

Call for Proposals for Promoting Resilient, Cohesive and Peaceful Communities through Women's Empowerment in Southern Border Provinces of Thailand

The UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is inviting civil society organizations or non-governmental organizations working on women's empowerment or women peace and security to submit concept notes that will support capacity building of women's organizations and networks on social cohesion and de-radicalization to support the promotion of resilient, cohesive and peaceful communities through women's empowerment in the Southern Border Provinces of Thailand.

Guidelines for the Submission of Proposals

What is the Format for the proposal?

Given the attached Terms of Reference, the proposal should contain, at minimum, the following:

1) A narrative proposal consisting of:

- **Context and problem analysis** –a brief summary of existing gaps, barriers, and challenges for gender equality in the areas of law reform, justice sector, accountability and monitoring mechanisms for gender equality and women's human rights in Southeast Asia (not more than 1½ page).
- **Project design and justification:** description of strategies and approaches that your organization proposes to address the gaps, how the proposed strategies and activities will expand regional pool of experts and strengthen the knowledge base on gender equality in areas of law reform, access to justice and monitoring and accountability mechanisms on women's human rights in Southeast Asia. The proposal should address at least 4 of the seven areas described in the Terms of Reference. (not more than 2 pages).
- **Expected results:** expected outputs and outcomes of your project (½ page)
- **Implementation of work plan:** a description of expected outcomes, outputs and corresponding activities and a workplan to conduct the activities (attached forms 1 and 2).
- **Partnerships:** Include a description of the partners needed to successfully implement the project and their roles (½ - 1 page)
- **Institutional profile:** Provide a brief description of the organization, including its registration details and relevant experience on advancing women's human rights that qualifies the organization for this UN Women support (not more than 1 page)

(2) A Budget Proposal fulfilling the following requirements:

- An output based budget – i.e. budget showing how much is required to achieve each output.
- The budget should include an allocation for preparation of a certified financial report annually and one audit report during the project.
- The administrative /indirect cost should not exceed 10% of total budget

Applicants must include Annexes (supporting documents) such as organizational brochure, previous annual reports and three previous audit reports.

Proposals can be submitted by an organization or jointly by two or more organizations of any of the following categories:

- Educational and academic organizations
- Non-governmental organizations

The applying organizations must be legally registered.

What criteria will be used for selection: Proposal will be selected on the basis of technical (80%) and financial (20%) assessments. The technical assessment will review the following:

- Extent to which the proposal fulfills the requirements of the Call for Proposals (5%)
- Clarity of the situation analysis and problem identification (15%)
- Soundness of strategy, proposed activities and expected results against the problem analysis (25%)
- Application of a participatory process to bring together various strategic partners (10%)
- Realistic work plan to complete the activities (10%)
- Applicants institutional capacity and relevant experience (15%)

Proposals are due by COB 28 April 2017.

Please send proposals to: widchayarad.sinthuwong@unwomen.org

Annex:

1. Terms of Reference
2. Workplan format

Terms of Reference

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Background

Taking into consideration the growing threat of radicalization in Asia, including the increasing trend of violent incidents in countries in South and Southeast Asia, UN women's approach is firmly based on the empowerment of women to build resilient, cohesive and peaceful communities – with particular attention to marginalized communities and women in particularly vulnerable situations.

The need to address the different effects of conflict on women compared to men, and the critical role of women in preventing conflict and building a sustainable peace has been recognized in Security Council Resolution 1325 and others. The project “Promoting Resilient, Cohesive and Peaceful Communities through Women's Empowerment in Southern Border Provinces of Thailand” will apply this learning to increase resilience in communities at risk of radicalization through practical approaches to build women's capacity to participate in and lead efforts to build social cohesion and influence related policy processes at local and national levels. The project will also support networking of key actors, and enable mutual learning that the role women can uniquely play in promoting peace and social cohesion.

Objective of UN Women Support

The overall objective is to support the Royal Thai Government in moving forward the Measure and Guideline on Women's Peace and Security to ensure policy coherence among relevant ministers and in rolling out the action plan at the local level with the participation of local authorities, Women's organizations and civil society groups to build resilient, cohesive and peaceful communities.

UN Women is looking for proposals that would focus on **at least 4 of the following areas of work:**

1. Designing and facilitating consultations (from local level, to sub-national and national) on women's priorities and contributions to building peaceful and resilient communities to feed into development of a national strategy.
2. Promoting community dialogue of women and community leaders to promote social cohesion and deradicalization in communities.
3. Supporting women's economic empowerment or livelihoods schemes as tools to promote social cohesion and deradicalization in communities.

4. Facilitating capacity building for women's organizations to build networks to develop joint agendas and advocacy strategies to influence government organizations working on women, peace and security.

Experience/skills required

- Demonstrate experience supporting women's groups working on women's empowerment peacebuilding or other humanitarian work.
- Specialise in capacity building and training of women or women's groups, and women's networking
- Have achieved results strengthening women's knowledge, education and capacities to influence and contribute to the development of gender-responsive policies and can apply this to counter-radicalization and inclusive community-driven development

Duration of projects: between 1 May and 31 December 2017

Who can apply?

Proposal can be submitted by a registered organization or jointly by two or more registered organizations of any of the following categories:

- a/ civil society organizations / non-governmental organizations
- b/ educational and academic institutions