



Call for proposal IV – WPHF Lebanon

Info sessions, CFP 2024 Q&As

Q 1: Can an NGO be targeting (underage) female former prisoners?

A 1: Yes, if it is linked to the impact areas indicated in the tip sheets.

Q 2: Are the proposal template and registration document the only required documents to submit for our application?

A 2: Yes, all you need to submit is: the proposal and the registration document. Please do not submit any additional documents. If you are currently in the process of obtaining the registration, please send proof thereof.

Q 3: Can we focus the proposal on safe shelter?

A 3: Yes, safe shelters can be included under the impact areas 5/ protection outcome.

Q 4: Can we submit the same proposal we submitted last year?

A 4: Your organization is best placed to decide on the proposal you want to submit. However, please ensure that your proposal is still relevant to the context and note that the proposal templates and tip sheets were updated. Please see CFP 4 documents here.

Q 5: Can 3 or more NGOs submit as one project?

A 5: Yes, applying as a consortium is encouraged. However, one organization will be the lead applicant and the rest should be co implementing partners.

Q 6: How many projects will be selected?

A 6: This depends on the received projects and needed funds.

Q 7: Do we have to send our submission for institutional and programmatic stream in separate emails?

A 7: Yes.

Q 8: Can we cooperate under our project with the internal forces and prisons directorate?

A 8: Yes, you can collaborate with governmental institutions. However, they cannot be implementing partners/ receiving funding.

Q 9: Is a gender-based analysis required to apply?

A 9: No

Q 10: Can a leading NGO apply to impact 5 and the co leading on impact 6?

A 10: No, both lead and co-implementing organizations are eligible to one programmatic project, focusing either one of the two impact areas.

Q 11: Can an NGO currently funded by the WPHF submit a proposal?

A 11: An organization (whether it is a lead or co-implementing partner) can only receive one grant at a time from WPHF. If you currently have a grant from WPHF and would like to apply again for the same type of funding (programmatic or institutional), your new project cannot start before the previous one ends (i.e. September 2024). You can apply for institutional funding if you currently have a signed agreement with UN Women for a programmatic project, and vice versa.

Q 12: Can a university apply as a co implementing partner?

A 12: No

Q13: Can we cover under institutional funding the rehabilitation of our premises?

A 13: Only If the space has been destroyed because of war.

Q 14: Can we cover in the institutional software, backdated financial ERP support? Does the WPHF cover backdated financial support?

A 14: No, we only finance items purchased during the project period.

Q 15: what does the institutional funding cover?

A 15: Institutional funding aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights/led and young women led organizations working on gender specific issues in peace and security and humanitarian contexts, to ensure they are able to sustain themselves and to improve their impact. . Some examples include:

Adaptive strategies, tools or systems adopted by the organization for continuity of operations

Risk management and contingency plans or strategies for the organization

Payment of salaries for staff or stipends for volunteers/board members

Payment of rent, utilities, or other operating costs

Procurement of equipment, office furniture, software, etc.

Capacity strengthening of staff, volunteers or board members on policies, procedures, strategies

Resource mobilization strategies, communication strategies, PSHEA strategies, etc.

Please refer to Institutional funding tip sheet to learn more. However, we only finance items purchased during the project period.

Q 16: Can we submit for an institutional if we have a current project under programmatic?

A 16: Yes, You can submit one project under programmatic stream and another under institutional stream

Q 17: Can the institutional fund include costs of ERP system, policies, salaries?

A 17: Yes, please refer to A17 and to the institutional funding tip sheet to learn more.

Q 18: how is the programmatic grant split? Is it a 20/80 percentage? Can we apply for the 7% indirect cost?

A 18: Yes, you can apply for 7% indirect cost under both programmatic and/ or institutional stream. In general, there are no rules of budget distribution. However, budget distribution should be reasonable, effective, and efficient. . It is recommended that more funds go to implemented activities verses salaries. The only budget limitation is the indirect costs that should not exceed 7.0% of the sub-total.

Q 19: if we are a co implementing partner currently, can we apply?

A 19: If on a different stream, then yes. But if you are currently under programmatic, you cannot submit another one under programmatic stream unless your agreement with UN Women closed before signing the new agreement with UN Women i.e. by September 2024 at the latest.

Q 20: Can a regional NGO apply?

A 20: This depends on the legal registration documents, if it is registered as a Local NGO in the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities then yes.

Q 21: Is a legal NGO affiliated with an international one illegible to apply?

A 21: This depends on the registration documents, if it is registered as a Local NGO in the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities then yes.

Q 22: can a project be targeting different regions in Lebanon?

A 22: Yes.

Q 23: we have applied to the previous call, do we have to apply again?

A 23: Yes.

Q 24: if we are currently having a project with UN Women (not the WPHF), can we apply to fund under WPHF?

A 24: Yes

Q 25: If we have 50% females in the organization, are we considered eligible?

A 25: Yes, if its women led and/or have a proven record of working on women related issues. Please see below definitions of women-led/rights organizations

Women's Rights or Feminist Organization: The organization's must have gender equality and women's rights at the core of their official mission/vision statement. The organization's experience should clearly reflect addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights and aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, and work to transform these.

Women-Led Organization: must be headed by a woman as director/head of organization.

Q 26: What is the PUNO in the first page of the template?

