



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME JOB DESCRIPTION

I. Position Information

Title:	Call for proposal for Promoting Sustainable Peace through National Youth Policies in the Framework of 2030 Agenda Project
Contract Type:	Grant to CSO
Programme:	<i>"Promoting Sustainable Peace through National Youth Policy in the Framework of 2030 Agenda" is a joint project by the United Nations Department of Economic & Social Affairs (UNDESA) and The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The successful applicant will be working under the supervision of UNDP Liberia.</i>
Target Location:	Grand Bassa, Bomi, Grand Gedeh, Bong and Montserrado Counties
Duration of Contract:	8 Months (April 2021 – December 2021)
Grant Ceiling	USD 77,000.00
Submission Deadline:	<p>Proposals may be submitted on or before Wednesday, 5 May 2021 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; 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 Contact for Inquiries (Inquiries only):</p> <p>info.lr.procurement@undp.org</p>

II. Organisational Context

The United Nations Department of Economic & Social Affairs (UNDESA) in partnership with The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is committed to strengthening the capacity of **youth-led organizations, movements and networks, policy makers and partners networks** to review, reformulate, implement, monitor and evaluate national youth policies that contribute to the reduction and prevention of violence, the promotion sustainable peace, connecting to goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the participation of young people to peacebuilding overall.

The UN Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution 2250 on youth, peace and security on 9 December 2015, which was followed by UNSCR 2419 (2018) and UNSCR 2535 (2020). The Resolutions recognize young people as fundamental drivers and critical partners in conflict prevention and peacebuilding and urges Member States to consider innovative ways to increase representation of youth on issues concerning peace and security.

Liberia is at an important milestone in its efforts to consolidate peace and enhance development. As such, the country's post-war recovery efforts are characterized by several major achievements, including the transfer of security responsibilities from UNMIL to the Government on 30 June 2016, and the conduct of peaceful presidential elections in 2005, 2011, 2017 and legislative elections in 2011, 2014, and 2017. These achievements have been accompanied by important policy initiatives such as the national development plan, the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD 2018-2023) and the Liberian Peacebuilding Plan (2017), both considering young people as an asset; also, the National Youth Policy and Action Plan (2019-2023), alongside strengthening of governance systems including, the justice and security sectors, land rights and administration, local governance, decentralization and civil service reform.

Despite the many gains made in maintaining national peace and security, issues identified at UNDESA's 1st National Inception Workshop in Liberia (2019), found that root causes of Liberia's 14-year civil war remain unaddressed, and recent assessments show that land disputes, access to justice, the effective administration of justice, and ensuring equality before the law, the exclusion of young people in governance and economic processes, corruption, boundary disputes as well as accountability to the law and concession related tensions continue to be the main proximate triggers of violence. Meanwhile, the lives of many women and youth are particularly insecure due to societal inequalities and affected by sexual and gender-based violence, further weakening social cohesion in communities and low commodity prices and the outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), and more recently, the Coronavirus pandemic has limited economic growth, exacerbated youth unemployment and impeded development gains.

Within the above context, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Government of Liberia launches the **“Promoting Sustainable Peace through National Youth Policy in the Framework of 2030 Agenda”** project designed to engage youth stakeholder, policy experts, law makers and civil society through capacity strengthening in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of effective national youth policies and action plans that promote conflict prevention, peacebuilding and sustainable peace in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.

III. Scope of Work

The Promoting Sustainable Peace through National Youth Policies in the Framework of 2030 Agenda Project, is pleased to invite qualified Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and in particular youth-led CSOs, to design projects that will:

- *Support sustainability of local youth-led organizations through crisis, including COVID-related constraints.*
- *Strengthen local partnership with ownership by youth-led organizations, movements, and networks to support youth positive role in peacebuilding.*
- *Foster youth inclusive and safe spaces for dialogues to design youth driven policy responses and build trust between youth and government.*

Strengthened capacity of youth-led/youth-focused networks, movements and organizations that specifically works with young people, vulnerable communities and national stakeholder

on issues related to promoting sustainable peace through social policy changes and civic engagement. The UNSCR 2250, 2419, 2535 and the Liberia National Youth Policy and Action Plan and the PAPD will be the key social policies that will drive interventions and guide youth engagement for peacebuilding initiatives going forward.

In Grand Bassa, Bomi, Grand Gedeh, Bong and Montserrado Counties

Contract will be awarded to the most technically compliant and responsive CSOs based on demonstrated capacity and experience. Selected CSOs will be expected to work in close collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS), youth and other key stakeholders, UN Agencies and the Governance Pillar at UNDP.

