

## Annex B Call for Proposal (CFP) Template for Responsible Parties (For Civil Society Organizations- CSOs)

### Section 1

CFP No. **UNW-ESA-ECO-CFP-2022-001**

#### a. CFP letter for Responsible Parties

UNWOMEN plans to engage an (Responsible Parties) as defined in accordance with these documents. UN-WOMEN now invites sealed proposals from qualified proponents for providing the requirements as defined in the UN-WOMEN Terms of Reference.

Proposals must be received by UNWOMEN at the address specified not later than (time) **05:30 PM** on **27/01/2022**.

The budget range for this proposal should be [30,000 – 34,000 USD (Min. – Max.)]

This UN-Women Call for Proposals consists of <u>Two</u> sections:	Annexes to be completed by proponents and returned with their proposal (mandatory)
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Interested proponents may obtain further information by contacting this email address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### b. Proposal data sheet for Responsible Parties

**Program/Project: Increased Participation and Effective Representation of Women in Peacebuilding efforts: A road to Sustainable Peace**

Program official's name: Desset Abebe

Email: [desset.abebe@unwomen.org](mailto:desset.abebe@unwomen.org)

Telephone number:

Issue date: 04 /01/2022.

**Requests for clarifications due:**

Date: 19 January 2022

Time: CoB (5:30 PM)

(via e-mail: [Tsgereda.lemma@unwomen.org](mailto:Tsgereda.lemma@unwomen.org))

**UNWOMEN clarifications to proponents due: [if applicable]**

Date: 21/01/2022

Time: 23:59 (Ethiopia standard time, GMT+3)

**Proposal due:**

Date: 27 January 2022

Time: 23:59 (Ethiopia standard time, GMT+3)

Via email:

[ethiopia.public@unwomen.org](mailto:ethiopia.public@unwomen.org)

**Planned award date:**

21 February 2022

c. UN Women Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Strengthening The Capacity of CSOs For Increased and Meaningful Participation of Women in Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution</b>
<b>Duty Station</b>	Ethiopia
<b>Duration</b>	7 months (February 2022 – August 2022)
<b>Expect start date:</b>	Immediately after signing of the contract

1. Introduction

UN Women grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. Placing women's rights at the centre of all its efforts, UN Women leads and coordinates United Nations system efforts to ensure that commitments on gender equality and gender mainstreaming translate into action throughout the world. It provides strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States' priorities and efforts, building effective partnerships with civil society and other relevant actors. Globally, UN Women works to make the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and the Agenda 2030 a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life, focusing on five priority areas: women lead, participate in and benefit equally from governance systems; women have income security, decent work and economic autonomy; all women and girls live a life free from all forms of violence and ensure that women and girls contribute to and have greater influence in building sustainable peace and resilience, and benefit equally from the prevention of natural disasters and conflicts and humanitarian action.

UN Women believes that Civil Societies play crucial role in peace building and conflict resolution and contribute to creation of peaceful societies. In Ethiopia, the old CSO Proclamation No. 621/2009 has severely curtailed the role of CSOs to work on policy and advocacy initiatives to advance human and democratic rights or promote the equality of peoples, genders, and conflict resolution. Such organizations were very few and have limited capacity to implement effective advocacy initiatives. After the new CSO law in 2019 many CSOs revised their mission and re-registered while newly established ones joined the effort to promote gender equality on several fronts including women's participation in peace building processes. However, the legacy of the restrictive law was far-reaching where CSOs were weakened in all aspects including in terms of financial viability, advocacy and lobbying effort and capacity, infrastructure including organizational capacity and human resource. The project aims to build the capacity of CSOs on WPS, advocacy skills and support the participation CSOs and women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

The project will contribute to Outcome 2 of UN Women Strategic Note (2021-2025) which states, 'All people in Ethiopia live in a cohesive, just, inclusive and democratic society.' and outcome 2 of BWP on UN Women Ethiopia country Office.

a. Background/Context for required services/results

In 2000, the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 1325, which stressed the importance of the equal participation and full involvement of women in all efforts to maintain and promote peace and security. The resolution, with its four pillars of participation, protection, prevention, and peacebuilding and recovery, has become the focal point for galvanizing worldwide efforts to deal with the many challenges that women face in situations of conflict. The scope of Resolution 1325 has expanded in the past twenty years with the subsequent nine resolutions that have been adopted, all of which have collectively come to be known as the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda. In the process of developing the national Action Plans, countries give spaces to CSOs so that they can contribute to the process and make sure different voices have been heard and included. Interest and Voices of women in the process is the main concern that must be included from different perspectives.

