Invitation for Proposals

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| United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN’s sexual and reproductive health agency, invites qualified organizations to submit proposals that will contribute to the following outputs of UNFPA Türkiye’s 7th Country Programme for 2021-2025.  **Output 1.1:** Strengthened capacity of vulnerable groups and institutions to increase access to high quality, inclusive, and rights based reproductive health services, including in humanitarian settings.  **Output 2.1:** Strengthened capacity of vulnerable groups and institutions to increase access to high-quality, inclusive, and rights-based protection and social cohesion services, including in humanitarian settings.  UNFPA is specifically looking for programme submissions on:   1. **Capacity building of key stakeholders and implementing community based interventions** to strengthen quality protection and response mechanisms for children and women at risk of **child, early and forced marriages (CEFM)** in line with international standards and to build community support for the improvement of social norms and attitudes favorable towards ending CEFM. 2. **Rights based Service delivery on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and/or gender based violence (GBV)** to people with disabilities, including refugees, especially in earthquake affected areas[[1]](#footnote-1). 3. **Rights based Service delivery on SRH and/or GBV** to young people, including refugees, especially in earthquake affected areas. 4. **Community-based interventions on SRH and/or GBV** to improve resilience of affected populations in the earthquake affected areas. 5. **Capacity building and monitoring of private sector companies, municipalities and CSOs** **on SRH and/or GBV, including CEFM**.   **Target groups** shall be following: women at risk of violence, women at risk of CEFM, women at risk of unintended or frequent pregnancies, pregnant or lactating women, youth without employment, education or training; adolescents at risk of child marriage, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; rural and migrant agricultural populations; roma populations and persons living with disabilities.  The purpose of the Invitation for Proposals is to identify eligible non-governmental organizations for prospective partnership with UNFPA Türkiye Country Office to support achievement of above mentioned outputs and 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 address: [unfpa.turkey.ip@unfpa.org](mailto:unfpa.turkey.ip@unfpa.org) by 14 April 2023.  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 7 April 2023 at the latest to unfpa.turkey@unfpa.org. UNFPA will post responses to queries or clarification requests by any NGO applicants who submitted before the deadline for submission of applications.  UNFPA shall notify applying organizations whether it is considered for further action.  Please see [Working with UNFPA: Key information for UNFPA Implementing Partners on completing the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Assessment](https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/admin-resource/Working_with_UNFPA_Key_information_for_IP_on_PSEA_Assessment_Nov2020.pdf). |

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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 Türkiye | In Türkiye, UNFPA works with the government and other partners to achieve the overall goal of the 7th Country Programme for 2021-2025.  Further information on the programme can be found on https://turkiye.unfpa.org/ |
| 1.3 Specific results | In this call, UNFPA is looking for proposals that will contribute to following CPD outputs, **with a specific focus on elimination of child, early and forced marriages (CEFM), lifesaving and rights based SRH and GBV service delivery, especially in earthquake affected areas, and capacity building for private sector companies in prevention and responding to gender-based violence (GBV):**  **Output 1.1:** Strengthened capacity of vulnerable groups and institutions to increase access to high quality, inclusive, and rights based reproductive health services, including in humanitarian settings.  **Output 2.1:** Strengthened capacity of vulnerable groups and institutions to increase access to high-quality, inclusive, and rights-based protection and social cohesion services, including in humanitarian settings.  UNFPA is specifically looking for programme submissions on:   1. **Capacity building of key stakeholders and implementing community based interventions** to strengthen quality protection and response mechanisms for children and women at risk of **child, early and forced marriages (CEFM)** in line with international standards and to build community support for the improvement of social norms and attitudes favorable towards ending CEFM. 2. **Rights based Service delivery on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and/or gender based violence (GBV)** to people with disabilities, including refugees, especially in earthquake affected areas[[2]](#footnote-2). 3. **Rights based Service delivery on SRH and/or GBV** to young people, including refugees, especially in earthquake affected areas. 4. **Community-based interventions on SRH and/or GBV** to improve resilience of affected populations in the earthquake affected areas. 5. **Capacity building and monitoring of private sector companies, municipalities and CSOs** **on SRH and/or GBV, including CEFM**.   Activities under **following topics** will be eligible under this call:   1. Strengthening specialized service provision and response mechanisms (via service delivery and capacity building activities) 2. Community mobilization (via community-based interventions) 3. Adolescent health and youth empowerment and participation 4. Empowerment of women, girls, young people, persons with disabilities 5. Engagement of men and boys   **Target groups** shall be following:   * women (at risk of violence, at risk of CEFM, at risk of unintended or frequent pregnancies, pregnant or lactating) * youth (without employment, education or training; adolescents at risk of CEFM) * migrants, refugees and asylum seekers * rural and migrant agricultural populations * roma populations * persons living with disabilities |

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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 Türkiye [*Required to be eligible for review]* * Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Türkiye (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 | 24 February 2023 |
| Deadline for submissions of proposals | 14 April 2023 |
| Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications | 7 April 2023 |
| Review of NGO submissions | 28 April 2023 |
| Notification of results communicated to NGO | 5 May 2023 |

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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 Türkiye office will review evidence provided by the NGO submission and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:  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 alignment to UNFPA priority areas. * 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. * 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 vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas. |
|  | 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. | |

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