

## United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

### Questions & Answers

#### Call for Proposal on Food Security in Ethiopia and South Sudan

Below is a collection of questions and answers that have been asked during the public information session hosted by the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) on 28 December 2023, on the [Call for Proposals on Food Security](#). The purpose of the Call for Proposals is to support local, grassroots, women and young women's civil society organizations in Ethiopia and South Sudan to participate and lead in the planning and response to food insecurity in conflict and crisis settings.

▶ **Q: Where can we download the application and budget templates?**

A: The proposal can be downloaded from the [WPHF website](#) here: [https://wphfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ProposalTemplate\\_FoodSecurity\\_Regular\\_Programmatic\\_2023.docx](https://wphfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ProposalTemplate_FoodSecurity_Regular_Programmatic_2023.docx)

▶ **Q: What are the documents required to be submitted in the application?**

A: The application package **MUST** include:

- ✓ WPHF proposal template: [https://wphfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ProposalTemplate\\_FoodSecurity\\_Regular\\_Programmatic\\_2023.docx](https://wphfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ProposalTemplate_FoodSecurity_Regular_Programmatic_2023.docx)
- ✓ Proof of valid legal registration or status of lead organization (applications that do not include proof of legal registration will **not** be considered).

Please send your application package to: [WPHFAPPLICATIONS@UNWOMEN.ORG](mailto:WPHFAPPLICATIONS@UNWOMEN.ORG) by **31 January 2024**.

▶ **Q: Is there a limited number of regions in Ethiopia and South Sudan that projects can target?**

A: For Ethiopia, only projects implemented Afar, Tigray and Somali region are eligible. For South Sudan, any geographical region is eligible for implementation and there is no limited number of regions that projects can target, in this Call for Proposals.

▶ **Q: Can an organization be based outside an eligible geographic region and still apply for funding for a project in that region?**

A: Yes, an organization can be based outside of the eligible geographic region and still apply, but it must be legally authorized to operate in that region, and all project activities must take place within the geographic scope of this Call for Proposals. Please note that multi-country projects, or projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.

▶ **Q: Can we submit another application for another region?**

A: WPHF only accepts one proposal per organization. You can consider several regions in one proposal, but you cannot apply more than once for different projects in different regions.

▶ **Q: How many proposals will be selected as part of this Call for Proposal?**

A: There is no fixed number of total grants awarded nor a maximum amount for each stream. The number of grants awarded will be decided by a National Steering Committee (composed of

UN agencies, WPHF government donor representatives and civil society organizations) and is dependent on the total budget allocated for the Call for Proposals, and the budgets of the individual proposals received.

▶ **Q: Who is eligible to apply for this Call for Proposals?**

A: National, regional or local/grassroots women or young women led, women's rights, youth rights, feminist, or civil society organizations with a proven track record working with women, young women and girls, are eligible to apply. Organizations who are led by women who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination are encouraged to apply, including displaced persons, disabilities, ethnic minorities, etc.

▶ **Q: Can international organizations also apply for funding under this Call for Proposals?**

A: No. The following are **NOT** eligible to apply for a grant from the WPHF: International non-governmental organizations, government agencies or institutions, UN agencies or UN Country Teams, private individuals, private sector entities, universities, Think Tanks, and education or research Institutions.

▶ **Q: What are the different types of CSOs who can apply for funding?**

**Women's Rights or Feminist Organization:** The organization's must have gender equality and women's rights at the core of their official mission/vision statement. The organization's experience should clearly reflect addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights and 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. WPHF will provide specific attention to youth focused organizations supporting young women, advancing gender equality and peacebuilding.

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

▶ **Q: What is the maximum budget and project duration allowed?**

A: An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partner) can apply only once, for programmatic funding ranging from 30,000 USD to 200,000 USD, for a project of a maximum of 2 years.

▶ **Q: Can an organization submit several applications?**

A: No. An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit **one** application **only**. Duplicate proposals will not be evaluated.