The ongoing conflict in Ethiopia has affected and displaced hundreds of thousand people. The effect of conflict is disproportionate when we come to the number of women that have been affected. Through women are the victims of the

conflicts, they are also do have a huge untapped potential in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Civil Society organisations in this respect need to be supported to have a combined voice to make sure there is a participation of women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution and in the process of developing National Action Plan on WPS. Ethiopian government through the leadership of Ministry of Women and Social Affairs has started preparation for the development on National Action Plan on Women peace and Security. The process of development aimed to be participatory and inclusive and requires high level of engagement from all key stakeholders particularly from CSOs which is also evidenced from other countries experience.

#### **b. General Overview of services required/results**

A recent assessment done by UN Women found that there is lack of adequate engagement from CSOs with the WPS agenda or that their work does not consider UNSCR 1325. The assessment further highlighted lack of capacity of CSOs, the lack of coordination among the various CSOs working on women and peacebuilding or CSOs and government entities mandated to work on the area; the haphazard or ad hoc inclusion of women or effort to mainstream gender in peace building projects; the less or no knowledge of WPS agenda or UNSCR 1325 among almost all stakeholders and the lack of structures and platforms. The assessment shows the need to build the capacity of CSOs, create awareness among key stakeholders i.e both governmental and non-governmental, build capacity on mainstreaming of gender in peace building projects and how to use the WPS framework to engage women in peace and security initiatives as well as to create a coordination platform and mechanisms to systematically engage women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

UN Women has supported the development of National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security around the world, through providing technical and financial support in the formulation and/or implementation of NAPs. In Ethiopia, UN Women has implemented Inclusive Governance and Conflict management Support project from 2018- 2020. Building up on the results achieved from the project, UN Women is working to further engage with government and CSOs to raise awareness on UNSCR 1325 and build capacity of CSO so that they can advocate for the participation of Women in Peacebuilding as well as support CSO platforms to further the Women, Peace, and security Agenda.

The project has aim of engaging Civil Society and Women Organizations in supporting CSOs building their capacity on advocacy skills, gender equality and the women peace and security agenda, and promote women's participation in peacebuilding process. In addition, enabling and supporting a network of women peace builders who will take tangible action on peace and security issues; amplify messaging that promotes women's participation and leadership in decision-making on peace and security is aim of the project.

In this context, the Call for Proposal (CfPs) is prepared to identify a CSO partner ("Responsible Party") to work with UN Women to implement the activities and contribute to the output under the project as detailed below.

#### **2. Description of required services/results**

This project aims at supporting the CSOs and women's groups in building their capacity so that they can contribute to the increased participation of women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution as well as contribute in process of development of National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security.

The Responsible Party (RP) under this Call for Proposals (CfPs) in collaboration with UN Women, will deliver on results in the below areas.

- Supporting CSOs, Women Rights Organisations and grassroots organizations' network and forums to promote women's participation in peace building processes.
- Organize capacity building training for CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations on advocacy skills, gender equality and the women peace and security agenda.

