

## **SAMOA CALL FOR LOW-VALUE GRANT**

### **Building the capacity of Samoa media in reporting on anti-corruption, integrity, UNCAC, SDG 16 and related themes.**

**Purpose:** To coordinate, facilitate and deliver capacity-building workshops to Samoan national media associations and journalists to strengthen their capacity to monitor and report on UNCAC and SDG 16 issues. It will also include the production of a small toolkit/guidelines for Samoan journalists as well as coordinate an awareness-raising event to support awareness and observance of the International Anti-corruption Day (IACD 2022).

**Eligible organisations:** National Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) or not-for-profit journalist entities certified to deliver and provide training in reporting on anti-corruption, integrity, UNCAC, SDG 16 and related themes.

*\*\*NOTE: eligible organisations must be local, registered with a valid business license and operational for 2 or more years.*

**Eligible countries: Samoa only.**

**Amount:** Expressions of interest are minimum and maximum of USD 20,000 to be spent within three months.

**Submission deadline:** Please submit expressions of interest via email to [joseph.mulipola@undp.org](mailto:joseph.mulipola@undp.org) by **5:00 pm Samoa time on 13 October 2022**. Late submissions will not be accepted including incomplete proposals received.

### **Background**

The UN Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project (UN-PRAC) is a joint initiative between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) that aims to support the institutional strengthening of national integrity mechanisms of Pacific Island countries to promote 'clean' governments and create an enabling environment, vibrant with business, trade, investment and sustainable development.

Based on the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, the goal of the project has been to strengthen measures to prevent and fight corruption more effectively and efficiently in the Pacific.



Against this backdrop, UN-PRAC has been extensively cooperating with media in the Pacific including with the Pacific Anti-Corruption Journalists Network (PACJN) and the Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) and their member associations to build their

capacities and knowledge on a range of anti-corruption issues. The capacity building and outreach support have been anchored on the implementation of UNCAC and SDG 16.

Building on the past and ongoing efforts, UN-PRAC intends to build the capacity of Samoan national media associations and Samoan journalists to strengthen their capacity to monitor and report on UNCAC and SDG 16 issues.

UN-PRAC will fund this Samoa activity through the local UNDP Samoa Multi-country Office.

The Samoa media activities will complement the UN-PRAC activities of the Pacific Anti-Corruption Journalists Network (PACJN), which was established with UN-PRAC at the 2019 Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) CEOs Leadership Summit so that Pacific journalists are more sustainably trained and prepared and have ownership of their engagement in integrity and anti-corruption reporting. UN-PRAC has previously worked with PINA and through its national member associations on strengthening anti-corruption reporting throughout the 14 Pacific Island Countries (PICs). PACJN is currently a voluntary grouping of Pacific journalists, with a voluntary committee, assisted by PINA.

This new partnership between UN-PRAC and Samoan media is forged on the understanding and belief that local Samoan media and storytellers are best placed to tell and write Samoan stories. It is therefore essential to develop our journalists so that they are able to tell the integrity stories that would move their communities and the world to take action and help our region.

PACJN will also be available to value-add the Samoan integrity reporting - linking journalists and sharing their stories through the different mediums available to use - including using cross-border opportunities that would promote the stories further to more readership and viewers

### **Call for Samoa Low-Value Grants:**

The call for low-value grant proposals responds to Output 3 under the UN-PRAC Regional Project for UNDP.

***Output 3: Media oversight over the management of public resources increased and of better quality.*** The successful not-for-profit journalists' entity or



NGO will implement activities aimed at strengthening the capacities of Samoan media and journalists toward improved anti-corruption reporting in the Pacific by understanding anti-corruption issues, and undertaking reporting on integrity, UNCAC, SDG16 and related themes.

The three primary results that are expected from this grant partnership are as follows:

- Strengthen the functional capacity and service delivery of local media's anti-corruption training.
- Improved capacity and knowledge of local journalists including networking particularly in terms of anti-corruption reporting including the impact on COVID-related funding; and
- Expand media reporting in terms of corruption impact, particularly on disadvantaged groups and women.

The successful organization is to provide the following:

1. Anti-corruption journalists' strengthening and activities. Assist a cross-section of Samoan journalists to become aware of anti-corruption issues and reporting with a focus on investigative reporting, research and partnerships. This will encompass a small focus group session, the production of a small toolkit/guidelines for Samoan journalists, and a dedicated workshop to implement the toolkit and recommended techniques.
2. Develop with UN-PRAC & UNDP Samoa a major 1 or 1.5-day anti-corruption workshop for media on a key integrity thematic area agreed with UN-PRAC, which also encompasses a launch of a major knowledge product.
3. Support for awareness and observance of International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD 2022) with an event organized for awareness-raising beforehand

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 not-for-profit journalists' entity or organization in operation for at least 2 years in Samoa
- Based in Samoa (International entities 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 UN-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 or a UN organization.

## HOW TO APPLY

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

### Required:

- Complete and send the attached Application form (see the template in Annex 1) and a copy of the organization's registration certificate evidencing that the applicant is a registered organization in operation for at least 2 or more years.
- Complete and send the Low-Value Grant Proposal (Annex A2)
- Complete and send the Proposed Work Plan for the implementation of activities and utilization of grant. (Annex B)
- Complete and send the Grant Budget for Expenditure of Grant (Annex C)
- Submission also required of 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.
- All applications must be in the English language.
- All applications must be submitted via email. Unfortunately, handwritten or mailed applications will not be accepted.
- UNDP will reject any application that does not contain enough information to show that the entity or activities are eligible.
- UNDP will send a confirmation email upon receipt of the application.

**Applications, including videos, should be sent by email to [joseph.mulipola@undp.org](mailto:joseph.mulipola@undp.org) by 5.00 pm on 13 October 2022 (Samoa time).**

**Step Two:** if awarded a low-value grant, complete the 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 organization's bank account.

**Step Three:** implement activities within three months

- Activities must be completed and fully acquitted within three months.

**Selection process and key dates**

- All submitted applications will receive a confirmation of receipt email from the UNDP UN-PRAC team.
- All applications will be assessed by a selection panel of 3 UNDP GPRU members
- Call for proposals released by 29th September 2022
- Applications due 13th October 2022 (5:00 pm)
- Short-listed applicants notified by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Successful applicants notified on 19<sup>th</sup> October 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 monthly and a full narrative report end of the small grant (3 months); and
- submit one financial report at the end of the reporting period with documentation of expenses (e.g. receipts).