Call for Applications for Small Grants for Women-Led Civil Society Organizations

Under the ‘Strengthening Social Stabilization and Economic Empowerment of Refugee and Host Community Women and Girls in Turkey’ Project implemented by UN Women

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Minimum budget: USD 2,500
Maximum budget: USD 20,000

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Turkey Office plans to award small grants to eligible Civil Society Organizations (CSO) in the range of USD 2,500 to USD 20,000. Small grants are intended exclusively to finance a limited range of eligible activities to support the development or strengthening of CSOs’ institutional capacities. UN Women invites eligible applicants to submit small grants applications for the eligible activities, as elaborated in this advertisement.

This advertisement forms the basis for applying for small grants. It must neither be construed as a small grant agreement nor as a confirmation of a small grant awarded by UN Women to any entity. Consequently, UN Women is not liable for any financial obligations, or otherwise, incurred by any entity in responding to this advertisement. UN Women will not approve such costs as part of any small grant budget, and an awardee must not use the small grant to cover such costs.

UN Women solicits applications for small grants from women-led (CSOs)\(^1\) legally established and operating in Turkey working in the areas of:

- Gender sensitive refugee response;
- Resilience and empowerment of Syrian women and girls under temporary protection as well women from host communities;
- Gender-sensitive protection and livelihoods targeting Syrian women and girls under temporary protection with a rights-based approach;
- Increased leadership and engagement of refugee women in decision-making processes that affect their lives;
- Women-led peacebuilding, peaceful co-existence and/or social cohesion among refugee and host communities.

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\(^1\) Women-led civil society organizations are those CSOs which are managed and led by women and serve primarily the interests of women and/or girls.
This call for applications is launched in the context of the Strengthening Social Stabilization and Economic Empowerment of Refugee and Host Community Women and Girls in Turkey project implemented by UN Women Turkey with the financial support of the Government of Japan.

CSOs wishing to apply to this Call for Applications are requested to send their submission through email at the following address: turkey.procurement@unwomen.org.

UN Women will not consider applications sent by any other means or to different addresses.

Applications must be submitted in English. Any application not submitted in the specified working language will be excluded from consideration.

Proposals received after the deadline may not be accepted for consideration.
1. Introduction and Background

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (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 center 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 support to Member States’ efforts and priorities in meeting their gender equality goals and for building effective partnerships with civil society and other relevant actors.

In line with UN Women Global Strategic Plan (2018-2021), and its Country Strategic Note (2019-2022), in Turkey UN Women works towards three overarching goals:

1) Women lead, participate in, and benefit equally from governance systems,
2) All women and girls live a life free from all forms of violence,
3) 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.

Towards these goals, UN Women implements programmes and projects that aim to advance gender equality, improve women’s access to opportunities, rights and services in political, social and economic life and combat gender stereotypes, discrimination and violence, as required by international and national legal and policy commitments. UN Women collaborates with numerous partners – central and local level government authorities, civil society organizations, including women’s organizations and platforms, academia, private sector companies, other UN agencies. It commits itself to the Leaving No One Behind principle, by supporting targeted actions to remove the obstacles that marginalized and vulnerable groups of women face in accessing their rights and to promote them as agents of change.

Globally, women affected by conflict, crisis or war are at greater risk of being harmed and victimized, of ending up in vulnerable situations and of having fewer opportunities for self-reliance and sustainable living conditions in their country of refuge. Responding to the immediate needs of women and girls in vulnerable or dire situation continue to be urgent. Syria’s conflict continues to drive the world’s largest displacement crisis. Since 2011, over 3.6 million Syrians have sought refuge in Turkey. As of December 2019, the number of Syrians under Temporary Protection in Turkey is 3,571,030 and women account for 46% of this figure. Only 1.7% of the Syrians reside in camp settings while the rest live together with the host communities in urban and rural settings2.

Women’s participation is essential for conflict prevention, the stabilization of societies and the establishment of sustainable peace. Women-led civil society organizations (CSOs) have a key role in these efforts.