These results are summarized in the below result framework:

<b>Goal: To strengthen institutional capacity of CSOs to promote and advance gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) to promote cohesive, just, inclusive and democratic society in Ethiopia.</b>		
<b>Outcome 1.</b> More women, including young women, meaningfully and effectively participate in peace building processes including through an enabling environment that supports women's rights organizations to promote the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda		
<b>Output</b>	<b>Indicator, Target, Baseline, Source</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>1.1.</b> Increased resources for women's rights organizations working on WPS and peacebuilding to strengthen their institutional capacity to advance the participation of women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution	<p><b>Indicator: 1.1.a</b> Number of CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations, networks and forums supported to promote women's participation in peace process</p> <p>Target: Year: 2022 Value: TBD Baseline: Year: 2022 Value: 0 Source: Responsible Party monitoring reports</p> <p><b>Indicator: 1.1. b</b> Number of capacity building trainings for CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations on advocacy, WPS and gender equality disaggregated by participants Sex</p> <p>Target: Year: 2022 Value: 1 Baseline: Year: 2022 Value:0 Source: Responsible Party monitoring reports, activity Reports, Workshop reports, pre and post training reports</p>	<p>1.1.1. Support CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations' network and forums to promote women's participation in peace building processes.</p> <p>1.1.2 Organize capacity building training for CSOs, WROs and grassroots organizations on advocacy skills, gender equality and the women peace and security agenda.</p>

UN Women welcomes proposals from local NGO's/CSO's to provide services to implement the activity. The selected organization will be expected to consult with UN Women to ensure that human rights, gender equality and women and youth empowerment are properly integrated into activities.

**3. Timeframe: Start date and end date for completion of required services/results [Please elaborate]**

The project will commence upon signature of partnership agreement with the selected organization and will end after 7 months. Estimated start date: February 2022 End date: August 2022

**4. Competencies:**

Technical/functional competencies required.

- Legally constituted organization with a valid registration in Ethiopia with 3/5 years' experience.
- Experience working with grassroots community on issues of gender and peacebuilding, Women, Peace and Security and advocacy.
- Experience addressing issues relevant to women and youth peace and security issues at institutional and local level, including Gender equality, dialogue, peacebuilding, conflict prevention, conflict resolution and reconciliation.
- Proven organizational experiences in building Strategic Partnerships that promote sustainability with women led organizations, CSOs, government agencies and other partners.
- Have experts in the area of service required.
- Previous working experience with United Nations is highly desirable, not must.

This TOR is approved by:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Designation: Marie Goretti Nduwayo

UN Women Representative to Ethiopia, AU, and ECA, OIC

Date of Signing: 28/12/2021

**Annex B-1**  
**Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria**  
**[To be completed by proponents and returned with their proposal]**

**Call for proposal**

**Description of Services: Increased Participation and Effective Representation of Women in Peacebuilding efforts: A road to Sustainable Peace**

**CFP No. UNW-ESA-ECO-CFP-2022-001**

Proponents are requested to complete this form and return it as part of their submission. Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating on this section. To be considered, proponents must meet all the mandatory criteria described below. All questions should be answered on this form or an exact duplicate thereof. UN WOMEN reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent's response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will result in disqualification.

Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria	Proponent's response
1.1. Confirm that the services being requested are part of the key services that the proponent has been performing as an organization. This must be supported by a list of at least two customer references for which similar service is currently or has been provided by the proponent.	Reference #1: Reference #2:
1.2. Confirm proponent is duly registered or has the legal basis/mandate as an organization	Yes/No
1.3. Confirm proponent as an organization has been in operation for at least five (5) years <sup>1</sup>	Yes/No
1.4. Confirm proponent has a permanent office within the location area.	Yes/No
1.5. Proponent must agree to a site visit at a customer location in the location or area with a similar scope of work as the one described in this CFP.	Yes/No
1.6. Confirm that proponent has not been the subject of a finding of fraud or any other relevant misconduct following an investigation conducted by UN Women or another United Nations entity. The Proponent must indicate if it is currently under investigation for fraud or any other relevant misconduct by UN Women or another United Nations entity and provide details of any such investigation	Yes/No
1.7. Confirm that proponent has not been the subject of any investigations and/or has not been charged for any misconduct related to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) <sup>2</sup> .	
1.8. Confirm that proponent has not been placed on any relevant sanctions list including as a minimum the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List(s), United Nations Global Market Place Vendor ineligibility and the EU consolidated Sanction list	Yes/No

<sup>1</sup> In exceptional circumstances three (3) years of history registration may be accepted and it must be fully justified.

