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COBERM II - Call for project ideas (Third round)

Background

COBERM has been set up in May 2010, with the objective to address challenges to peace while contributing to overall conflict prevention processes. During its first phase, COBERM provided grants to civil society organizations and other institutions to carry out a large number of projects (62) that supported conflict affected communities in different ways, ranging from public diplomacy events, youth education initiatives, improved livelihood operations, joint cultural endeavours and peace journalism trainings and actions, among others. As a result, COBERM is viewed as a trusted and impartial partner.

The second phase of the COBERM programme is now launched, with duration of three years.

COBERM II aims to: a) Support opportunities for applying a people-centric approach within and between conflict affected communities, and b) Build an enabling environment within the divided communities to strengthen respect for peace and stability.

Purpose of the call

COBERM is soliciting project ideas from representatives of civil society, including local and international non-governmental organizations and other institutions or associations, whose initiatives would fall under any of the following:

- 1) Projects in support of people and communities within or between conflict affected areas that lead to the establishment/re-establishment of relations and joint activities. Duration of projects can be short and long term, with a maximum duration of 12 months. If applicable, follow up phases can be accepted based on review of results of the first 12-months project. The total budget of such projects can be up to 150,000 USD.
- 2) Projects that focus on inter-community communication and policy dialogues. Duration of projects can be short or long term, with a maximum duration of 12 months. If applicable, follow up phases can be accepted based on review of results of the first 12-months project. The total budget of such projects can be up to 150,000 USD.
- 3) Projects that propose innovative grassroots initiatives that would either contribute to skills' development and/or to address the challenges of living in conflict affected areas. These projects are

expected to be of duration of maximum 6 months. The total budget of such projects can be up to 10,000 USD.

IMPORTANT: To ensure diversification of activities and implementers, the maximum requested funding per organization can be no more than 150,000 USD.

IMPORTANT: We are now accepting project ideas until 25 November 2013, 18:00, South Caucasus time. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

Submission of Project Ideas

If you have a project idea, which contributes to COBERM objectives, please complete a standard **Project Idea Submission Form** (see end of this announcement) and submit it electronically to coberm@undp.org

Selection process (project ideas)

All project ideas will be reviewed by the EU/UNDP Evaluation Committee and the final decision will be made by the EU/UNDP Steering Committee. We encourage submission of project ideas that address the following challenges:

- Have a demonstrable impact on improving the lives of people within and between conflict affected communities;
- Do no harm or entail any potential negative effects as a result of project activities;
- Target interaction among conflict affected groups and communities;
- Demonstrate long term results and sustainability, including a clear qualitative life-improving element/outcome for people and communities;
- Aligns effectively use of resources with expected project results.

Submission process (full proposals)

Based upon competitive evaluation, only the most appropriate proposals will be selected for funding. Upon the decision of the Steering Committee, composed of top level representatives of both UNDP and the EU, applicants may be invited to develop a full project proposal. In that case, applicants will also be requested to submit additional information about the organization on the basis of which UNDP will perform a capacity assessment of the applicant organization. (Capacity assessment tool, will be provided to organizations before contracting).

Eligibility criteria

COBERM II applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Be registered;
- Have sufficient administrative, financial and technical capacity to implement a project (as stated above, UNDP will carry out a capacity assessment);
- Demonstrate good track record of working with donors in the past (see clarification below).

IMPORTANT:

- International NGOs are welcome to apply however, preference will be given to local applicants.
- Newly established organizations or organizations with no experience of working with international donors are also encouraged to submit project ideas, as long as the other criteria mentioned above are met.
- Priority will be given to innovative, creative actions.
- Applicants who have already been granted funding under COBERM-II will be awarded a second project only if and when sufficient management capacity is clearly demonstrated and if they did not exceed the 150,000 USD funding cap.
- Applicants who have previously submitted project ideas but were not selected are welcome to apply with a new project idea, if it fully fits eligibility criteria.
- Priority will be given to applications presented jointly by organisations from different geographical areas.

COBERM II Thematic Priorities

- **Stimulating youth education and skills development for leadership and civic activism related to peace and stability:**

Expected outcomes include but are not limited to: Strengthening ways of interaction and/or creation of common spaces for contacts and friendship among young people of different ethnicities; enhancing networking and partnerships, etc.

- **Access to essential humanitarian assistance for health:**

Expected outcomes include but are not limited to: improved access to health care within and between conflict affected communities; strengthening professional links among health care professionals in the conflict affected communities, etc.

- **Enhancing women's contribution to peace and stability:**

Expected outcomes include but are not limited to: women's empowerment in peace-related processes within and between conflict affected communities; increased involvement of women in decision making and advocacy processes for peace and stability, etc.

- **Providing an enabling environment for objective media development influencing public opinion forming towards peace, tolerance and humanism:**

Expected outcomes include but are not limited to: strengthening development of free media within and between conflict-affected communities; increased opportunities for development of the culture of peace-journalism, etc.

- **Improving livelihood of the local communities by connecting various professionals within divided communities**

Expected outcomes include but are not limited to: improving livelihoods of people living in conflict affected communities; enhanced opportunities for implementation of community- based initiatives, etc.

IMPORTANT: You will be notified by email once we receive your application within 2 business days. If you have not heard from us, it is your obligation to follow-up. COBERM is not responsible for any technical failures that might cause delays in receiving your application.

Attached documents

- Project Idea submission form (please choose your preferred language).