

CFP No. UNW-ESA-RO-CFP-2024-003

Call for proposal- Strengthening coalition building, networking, leadership, and resilience of regional feminist women's rights movements in East and Southern Africa

Link for pre-submission meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> of May 13, 2024

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	Question	Response
<b>Questions from the email</b>		
1	Requesting for the link for zoom link.	See below the link for the meeting <sup>1</sup>
2	We have been made aware of the ACT call for applications for East and Southern Africa due 17 May. At the same time, we received an invitation to submit a full application for a UNTF- ACT call due 16 June. The requirements look very similar. Are we eligible to apply for both?	An organization/ network is eligible to apply for both, but they can only receive funding from one source (either from UNTF or UN Women East and Southern Africa) since it is from the same donor. AS UN Women we are also trying to ensure that more WROs have access to the funding meaning one organization/WRO can only get funding from one funding source.
3	In the CSO Criteria, the call indicates that the CSO need to be a women's rights organization led by women or young women in all their diversity, If the organization is a human rights organization which means women's rights is part of its core mandate and the gender/women's rights focal person is a young woman who will oversee this project, does that qualify as eligibility? Also, can you please clarify Component 1 under Outcome 1.	In terms of eligibility, as per the Call for Proposals, this call is targeting women's rights organizations, networks, or coalitions, with organizations led by women or young women in all their diversity <b>considered as an asset</b> . This means that while it is not a requirement for the organization to be led by a woman, it is considered an asset if the head/ Director/CEO of the organization is a woman or a young woman.  Component 1 is more on institutional strengthening and sub-regional collaboration to address backlash.
4	Will UN Women allow a single network or organization to appear as the primary applicant on more than one application?	UN Women can only sign a partnership agreement with a single entity, so when a network or group of organizations apply, there needs to be a primary applicant. There is no limit in terms of the number of submissions in which an organization is included as a member, although there

<sup>1</sup> Join Zoom Meeting

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	Is there any limit to the number of applications on which a single network or organization can appear if it is <u>not</u> the primary applicant member of the required consortium?	should only be a single submission where the organization is the primary applicant.
6	Pertaining to the budget range provided by each component. Is there allowance to exceed the allocation for each component.	When submitting the financial budget for each component, the budget should not exceed what has been indicated on the call for proposal. This is indicated on page 1 of the Call for Proposals: <i>“Proposals submitted above the thresholds for the Component areas submitted will be rejected.”</i>
7	Find out if DRC is concerned with the current call since it is part of: Countries in East and Southern Africa. The list of countries listed in the footnote doesn't include DRC	According to UN Women office coverage, DRC is part of UN Women West and Central Africa Office and not East and Southern Africa. As a Fresh speaking country DRC is under our West and Central Office. We would like to encourage CSOs in DRC to apply for the call for proposal for West and Central Office.
8	Can WROs/network based I Uganda apply for this call for proposal.  We would also like to have all the Annexes B1-6	Uganda is part of Eastern region thus within geographical scope. As per the eligibility criteria, organizations must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duly registered under the laws of the country of operation with the East and Southern African region and legally authorized to operate.</li> <li>▪ WROs/networks/coalitions operating at multi-country, sub-regional or regional level in East and Southern Africa are eligible to apply for this call (<i>organizations with programmatic focus on only one country are not eligible</i>).</li> <li>▪ All annexes B1-6 were included in the Call for Proposal document (page 15 onwards)</li> </ul>
9	Can one CSO operating in one country be eligible to apply.	No - As per the eligibility criteria, organizations must be: WROs/network/coalition operating at multi-country, sub-regional or regional level within East and Southern Africa to apply for this call
<b>Questions during Pre-submission meeting</b>		
10	Is the call for proposal CSO-specific or open to private companies and social enterprises	UN Women Call for Proposals are for civil society organizations or NGOs, academic institutions, and registered community-based organizations as partners. We have a separate process for partnerships with private sector companies <sup>2</sup>