<sup>2</sup> [Secretary General's Bulletin, 9 October 2003 on "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse" \(ST/SGB/2003/13\)](#), and United Nations Protocol on allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse involving Partners

## Section 2

### CFP No. UNW-ESA-ECO-CFP-2022-001

#### a. Instructions to proponents (Responsible Parties)

##### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 UN-WOMEN invite qualified parties to submit Technical and Financial Proposals to provide services associated with the UN-WOMEN requirement for Responsible Party.
- 1.2 UN-Women is soliciting proposals from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). **Women's organizations or entities are highly encouraged to apply.**
- 1.3 A description of the services required is described in CFP Section 1- C "Terms of Reference".
- 1.4 UNWOMEN may, at its discretion, cancel the services in part or in whole.
- 1.5 Proponents may withdraw the proposal after submission, provided that written notice of withdrawal is received by UN WOMEN prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of proposals. No proposal may be modified subsequent to the deadline for submission of proposal. No proposal may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of proposals and the expiration of the period of proposal validity.
- 1.6 All proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance for a period of 90 calendar days after the date specified for receipt of proposals. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected. In exceptional circumstances, UNWOMEN may solicit the proponent's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing.
- 1.7 Effective with the release of this CFP, all communications must be directed only to UNWOMEN, by email at [Tsgereda.lemma@unwomen.org](mailto:Tsgereda.lemma@unwomen.org). Proponents must not communicate with any other personnel of UNWOMEN regarding this CFP.

##### 2. Cost of proposal

- 2.1 The cost of preparing a proposal, attendance at any pre-proposal conference, meetings or oral presentations shall be borne by the proponents, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the CFP process. Proposals must offer the services for the total requirement; proposals offering only part of the services will be rejected.

##### 3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Proponents must meet all mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria as set out in **Annex B-1**. See point 4 below for further explanation. Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating on this section. To be considered, proponents must meet all the mandatory criteria described in **Annex B-1**. UN-WOMEN reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent's response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will result in disqualification.

##### 4. Mandatory/pre-qualification criteria

- 4.1 The mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria have been designed to assure that, to the degree possible in the initial phase of the CFP selection process, only those proponents with sufficient experience, the financial strength and stability, the demonstrable technical knowledge, the evident capacity to satisfy UNWOMEN requirements and superior customer references for supplying the services envisioned in this CFP will qualify for further consideration. UNWOMEN reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent's response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will affect your evaluation.
- 4.2 Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating in the mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria section. In order to be considered for Phase I, proponents must meet all the mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria described in this CFP.

## **5. Clarification of CFP documents**

5.1. A prospective proponent requiring any clarification of the CFP documents may notify UNWOMEN in writing at UNWOMEN email address indicated in the CFP by the specified date and time. UNWOMEN will respond in writing to any request for clarification of the CFP documents that it receives by the due date outlined on section 2. Written copies of UNWOMEN response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be posted using the same method as the original posting of this (CFP) document.

5.2. If the CFP has been advertised publicly, the results of any clarification exercise (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be posted on the advertised source.

## **6. Amendments to CFP documents**

6.1. At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, UNWOMEN may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective proponent, modify the CFP documents by amendment. All prospective proponents that have received the CFP documents will be notified in writing of all amendments to the CFP documents. For open competitions, all amendments will also be posted on the advertised source.

6.2. In order to afford prospective proponents reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their proposals, UNWOMEN may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of proposal.

## **7. Language of proposal**

7.1 The proposal prepared by the proponent and all correspondence and documents relating to the proposal exchanged between the proponent and UNWOMEN, shall be written in English.

7.2 Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the proponent may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an appropriate translation of all relevant passages in English. In any such case, for interpretation of the proposal, the translation shall prevail. The sole responsibility for translation and the accuracy thereof shall rest with the proponent.

