



### **SAMOA CALL FOR SMALL GRANTS**

## **Women's Movement and Civil Society advocacy and response to elimination of violence against women and girls and intimate partner violence.**

**Purpose:** To support civil society implementation, advocacy, prevention and response initiatives to eliminate violence against women and girls.

**Eligible organisations:** **National** Women's movement organizations and Civil society organisations engaged in and committed to ending violence against women and girls including delivering gender-based violence prevention and response services, sexual and reproductive justice, economic rights, disability justice, LGBTQIA+/sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) rights, climate and environmental issues etc.

*\*\*NOTE: eligible organisations must be registered as a national non-government organization or civil society and operational for 2 or more years.*

**Eligible countries: Samoa only.**

**Amount:** Expressions of interest can range from a minimum of \$5,000 USD to a maximum of \$8,000 USD to be spent within a **Six-month period**.

**Submission deadline:** Please submit expressions of interest via email to [procurement.ws@undp.org](mailto:procurement.ws@undp.org) by **5:00pm Samoa time on 7 May 2021** . Late submissions will not be accepted.

### **Background**

The Spotlight Initiative (SI) is a global partnership between the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) **to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG), including harmful practices**. The branding name Spotlight Initiative brings focused spotlight attention to the issue of violence against women and girls and placing it at the center of efforts

to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>1</sup>.

The Spotlight Initiative in Samoa builds on existing Government commitments to ending domestic and intimate partner violence and cultural institutions in Samoa that support ending violence against women and girls. The programme will contextualize international best practices in preventing and responding to violence and learn from emerging practice on what works in Samoa.

The Spotlight Initiative is **delivered as a ONE UN Program** with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) an implementing partner that works to empower lives and build resilient nations. This call for small grants is implemented by UNDP as part of Samoa Spotlight Initiative to support community action plans by women's movement and civil society organizations to implement, monitor and report on prevention and awareness raising activities including response services. *"I have been sharing my story with children at school and young people at church. I am even sharing my story with you today. "Why I am I sharing my story with you? It's because to save lives. I don't want other children to be abused like me. You have to speak out." Leilua Lino – Victim/Survivor, SVSG – March 2020.*

### **Call for Small Grants:**

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent, and devastating human rights violations in our world today. 1 in 3 women worldwide has experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime and 1 in 5 women and girls worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner within the last 12 months. In Samoa, 1 in 3 women (52.3%) have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime since the age of 15. With nearly 40 % of women between the age of 15-49 who have experienced some form of domestic violence in their lifetime since age 15. With 18.7% experiencing intimate partner violence in the last 12 months. (DHS-MICS, 2019)

As evidenced from around the world and in Samoa, the COVID- 19 pandemic has impacted heavily on women and girls. Already a crisis, violence against women and girls has increased in severity and frequency due to COVID 19 measures and challenges. The rise in domestic violence incidents with more women and vulnerable individuals seeking support from their communities, GBV providers are reflective of these challenges. Additionally, the medium and long term social and economic effects of the global pandemic will also disproportionately impact women and girls through higher food prices, family/community income loss or shifts in resource streams for life saving social and health services to name a few.

UNDP welcomes expressions of interest between \$5,000USD to \$8,000USD from women's movement and civil society organisations (CSOs) engaged in and committed to ending violence against women and girls. Spotlight small grants are designed to support prevention and response initiatives, institutional strengthening and capacity building for smaller

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<sup>1</sup> UN Women Spotlight CSO SGS call for proposal 2020

organisations. This call specifically supports women's movement and civil society advocacy, prevention and or awareness raising initiatives including response efforts to address violence against women and girls also in the context of COVID 19. Expressions of interest that focus on intersectional issues and or communities most impacted (e.g. survivors of violence, women and girls, young people, women and girls with disabilities, transgender) is highly encouraged.

Small Grants can be used for a diversity of activities such as building internal/institutional capacity; fostering collaborative partnerships; strengthening advocacy and prevention initiatives, strengthening response services, case management and referrals; learning and capacity building and so forth.

The Small Grants are not able to fund provision for direct services or operating /running costs unrelated to a proposed activity.

### **Eligibility Criteria for Applicants**

- The applicant is a registered Samoa CSO or non- government organization in operation for at least 2 years in Samoa
- CSO is based in Samoa (International NGOs and CSOs not eligible)
- the applicant is not on the consolidated UN Security Council Sanctions list
- the applicant is not being investigated for fraud, corruption, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or other wrongdoing;
- the applicant has a positive working experience as a partner for UNDP implemented projects of similar nature (if a current partner, meaning they are in a current partnership agreement with Spotlight Initiative under UNDP, not eligible)
- the applicant is not a government entity, a UN organization

### **HOW TO APPLY**

**Step One:** submit Expression of Interest and registration certificate or evidence of organization legitimate status

#### **Required:**

- Complete and send the attached Expression of Interest (see template in Annex 1) and a copy of the organization's registration certificate evidencing that the applicant is a registered CSO in operation for at least 2 or more years.
- All applications must be in either Samoan or English language.
- All applications must be submitted via email. Unfortunately, handwritten or mailed applications will not be accepted.

#### **Optional:**

- A short (1 – 2 minute) video sharing your organisation's expression of interest.
- Applications without a video will not be penalized.

- UNDP will reject any application that does not contain enough information to show that the CSO or activities are eligible.
- UNDP will send a confirmation email upon receipt of application.

**Applications, including videos, should be sent by email to [procurement.ws@undp.org](mailto:procurement.ws@undp.org) by 5.00pm on 7 May 2021.**

**Step Two:** if shortlisted, submit supporting documents

- UNDP will notify short listed candidates within 2 weeks of the application deadline. Please do not send supporting documents unless notified of shortlisting.

- If shortlisted, UNDP will request a 1) copy of the organization's last financial audit if required, 2) operational documentation, including finance and operations manual where appropriate, 3) copy of last annual or project report.

**Step Three:** if awarded a small grant, complete agreement process

- If successful, UNDP will request a completed UNDP vendor form and supporting documentation.
- Based on all completed documentation and the proposal budget, UNDP will disburse the grant amount to the organisation's bank account.

**Step Four:** implement activities within a six-month period

- Activities must be completed and fully acquitted within a **six-month period**.

#### **Selection process and key dates**

- All submitted applications will receive a confirmation of receipt email from UNDP Spotlight team.
- All applications will be assessed by a selection panel of 3 to 4 UNDP including UN Spotlight team
- Call for proposals released by 14 April 2021
- Expressions of interest due 7 May 2021 (5:00pm)
- Short-listed applicants notified by 17 May 2021
- Supporting documents from grantees due 28 May 2021

- Successful applicants notified 3 June 2021

### **Small Grant requirements for grantees**

If selected for a Small Grant, all grantees are required to:

- submit an Expression of Interest and supporting documents (see “How to Apply” on page 3);
- submit one brief narrative progress report at the mid-point (3 months) and full narrative report end of the small grant (6 months); and
- submit one financial report at the end of the reporting period with documentation of expenses (e.g. receipts).