



## **CALL FOR PROPOSAL**

**Project Title:** Support strengthening of the key stakeholders in the country on women, peace and security commitments and creating enabling environment for the efficient implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, on Women, Peace, and Security (UNSCR1325).

**Purpose:** Selection of qualified responsible party for the Programme

**Duration:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

**Contract Type:** Law value grant agreement

**Deadline for submissions:** 20 July 2020, 16:00

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is inviting women civil society organizations to submit proposals to:

- 1) Build capacities of the relevant national stakeholders to advance implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, on Women, Peace, and Security (UNSCR1325).
- 2) Raise awareness on the importance of the proper on importance of the gender equality and women's rights in the context of peace and security and UNSCR1325.

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **I. Background**

Women in Montenegro make half of population (50.61 %) but society has not yet seen a fully accomplished overall development contribution of women, particularly not to the extent corresponding to their real potential. According to the Constitution, Montenegro is declared as a "civil, democratic, ecological and the state of social justice, based on the rule of law". However, women still represent a minority in social, economic and political life. In the Parliament of Montenegro there are 23.45% of women (MPs) while in the Government of Montenegro there are 4 women at the Ministerial positions.

Montenegro has developed its first UNSCR1325 National Action Plan two years ago (NAP 2017-2018) as a part of national effort to join NATO. This Action Plan constitutes the first attempt of the government of Montenegro to implement the UNSCR 1325 and its related resolutions.

The Action Plan elaborates on three essential areas for the implementation of the UN Res 1325:

- increasing participation of women in decision-making and peace processes;
- protection of women and girls in conflict zones; and
- integration of gender perspectives and gender education into peacekeeping operations.

Action Plan also provides the range of mechanisms for implementing RSBUN 1325 and its accompanying resolutions.



It is mostly oriented towards ensuring women's participation in the security sector on the local (police force), national (armed forces) and international (peacekeeping) levels. It also addresses the issue of human trafficking in Montenegro and provides mechanisms to address it regionally and internationally, while stressing the importance of coordination and partnership. Lead role in development of the Action Plan had Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Interior while the country has identified National focal Point for the Resolution 1325 within Ministry of Foreign Affairs with limited cooperation with CSOs in development and implementation of the NAP.

Development of AP already showed its first results. Namely, through the implementation of the goals from a whole set of planning documents, gender mainstreaming is pursued consistently in the MoD, by encouraging women to train and educate in order to develop military career, leadership skills, availability of command duties and participation in peacekeeping missions, protection of women from all forms of discrimination and reporting of all discrimination cases, removing cultural barriers, creating a positive climate for the integration of women into the military, and ensuring that the system includes gender advisors, that is, a team of experts trained on gender issues and issues of cultural awareness that will be able to be delegated as advisors or specialists, be made available for participation in peacekeeping missions and who will be the bearers of awareness-raising activities on gender equality in the units of the Army.

Role of civil society organizations has been key in development of peace and security response and therefore their involvement and participation in the implementation in the Resolution 1325 is of critical importance.

## **II. Objective of UNDP support**

The overall objective of the Call is to strengthen the key stakeholders in the country on women, peace and security commitments, and create enabling environment for the efficient implementation of Res1325.

## **III. Scope of the project**

The Call for Proposal is to support the project proposal activities that will enable enhancing key partners role in advancing the WPS agenda through the identification of gaps in systemic response and implementation of Res1325 in Montenegro.

It is expected to contribute to the overall understanding of the capacity building in the sense of more efficient implementation of the Resolution 1325 in Montenegro. The project proposals are supposed to provide guidelines and prompt action to support for the implementation of the Action Plan 1325 and strengthen role of relevant actors (members and/or staff of permanent Parliamentary committees, cross-party women's groups, parliamentary secretariat and/or office of the speaker, women's groups etc.) to place WPS higher on the political agenda and oversee implementation of the above national policies and programs.