## **8. Submission of proposal**

8.1 Technical and financial proposals should be submitted as part of the template for proposal submission (Annex B2-3) in one email. with the CFP reference and the clear description of the proposal by the date and time stipulated in this document. If the emails and email attachments are not marked as instructed, UNWOMEN will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the proposals submitted. The email text body should indicate the name and address of the proponent.

All proposals should be sent by email to the following secure email address: [Ethiopia.public@unwomen.org](mailto:Ethiopia.public@unwomen.org)

8.2 Proposals should be received by the date, time and means of submission stipulated in this CFP. Proponents are responsible for ensuring that UNWOMEN receives their proposal by the due date and time. Proposals received by UNWOMEN after the due date and time may be rejected.

8.3 When receiving proposals by email (as is required for the CFP), the receipt time stamp shall be the date and time when the submission has been received in the dedicated UNWOMEN inbox. UNWOMEN shall not be responsible for any delays caused by network problems, etc. It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that their proposal is received by UNWOMEN in the dedicated inbox on or before the prescribed CFP deadline.

8.4 **Late proposals:** Any proposals received by UNWOMEN after the deadline for submission of proposals prescribed in this document, may be rejected.

## **9. Clarification of proposals**

9.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of proposals, UNWOMEN may, at its discretion, ask the proponent for a clarification of its proposal. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the price or substance of the proposal shall be sought, offered or permitted. UNWOMEN will review minor informalities, errors, clerical mistakes, apparent errors in price and missing documents in accordance with the UNWOMEN Policy and Procedures.

**10. Proposal currencies**

10.1 All prices shall be quoted in ETB

10.2 UNWOMEN reserves the right to reject any proposals submitted in another currency than the mandatory currency for the proposal stated above. UNWOMEN may accept proposals submitted in another currency than stated above if the proponent confirms during clarification of proposals, see item (8) above in writing, that it will accept a contract issued in the mandatory proposal currency and that for conversion the official United Nations operational rate of exchange of the day of CFP deadline as stated in the CFP letter shall apply.

10.3 Regardless of the currency of proposals received, the contract will always be issued and subsequent payments will be made in the mandatory currency for the proposal above.

**11. Evaluation of technical and financial proposal**

**11.1 PHASE I – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (70 points)**

11.1.1 Only proponents meeting the mandatory criteria will advance to the technical evaluation in which a maximum possible 70 points may be determined. Technical evaluators who are members of an Evaluation Committee appointed by UNWOMEN will carry out the technical evaluation applying the evaluation criteria and point ratings as listed below. In order to advance beyond Phase I of the detailed evaluation process to Phase II (financial evaluation) a proposal must have achieved a minimum cumulative technical score of 50 points.

1	Proposal is compliant with the Call for Proposal (CfP) requirements	15 points
2	The Organization’s mandate is relevant to the work to be undertaken in the TORs ( <b>component 1</b> )	20 points
3	The Proposal demonstrates a sound understanding of the requirements of the TOR and indicates that the organization has the prerequisite capacity to undertake the work successfully ( <b>components 2, 3 and 4</b> )	35 points
	TOTAL	70 points

**11.2 PHASE II - FINANCIAL PROPOSAL (30 points)**

Financial proposals will be evaluated following completion of the technical evaluation. The proponent with the lowest evaluated cost will be awarded 30 points. Other financial proposals will receive pro-rated points based on the relationship of the proponents’ prices to that of the lowest evaluated cost.

Formula for computing points:  
Points = (A/B) Financial Points

Example: Proponent A’s price is the lowest at \$10.00. Proponent A receives 30 points. Proponent B’s price is \$20.00. Proponent B receives  $(\$10.00/\$20.00) \times 30$  points = 15 points

**12. Preparation of proposal**

12.1 You are expected to examine all terms and instructions included in the CFP documents.

Failure to provide all requested information will be at proponent’s own risk and may result in rejection of proponent’s proposal.

