

### **English Info session Questions and Answers, 21 March 2023**

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#### **Questions and Answers**

##### **Q 1: What is the maximum age of the head of the organization?**

A 1: If the organization is women-led/rights, there is no maximum age for the head of the organization.

If the organization is identified as youth-led, the age of its head should be between 18 and 29 years old.

##### **Q 2: Can a municipality apply to this call?**

A 2: 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 3: Can a local NGO working in jam production apply to this call?**

A 3: The proposals need to be aligned with the CfP impact areas:

- 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 4: Would capacity building activities fit to the outcome of this call?**

A 4: Capacity building activities can be included in the project if they are aligned with the CfP impact areas.

##### **Q 5: Are livelihoods included in this call?**

A 5: Livelihoods activity cannot be the focus of the proposed interventions. The proposals should focus on the impact areas 5 or 6.

- 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 6: Can a university apply as a lead applicant?**

A 6: No, universities are not eligible to apply to this call for proposals

**Q 7: Can our project focus be on women protection from violence?**

A 7: yes, the proposed intervention can focus on women protection from Violence under CfP area 5 “Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls’ and their human rights respected”.

**Q 8: How many projects will be supported per area?**

A 8: there is no specific number of projects that would be supported per impact area.

**Q 9: Would the Ngo have better chances if they apply alone or co applying with another organization?**

A 9: Applying in partnership with another organization (s) is encouraged. However, this is not an evaluation criteria.

**Q 10: if we already conducted a project last year with WPHF as a sub grantee, is it a good idea to apply for a phase 2 of the same project?**

A 10: Yes, applying for a second phase of a previous WPHF supported project is eligible. However, the project should be aligned with the CfP impact areas, and all projects will be evaluated equally according to the evaluation criteria highlighted in section 8 in the CfP

**Q 11: Can activities include empowering women through livelihood or is it strictly protection?**

A 11: Livelihoods can be included in the proposal if the activities contribute to the WPHF impact areas 5 or 6 however, livelihoods cannot be the focus of the proposed interventions. The proposals have to focus on the impact areas 5 or 6 (for programmatic funding).

**Q 12: What is the geographical focus? Is there any specific vulnerable area we need to focus on?**

A 12: Interventions in all areas in Lebanon are eligible to apply. However, underserved geographical area will be prioritized and the organization should clearly highlight the gaps of the area in question in the proposal.

**Q 13: The call mentions the women led organization must be headed by a person aged between 18-29 years old, so if the head is older this makes us an eligible?**

A 13: The age range of 18-29 years is related to youth-led organizations. Women-Led Organization must be headed by a woman as director/head of organization regardless of the age.

**Q 14: Can we get how you will score proposals?**

A 14: The CfP mention the projects evaluation criteria. Please refer to the CfP section 8.

**Q 15: Can we have universities as co applicant in the consortium?**

A 15: Yes, universities can apply as co applicants. However, joint projects with other local women’s rights, youth focused organizations, women or young women led civil society organizations are encouraged. For joint projects, only the lead organization is required to meet the eligibility criteria.

**Q 16: Can we have overhead cost in the budget proposal?**

A 16: yes you can 7% as indirect cost or overhead in the budget of your proposal.

**Q 17: Can organizations/ projects identifying as youth focused apply?**

A 17: Yes, youth focused organizations/projects are eligible to apply to the CfP.

**Q 18: Can we cover in the institutional software, backdated financial ERP support? Does the WPHF cover backdated financial support?**

A 18: No, we only finance items purchased during the project period.

**Q 19: Is there a separate budget template that we must submit?**

A 19: No, you should only budget (Annex B) that exists in the proposal template.

**Q 20: Will applying for the two funding opportunities, reduce our chances of being selected for the bigger fund? Or they are separated and applying to one won't affect anyone applying or being selected for the second?**

A 20: You can apply for two projects but each under a different funding stream. You cannot apply for two projects under one funding stream. Applying for two projects won't affect the evaluation of your projects. All projects will be evaluated equally following the evaluation criteria highlighted in the CfP section 8.

**Q 21: Under the protection impact area, the outcome doesn't have to necessarily target women survivors of GBV, but under-served women are also eligible?**

A 21: Correct, all women can be targeted. However, underserved women/ groups will be prioritized.

**Q 22: Could arts, music or theatre based activities potentially be considered as part of protecting and enhancing mental health of vulnerable women?**

A 22: Yes, Art and theatre-based activities could be considered as part of protecting and enhancing mental health of vulnerable women. However, the organization to explain how these activities will lead to enhancing mental health of vulnerable women.

