Invitation for Proposals (to be issued by UNFPA)

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| UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, the sexual and reproductive health agency of the United Nations, invites qualified organizations to submit proposals for the implementation of the Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment projects. The purpose of the Invitation for Proposals is to identify eligible non-governmental organizations for prospective partnership with UNFPA Bangladesh to support achievement of results outlined in the section 1.3 below.  Organizations that wish to participate in this Invitation for Proposals are requested to send their submission through email clearly marked “NGO Invitation for Proposals” at the following email address:  [eoi-bgd@unfpa.org](mailto:eoi-bgd@unfpa.org)  By 17 January 2022.  Proposals received after the date and time may not be accepted for consideration.  Applications must be submitted in [English].  Any requests for additional information must be addressed in writing by 1 week before deadline for submissions at the latest to 17 January 2022, e-mail: eoi-bgd@unfpa.org. UNFPA will post responses to queries or clarification requests by any NGO applicants who submitted, on UNFPA Country Office website before the deadline for submission of applications.  UNFPA shall notify applying organizations whether it is considered for further action. |
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| **Section 1: Background** | |
| 1.1 UNFPA mandate | UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. |
| 1.2 UNFPA Programme of Assistance in [Bangladesh] | In Bangladesh, UNFPA works with the government and other partners to achieve [ Gender equitable social norms, an enabling non-discriminatory legal and policy environment and strengthened systems to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and harmful practices in development and humanitarian settings’’.  Further information on the programme can be found on http://unfpa.org/[Bangladesh] |
| 1.3 Specific results | Within this framework and as set out in [2022-2026 CPD] working with government and other partners, UNFPA will contribute to achieve the following results:  1. Positive change in gender norms and decreased acceptance of GV and harmful practices, including among vulnerable groups, contributing to more inclusive and resilient communities  2. An enabling legal and policy environment and strengthened national and subnational capacities, coordination and survivor-centered service provision to address GBV, in particular among vulnerable groups, in development and humanitarian settings  [The detailed scope of work is attached herewith for more information] |

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| **Section 2: Application requirements and timelines** | | |
| 2.1 Documentation required for the submission | The expression of interest shall include the following documentation:   * Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Bangladesh [*Required to be eligible for review]* * Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Bangladesh (for INGOs) * Attachment I – NGO Profile and Programme Proposal * Latest annual report and audit report as separate documents or hyperlink to the documents | |
| 2.2 Indicative timelines | Invitation for Proposal issue date | 02 January 2022 |
| Deadline for submissions of proposals | 2 weeks after issue date |
| Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications | 1 week before deadline |
| Review of NGO submissions | 2 weeks after deadline |
| Notification of results communicated to NGO | 2 weeks after review of proposals |

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| **Section 3: Process and timelines** | | |
| 3.1 Review & evaluation of NGO submissions | Applications will be assessed by a review panel to identify organizations that have the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to support achievement of results *using criteria outlined in section 3.2 below*.  It should be noted, however, that participation in this Invitation for Proposals does not guarantee the organization will be selected for partnership with UNFPA. Selected NGOs will be invited to enter into an implementing partner agreement and applicable UNFPA programme policy and procedures will apply. | |
| 3.2 Selection criteria | Eligible organizations will be selected in a transparent and competitive manner, based on their capacity to ensure the highest quality of service, including the ability to apply innovative strategies to meet programme priorities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.  UNFPA Bangladesh office will review evidence provided by the NGO submission and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:   1. It would be preferable that the organization has in place PSEA or safeguarding policy 2. We would like to promote local women led organizations for instance preference for parity in management or staffing. 3. A good track record of humanitarian programming preferably in GBViE, gender mainstreaming, protection etc.   NB: Any proposal not submitted in specified working language will be excluded from consideration. | |
| Governance & Leadership | * The organization has a clearly defined mission and goals that reflect the organization’s structure and context, as well as and strong presence in districts. * Organization does not have a history of fraud, complaints or service delivery issues. |
| Human Resource | * Organization has sufficient staff resources and technical expertise to implement the proposed activities. * Organization does not have conflicts of interest with UNFPA or its personnel that cannot be effectively mitigated. |
|  | Comparative Advantage | * The organization’s mission and/or strategic plan focuses on at least one of the UNFPA’s programme areas. * The organization has experience in the country or field and enjoys prominence in areas related to UNFPA’s mandate such as gender, GBV, mental health, disability, legal rights, etc. * The organization has a proven track record in implementing similar activities and is seen as credible by its stakeholders and partners. * The organization has relevant community presence and ability to reach the target audience; especially with vulnerable populations and in hard-to-reach areas where they are working /to be working in future if selected. |
|  | Monitoring | * The organization has systems and tools in place to systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data |
|  | Partnerships | * The organization has established partnerships with the government and other relevant local, international and private sector entities. |
|  | Environmental Considerations | * The organization has established policies or practices to reduce the environmental impact of its activities. If no policies exist, the organization must not have a history of its activities causing negative impact to the environment. |
| 3.3 Prospective partnership agreement | UNFPA will inform all applicants of the outcome of their submissions in writing to the email/ postal address indicated in the NGO submission. | |