12.2 Proponent’s proposal must be organized to follow the format of this CFP. Each proponent must respond to every stated request or requirement and indicate that proponent understands and confirms acceptance of UNWOMEN stated requirements. The proponent should identify any substantive assumption made in preparing its proposal. The deferral of a response to a question or issue to the contract negotiation stage is not acceptable. Any item not specifically addressed in the proponent’s proposal will be deemed as accepted by the proponent. The terms “proponent” and “contractor” refer to those organizations that submit a proposal pursuant to this CFP.

- 12.3 Where the proponent is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the proponent must not only state its acceptance, but also describe, where appropriate, how it intends to comply. Failure to provide an answer to an item will be considered an acceptance of the item. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.
- 12.4 The terms of reference in this document provides a general overview of the current operation. If the proponent wishes to propose alternatives or equivalents, the proponent must demonstrate that any such proposed change is equivalent or superior to UNWOMEN established requirements. Acceptance of such changes is at the sole discretion of UNWOMEN.
- 12.5 Proposals must offer services for the total requirement, unless otherwise permitted in the CFP document. Proposals offering only part of the services may be rejected unless permitted otherwise in the CFP document.
- 12.6 Proponent's proposal shall include all of the following labelled annexes:

**CFP submission** (on or before proposal due date):

As a minimum, proponents shall complete and return the below listed documents (Annexes to this CFP) **as an integral part of their proposal**. Proponents may add additional documentation to their proposals as they deem appropriate.

Failure to complete and return the below listed documents as part of the proposal may result in proposal rejection.

Part of proposal	<b>Annex B-1</b> Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria
Part of proposal	<b>Annex B-2</b> Template for proposal submission
Part of proposal	<b>Annex B-3</b> Format of resume for proposed staff
Part of proposal	<b>Annex B-4</b> Capacity Assessment minimum Documents

13. If after assessing this opportunity you have made the determination not to submit your proposal, we would appreciate it if you could return this form indicating your reasons for non-participation.

**13 Format and signing of proposal**

13.1 The proposal shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the proponent or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the proponent to the contract. The latter authorization shall be indicated by written power-of-attorney accompanying the proposal.

13.2. A proposal shall contain no interlineations, erasures, or overwriting except as necessary to correct errors made by the proponent, in which case such corrections shall be initialled by the person or persons signing the proposal.

**14 Award**

14.1 Award will be made to the responsible and responsive proponent with the highest evaluated proposal following negotiation of an acceptable contract. UNWOMEN reserves the right to conduct negotiations with the proponent regarding the contents of their proposal. The award will be in effect only after acceptance by the selected proponent of the terms and conditions and the terms of reference. **The agreement will reflect the name of the proponent whose financials were provided in response to this CFP.** Upon execution of agreement UNWOMEN will promptly notify the unsuccessful proponents.

14.2 The selected proponent is expected to commence providing services as of the date and time stipulated in this CFP.

14.3 The award will be for an agreement with an original term of 7 with the option to renew under the same terms and conditions for an additional period or periods as indicated by UNWOMEN.

## Annex B-2 Template for proposal submission

**Call for proposal**  
**Description of Services:**  
**CFP No.**

### Mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria

Proponents are requested to complete this form (**Annex B-2**) and return it as part of their submission. Proponents must meet all mandatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria as set out in **Annex B-1**. Proponents will receive a pass/fail rating on this section. To be considered, proponents must meet all the mandatory criteria described in Annex B-1. UN WOMEN reserves the right to verify any information contained in proponent's response or to request additional information after the proposal is received. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will result in disqualification.

### Component 1: Organizational Background and Capacity to implement activities to achieve planned results (max 1.5 pages)

This section should provide an overview with relevant annexes that clearly demonstrate that the proposing organization has the capacity and commitment to implement successfully the proposed activities and produce results. Key elements to be covered in this section include:

1. Nature of the proposing organization – Is it a community-based organization, national or sub-national NGO, research or training institution, etc.?
2. Overall mission, purpose, and core programmes/services of the organization
3. Target population groups (women, indigenous peoples, youth, etc.)
4. Organizational approach (philosophy) - how does the organization deliver its projects, e.g., gender-sensitive, rights-based, etc.
5. Length of existence and relevant experience
6. Overview of organizational capacity relevant to the proposed engagement with UN Women (e.g., technical, governance and management, and financial and administrative management)