The project proposals should capture the whole process and involvement of all interested parties, so it can trigger the open dialogue surrounding peacebuilding, policymaking, security and gender equality efforts and devising WPS strategies.



**Specific Objective 1:** Improved capacities to oversee the implementation and appropriateness of peacebuilding, security, economic and finance policies and program promoting the women peace and security and PVE agendas, including national legislation giving effect to the UNSCR 1325, based on the international best practice and evidence.

**Specific Objective 2:** Improved capacities to engage in a constructive dialogue with CSOs, media and citizens on women, peace and security and PVE.

**When applying, the organizations are expected to indicate which category of the Call for Proposals they are applying to.**

#### **IV. Duration of project**

From: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

#### **V. Budget Request**

Total eligible amount of funding under this Call will be cca 50,000 USD.

#### **VII. Institutional Arrangement**

The selected organizations will sign a Law value Grant Agreement (LWGA) with UNDP. A competitive selection process will take place to identify the potential Responsible Party. The NGO will be selected only if it has proven capacity to deliver the proposed activity. The NGO's capacity will be assessed by the Evaluation Committee comprising of members of UNDP and members of the Working Group for implementation of the National Action Plan for Res1325.

#### **VIII. Reporting**

The selected partner will be the principal responsible party but will work closely with UNDP during programme implementation. The partner will provide regular narrative and financial reports in line with UNDP guidelines and requirements (as per attached Narrative and financial report)

All knowledge products and communications materials that would be produced under this agreement must acknowledge the support and seek approval of UNDP. Furthermore, they should be in line with the EU Communication and Visibility tools and the UNDP joint visibility guidelines.

#### **Guidelines for the Submission of Proposals**

##### **I. Who can apply**

- Women's CSOs, women's CSOs networks and platforms that have specialized knowledge, expertise and track record of working in women's human rights, gender equality and the area of women, peace and security
- Women's CSOs/ Women's CSOs network and platforms with track record in establishing platforms for dialogues, among various stakeholders.



## II. What to submit

Eligible applicants are expected to submit the followings in English:

1. **General Information** including name of organization, contact person and contact details (please see Application Cover Sheet).

2. **Project proposal** (please see attached Project Document)

A narrative proposal consisting of:

- Context and problem analysis
- Project Design & Justification: A description of the approach to meeting the programme objectives as described in the Terms of Reference, including the description of why and how your organization/ institution is best suited to undertake this endeavor
- Workplan with detailed activities and resources required (see attached Low Value Grant Proposal with Budget and Budget xls.)
- Partnerships: A description of the partners needed to successfully implement the project and their roles;
- Institutional profile: A brief description of your organization, including its registration details and relevant experience addressing issues pertaining to an intersectional approach to women's human rights and gender equality;
- Develop visibility and communication plan for project activities;
- An output-based budget – i.e. budget showing how much is required for each activity to achieve each output. The administrative/indirect cost should not exceed 7% of the total budget (please see attached Low Value Grant Proposal with Budget, Budget xls.).

3. A copy of the **organization's legal registration document**

4. **Supporting documents** such as your organizational brochures, annual reports and audit reports from the past year.

## III. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals passing the eligibility criteria (see above) will be scored against the following:

1. Relevance of the proposal (35 points): quality of the context analysis and assessment;
  2. Implementation strategies (35 points): Soundness of strategy, proposed activities, and expected results against the problem analysis in designing the project;
  3. Budget Proposal (25 points); and
  4. Applicants' institutional capacity and relevant experience (5 points)
- Minimum score to be eligible is 80 points.

Only applicants passing the minimum score will be contacted to proceed with shortlisting.

## IV. When is the proposal due

The deadline for submission of proposals is 20 July 2020, 16:00. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.

## V. To whom should the proposal be sent

Please send all required application documents in one email to [procurement.me@undp.org](mailto:procurement.me@undp.org) indicating in the e- mail subject: **Call for Proposals for Global Project for 1325.**