**Q 23: Can we engage co-applicants that are not registered, and hence do not have bank accounts?**

A 23: Yes, co-applicants don't need to be registered and don't need to have a bank account.

**Q 24: Can women deprived of their liberty also be included?**

A 24: Yes, detained women can be targeted.

**Q 25: Do we have to provide details of the budget of the co-applicant?**

A 25: No, only the lead applicant should submit a budget and the budget that will be transferred to the co-applicant needs to be added under "6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts". However, the only budget required at this stage is the budget in the proposal template "Annex B"

**Q 26: Are Organizations that do not have women among the founders, but only at the level of project management eligible to apply? Which organizations are eligible to apply?**

A 26: The eligible organizations are as the below:



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National and local women-led, women's rights, feminist, or civil society organizations with a proven track record working with women and girls, are eligible to apply. Grassroots and local community-based organizations are particularly encouraged to apply. Joint projects are allowed and encouraged.

To be considered a "Women's Rights or Feminist Organization," the organization's official mission/vision statement must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights. The organization must 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.

To be considered "Youth rights", the organization's official mission/vision must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing the rights of youth.

"Youth-led organization" must be headed by a youth as defined by the country/organization

Other CSOs must demonstrate experience in addressing violence against women and girls, gender inequalities and/or women's rights.

**Q 27: Can A religious organization or an organization headed by a nun be eligible to apply, given that the association's mandate is health?**

A 27: 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.

And / or [Institutional Funding: Stream 1](#)

Aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights/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. Prospective applicants will need to demonstrate how the current context affects their institutional and financial capacities and how the funding would support them as an organization.

**Q 28: Can an organization that is registered in Lebanon but that does not have a bank account in fresh dollars apply for this CFP?**

A 28: A bank account will be required upon signing the agreements with the selected organizations. It is not possible to transfer funding without a bank account in fresh dollars in the lead-organization name.

However, organizations that do not have a bank account in fresh dollars can apply as co-implementers, in partnership with a leading organization that has a bank account in fresh dollars.

**Q 29: Can an unregistered organization or unregistered partner organization apply?**

A 29: The lead organization should be registered, but this does not apply to partner organization(s). It is sufficient for the lead organization to be registered.

**Q 30: How many beneficiaries should be included in the project target groups? and what is the age of the target group (s)? Could the target group (s) be under 18 years old? Could men be among the target group(s)?**

A 30: Each organization determines the number of beneficiaries for its project. There is no required number of beneficiaries under this CfP.

Yes, the organization can target different age groups, including those under the age of 18. Men can also be targeted in the project activities, but the focus should be on improving the participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.

**Q 31: Are there specific criteria for distributing the budget?**

A 31: No, there are no specific criteria for budget allocation. However, organizations should only add 7% as indirect cost. Also, the distribution and allocations of the budget must be logical and aligned with the proposed intervention.

**Q 32: Can unions apply for the WPHF CfP?**

A 32: No, unions are not eligible to apply, but they can be partners in projects submitted by other leading organizations.

**Q 33: Can an organization registered outside Lebanon but also has a registered office in Lebanon apply?**

A 33: No, organizations registered outside Lebanon cannot apply, even if they have a registered office in Lebanon. These organizations can apply by partnering with a local lead organization, but they need to justify the added value of including non-local projects.

**Q 34: Should the organization provide additional documents, other than the application form and the registration documents?**

A 34: No, at this stage, organizations should only submit the application form, including the two annexes (Result framework and Budget), as well as the organization's registration papers. As for the bank account, it is required upon the signature of agreements.

**Q 35: Can organizations registered as civil, non-profit corporations that have previously taken funds from other donors apply for this CfP?**

A 35: Yes, organizations registered as civil, non-profit corporations can apply for this CfP.

Yes, organizations who received funding from other donors can still apply to this CfP, except for organization that received funding From the Lebanese Humanitarian Fund (LHF) during the last two years.

**Q 36: Does the lead organization need to submit any additional official document (memorandum of understanding) with the partners?**

A 36: At this stage, the only documents required are the application form and registration papers. However, after selecting the organizations, a process to review projects and other requirements will take place. Additional requirement will be discussed bilaterally with the selected organizations.

**Q 37: Is it possible to share Questions after this session, until when?**

A 37: Your questions and inquiries can be sent to [cfp.lebanon@unwomen.org](mailto:cfp.lebanon@unwomen.org) until April 14, 2023.