### Component 2: Expected Results and Indicators (max 1.5 pages)

This section should articulate the proponent's understanding of the UN Women Terms of Reference (TOR). It should contain a clear and specific statement of what the proposal will accomplish in relation to the UN Women TOR. This should include:

1. The **problem statement** or challenges to be addressed given the context described in the TOR.

2. The specific **results** expected (e.g., outputs) through engagement of the proponent. The expected results are the measurable changes which will have occurred by the end of the planned intervention. Propose specific and measurable indicators which will form the basis for monitoring and evaluation. These indicators will be refined, and will form an important part of the agreement between the proposing organization and UNWOMEN.

**Component 3: Description of the Technical Approach and Activities** (max 2.5 pages)

This section should describe the technical approach and should be able to show the soundness and adequacy of the proposed approach, what will actually be done to produce the expected results in terms of activities. There should be a clear and direct linkage between the activities and the results at least at the output level. Specific strategies should also be described to support the achievement of results, such as building partnerships, etc.

Activity descriptions should be as specific as necessary, identifying **what** will be done, **who** will do it, **when** it will be done (beginning, duration, completion), and **where** it will be done. In describing the activities, an indication should be made regarding the organizations and individuals involved in or benefiting from the activity.

This narrative is to be complemented by a tabular presentation that will serve as Implementation Plan, as described in Component 4.

**Component 4: Implementation Plan** (max 1.5 pages)

This section is presented in tabular form and can be attached as an Annex. It should indicate the **sequence of all major activities and timeframe (duration)**. Provide as much detail as necessary. The Implementation Plan should show a logical flow of activities. Please include in the Implementation Plan all required milestone reports and monitoring reviews.

**Implementation Plan**

Project No:	Project Name:		
	Name of Proponent Organization:		
	Brief description of Project		
		Project Start and End Dates:	
	Brief Description of Specific Results (e.g., Outputs) with corresponding indicators, baselines and targets. Repeat for each result		
List the activities necessary to produce the results Indicate who is responsible for each activity		Duration of Activity in Months (or Quarters)	

Activity	Responsible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.1													
1.2													
1.3													
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**Monitoring and Evaluation Plan** (max. 1 page)

This section should contain an explanation of the plan for monitoring and evaluating the activities, both during its implementation (formative) and at completion (summative). Key elements to be included are:

- How the performance of the activities will be tracked in terms of achievement of the steps and milestones set forth in the Implementation Plan
- How any mid-course correction and adjustment of the design and plans will be facilitated on the basis of feedback received
- How the participation of community members in the monitoring and evaluation processes will be achieved

**Component 5: Risks to Successful Implementation** (1 page)

Identify and list any major risk factors that could result in the activities not producing the expected results. These should include both internal factors (for example, the technology involved fails to work as projected) and external factors (for example, significant currency fluctuations resulting into changes in the economics of the activity). Describe how such risks are to be mitigated.

Include in this section also the key **assumptions** on which the activity plan is based on. In this case, the assumptions are mostly related to external factors (for example, government environmental policy remaining stable) which are anticipated in planning, and on which the feasibility of the activities depend

**Component 6: Results-Based Budget** (max. 1.5 pages)

The development and management of a realistic budget is an important part of developing and implementing successful activities. Careful attention to issues of financial management and integrity will enhance the effectiveness and impact. The following important principles should be kept in mind in preparing a project budget:

- Include costs which relate to efficiently carrying out the activities and producing the results which are set forth in the proposal. Other associated costs should be funded from other sources.

