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## **Call for Grant Proposal**

### SDG SI 01-2021-Grant-UNDP- “Law Value Grants Proposals”

United Nations Development Programme invites Non-profit organizations (NPOs) working in the Kyrgyz Republic to take part in a competition of proposals to enhance engagement of women’s movement in law-making processes and ensuring government’s accountability for its international commitments in the area of gender equality and ending violence against women and girls (EVAWG).

The Call for Grant proposal is announced within the framework of the Joint EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls (hereinafter the Project).

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Kyrgyzstan remains widespread. The most common types of VAWG in Kyrgyzstan are domestic violence (DV) and harmful practices (HP) related to child marriage and abduction for forced marriage. In Kyrgyzstan, cultural acceptance of violence – especially in the family but also in society as a whole – remains unacceptably high. The vast majority of survivors of domestic violence (95%) are women; more than 8,000 cases of domestic violence were registered in 2019 (out of that more than 5,000 cases of physical violence); about 6,000 protection orders were issued, but only about 6.5% of cases of violence had been taken to court. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, emerging data and reports have shown that all types of violence against women and girls, particularly domestic violence, has intensified.

Kyrgyzstan has ratified key international covenants in the area of gender equality and women’s empowerment, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Platform for Action, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Over the past few years, the country has adopted a number of progressive laws and policies in the area of promoting gender equality and improving prevention, protection, and response to VAWG. In addition to the National Action Plan (NAP) on Gender Equality, there is the 3rd NAP on UNSCR 1325, the Law on Prevention and Protection Against Family Violence (2017), a series of amendments to Criminal and Child codes aimed at curbing early and forced marriage, including practice of ‘ala kachuu’ (2016), and adoption of 30% gender quota (2019). The country’s civil society, specifically women’s rights organizations, has played a pivotal role in advancing gender equality by actively lobbying legislative amendments and consistently demanding accountability for translating the government’s commitments into laws and policies and into implementation and enforcement.

While Kyrgyzstan may be considered as having progressive gender legislation and policies in general, a clear implementation mechanism for laws is lacking, multisectoral coordination remains fragmented and the national strategy on gender equality is underfunded. As a result, critical inconsistencies and legislative gaps remain, which require evidence-based harmonization in line with enforcement practices.

Under Pillar 1 – Legislation and Policies, the Project seeks to strengthen civic engagement so that legislation and policies are designed with the inputs of women’s rights’ groups, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), CSOs and activists, including those representing groups facing multiple forms of discrimination. Under Pillar 6 – Strengthening Women’s Movement, the Project also supports the engagement of the women’s rights organizations with government and parliamentary stakeholders to ensure their expertise, leadership and experience are leveraged in legislative amendments and law enforcement monitoring.

As a response to existing challenges, UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic within the framework of the Joint EU-UN Spotlight Initiative for ending violence against women and girls (PID 00119491) intends to award grant up to \$45,000 to a non-profit organization (NPO) aiming at achieving the objectives of above-mentioned Pillars.

UNDP requests to provide in the methodology flexibility in terms of timeframe and regional coverage of implementation considering assumptions and risks of COVID-19 in each target region. Any changes of coverage and timeline should be discussed and agreed with UNDP.

In accordance with the attached Guide for the project grant applicants (Guide), the goals of this grant application are as follows:

- Enhance engagement of women’s movement in law-making processes and ensuring government’s accountability for its international commitments in the area of gender equality and ending violence against women and girls (EVAWG).

- Strengthen institutional and technical capacity of women’s rights organizations to effectively engage with government and parliamentary stakeholders to ensure their voices and experience are integrated in legislative amendments and law enforcement monitoring.

**The selection process will be conducted in one round at the meeting of the Grant Selection Committee (GSC):**

1. The selection and evaluation of the project proposals will be conducted in accordance with the evaluation criteria<sup>1</sup>
2. During the GSC meeting, one application from one NPO or consortium of NPOs will be selected.

**Applications can be submitted by applicants meeting the following criteria:**

- Non-commercial organizations established and registered in the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter the Applicant). Commercial organizations, government agencies, as well as noncommercial organizations established by state agencies are not allowed to participate in the call for proposals.
- Consortium of two or more non-profit organizations established and registered in the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter the Applicant).
- All Consortium members - Grant Applicants shall be legal entities established and registered in the Kyrgyz Republic as non-profit organizations in accordance with the current legislation.
- The Applicant shall submit the project proposal on behalf of one of the organizations authorized by the consortium member organizations to represent the consortium, with all subsequent commitments to its members and the Grantor.
- The Grant Applicant shall have at least 3 years of proven experience working with rural women, women’s rights groups and/or networks and/or movements.
- The Grant Applicant shall have a network of women’s rights groups and/or activists and/or partner organizations in Chui, Naryn and Osh provinces.
- Maximum coverage of target groups:
  - a. Minimum of 20,000 individuals country-wide are introduced to the harmful consequences of sexual harassment at the workplace;
  - b. Minimum of 6 grassroots CSOs trained in target provinces of the Project.
- Project proposals with a higher coverage of target groups than a minimum requirement will have an advantage.
- The project proposal is composed in strict accordance with the format; the information provided is complete, accurate and clear.
- The project proposal must be flexible in terms of timeframe and regional coverage of implementation considering assumptions and risks of COVID-19<sup>2</sup> in each target region.

**The followings have to be submitted to the Grant selection committee by the deadline:**

1. Completed grant application according to the attached format (Annex 1).
2. Copies of registration certificates of the Applicant's organization(s).
3. Charter copies of the Applicant's organization(s) and Decisions on the appointment of the executive body/manager.
4. Copy of the Minutes on organizations consortium establishment, including the consortium member organization appointed as the grant applicant.
5. Kyrgyz Som (KGS) bank statement, including all necessary details, such as the name of the organization, its bank account, BIC, currency, etc., signed and stamped by the bank coordinator.
6. Original documents/copies issued by relevant competent Kyrgyz authorities confirming that the organization has no current social fund or tax debts (dates within 1 month before the tender closing date).

Full version of UNDP Request for Grant Proposals and other requirements and information on sub-project is available on UNDP Kyrgyzstan web-site: <https://www.kg.undp.org/content/kyrgyzstan/en/home/procurement.html>

**The applicants must submit their proposals send via e-mail to [procurement.sdg.kg@undp.org](mailto:procurement.sdg.kg@undp.org) with topic named SDG SI 01-2021-Grant-UNDP- “Law Value Grants Proposals” before 12:00 hrs on 13 September 2021.**

**All questions/enquiries on the current sub-project should be addressed to [procurement.sdg.kg@undp.org](mailto:procurement.sdg.kg@undp.org). Any other forms of request will not be considered.**

**Applications are valid from 2021 to 2022**

**Incomplete or late submitted tender documents will not be considered. UNDP reserves the right to not explain the reasons for not selecting the NGO.**

<sup>1</sup> Evaluation criteria is described in detail in the Guide for the grants applicants

<sup>2</sup> Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus which was confirmed by WHO as pandemic.