

N-Peace Awards 2019

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Civil society small grants - Afghanistan

Discussions & Dialogue

Organizations facilitating dialogue on gender equality and the peace process

New Media Campaigns

Organizations using emerging technologies to advocate for women's inclusion in the peace process

Peer to Peer Support

Linking women's groups from across the region to support the Afghanistan peace process.

Mentorship & Training

Building capacities of women networks involved in the peace process through international think tanks

Discussions & Dialogue

Dialogue is the foundation of any peace process which aims to encapsulate the democratic principle of civic engagement. This category aims to support organizations in facilitating dialogues amongst rural and urban communities on gender equality and overall women's empowerment in the context of the ongoing peace talks. Organizations facilitating community level dialogues on gender equality in the context of the ongoing peace process are encouraged to apply.

New Media Campaigns

The dramatic spread of digital technologies such as the internet, social media, and application development technology in conflict-affected contexts, has facilitated new avenues for civic participation and engagement. This category will support Women, Peace, and Security campaigns within the context of the ongoing peace process through the use of new media technologies.

Peer to Peer Support

Peer to peer support creates linkages of different Women, Peace and Security advocates from different contexts. Drawing from lessons-learned, networks can generate reciprocated dialogue in which information, advice, and much-needed support could be received by communities both inside and outside of Afghanistan.

Mentorship & Training

This category aims to strengthen the capacities of networks by linking with international think tanks that implement the WPS agenda through mentorship programming.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility:

CSOs who demonstrate competency in the following areas are eligible to apply:

- **Legal Status:** legal status in Afghanistan;
- **Mandate, policies and governance:** CSOs that are under a not-for-profit mandate, have a clear organizational structure and share UNDP's principles of human development, particularly the principles of equality and non-discrimination;
- **Constituency and external support:** Clear constituency and proof of partnerships with other CSOs, private sector or governments; and
- **Capacity for Project Management:** Technical, managerial, administrative and financial capacity to implement the project.

Categories:

Category 1: Discussions and Dialogues on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women

This category aims to provide support to civil society in facilitating dialogue on gender equality and overall women's empowerment that will directly contribute to the peace process. Grassroots level perceptions and feedback on Women, Peace and Security concerns contribute to the peace process.

The proposed initiative must:

- Provide clarity on how the discussions will contribute to the ongoing peace talks;
- Demonstrate efficient tools that will be used to engage rural and urban communities in dialogues; and
- Develop a clear framework based on the community concerns based on the WPS agenda.

Category 2: New Media Campaigns for Women, Peace and Security

This category will help to strengthen Women, Peace and Security campaigns within the context of the ongoing peace process with the use of new media. New media refers to mass communication using digital technologies such as the internet, social media and application development technology. New media in this context must be focused on advocating for WPS.

The proposed initiative must further:

- Demonstrate how the campaign will directly impact the peace process using new media;
- Address Women, Peace and Security issues through mass communications campaign; and
- have identifiable key beneficiaries in Afghanistan.

Eligibility Criteria

Category 3: Peer-to-Peer Support

This category will help to facilitate support for networks by linking them with women activist from other countries, especially from the Islamic world who have been part of negotiations processes. The support should be flexible so as to adapt to the changing needs and positions of women groups in Afghanistan.

The proposed initiative must further:

- Demonstrate a dialogue between peers inside and outside of Afghanistan;
- Address local challenges through lessons-learned from other countries in the region; and
- Have key beneficiaries of the project from communities from more than one country.

Category 4: Mentorship and training

This category aims to strengthen the capacities of networks by linking with international think tanks that implement the WPS agenda through mentorship programming.

The proposed initiative must:

- Demonstrate a link between increased capacities and the ongoing peace talks;
- Provide clear indication of mentorship structure; and
- Engage with building capacities of women groups directly engaged in peace talks

Application Guidelines

To apply:

1. Fill in the nomination form and the capacity assessment form. Send with the proof of legal status and the CVs via **e-mail to n-peace@undp.org**.
2. You will receive a confirmation email once your nomination has been received.
3. UNDP will sign grant agreements and disburse grant funds to the selected applicant organization only.
4. Proposed grant amounts must be between 5,000 USD and 35,000 USD.

Terms and Conditions:

The process by which grants are selected is outlined below:

- Call for applications: CSOs that meet the criteria and are from Afghanistan are invited to apply for the grants. CSOs will be encouraged to make short video submissions that can be shared online to support submission. (10 June to 5 July 2019)
- Constituting the independent review panel: An independent panel of judges will oversee the process which will include global and regional personalities known to the Women, Peace and Security, and/or human rights fields, including notable individuals from the private sector.
- Review of all proposals: All proposals will be reviewed by N-Peace and UNDP to ensure criteria are met. (1- 8 July 2019)
- Announcing the winners and issuing grants: The CSO winners of the N-Peace Awards will be announced online. (22 July 2019)
- Grant allocations: All grants will be allocated by 31 July 2019
- Grant amount will be between 5,000 to 35,000 USD

Results reporting at the N-Peace Gala will be held late 2019 or early 2020, at least six to nine months after the grants have been issued. It will be an opportunity for the CSOs to showcase the work done under the initiative