



SAMOA CALL FOR LOW VALUE GRANTS

Women's Movement and Civil Society prevention, 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, creative cultural arts to prevent VAWG and promote gender equality, sexual and reproductive justice, economic rights, equality rights, disability justice, LGBTQIA+/sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) rights, climate and environmental issues etc.

*****NOTE:** eligible organisations must BE local and a registered civil society organisation operating for 2 or more years.*

Eligible countries: Samoa only.

Amount: Expressions of interest is minimum USD5,000 up 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 louisa.apelu@undp.org by **5:00pm Samoa time on 14 October 2022**. Late submissions will not be accepted including incomplete proposals received.

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 Development¹. Leaving no one behind (LNOB) and reaching the furthest behind first, the SI in Samoa addresses domestic Violence and intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV).

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 local and 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 low value 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.

Call for Samoa Low Value Grants:

Civil society actors are recognized as the vanguards for driving change to advance the sustainable development goals (SDGs) agenda. In Samoa, civil society actors continue to supplement government policy development and program implementation initiatives to promote and protect the rights of the most vulnerable populations from violence and harmful practices.

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.

¹ UN Women Spotlight CSO SGS call for proposal 2020

UNDP welcomes expressions of interest with maximum amount of \$8,000USD from women's movement and civil society organizations (CSOs) engaged in and committed to ending violence against women and girls. Spotlight low value grants are designed to support prevention, advocacy and response initiatives, institutional strengthening and capacity building for smaller organizations and those driving social change. 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 (for example, 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 innovative activities such as building internal/institutional capacity; fostering collaborative partnerships; strengthening advocacy and prevention initiatives using creative cultural arts, sports, strengthening response services, case management and referrals; sharing of good practices and learning and capacity building and so forth.

In addition, organizations interested in applying shall adopt a human rights-based approach based on the principles of gender equality, non- discrimination, inclusion of marginalized or vulnerable groups when developing their proposals.

The Low Value 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 or is receiving additional funds from any other UN Agency under the EU & UN Spotlight Initiative.

HOW TO APPLY

Step One: submit Expression of Interest using the standardized call for proposal application form and registration certificate or evidence of organization legitimate status

Required:

- Complete and send the attached Expression of Interest (**see template in Annex 1**)
- copy of the organization's business license or registration certificate/supporting documentation as evidence the applicant is a recognized registered CSO in operation for at least 2 or more years.
- All applications must be written in either Samoan or English language.
- All applications must be submitted via email using Microsoft word. Unfortunately, handwritten or mailed applications will not be accepted.
- 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 louisa.apelu@undp.org by 5.00pm on 14 October 2022 (Samoa time).

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 if required the following; 1) copy of the organization's last financial audit, 2) operational documentation, including finance and operations manual where appropriate , 3) copy of last annual or project report.

Step Three: if awarded a low value 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 from UNDP and a representative of the UN Samoa Spotlight team.
- Call for proposals released by 30 September 2022
- Expressions of interest due 14 October 2022 (5:00pm)
- Short-listed applicants notified by 28 October 2022
- Successful applicants notified 11 November 2022.

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).