**Q 38: If a team consists of more than three organizations and will submit one project proposal, is it acceptable for the project management team to be from more than one organization, i.e. not be employees of the lead organization that will present the project?**

A 38: The lead organization is responsible in front of WPHF / UN Women, however the project can for example be managed by a committee composed of members from the different organizations.

**Q 39: Are organizations applying with a project proposal related to Economic Empowerment eligible for this CFP?**

A 39: No, the focus of the WPHF CFP is on:

- A) Programmatic funding stream
  - 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.

AND/OR apply for institutional funding (Stream 1)

Institutional funding stream aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights/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.

**Q 40: Is it mandatory to apply as a consortium?**

A 40: No, it is not a must, it is encouraged but organizations can apply alone too.

**Q 41: Can organizations working with LGBTIQ+ apply to WPHF CFP?**

A 41: Yes, organizations working with LGBTIQ+ can apply to WPHF CFP.

**Q 42: What is the main difference between both funding streams?**

A 42: Institutional funding stream aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights/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. The budget for this stream is between 2500 to a maximum of 30000 USD. The purpose of this funding stream IS NOT to finance programmatic activities



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Stream 2 is programmatic funding focuses on WPHF impact area 5 (Protection) and 6 (*Peacebuilding*): The budget under this stream is between 30,000 to a maximum of 200,000 USD.

**Q 43: When will you announce the results/ selected projects?**

A 43: Approximately, 6 weeks after the submission deadline.

**Q 44: What is the maximum amount for funding?**

A 44: the maximum amount for institutional funding (stream 1) is 30,000 USD, and the maximum amount for stream funding 2 is 200,000 USD.

**Q 45: Can co-implementing organizations funded under WPHF round 2 apply for programmatic funding?**

A 45: They can apply but the new project start date should be after they conclude their current project. However, if the current ongoing project focuses on stream 2, they can apply under stream 1 (Institutional funding) for the new Call for Proposal irrespective of the end date of the current project..

**Q 46: 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 46: 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 47: Can organization apply if they did not attend the info sessions?**

A 47: Yes, the info sessions aim only at providing information on the CfP.

**Q 48: Can I apply my project as a candidate to the municipal elections in Zahle as a support to reach a seat?**

A 48: No, individuals cannot apply to support their own elections campaign. The Call for Proposal is targeting national women-led/ women rights NGOs and the proposals should focus on the impact areas 5 or 6.

- 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 womenworking in peacebuilding processes and contexts.

**Q 49: Can a Palestinian women initiative apply to this call?**

A 49: Yes, however, the lead applicant needs to be registered. If your organization isn't registered, you could consider applying as a co-implementing partner.

**Q 50: What is the maximum duration of the project?**

A 50: Two years.

**Q 51: Can we apply to both streams?**

A 51: Yes, you can submit one project to each stream and cannot submit two projects on the same stream.

**Q 52. Can this call fund building material to build a rehabilitation center?**

A 52. Yes, only if building this center is serving one of the impact areas defined by the Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund.

**Q 53. can an organization that targets people of disability apply to this call?**

A 53. yes, people with disability can be among the beneficiaries of the project.

**Q 54. Can a private sector entity apply to this call?**

A 54. no, this call is not open for private sector.

**Q 55. Can the activities of my project be about the marginalized and the municipal elections?**

A 55. Elections and political participation are not among the priorities of this call for proposal. Yes, you can target the marginalized.

**Q 56. if I have a non-registered initiative, can you fund my project?**

A 56. No, the non-registered initiatives are not illegible to apply to this fund as a lead applicant but can apply as a co-applicant with another registered organization being the lead applicant.

**Q 57. Can the co-applicant be an international organization?**

A 57. Yes, international NGOs can apply as co applicants. However, joint projects with other local women's rights, youth focused organizations, women or young women led civil society organizations are encouraged. For joint projects, only the lead organization is required to meet the eligibility criteria.

**Q 58. What is the best way to write the indicators in y proposal? Quantitative or qualitative?**

A 58. the best way is to find a balance between the qualitative and quantitative indicators when writing the result framework.

**Q 59. can I apply for stream 1 the institutional funding to establish a kitchen project?**

A 59. yes, but you have to prove that establishing this kitchen will reinforce the institutional capacity of the organization adding that the organization should be women led or working on gender based issues in peace, security and humanitarian context.

**Q 60. can the co applicant be an organization led by a man?**

A 60. Yes.

**Q 61. can an organization that is registered in an area apply to implement a project in another area?**

A 61. yes





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