving both areas on the brink of a humanitarian crisis. The initial earthquake struck close to Gaziantep and was followed by another 7.5 magnitude earthquake several hours later, with at least 1,206 aftershocks recorded across the region. OCHA Syria Situational Updates – as of 8 March 2023 – indicates that the earthquake caused an estimated US\$5.1 billion in direct physical damages in Syria, according to a World Bank report, with nearly half of the damages caused to residential buildings.

Prior to the earthquake, more than 15 million people were estimated to need humanitarian assistance across the country. An estimated **8.8 million people have now been affected** by the earthquake across Syria.¹ Of these approximately 2.2 million are women between the ages of 15-49 years old; 133,313 are currently pregnant and an estimated 44,438 will give birth over next 3 months.

3.7 million children in earthquake-affected areas across Syria are facing potentially catastrophic threats, including contagious, contact-transmitted and waterborne diseases and lack of access to basic services.

Over 11 years of crisis, economic devastation, multiple droughts, a pandemic and a Cholera outbreak have left Syria with not only the largest number of internally displaced people in the world – 6.8 million – but also an estimated 15.3 million in need of humanitarian assistance, including 2.1 million IDPs with increasing needs across the board². The earthquake has further amplified the challenges of an already weak and fragile health system. So far, a total of 171 health facilities (54 in Latakia, 48 in Hama, 14 in Aleppo, and 55 in northwest Syria) – have been reported damaged, including at least seven hospitals, with

¹ Syrian Arab Republic: Earthquake, Syria Situational Updates, 08 March 2023

² OCHA, 2023. [Humanitarian Needs Overview: Syrian Arab Republic](#). 22 Dec 2022.

assessments ongoing. Fifteen health facilities had to suspend their operations, and 18 health facilities have reduced functionality due to earthquake damage. Maintaining access to lifesaving sexual and reproductive health assistance, integrated SRH-GBV services, and other essential health services remains a critical response priority. The compounding deep-rooted and multidimensional crisis and earthquake aftermath are expected to significantly amplify stressors and have a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable, particularly women and girls. Insecurity and economic hardship have become a major driver of need, exacerbating protection and GBV concerns, especially among groups at increased risk due to their age, gender, health, or social status. Female-headed households, older persons, and People with Disabilities continue to be disproportionately affected by the compounding drivers of the crisis in Syria.

Given that the combined effects of crisis in Syria are disproportionately affecting women's and girls' safety and security, access to services, and economic activity, it is critical that local women's rights organizations continue to be supported and form part in decision-making related to the humanitarian response and crisis management. Women, including women's CSOs, remain excluded from decision-making process. It is essential that local women and their organizations form part of the humanitarian action to ensure gender-inclusive and sustainable responses to the current needs.

3. Scope (Location and Duration)

This call for proposal will fund qualifying projects in the Syrian governorates of:

- ▶ Aleppo
- ▶ Lattakia
- ▶ Hama
- ▶ Tartous
- ▶ Homs

The projects can focus on one or several governorates. Projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.

CSOs project duration may be up to a maximum of **12 months**.

4. Eligibility

4.1. Who can apply and receive funding?

International, national, regional or local/grassroots women or young women led, women's rights, youth rights, feminist, or non-governmental organizations are eligible to apply.

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.

Youth Focused Organization: To be considered "youth focused", the organization's core mission/vision must focus on supporting the social, economic and political participation of young women and young men and addressing multiple/ intersecting forms of discrimination against young women and men. Specific attention to youth focused organizations supporting young women, advancing gender equality and peacebuilding will be given.

Young Women Led Organization: must be headed by a young person aged between 18 - 29 years old who serves as director/head of organization

The following are **NOT** eligible to apply for a grant:

- Government agencies or institutions;
- UN agencies or UN Country Teams;
- Private individuals;
- Private sector entities;
- Universities, Think Tanks or Education or Research Institutions

4.2. Do we need to be legally registered as an organization in our country to apply?

YES, for the lead applicant. The lead applicant organization must have legal status with the competent national authority in the eligible country of project implementation and must submit proof of legal registration with the application package. Note that articles of incorporation are not proof of legal status.

NO for co-implementing or consortium partners. Co-implementing partners are not required to provide legal registration, only the lead applicant organization.

4.3. Can we apply in partnership or consortium with other organizations?

YES. Joint projects with other local women's rights, youth focused organizations, women or young women led non-governmental organizations are encouraged. For joint projects, only the lead organization is required to meet the eligibility criteria.

For joint projects, the roles and responsibilities of each organization must be clearly detailed within the application template.