- The budget should be realistic. Find out what planned activities will actually cost, and do not assume that would cost less.
- The budget should include all costs associated with managing and administering the activity or results, particularly include the cost of monitoring and evaluation.
- The budget could include “Support Costs”: those indirect costs that are incurred to operate the Partner as a whole or a segment thereof and that cannot be easily connected or traced to implementation of the Work, i.e., operating expenses, over-head costs and general costs connected to the normal functioning of an organization/business, such as cost for support staff, office space and equipment that are not Direct Costs.
- “Support Cost Rate” means the flat rate at which the Partner will be reimbursed by UN Women for its Support Costs, as set forth in the Partner Project Document and not exceeding a rate of 8% or the rate set forth in the Donor Specific Conditions, if that is lower. The flat rate is calculated on the eligible Direct Costs.
- The budget line items are general categories intended to assist in thinking through where money will be spent. If a planned expenditure does not appear to fit in any of the standard line item categories, list the item under other costs, and state what the money is to be used for.
- The figures contained in the Budget Sheet should agree with those on the proposal header and text.

<b>Result 1 (e.g. Output)</b> Repeat this table for each result.				
<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Year 1, [Local currency]</b>	<b>Total, [local currency]</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>% Total</b>
1. Personnel				
2. Equipment / Materials				
3. Training / Seminars / Travel Workshops				
4. Contracts		--		
5. Other costs <sup>3</sup>				
6. Incidentals				
7. Other support requested		--		
8. Support Cost (not to exceed 8% or the relevant donor %)				
<b>Total Cost for Result 1</b>				

<sup>3</sup> “Other costs” refers to any other costs that is not listed in the Results-Based Budget. Please specify in the footnote what they are: \_\_\_\_\_

I, (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am (Position) \_\_\_\_\_  
of (Name of Organization) \_\_\_\_\_; that by signing this Proposal for and on behalf of (Name  
of Organization) \_\_\_\_\_, I am certifying that all information contained herein is accurate and truthful  
and that the signing of this Proposal is within the scope of my powers.

I, by signing this Proposal, commit to be bound by this Technical Proposal for carrying out the range of services as specified in  
the CFP package and respecting the Terms and Conditions stated in the UN Women Partner Agreement template (Document  
attached).

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(Signature)

(Printed Name and Title)

(Date)

**Annex B-3**  
**Format of resume for proposed staff**

**Call for proposal**  
**Description of Services:**  
**CFP No**

Name of Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Years with NGO: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education/Qualifications:** (Summarize college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of schools, dates attended and degrees-professional qualifications obtained).

**Employment Record/Experience**

(Starting with present position, list in reverse order, every employment held. List all positions held by staff member since graduation, giving dates, names of employing organization, title of position held and location of employment. For experience in last five years, detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment).

**References**

Provide names and addresses for two (2) references.

## Annex B-4

### Capacity Assessment minimum Documents

**(to be submitted by potential Responsible Parties and submission assessed by the reviewer)**

Call for proposal  
Description of Services:  
CFP No.

#### Governance, Management and Technical

Document	Mandatory / Optional
Legal registration	Mandatory
Rules of Governance / Statues of the organization	Mandatory
Organigram of the organization	Mandatory
List of Key management	Mandatory
CVs of Key Staff proposed for the engagement with UN Women	Mandatory
Anti-Fraud Policy Framework which is consistent with UN women's one or adoption of UN Women anti-fraud policy	Mandatory
Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) policy consistent with the UN SEA bulletin <a href="#">ST/SGB/2003/13</a>	Mandatory
Where RP has adopted UN Women SEA Protocol, RP has to ensure to have developed a SEA policy;	

#### Administration and Finance

Document	Mandatory / Optional
Administrative and Financial Rules of the organization	Mandatory
Internal Control Framework	Mandatory
Audited Statements of last 3 years	Mandatory
List of Banks	Mandatory
Name of External Auditors	

#### Procurement

Document	Mandatory / Optional
Procurement Policy/Manual	Mandatory
Templates of the solicitation documents for procurement of goods/services, e.g. Request for Quotation (FRQ), Request for Proposal (RFP) etc.	Mandatory
List of main suppliers / vendors and copy of their contract(s) including evidence of their selection processes	

#### Client Relationship

Document	Mandatory / Optional
List of main clients / donors	Mandatory
Two references	Mandatory
Past reports to clients / donors for last 3 years	