



INNOVATION CHALLENGE CALL FOR COMMUNITY – BASED SOLUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO PLASTIC WASTE IN LESOTHO

TERMS OF REFERENCE

I. Background

UNDP is the UN global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better and resilient lives. It works with individual countries on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. UNDP Lesotho is implementing its Country Programme (2019-2023) anchored on the Lesotho National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP II) the UNDAF (2019–2023) and guided by the UNDP Strategic Plan (2018–2021). The Programme comprises three pillars: (i) Governance, for Accountability, Social Cohesion and Stability; (ii) Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth and (iii) Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change and Resilience. In support to the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture (MTEC), UNDP will mobilise resources and relevant technical expertise from the ongoing programmes to support the Government initiatives in addressing the effects of plastic waste in the country.

In this regard UNDP and the Government of Lesotho through Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture, intend to work with local communities and stakeholders to identify and enhance strategic and community innovations that promote plastic reuse, recycle, reduce, rethink, refuse and repair.

Waste disposal is a major problem in Lesotho leading to indiscriminate dumping on roadsides, market, and other public places. The waste management situation in Lesotho is exacerbated by absence of waste management system, insufficient and informal collection system and widespread use of random and illegal dumpsites in both rural and urban areas. Additionally, with specific reference to Maseru, another report also noted that the prevailing waste management

practices were unsustainable as they damage the city's natural resources (including its drinking water supply), threaten the health of residents, grazing land and also being wasteful with regard to potentially reusable and recyclable resources.

II. Objectives of the Call for innovations

UNDP and MTEC are soliciting proposals from interested community organizations, youth and women-led organizations, civil society, media and individual innovators for the development and implementation of solutions towards management of plastic waste in Lesotho. The objective of this call is to create a compendium of home-grown solutions, that are consistent with local context and practices, which contribute to the collective response in addressing plastic waste challenges. UNDP will provide up to six (6) grants for the implementation of solutions which demonstrate clear positive impact and strategies to plastic reuse, recycle, reduce, rethink, refuse, repurpose and repair.

The grants will be in two categories, based on the following:

- 1) Livelihood development (3 grants),** to encourage development of livelihood opportunities from plastic and other waste, to promote Recycling and Repurposing for plastic waste management
 - Relevant solutions in the context of the NSDP II priority sectors – manufacturing, ecotourism and creative arts, agriculture and technology and innovation, that may contribute to the reduction of plastic waste
 - Solutions which promote economic activities through plastic waste
- 2) Behavioral Change (3 grants)** to promote advocacy and communication to encourage Refuse, Reduce and Reuse principles for plastic waste management. Particularly, the grants in this category will target
 - Solutions which promote community engagement, advocacy and participation to reduce plastic dependency and reduction of plastic waste
 - Solutions which provide education and build knowledge and stewardship for environmental protection and sustainability, plastic waste management and strategies for livelihood generation which will lead to behavioral change.
 - Solutions that build a community of action and championship for plastic waste management and environmental sustainability

III. Eligibility

The grants are targeted at Lesotho registered entrepreneurs and innovators, organizations and associations of innovators. , submissions must be made in line with the above criteria and objectives and be compliant to the following criteria:

- **Target groups:** the following are the specific target groups for this call:
 - Individual innovators, and MSMEs
 - Youth – led organizations and business networks

- Women – led organizations and business networks
 - Media
 - Other Community-based organizations, and social enterprises
- **Location of the solution:** the solution may be implemented in any of the two project pilot areas being Maseru and Maputsoe. Care will be taken to ensure equity in the allocation of grants based on innovativeness and reach.

IV. Selection of winning proposals

UNDP will set up an evaluation committee, comprising of UN staff, representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture, Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship and Ministry of Gender and Youth, Sports and Recreation to review all proposals. Received proposals will be assessed using UNDP's principles of fairness, and integrity and will be selected based on the following:

No	Criteria	Score
1	Purpose of the action and relevance to the TOR	20%
2	Innovativeness of the chosen strategy, feasibility of the proposal and potential to deliver within a short time (up to December 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions based on the local context and has a comparative advantage, with clear coverage/target communities • Catalytic innovations that enable localization of the innovation and facilitate multi-stakeholder action • Realistic to enable implementation in the next 6 months • Involves key population groups, (women, youth, people living with disability) 	30%
3	Sustainability of the proposed action – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the innovators/organization will ensure continuity of the programme beyond the project period • Partnerships (other relevant stakeholders with capacity) in the implementation of the proposal • Implications for legal, regulatory and policy framework (e.g. compliance requirements) 	30%
4	Capacity of the organization/innovator, experience with similar initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of previous work or ongoing work related to the proposed solution 	20%
	Total	100

Interested innovators, media, civil society organization and other eligible categories will submit the proposal in a format that can be accessed [here \(LINK\)](#). The proposals should include detailed outline of workplan, and immediate results expected from the interventions, with clear indicators and targets.

V. Disbursement

UNDP will provide grants of up to \$10,000.00 (based on the effective UN exchange rate) to be made directly to the Innovator, based on the approved workplan. All solutions should be implemented by December 2021. Selected innovators/organization in collaboration with the approving authority, will determine outputs consistent to the implementation plan and the following disbursement schedule:

Installment of Payment/ Period	Deliverables or Documents to be Delivered	Approval should be obtained from:	Percentage of Payment	Date
1 st Installment	Inception report, with clear Action Plan, (timeline and budget)	UNDP CO and MTEC	50%	July 2021
2 nd Installment	Progress Report , and workplan for any immediate activities	UNDP CO and MTEC	40%	September 2021
3 rd Installment	Final activity report	UNDP CO and MTEC	10%	November 2021

VI. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- The innovator will work closely with the UNDP Lesotho Country Office and Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture for implementation of the solution. For day-to day liaison regarding implementation of this grant, the grantees will be under the supervision of the responsible Accelerator Lab Officer, and for periodic reporting and engagement on the project progress.
- The innovator will develop and propose their own methodology to carry out the tasks described above, which should be guided by the considerations detailed in these ToRs, as well as the UNDP Innovation Challenge Policy (which is the guiding policy for this call)
- The innovator will sign a 6-months Agreement with UNDP for delivery of the Innovations for Plastic Waste Management.
- The target start date for implementation is July 2021.

VII. PROPOSALS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO:

RFP: Innovations for Plastic Waste Management


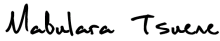

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