2019
n-peace small grants

Pakistan Guidelines

Background:

N-Peace is a multi-country network of peace advocates in Asia seeking to advance the Women, Peace & Security agenda (WPS). It supports women's leadership for conflict prevention, resolution, and peacebuilding, and promotes the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 as well as the broader WPS agenda. N-Peace rests on the hypothesis that if targeted women and men are supported with increased investments in capacity and skills, they will be able to create institutional and social shifts to prioritize the inclusion and empowerment of women and girls, and change the current discourse on the roles of women in peacebuilding.

The small grants component aims to support civil society action on the ground in implementing the Women, Peace and Security agenda and focuses on three of the four pillars of the WPS agenda:

(i)   participation - ensuring women's equal participation in the decision-making process;
(ii) protection - protecting and promoting the rights of women in conflict affected situations; and,
(iii) prevention - preventing conflict and all forms of violence against women in conflict and post conflict situations.

This year, Pakistan held the first democratic election in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), in line with the Constitutional Amendment of May 2018 to merge FATA with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. These elections represent a milestone in nation building and strengthening of national instruments, particularly against the threat of growing violent extremism. However, early polling results mirror the national trend wherein women are still not elected into decision and law-making roles. Pakistan continues to be ranked 150th out of 153 countries on the Women, Peace and Security Index, with performance on discriminatory norms recording a high of 73 per cent. The prevailing norms continue to contribute to the marginalization of women at local, provincial and national levels. This year the N-Peace CSO Grants for Pakistan will support organizations addressing social norms and root causes of marginalization of women within the context of the changing governance structures, increase in the use of social media and youth engagement, the prevalence of honour killings and child marriages, and community mechanisms to counter and prevent the spread of violent extremism.
Grants will be awarded in the following categories:

• Category 1: Women's Roles in Governments
• Category 2: Community Mechanisms for PVE
• Category 3: Digital Technologies

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

Duration of grant agreement: 6 months

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility:

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

- **Legal Status:** *legal status in Pakistan.*
- **Mandate, policies and governance:** *CSOs that are under a not-for-profit mandate, have a clear organizational structure and share UNDPs 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: Women's Roles in Governments

With the promulgation of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act of 2019, this category aims to strengthen women's presence and capacities in tehsils, local and provincial decision-making bodies. Organizations must be able to demonstrate how project implementation can lead to women's meaningful participation, and increase capacities to address Women, Peace and Security concerns.

The proposed initiative must:

- Articulate the tools that will be used to engage local and provincial leaders;
- Develop clear training framework for capacity training;
- Interventions must address context specific Women, Peace and Security concerns; for example implementation of laws and policies addressing the prevalence of child marriages and/or honour killings; and
- Have local and provincial leaders as the key beneficiaries.

Category 2: Community Mechanisms for PVE

This category will help to strengthen women's roles in the prevention of violent extremism (PVE) in their communities. Organizations must be able to develop a framework that will mobilize women as the first responders of violent extremism threats, as well as create gender responsive re-integration and rehabilitation methodologies for returnees.

The proposed initiative must further:

- Identify points of tension within outlined community;
- Demonstrate methodology of strengthening women's leadership roles in the context of violent extremism;
- Address context specific Women, Peace and Security implementation challenges; and
- Have identifiable key beneficiaries.

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Category 3: *Digital Technologies*

This category recognizes the gendered impact of digital technology, and aims to support increased visiblity of women in the digital world. From the digital inclusion of women and the use of internet platforms to advocate for gender equality, the spread of online harassment and hate speech against women continues to persist.

Organizations must be able to demonstrate how proposals will change the prevailing negative narratives of women in online spaces, and galvanize the potential for digital technology as a tool for Women, Peace and Security.

The proposed initiative must further:

- Demonstrate clear link of how digital technology can be invoked to address WPS concerns;
- Explore how identified technology can effectively bring forth women's voices in the public discourse; 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 address discriminatory norms contributing to the marginalization of women, including but not limited to women's participation, impact of violent extremism on women, and prevalence of honour killings and child marriages? *(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 discriminatory norms contributing to marginalization of women? *(20 points)*

3. Does the proposal identify and address the key intersectional challenges faced by women in the chosen beneficiary demographic? *(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.**

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 Pakistan are invited to apply for the grants. CSOs will be encouraged to make short video submissions that can be shared online to support submission. (1 – 31 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 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.