4.4. May we apply for funding for an ongoing or existing initiative or project?

YES. Proposals for ongoing projects funded by other donors are accepted. However, the specific value added of the contribution should be clearly outlined.

4.5. Does my organization have to contribute to the project budget?

NO. non-governmental organizations are not required to contribute to the budget.

5. Type of Funding and Requirements

Under this call for proposals, WPHF is accepting applications for both institutional/core funding and programmatic funding.

Institutional Funding: Stream 1 (USD \$2,500 - \$30,000)

Aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights/led organizations working on gender specific issues in peace and security and humanitarian contexts, to ensure they are able to sustain themselves and to improve their impact. Applicants will need to demonstrate how the current context affects their institutional and financial capacities and how the funding would support them as an organization. It will finance a limited range of activities to support the development or strengthening of a CSO's institutional capacity. The purpose of this funding stream IS NOT to finance programmatic activities.

AND/OR apply for one of the following programmatic areas:

Programmatic Funding: Stream 2 (USD \$30,000 - \$300,000)

This funding stream will finance projects which aim specifically to fund programmatic activities aligned with one of the following impact area(s):

- ☐ **Impact Area 3:** *Enhanced participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response*

OR

- ☐ **Impact Area 5:** *Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected.*

Organizations can only apply to one of the two impact areas listed above using the proposal template. Please read through the Indicator Tip Sheets for guidance on the result framework (Section 9 below) and required indicators in the attached proposal template.

6. Application Package and Procedures

Applicants are required to use only the templates provided for the relevant stream. DO NOT submit photos or additional documents other than the ones listed.

- ☐ Proposal Template (for Stream 1 or 2, no more than 10 pages, excluding Annex A and B)
- ☐ Results Framework (Proposal Template Annex: A)
- ☐ Project Budget (Proposal Template Annex: B)

AND

- ☐ Proof of valid legal registration or status of the lead organization (if you are in the process for renewal, please share proof)

Application packages should be emailed to cfp.syria@unfpa.org with the subject line “CfP2-Syria Response” by 11:59 PM on 01. October 2023.

Please Note:

- Applications can be submitted in English or Arabic.
- Applications can be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format.
- Legal registration certificates can be submitted in jpeg, doc., docx., or pdf format.
- All documents should be submitted together as one package.
- You may not make changes to your application after it is submitted.
- Incomplete applications, or use of different templates will not be considered.
- Please DO NOT resend your application unless you do not receive a confirmation of receipt within three days.

7. Obtaining More Information about the Call for Proposals

An online information session will be organized with prospective applicants on 29 August 2023 at 11am. To register, please send your particulars (name, position, name of organization, district where organization is based, working email address and phone number) to hauranieh@unfpa.org by COB on 27 August 2023.

Questions about this Call for Proposals can be sent to the UNFPA Country Office to the following contact: hauranieh@unfpa.org. Please allow a minimum of 24 hours for responses to any questions.

8. Evaluation Criteria

As you write your proposal, keep in mind that proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

Institutional Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 1)	Programmatic Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 2)
<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with the impact statement of the respective Impact Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Clear articulation of experience of organization and rationale how the current crisis affects their institutional and financial capacities <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of clear objectives and expected results and outputs focused on strengthening CSOs institutional capacity and how the organization will be sustained <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of risks and appropriate mitigation measures 	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with the impact statement of the respective Impact Area. <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of clear objectives, results, and outputs, taking account of best practices of gender-responsive approaches. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring meaningful participation of groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those marginalized and excluded due to poverty, ethnicity, disability, age, geography, migratory status, among others which are in clear alignment with Agenda 2030 of leaving no one behind. <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and/or capacity development of local women's organizations to deliver programme results. Joint projects are strongly encouraged. <input type="checkbox"/> Complementarity with other Funds and Programmes.
<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Budget is consistent across all documents and detailed per output in the result framework <input type="checkbox"/> The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%) <input type="checkbox"/> The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account 	<p>Programme Management and Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic activity schedule and implementation strategy to achieve objectives within the time frame. <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of relevant and appropriate monitoring and evaluation approaches based on the results framework and indicators
	<p>Sustainability and National Ownership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of national and local ownership in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players. <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability of the programme beyond the financing period and (where applicable), how to reproduce it and improve it over time.
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9. Useful Resources

- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Institutional Funding](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 3: Humanitarian Response](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls](#)
- M&E and Results Based Management Terms. The OECD/DAC Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation available in English, French and Spanish.
<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/29/21/2754804.pdf>