▶ **Q: What is the timeline for selection and approval of projects? When are projects funded under this Call for Proposals expected to begin implementation?**

A: You can put a tentative/proposed date in your proposal as starting date, for example March or April, but please be aware that the dates might be adjusted (if your project is selected). This is

due to WPHF's proposal evaluation and review processes. Please make sure to mention clearly the duration of the project (in months) on the cover page of the proposal, as requested.

▶ **Q: Does WPHF has any restrictions on targeting beneficiaries?**

A: WPHF tries to be as demand-driven as possible and therefore does not have any restrictions on targeting beneficiaries. However, initiatives should aim to reach those women and girls experiencing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those who are often excluded due to geography, ethnicity, disability, age, migratory status, HIV status, among others and which is in alignment with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind.

▶ **Q: Can you give some examples of initiatives eligible under this Call for Proposals?**

A: Projects aimed at enhancing the participation and leadership of women and young women in planning and response to food insecurity, **for example but not limited to:**

- ▶ Activities to secure and enhance women's participation and leadership in decision-making and programmes on food security resilience and response, e.g. in the development of inclusive and accessible humanitarian responses at local, sub-national and/or national levels, which can include decision-making bodies, community committees or mechanisms or other spaces specifically focusing on food security, or capacity building workshops to strengthen the capacities of CSOs in designing gender-responsive food security interventions to increase resilience to food security shocks, while ensuring that marginalized groups are reached and have access to services.
- ▶ Establishment of tools and mechanisms to improve gender-responsive humanitarian and crisis planning, frameworks and programming at community level, e.g. conducting community-based gender and food security analysis to influence programming design and planning, monitoring of food security responses, programming and planning to ensure they are gender-sensitive, inclusive and accessible.
- ▶ Activities to strengthen the capacities of CSOs, women and young women in sustainable agricultural practices and food systems to build community resilience in conflict-affected settings.
- ▶ Activities to integrate gendered perspectives and provisions on access to services, mobility and protection during food crises, e.g. on the prevalence of SGBV, sexual assault and trafficking, e.g. capacity strengthening or awareness raising activities.
- ▶ Delivery of food aid to women and girls.

Please consult [Indicator Tip Sheet Food Security](#) for guidance on indicators and examples.

▶ **Q: In the results framework - are there required indicators? Can we add other indicators?**

A: The **impact** level is required. You **cannot** change the formulation of the impact statement and impact-level indicators, and they must be used as they are in the Results Framework (Proposal Template Annex A). At the **outcome** level, you are free to develop your own outcome statement, based on the change that you aim to achieve through our project, and develop your own indicator that is relevant to your project. Please make sure to also include the two required beneficiary indicators at the outcome level. For the **outputs**: These are the products/services/actions that are completed. Develop outputs that will contribute to your outcome statement and list your activities for each output in bullet points form. Please consult [Indicator Tip Sheet Food Security](#) for more guidance and examples.

▶ **Q: Will WPHF notify or provide feedback to unsuccessful candidates?**

A: Unfortunately, due to the high number of applications received, WPHF cannot provide individual feedback to each applicant. Only successful applicants will be contacted by the UN Women Country Office of the respective country.

▶ **Q: if the Board Chair of a CSO is female, does it qualify the CSO as women-led?**

A: Yes, it does.

▶ **Q: Where is the budget template, and what format can we use for budget preparation?**

A: The proposal template includes the budget template. Please do not submit a budget excel because it will not be considered at this stage. Only fill out the budget in Annex B in the proposal template, and please make sure to not make any changes to the UNDG budget categories. Also, make sure that the indirect support costs (budget category 8) do not exceed 7.0% of the sub-total (sum of budget categories 1-7). A more detailed budget may be asked for later.

▶ **Q: Can a South Sudan youth led organization currently operating with legal registration in Uganda also apply for the call for proposal?**

A: A registration in the country of implementation is mandatory.

▶ **Q: If we are a consortium of 4 organizations, can we increase the budget and project duration based on the number of organizations in the consortium?**

A: The maximum budget you can apply for is 200,000 USD, for a project of a maximum of 2 years, regardless of the number of organizations you are partnering with in the consortium, or the number of geographic locations you are targeting.

**For questions about the call for proposals you can contact:**

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