





# Eligibility Criteria

## Eligibility:

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

- **Legal Status:** legal status in Nepal.
- **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: Institutional Strengthening

*This category will help to strengthen local institutional mechanisms for more effective implementation of laws and policies that enable women's empowerment.*

*The proposed initiative must further:*

- Identify local level mechanisms that implement laws protecting the rights of women;
- Demonstrate clear link of how planned activities will lead to strengthening of the identified mechanisms;
- Address context specific Women, Peace and Security implementation challenges; and
- Have identifiable key beneficiaries at local levels.

### Category 2: Consultation and dialogue in light of National Action Plan II

*This category aims to support the second phase of Nepal's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (UNSCR 1325 and 1820). Organizations must be able to demonstrate that consultations and dialogue will directly contribute to the formulation of the second phase of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.*

*The proposed initiative must further:*

- Demonstrate a dialogue between relevant stakeholders;
- Demonstrate how consultations and dialogue will strengthen formulation of Phase II of the National Action Plan; and
- Have key beneficiaries of the project at both local and national levels.



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## **Category 3: Social Innovation for Women, Peace and Security**

*This category aims to support organizations working on social innovation projects focused on Women, Peace and Security concerns. Innovation encapsulates new technologies, and/or the use of traditional ideas in a new way. An example of this is art installations in community parks to reflect on the legacy of the conflict for community healing.*

The proposed initiative must further:

- Provide clear and concise innovative concept;
- Demonstrate how concept addresses Women, Peace and Security concerns; and
- Have key beneficiaries of the project at local level.

## **Evaluation Criteria:**

Proposals passing the eligibility criteria (see above) will be scored against the following:

1. Does the proposed initiative contribute to strengthening implementation of laws and policies that protect the rights of women and promote gender equality at local and provincial levels? (40 points)
  - a. Do the proposed activities align with the aims of the chosen category?
  - b. Does the proposal respond to the theme and priority areas?
2. Will the proposal influence a change in policy implementation of women's rights at a grassroots level? (20 points)
3. Does the proposal address the key challenges on the ground related to enforcement of women's rights as expressed in policy instruments; including gender-responsive budgeting and assertion of women's Constitutional rights amongst others. (20 points)
4. Will the planned activities achieve the aims of the project? (20 points)
  - a. Can the activities be implemented within the proposed budget?
  - b. Has the CSO demonstrated that it has the capacity to implement the project?



# Important Information

## 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](mailto: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.

## Terms and Conditions:

The process by which grants are selected are outlined below:

- Call for applications: CSOs that meet the criteria and are from Nepal are invited to apply for the grants. CSOs will be encouraged to make short video submissions that can be shared online to support submission. (15 July to 30 August 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. (3-6 September 2019)
- Announcing the winners and issuing grants: The CSO winners of the N-Peace Awards will be announced online. (9 September 2019)
- Grant allocations: All grants will be allocated by 15 September 2019
- Results reporting at the N-Peace Gala will be held late 2018 or early 2019, 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.