Duly registered CSO are encouraged to develop and submit proposals in the following format:

- Project description/content and problem analysis - what results will the project achieve and how does it address the problem
- Justification - analysis of why it is important to address the problems and why your organization is best suited to carry out this task
- Expected results - expected outcomes, outputs and activities
- Implementation strategy - how the project will undertake the activities to ensure most effective and efficient achievement of results
- Geographic location/districts and types of project beneficiaries/targeting criteria (gender and age sensitive)
- Work plan - highlighting expected outcome(s), outputs, indicators, baselines, targets, planned activities, time-frame, responsible party and budget
- Partnership - partners needed for coordination and collaboration for successful implementation of the project
- Risks and Risk Mitigation Strategy
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Institutional profile - a brief description of your organization, including its registration details and relevant experience and competencies in working on issues related to access to justice, rule of law, security, and human rights
- Project Budget - a proposed budget with a ceiling of USD15,000.00 per county linked with output and activities including justification or explanation. A detailed budget should also be prepared and submitted in Excel as an annex.
- Reporting timeline
- Project Results Framework - outlining all project outcome(s), outputs, activities with indicators of progress, baselines, and targets (must be gender- and age- sensitive), and means of verification

IV. Deliverables

The following output activities reflected below are to be designed, implemented and satisfactorily delivered through the Youth, Peace & Security (YPS) grant program with selected CSOs/Youth Partner Organization:

Organization:

- ***Support sustainability of local youth-led organizations through crisis, including COVID-related constraints.***

- 1.1. Small grants in support of local youth-led organizations across the country to enhance youth civic engagement and influence in communities.
 - 1.2. Participation in youth innovation labs to develop solutions that limit in-person gatherings while factoring in the digital gap between geographical areas and social groups, as well as to enhance evaluability of projects/programmes.
 - ***Strengthen local partnership with ownership by youth-led organizations, movements and networks to support youth positive role in peacebuilding.***
 - 2.1. Expand and strengthen existing youth coalitions, including through youth-led communication campaigns, and national networks.
 - ***Foster youth inclusive and safe spaces for dialogues to design youth inclusive and response policies and build trust between youth and government.***
 - 3.1. Assess existing mechanisms and public policies for youth, as well as the level of youth engagement in Liberia.
 - 3.2. Enhance youth engagement in the review of local development plans/actions, including programmes and policies for COVID-19 response and recovery.
 - ***Enhance evidence and dissemination of best practices on youth engagement in policymaking and local public affairs***
 - 4.1. Finalization of the training module and evaluation of programmes and projects supported through small grants and dissemination of findings through international, regional and national forums
- The main output of the project will be the production of effective Training Modules for Promoting Sustainable Peace through National Youth Policies. The Modules will be developed with national and international inputs, which will guide national governments, youth civil society and other relevant stakeholders in identifying the key elements of and designing effective youth policies, as well as for monitoring and evaluating achievements in the areas of inclusive and peaceful societies, conflict prevention and peace building.

V. Impact of Results

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of youth-led organizations, youth movements and youth networks, policy makers and partners' networks to review, reformulate, implement, monitor and evaluate national youth policies that contribute to the reduction and prevention of violence, the promotion sustainable peace, connecting to goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the participation of young people to peacebuilding overall.

In achieving the above objective, the project will:

1. Increase capacities of government officials, youth-led civil society groups and other relevant partners to review, reformulate, implement, monitor and evaluate youth national policies that, in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, contribute to the engagement of young people, the reduction of violence and the promotion of sustainable peace;
2. Increase knowledge by policymakers, youth-led civil society groups, and other relevant partners of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, its Goals and Targets, and the Security Council's Resolutions on Youth, Peace and Security and Sustaining Peace;

3. Improve youth policy ownership through increased cooperation and partnerships established amongst youth civil society groups, governments and other relevant stakeholders at national and local level for the design, implementation and monitoring of national youth policies that support peace and security, and sustainable development.

VI. Eligibility & Qualification Criteria

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

- ✓ Whether the CSO is registered in Liberia with office in Monrovia and/or the counties
- ✓ It is an advantage for civil society organizations to be youth-led;
- ✓ The overall objectives, implementation and exit strategy, and expected results of the project; the geographical scope and span of its activities; and the types of interactions with beneficiaries envisaged for the project;
- ✓ 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 development impact of a programme/project; and
- ✓ Whether the CSO is youth-led/youth-focused and specifically works with young people, vulnerable communities and national stakeholder on issues related to promoting sustainable peace through social policy changes and civic engagement.
- ✓ Experience working with people between the ages 18-35 as defined in the National Youth Policy as youth will be an advantage.

VII. Selection Criteria

Proposal will be selected on the basis of technical (70%) and financial (30%) assessments.

The technical assessment will review the following:

- ✓ Technical design of the proposal to achieving expected results (40%)
- ✓ Experience working with UNDP or other reputable institutions/agencies (5%)
- ✓ Local experience and presence (15%)
- ✓ Realistic work plan and timeline to complete activities (10%)
- ✓ Budget (cost effectiveness) (30%)

VIII. Submission Requirements

CSOs who meet the requirements should submit a technical proposal of not more than twelve (12) pages including annexes which should include the following:

- I. Cover Page
- II. Project Document (Technical Proposal with key areas identified in the format above)
- III. Proposed Work plan
- IV. Results Framework
- V. Project Budget per related activities
- VI. Proof of legal registration or status
- VII. CVs of key staff for the project

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