

Eligibility Criteria

Women currently only make up 16 of the 98 members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, indicating a decrease in participation from the signing of the peace agreement which saw women make up 32 per cent of the negotiators and 25 per cent of the total signatories. In order to revitalize momentum in inclusion of women to rise to meet current and future peace challenges, this year's call for N-Peace CSO Grants will aim to support women as mediators at grassroots levels for increased efforts in promotion of social cohesion, the prevention of violent extremism and meaningful inclusion in newly formed governance structures.

Grants will be awarded in the following categories:

- Category 1: Training and Capacity Building of Women Mediators
- Category 2: Documentation and Sharing Case Studies of Women Mediators
- Category 3: Advocacy support for policy recommendations for the Engagement of Women Mediators

Grant request size should be between USD \$ 5,000 - USD \$ 10,000.

Duration of grant agreement: 5 months (October 2019 – February 2020)

Eligibility:

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

- **Legal Status:** *legal status in the Philippines.*
- **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.

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Category 1: Training and Capacity Building of Women Mediators

Off the heels of women's inclusion as negotiators and signatories for the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, mediation remains a process in which women's presence seem to be lacking. Organizations must be able to develop a framework that will mobilize women at a community level as mediators for greater social cohesion, against the spread of violent extremism and/or implementation of re-integration and rehabilitation methodologies for returnees. Furthermore, organizations must be able to illustrate capacities in network organizing among women mediators and support for actual mediation efforts.

The proposed initiative must:

- Articulate the tools that will be used to engage women at the local level;
- Identify points of tension within an outlined community and develop clear training and organizing framework for capacity training on mediation;
- Interventions must address context specific social cohesion concerns, for example, intersectional treatment of marginalized groups, violent extremism, and land ownership; and
- Have local and provincial communities as the key beneficiaries.

Category 2: Documentation and Sharing Case Studies of Women Mediators

This category will support initiatives working to document and share best practices of women's inclusion in mediation processes at a community level. Organizations must be able to illustrate research methodologies which engage entire communities on the impact of women's participation in decision-making and conflict resolution. The aim of the documentation should be to illustrate how women as mediators and leaders results in social cohesion and builds resilience for sustainable peace.

The proposed initiative must further:

- Identify case studies illustrating the inherent benefits of women's leadership in development of social cohesion;
- Develop platforms for knowledge sharing of case studies and best practices;
- Demonstrate how case studies will strengthening women's leadership roles;
- In framing the case studies, explore gender specific challenges; and
- Have identifiable key beneficiaries.

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Category 3: Advocacy Support for Policy Recommendations for Engagement of Women as Mediators

This category recognizes the need for sustained advocacy support to ensure that women's voices are reflected in policies of newly formed governance structures. Organizations must be able to demonstrate that framework for advocacy support will directly impact policy and legal recommendations.

The proposed initiative must further:

- Clearly define policies and laws to be explored;
- Identify potential areas of engagement with women mediators and their respective networks;
- Demonstrate clear link between advocacy efforts and defined policies;
- Address the Women, Peace and Security concerns within the policy, for example women's financial inclusion, gender-based violence, and social cohesion; and
- Have key beneficiaries of the project at both local and national levels.

Evaluation Criteria:

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

1. Does the proposed initiative clearly empower women as mediators to address social cohesion concerns, including but not limited to women's participation, intersectional accounts of violent extremism, and policies impacting women? (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 related to inclusion of women as mediators, negotiators and/or taking part in formal decision-making roles? (20 points)
3. Does the proposal identify and address the key intersectional challenges faced by women in the chosen beneficiary demographic? (20 points)
 - a. Does the proposal identify and address intersecting challenges faced by women?
For example the how issues of gender intersect with social and political identities.
 - b. Does the project include safeguards in engaging members of marginalized and vulnerable groups?
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?
 - c. Does the proposed project include identification of inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes for the interventions?

Important Information

To apply:

1. Fill in the nomination 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.

Terms and Conditions:

The process by which grants are selected are outlined below:

- Call for applications: CSOs that meet the criteria and are from Philippines are invited to apply for the grants. CSOs will be encouraged to make short video submissions that can be shared online to support submission. (6- 30 September 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. (1-6 October 2019)
- Announcing the winners and issuing grants: The CSO winners of the N-Peace Awards will be announced online. (9 October 2019)
- Grant allocations: All grants will be allocated by 15 October 2019.
- 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.