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		CSO means non-State, not-for-profit, voluntary entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from the relevant State and the market. CSOs represent a wide range of interests and ties. CSO includes but is not limited to community-based organizations (CBOs), non-Governmental organizations (NGOs), youth-led organizations, LGBTI organizations, faith-based organizations and academic institutions. The CSO definition does not include business or for-profit associations.
11	What is the difference between Component 1 and 2 by providing examples of actions that could fall in one and not the other?	Component 1 is more institutional strengthening and sub-regional collaboration to address backlash. While component 2 is more about cross-movement connectivity and collaboration. The key is how we connect different movements (linking organizations working on women's rights broadly with organizations of persons with disabilities or adolescent-led organizations, organizations as part of work on strengthening resilience. Component 2 is also about documenting experience of work across movements.
12	ACT is looking for regional or global level partnerships. What about country level for example Somalia at this time please?	Resources for the programme is a partnership between UN Women and EU globally under the GBV Action Coalition complementing existing resources and investments at the country level. As specified in the Call, WROs/networks/coalitions operating at multi-country, sub-regional or regional level in East and Southern Africa are eligible to apply for this call ( <i>organizations with programmatic focus on only one country are not eligible</i> ).
13	Can a National Consortium be considered for this call if one of the organizations is capable to operate regionally.  Can an individual organization or consortium apply?  For 4 <sup>th</sup> an 5 <sup>th</sup> component is it necessary to work as a consortium.	WROs/network/coalition operating at multi-country, sub-regional or regional within East and Southern Africa level are eligible to apply for this call. A national consortium that has the capacity to implement the components at sub-regional or regional level can be included as part of a submission, but the lead organizations should be operating at regional level/ sub-regionals. The framing of the components in the CFP needs to be implemented at a regional level and cannot focus on country-level actions.  It is not mandatory for WROs to apply as consortium, individual WROs operating at sub-regional and regional are eligible to apply.  For component 4 and 5, Organizations are encouraged to apply as a consortium, however, this is not an obligation.

14	Is being a women led organization a mandatory requirement	As per the eligibility criteria, being a women led WRO is an asset, but not a requirement
15	Should we use the ACT programme's outcomes and outputs as stated in the call for proposals to structure our project's logical framework?	Yes, you can include this structure in the project's logical framework and make references on how it links to other results framing that you have in your organization
16	How are we expected to share all the supporting documents (registration certificates, audits, etc.) - Some of these documents are lengthy/heavy and may result in email bounce-backs.	They can be shared through a compressed file or send via multiple emails or a link if they are saved in an online space.
17	If an organization applies on behalf of a coalition that is not registered, is it right to use the single organization's information? or shall we provide the information of the coalition as a whole?	<p>As stated in the Call, UN Women will sign a partnership agreement with between 3-5 organizations for the 5 components. The submitting organization needs to meet the registration and other Mandatory Criteria, while reference to the coalition can be made with any relevant supporting documentation (e.g., the purpose, history, members, governance, etc.). If the submitting organization will use coalition members as sub-partners or sub-contractors, there will need to be information on that arrangement in the submission.</p> <p>For any grant-making activity in the submission, only the lead organization can manage the process (i.e. – a sub-partner or sub-contractor cannot be used)</p>
18	As a woman I really appreciate the preference for women-led organizations - but in combination with the evaluation criteria of awarding extra points to the proposal with the lowest budget - doesn't this just play into the universal under-payment of women? Based on the assumption that most organizations with predominantly women on board and staff probably have a lower monthly salary bill than others. I understand also that this is a UN requirement in terms of the cost evaluation, but it does seem unfortunate in this case.	In the Call for Proposal the Technical Component has a higher weight (70 points), while the Financial Component (30 points), so it is not only about the lowest proposal.
19	For organizations applying for more than one component, the call indicated that there need to separate budget for each component. could you elaborate more how the different components should be presented in the narrative, do you expect to see the activities	<p>UN Women is looking to establish agreements with between 3-5 partners), which means that there would not be a partnership established for all 5 components.</p> <p>Organizations can submit for one or more components and for each component, there should be a detailed budget for each component submitted as well as a</p>