A 26: PUNO refers to Partner UN Organization. This is UN Women related section and should not be filled by the applicant.

Q 27: Are local NGOs eligible to apply as sub grantees?

A 27: Yes, local NGOs can be sub grantees.

Q 28: can we apply under impact 5 or 6 to empower women economically and socially without tackling GBV?

A 28: Impact 5 is related to protection which tackles GBV, however impact 6 is related to peacebuilding but you can link it to social and economic women empowerment.

Q 29: Are International NGOs eligible to apply as co-implementing partners?

A 29: No, International NGOs are not eligible to apply to this Cfp (neither as lead organization or co-implementing partner)

Q 30: Is it possible to share Questions after this session, until when?

A 30: Your questions and inquiries can be sent to cfp.lebanon@unwomen.org until May 7, 2024.

Q 31: Can organizations working with LGBTIQ+ apply to WPHF Cfp?

A 31: Yes, organizations working with LGBTIQ+ can apply to WPHF Cfp.

Q 32: When will you announce the results/ selected projects?

A 32: Approximately, 6 weeks after the submission deadline.

Q 33: Is the number of beneficiaries that should be submitted in the proposal related to the targeted number for the proposal or a number of participants that are already included in the organization?

A 33: For stream 1, institutional funding: the beneficiaries are the people in your organization

For stream 2, programmatic funding: the beneficiaries are those who are benefiting from the project (outside of the organization).

Q 34: Can A religious organization or an organization headed by a nun be eligible to apply, given that the association's mandate is health?

A 34: CSO's are eligible to apply to the following focus areas:

Programmatic Funding: Stream 2

Impact Area 5: Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected.

Impact Area 6: Improved participation and decision making of women and young women working in peacebuilding processes and contexts.


Q 35: Can a municipality apply to this call?

A 35: No, Municipalities and governmental institutions are not eligible to apply to this call. NGOs can collaborate with municipalities or other government institutions; however, they cannot benefit financially from the project.

Q 36:.. what is the theory of change of the WPHF?

A36: please refer to Annex A (WPHF Theory of change).

WPHF Theory of Change:

WPHF Impact	Contribute to more peaceful and gender equal societies					
TOC Statement	If (1) civil society organizations advocate for and ensure accountability on WPS commitments; and If (2) women meaningfully participate in decision-making processes related to conflict prevention, crisis response and the negotiation of peace in a quality manner; and If (3) humanitarian and crisis planning, frameworks and programming is more inclusive and gender responsive; and If (4) women are represented and take leadership roles in peace negotiations; and If (5) women’s and girls’ safety, security and mental health is protected; and If (6) women participate in and benefit from peacebuilding and recovery; and whereby there is a women’s peace and humanitarian funding mechanism which aims to break silos between humanitarian, peace and security, human rights and development, addresses structural funding gaps for women’s participation, and increases policy coherence is established; Then (7) societies will be more peaceful and gender equal; because (8) evidence shows that when civil society organizations are provided with quality ¹ and adequate funding to support women as drivers of peace, societies are more likely to be stable and inclusive, and peacebuilding settings are opportunities to address underlying gender inequality barriers					
Outcomes (CSO Impact Areas)	1. Enabling Environment for WPS Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	2. Conflict Prevention Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response	3. Humanitarian & Crisis Response Enhanced participation and leadership of women in humanitarian crisis planning and response	4. Conflict Resolution Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements	5. Protection of Women and Girls Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls’ and their human rights respected	6. Peacebuilding & Recovery Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts
TOC	If (1) civil society organizations are involved in the design, implementation and monitoring of WPS commitments and frameworks; and if these are adequately financed and monitored; then (2) implementation of WPS commitments will improve; because (3) civil society’s involvement is key in ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.	If (1) women are actively participating in conflict prevention; and they are empowered to lead early warning and conflict prevention mechanisms; then (2) conflict prevention efforts will be more successful; because (3) evidence shows that women’s involvement can improve both conflict prevention and response.	If (1) women’s needs inform humanitarian planning and programming; and civil society organizations have the capacity and opportunity to integrate gender equality; then (2) humanitarian planning and programming will be gender inclusive and responsive, and promote women’s empowerment; because (3) experience shows that explicit involvement of women in the design and implementation of humanitarian assistance facilitates meeting their needs.	If (1) women are involved as mediators and as stakeholders in conflict resolution; if gender expertise is made available, and if the capacity and influence of women to engage in the negotiation process is strengthened; then (2) peace agreements are more likely to be sustained; because (3) women’s participation is proven to shift power dynamics towards peace, inclusiveness and equality.	If (1) there are mechanisms in place, informed by women’s participation, to increase the physical security of women and girls; if perpetrators of SGBV are held to account; and if survivors are provided with comprehensive support; then (2) women and girls will be safer and their human rights respected; because (3) security, justice and support services reduce the likelihood of conflict-related crimes.	If (1) women participate in political processes, and benefit from peacebuilding and recovery efforts; and if these efforts and processes are gender-responsive; the (2) peace dividends will be more inclusive, security reforms will benefit all, and economic recovery and resilience will be accelerated because (3) including women in peacebuilding processes brings broader benefits to communities
WPHF	 WPHF significantly contributes to local civil society organizations increased participation in women peace and security and humanitarian processes					