

I. Position Information	
Title:	Call for Proposal to support and strengthen capacity of CSOs to effectively advocate and lobby for change in laws and policies that are discriminatory against women
Contract Type:	Grant to CSOs
Target Locations:	Grand Cape Mount, Montserrado, Lofa, Grand Gedeh and Nimba Counties
Duration of Contract:	13 Months (November 2019-December 2020)
Submission Deadline	<p>Proposals may be submitted on or before Friday, 25 October 2019 at 1:00 PM Liberia local time and via:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail : bids.lr@undp.org</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courier mail on the following address;</p> <p>Address: United Nations Development Programme Registry 7th Floor, Pan African Plaza Building Opposite the Monrovia City Hall, Monrovia, Liberia Attn: The Deputy Resident Representative Programme UNDP, Liberia And marked: Call for Proposals/ UNDP Spotlight/ 2019/002</p>
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II. Background/ Context
<p>Violence against women and girls is considered one of the most pervasive, widespread and devastating human rights violations in the world today. It is a major obstacle to the fulfilment of women's and girls' human rights and to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It occurs worldwide, cutting across all generations, nationalities, communities and spheres of our societies, irrespective of age, ethnicity, disability or other background.</p> <p>Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) is prevalent in Liberian society and has been accepted as an integral part of gender relations according to UN/GoL report (2014). During the long years of devastating civil conflict, this situation was worsened as rape was used as a weapon of war driven by unequal gender relations. For many Liberian women and girls, the appalling violence they experienced during the civil war is still evident as physical and mental scars. Reports between 2014-2016 from the Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) indicate a general acceptance of the most common types of sexual and gender-</p>

based violence, identified by communities as rape, child marriage, offensive touching, wife beating, denial of resources, acid attacks as well as the subtler and hidden forms of violence and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

In response to the need of strengthening the Government of Liberia (GoL) capacity to respond to and eradicate cases of SGBV, harmful traditional practices (HTPs) and building better institutional frameworks for enhanced protection capacities and services to survivors, the European Union and the United Nations have launched the Spotlight Initiative aimed at addressing all forms of violence against women and girls, and eliminating harmful practices, through a transformative and evidence-based approach, addressing unequal power relations between men and women and focusing on gender equality and women's empowerment. In line with the principles of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Initiative will follow a human rights-based approach and take into consideration the specific needs of women and girls who experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and uphold the principle of "Leaving No One Behind".

Implemented in the context of the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development of the GoL, the EU/UN Spotlight Programme aims to support the Government of Liberia in its efforts to build a society where vulnerable women and girls and marginalized groups can enjoy their full rights and achieve their potential in a secure and safe environment. Its ultimate goal is to reduce significantly the prevalence of SGBV, HPs and their inter-linkages with sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

The EU/UN Spotlight Initiative is premised on the existing UN/Government of Liberia (GOL) Joint Programme on SGBV and HPs. Organized under 6 pillars, it aims to: (i) Strengthen policies, legislation and regulatory frameworks; (ii) Enhance integrated multi-sectoral capacities of national institutions, organizations and partners in preparedness, prevention and response; (iii) Improve social norms and practices, through inclusive participation and awareness raising of communities on the negative impacts of deep-rooted socio-cultural gender norms and HP ; (iv) Integrate multi-sectoral response services to all survivors ensuring effectiveness and efficiency; (v) Develop a multi-sectoral Information Management System (IMS) to support evidence based planning and monitoring of results; (vi) Develop and operationalize a coherent and inclusive framework engaging the different actors including CSOs, the private sector and women's movement groups to eliminate violence against women and girls in Liberia.

The implementing agencies are UNDP, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, OHCHR, UNHCR, and IOM. The programme coverage is nationwide with a progressive approach to the 15 Liberia counties. In addition, the project initially targets five hotspot counties including Nimba, Grand Gedeh, Lofa, Grand Cape Mount and Montserrado which is due to the high prevalence of SGBV/HPs and less SRHR. Given the high levels of violence that women and girls continue to experience, the EU/UN Spotlight Initiatives (a multi-national partnership initiative) was designed with the aim to eliminate violence against women and girls, which is seen as a major obstacle to the fulfilment of women's and girls' human rights and to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as increase access to sexual and

reproductive health and rights services) in Liberia. The programme is being implemented in the five most-affected counties (Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, Lofa, Nimba and Grand Gedeh).