	differentiated by components in the narrative as well?	<p>cumulative budget for both components which might be different than the combined budget of the two alone (since some costs might not be duplicated if both components are contracted) as per the guidance on page 20.</p> <p>On multiple components each organization can possibly lead on each of the different components – Partner agreements will thus be for 3-5 Organizations in a consortium. Focus: Activities should be regional or sub regional level, may include for instance documenting work across movements.</p>
20	Are faith-based organizations eligible to apply?	If the organization meets the criteria listed in the Call for Proposals, they are eligible to apply. Please refer to criteria stated in the call for proposal.
21	Comment about awarding extra points based on lowest costs. Shouldn't other criteria that are more comprehensive and look at impact and efficiency be prioritized?	The Technical Component has a higher weight (70 points) vs the Financial Component (30 points), so it not only about the lowest cost proposal
22	When organizations apply for funding for multiple components, the speaker mentioned the need to have a separate budget for each component. Clarify how these components should be detailed in the proposal narrative? Specifically, do you expect the narrative to differentiate activities by each component as well?	<p>When partners are working in consortium, UN Women will not sign partner agreements with each consortium member, but there would be one managing the partnership with the other consortium members. We might have 3 to 5 partner agreements with different components.</p> <p>For example, if an organization is submitting for components 1 and 2, in the narrative and technical proposal, the CSO will indicate, how they plan to implement under the component. This could be the organization implementing itself component 1a or if it will have sub-contractors, and the same for 1b and other components Again, for component 2, CSO will indicate.</p> <p>For the financial proposal, which needs to be separate, they need to indicate the budget for each component and a consolidated budget for the 2 components.</p> <p>It is important to note the maximum budget indicated on page1 of the Call for each component cannot be exceeded for the submission to be considered. It is important to note that technical and financial proposal are reviewed separately.</p>
23	Is the max amount per component the total amount which is available to all	The maximum budget indicated in Call for Proposal for each component is applicable to all applicants.

	applicants or the max amount an applicant can ask for?	Each submission should not exceed the amount available for the components being proposed. If it is maximum amount or less than the total budget indicated for the proposed component and the technical criteria has been met, the submission will be considered.
24	So, if you apply for two components, we should submit 3 budgets for 1, 2 and for both 1 and 2?	Yes, this is correct as the budget for the implementation of two separate components might be different than the budget for implementing both.
25	Just to mention that the budget template requires us to develop a budget per output. So, we would need to mention under which component each output falls under; is it correct?	Yes, that is correct
26	So, if a consortium of different organizations applies, they must appoint a secretariat?	Not necessarily. There needs to be an agreement across the organizations submitting on which organization is the lead and would sign the agreement with UN Women on behalf of consortium members to manage the sub-partnerships if the consortium is selected.
27	On the definition of WRO, does that exclude organizations that work on EVAWG policy research but don't specifically identify as WRO?	<p>As per the Call for Proposals, this call is targeting women's rights organizations, networks, or coalitions, with organizations led by women or young women in all their diversity <b>considered as an asset</b>. This means that while it is not a requirement for the organization to be led by a woman, it is considered an asset if the head/ Director/CEO of the organization is a woman or a young woman.</p> <p>CSO means non-State, not-for-profit, voluntary entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from the relevant State and the market. CSOs represent a wide range of interests and ties. CSO includes but is not limited to community-based organizations (CBOs), non-Governmental organizations (NGOs), youth-led organizations, LGBTI organizations, faith-based organizations and academic institutions. The CSO definition does not include business or for-profit associations.</p>
28	Should each member of the consortium submit their registration, or the applicant should submit for all consortium members. In a consortium the partnership agreement with UN women will be signed by the lead partner or all partners?	As stated in the Call, UN Women will sign a partnership agreement with between 3-5 organizations for the 5 components. The submitting organization needs to meet the registration and other Mandatory Criteria, while reference to the coalition can be made with any relevant supporting documentation (e.g., the purpose, history, members, governance, etc.). If the submitting organization will use coalition members as sub-partners or sub-contractors, there will need to be information on

		that arrangement in the submission and ideally, information on the sub-partners (registration, mandate, etc).
29	what if the lead organization is established for years but only 2 in the region. Will we still qualify?	As per the criteria, the organization needs to be operational and registered in the East and Southern Africa region for at least 3 years
30	Where is the actual template for the proposal.	<p>From page 7-</p> <p>a. <b>Annex B-1</b> Mandatory Requirements/Pre-Qualification Criteria and Contractual Aspects</p> <p>a. Instructions to Proponents, which includes the following:</p> <p><b>Annex B-2</b> Template for Proposal Submission</p> <p><b>Annex B-3</b> Format of Resume for Proposed Personnel</p> <p><b>Annex B-4</b> Capacity Assessment Minimum Documents</p> <p><b>Annex B-5</b> UN Women template Partner Agreement</p> <p><b>Annex B-6</b> UN Women Anti-Fraud Policy</p>