



# Eligibility Criteria

## Eligibility:

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

- **Legal Status:** legal status in Sri Lanka.
- **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: Interfaith Women, Peace and Security Networks

*This category aims to support civil society networks using interfaith dialogues to address Women, Peace and Security concerns at local and national levels. Organizations must be able to demonstrate how the interfaith dialogues and women's network formation will address contemporary peace concerns.*

The proposed initiative must:

- Articulate the tools that will be used to facilitate interfaith dialogue;
- Have identifiable network members from diverse ethno-religious backgrounds;
- Interventions must address context specific Women, Peace and Security; and
- Have defined key beneficiaries at local and national levels.

### Category 2: Community-based collectives for Women's Inclusion and Social Cohesion

*This category will help to strengthen first response to tensions in different communities in the country to any threat of extremism and/or other forms of conflict by engaging women through community-based collectives. Organizations must be able to demonstrate how women's networks can be equipped with conflict-resolution, mediation skills to facilitate community level collectives that are able to advocate for the inclusion of women in different district, provincial or national level Bodies. These include increasing the participation of women in community mediation boards, leadership levels, political participation among others.*

The proposed initiative must further:

- Identify points of tension within local communities;
- Demonstrate clear training methodology for women's networks to provide mediation services;
- Address context specific Women, Peace and Security implementation challenges; and
- Have identifiable key beneficiaries at community level and provincial levels.

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## **Category 3: Changing the Narrative - Media for Women, Peace and Security**

*This category recognizes the growing prominence of gendered narratives in peace and security, and further aims to provide support to civil society to galvanize the potential for traditional journalism and digital technology as a tool for WPS advocacy.*

The proposed initiative must further:

- Demonstrate how media will be used to address WPS concerns;
- Explore aforementioned media is used in violent extremism; and
- Have identifiable 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 contribute to social cohesion and building community resilience against violent extremism and/or other forms of conflict? (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 the intersections between women's participation and gender equality, and security concerns? (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 Sri Lanka 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.