The programme will be accompanied with strong capacity development to support and strengthen capacity of CSOs to effectively advocate and lobby for change in laws and policies that are discriminatory against women, as well as raising awareness on the existing legal and policy frameworks that seek to address SGBV and Harmful Practices.

The activity is part of the EU/UN Spotlight Initiatives (a multi-national partnership initiative designed to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls as well as increase access to sexual and reproductive health and rights services) and will be implemented in the five most-affected counties (Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, Lofa, Nimba and Grand Gedeh).

The grant focuses on pillar 6 of the EU Spotlight Initiatives Country Programme Document of which the specific outputs seek to ensure:

1. Women's rights groups and relevant CSOs, have increased opportunities and support to share knowledge, network, partner and jointly advocate for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (GEWE) and ending SGBV/HP, and promoting SRHR, with relevant stakeholders at sub-national, national, regional and global levels.

III. Scope of Work

UNDP is requesting all Civil Society Organizations, Community Based Organizations, women's rights movements and women's led groups to advocate and lobby for change in laws and policies at the same time create awareness on SGBV prevention through this "Call for Proposal".

CSOs are asked to develop innovative projects with SMART objectives and indicators to achieve the output mentioned above in the following format.

- ✚ Technical description and proposed technical approach (activities, milestones, timeline)
- ✚ Relevance and technical capacity: (key staff)
- ✚ Organizational experience and proven track record/credibility on gender and development including relevant experience in partnerships with UNDP, other UN agencies, governments, NGOs, and other development actors
- ✚ Financial proposal- detailed budget against each activity identified.

CSOs can apply to work at national or county level based on their capacities

IV. Deliverables

The required outputs of this scope of work are described below:

- I. CSOs/CBOS to advocate and lobby for change of laws and policies at national and local levels
- II. Conduct outreach and awareness on new laws and policies, as well as raising awareness on SGBV prevention and response, through community participations
- III. Work with the relevant government institutions, CSOs and other stakeholders for proper coordination to advocate for GEWE in response to VAWG including SGBV/HP and promote access to SRHR services for women and girls
- IV. Provide regular updates along with narrative and financial reports

V. Impact of Results

The efforts of UNDP are expected to strengthen both institutional and individuals' capacities of relevant CSOs/CBOs involved in prevention and response measures to address Sexual and gender-based violence, harmful practices and sexual and reproductive health and rights at all levels.

V. Eligibility & Qualification Criteria

Grants will be awarded to organizations based on the following considerations:

- ✓ National or local women's led organizations, Women's rights organizations/ movements
- ✓ Whether the CSO is registered in Liberia with office in Montserrado and/or other selected Spotlight counties
- ✓ The organization's proven administrative and financial management capacity to undertake the project;
- ✓ The feasibility and soundness of the proposal with sustainability strategies and related budget; and
- ✓ The institutional capacity of the CSO;

- ✓ The legitimacy and quality of the contribution and values that the CSO can provide for the attainment of development results and maximizing the impact of a programme/project and

Key Competencies

CSO implementation teams should possess the following key competencies:

- ✓ Advocacy and communications skills
- ✓ Project Coordination;
- ✓ Development of strategies, plans and /or programs to prevent and respond to VAWG, including SGBV/HP, and promote women and girls' SRHR, for women and girls facing intersecting and multiple forms of discrimination
- ✓ Skilled in community-based projects and programs;

VI. Submission Requirements

CSOs who meet the requirements should submit a technical proposal no longer than eight (8) pages which should include the following:

- i. Project Document (Technical Proposal attached with key areas identified above)
- ii. Results Framework
- iii. Project Budget per related activities
- iv. Proof of legal registration or status
- v. Evidence that the organization is a women-led, women's rights organization
- vi. A detailed workplan
- vii. CVs of key staff
- viii. Cover letter