Attachment I: NGO Profile and Programme Proposal (To be completed by NGO submitting proposal)

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| The purpose of this proposal is to provide the following information: a) overview of the NGO, b) an outline of the activities the NGO is proposing to partner with UNFPA and c) provide UNFPA with sufficient evidence to show it meets the criteria outlined in section 3.2 of the IFP.  Information provided in this form will be used to inform the review and evaluation of NGO submissions as outlined in the Invitation for Proposals. |

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| **Section A. NGO Identification** | | |
| A.1 Organization information | Organization name |  |
| Address |  |
| Website |  |
| A.2 Contact information | Name |  |
| Title/Function |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| A.3 Conflict of interest statement | To your knowledge, do any staff members of your organization have personal or financial relationships with any staff of UNFPA, or any other conflicts of interest with this programme or UNFPA? If so, please explain. |  |
| A.4. Fraud statement | Does your organization have fraud prevention policies and practices in place? |  |

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| Section B. Overview of the organization |

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| B.1 Annual budget | Size of annual budget (previous year, USD) |  |
| Source of funding | *Outline funding base, including local, international, and private sector donors* |
| Main funding partners/ donors |  |
| B.2 Staff capacity | *List of number and key functions of core organization staff* | |

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| B.3 NGO mandate and background | *Outline the organization’s mandate and field of work, and how it aligns to UNFPA’s mandate.* |
| B.4 Available expertise and specialists | *Outline the distinctive technical capacity of the organization to achieve results in the proposed programmatic area* |
| B.5 Experience in proposed area of work | *Outline of type/scope and key results achieved in proposed programmatic area in recent years, including any recognition received at local / global level for the work in the proposed area. Include a summary experience in [Bangladesh] and prior experience with any organization of the United Nations* |
| B.6 Knowledge of the local context/ Accessibility to target population | *Outline of presence and community relations in the location(s) the activities will be implemented in: include access to vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas, if any)* |
| B.7 Credibility | *To what extent is the NGO recognized as credible by the government, and/or other key stakeholders/partners?* |
| B.8 Monitoring | *Outline the systems in place (policies, procedures, guidelines, and other tools) that systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data* |

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| Section C. Proposal overview | |
| C.1 Programme title | Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Bangladesh |
| C.2 Results to which the programme contributes | *Refer to Section 1.3 of the Invitation for Proposal* |
| C.3 Proposed programme duration | *From January 2022 to December 2026* |
| C.4 Proposed Programme budget |  |
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C.5 : Please elaborate which locations the organization (NGO) prefers to work; if selected.

C.6: Please also mention which outputs and specific activities they prefer.

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| Section D. Proposed interventions and activities to achieve intended results | |
| D.1 Programme Summary | *This section should provide a brief summary of the programme.*  *It should include a problem statement, the context and the rationale for the Programme:*   * *Overview of the existing problem;* * *How the problem is linked to global/regional/national priorities and policies; and* * *The relevance of the programme in addressing problem identified* |
| D.2 Organizational background and capacity to implement | *This section should briefly explain why the proposing organization has the experience, capacity and commitment to successfully implement the workplan.* |
| D.3 Expected results | *“What” this programme will achieve - programme objectives and expected results* |
| D.4 Description of activities and budget | *This section includes a detailed description of budgeted activities to be undertaken to produce the expected results. Clear linkages between activities and results must be indicated. The applicant should include a separate excel spreadsheet with full details of activities and associated budget.* |
| D.5 Gender, Equity and Sustainability | *Explain briefly the practical measures taken in the programme to address gender, equity and sustainability considerations* |
| D.6 Environmental impact | *Outline the likely environmental impact of the programme, if any.* |
| D.7 Other partners involved | *This section outlines other partners who have a role in programme implementation, including potential sub-contractees and other organization providing technical and financial support for the programme* |
| D.8 NGO contribution | *This section briefly outlines the partner specific contribution to the programme (monetary or in-kind)* |
| D.9 Additional documentation | *Additional documentation can be mentioned here for reference* |

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| Section E. Programme Risks and Monitoring | |
| E.1 Risks | *Identify major risk factors that could result in the proposed activities not being successfully implemented and any key assumptions on which the proposed intervention is based. Include any actions the organization will undertake to address/reduce identified risk(s).* |
| E.2 Monitoring | *This section briefly outlines the monitoring activities* |

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| Section F. References | |
| Please provide 3 references to support your proposal. Include name, title, contact information and brief summary of relationship. | |
| Reference 1: |  |
| Reference 2: |  |
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