



Gender and Resilience Sharefair 2016

Nairobi, Kenya

REGIONAL SHAREFAIR ON GENDER AND RESILIENCE

Strengthening Resilience by Empowering Women

9-10 November 2016, Nairobi-Kenya

CALL FOR INNOVATIONS!!!

YOUNG INNOVATORS IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

1st Prize-USD 5000, 2nd Prize-USD 2000, 3rd Prize-USD 1000

The sustainable development goals (SDGs) aim to address the root causes of poverty, and underline the universal need for an inclusive and resilient development. Investing in gender equality and women's empowerment in policies and programmes are pre-requisites for effective delivery of the SDGs.

The concept of 'resilience' is becoming increasingly utilized in development programming. It is commonly understood to encompass a broad-based multi-sectoral development that includes the many ways in which individuals (men and women, boys and girls) and livelihood systems mitigate, adapt, recover, and learn from shocks and stresses; the longer-term goal being to reduce vulnerability and increase well-being. In the context of development, 'resilience' hence bridges humanitarian responses and longer-term development. The frequent exposure to multiple and interlinked resilience challenges, slows down development progress and threaten sustainability of programmatic interventions.

In light of this, UN Women, in partnership with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), together with AFDB, FAO, GROOTS Kenya, IFAD, IOM, SEI, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNEP, UN Habitat, UNISDR, WFP and other partners propose to hold a regional Sharefair on Gender and Resilience with the theme of 'Strengthening Resilience by Empowering Women'. The sharing and learning event will provide opportunity to further explore the role of women in building and strengthening resilience and promote dialogue and sharing of experiences on gender-responsive resilience-related programmes and policies in Africa to accelerate development and humanitarian response and the overall achievement of the SDGs.

Call for Innovations: Young innovators below 35yrs across Africa are invited to show case cutting edge innovations, including social innovations that best provide solutions on how women and their communities can build and strengthen resilience through resilient technologies and associated innovative strategies, projects, interventions and methods to be brought on scale. The innovations can be at pilot level, medium or advanced and should strengthen women's and girls' capacities to mitigate, adapt, recover and learn from shocks and stresses while achieving the longer term-goal to reduce vulnerability and increase well-being of women and communities.

The selection process: All submissions will be judged by an independent and credible external panel of experts with strong resilience programming experience. The winning innovator will receive **USD 5000, the 2nd will receive USD 2000 and the 3rd will USD 1000**. An online catalogue of all innovations received will be created. Innovators from the HoA (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda) are particularly strongly encouraged to apply.

How to apply: The applicant should submit their application by 5 November, 2016, using the guidance below and submit through the email jack.abebe@unwomen.org with a copy to joy.mulema@fao.org and harriet.tergat@wfp.org

CALL FOR INNOVATIONS: Application Guidelines

The applicants are required to limit the page to a maximum of 3 in single spaced, 12-point font and share a high resolution picture showcasing your initiative/ innovation. These could include photos from your field work or generated from your beneficiaries and staff working in the intervention. We seek for photos showing real socio economic impact in the lives of women and girls in Africa.

Applications must include the following:

- 1) Cover page:** Organization name, country, address and contact information (telephone and email); Innovations title, high resolution picture, and focus geography.
- 2) Section A:** Context. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the context and challenges, with a strong gender lens, to justify the design of the innovations and the problem being addressed
- 3) Section B:** Objective and methodology of the innovation
- 4) Section C:** Description of the innovation. The description needs to be outlined in such that it responds to the listed guidelines.
 - a) Relevance to the Gender and Resilience concept?**
 - Is the innovation suitable for women's needs?
 - How does the innovation strengthen women's and girls' capacities to mitigate, adapt, recover, and learn from shocks and stresses?
 - b) Originality of the innovation:**
 - Is it a new concept or a variation of an existing idea?
 - Is it unique to the specified area or adapted from elsewhere?
 - c) Impact of the innovation:**
 - Has is it or will it make a fundamental positive change or simply a minor adjustment on women's life?
 - Has is or will its impact be on multiple operational areas or just one specific area?
 - What's the number of women and girls who have been or will benefit from the innovation? And how? (please include qualitative and quantitative information)
 - d) Sustainability of the initiative/innovation:**
 - Does the innovation lead to long lasting impact on economic empowerment?
 - Can the development approach be applied to similar problems/ opportunities?
 - Is the innovation ecologically friendly?
 - Is the innovation socially sustainable?
 - Will it be cost-effective to implement?
 - e) Applicability:**
 - Has this innovation improved or has the potential to uplift the livelihood and living standards of women and girls?
 - How have others learnt or benefited from the initiative?
 - f) Replicability**
 - Is the innovation made by using locally available inputs?
 - Is this innovation easy to replicate and has the capacity to be scaled up in different contexts?