In the context of the Strengthening Social Stabilization and Economic Empowerment of Refugee and Host Community Women and Girls in Turkey project UN Women will provide small grants of up to USD 20,000

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2 Data retrieved from www.goc.gov.tr
each to minimum two women-led CSOs\(^3\) that work towards gender equality and women’s empowerment aiming at their capacity building and/or strengthening.

2. **Who can apply?**

The applicant must be a women-led CSO legally established and operating in Turkey.

The applicant may apply if it:

- is a registered CSO in operation for at least three years;
- is not on the Consolidated UN Security Council Sanctions List\(^4\);
- is not being investigated for fraud, corruption, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or other wrongdoing;
- has not had funding received from UN Women entirely or partly written off by UN Women;
- is not currently engaged as an Implementing Partner (IP) or Responsible Party (RP) for UN Women;
- has not been engaged as an IP/RP for UN Women at any time after 21 November 2019;
- is not a government entity;
- is not a UN organization;
- has sufficient capacity to collaborate with various stakeholders;
- has sufficient financial stewardship, including having adequate financial policies and procedures in place to manage the small grant; and,
- past performance has been deemed satisfactory by UN Women (if it has received small grants previously or been engaged as an IP/RP before 21 November 2019).

The applicant must be operating in one or more of the following areas:

- Gender sensitive refugee response;
- Resilience and empowerment of Syrian women and girls under temporary protection as well women from host communities;
- Gender-sensitive protection and livelihoods targeting Syrian women and girls under temporary protection with a rights-based approach;
- Amplification of refugee women’s voices and their empowerment as well as women-led peacebuilding among refugee and host communities.

3. **Eligible activities**

The applicant may apply for a small grant to cover the following activities:

\(^3\) CSO means non-state, not-for-profit, voluntary entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from the State and the market. CSOs represent a wide range of interests and ties. The definition of CSOs includes but are not limited to community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, youth-led organizations, LGBTI organizations, faith-based organizations and academic institutions but the definition of CSOs does not include business or for-profit associations.

\(^4\) [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list)
• introducing and improving organizational systems, tools, and processes;
• training of workforce in technical and managerial skills; and,
• supporting with equipment such as copiers, scanners, printers, laptops and computers as long as the cost of such equipment is limited to 30% of the proposed small grant budget or USD5,000, whichever is lower.

The purpose of small grants is not to finance the delivery of a programmatic activity.

The implementation of the small grant must be completed by 28 February 2021 for the purposes of this call.

4. Limitations

UN Women’s small grants are limited to a maximum of USD 30,000 per CSO per 12-month period and a maximum USD 60,000 for the lifetime of the CSO. The calculation of the maximum grant amount includes all small grants awarded to the CSO from all UN Women Offices.

For the purposes of this call, the maximum amount for the small grant is USD 20,000.

5. Application

An application must contain all relevant information showing that the applicant and the proposed activities are eligible. All applications must be in English. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Please use the attached application form (annex I) and the declaration form (annex II) when submitting your application.

Please submit a registration certificate evidencing that the applicant is a registered CSO that has been in operation for three years.

UN Women will reject any application that doesn’t contain enough information to show that the application or the activities are eligible.

6. Review Criteria

The applicant must:
• propose eligible activities that develop or strengthen the institutional capacity of the applicant and are consistent with this advertisement;
• not propose to use the small grant to provide an activity/output on behalf of UN Women, civil construction work, engineering work, purchases of vehicles or other tangible or intangible property, except for copiers, scanners, printers, laptops, and computers;
• not propose to use more than 30% of the small grant or USD5000, whichever is lower, to purchase copiers, scanners, printers, laptops, and computers;
• propose a timeline and eligible activities that do not extend beyond 28 February 2021, including political, security, logistical considerations;
• not propose to cover its indirect costs/support costs with the small grant;
• not make a direct profit from the small grant;
• not propose to cover costs incurred or committed prior to a signed Small Grant Agreement;
• propose eligible activities sustainably supporting the applicant;
• propose eligible activities where the applicant has the capacity to reach the target audience; and,
• propose a budget that is cost-effective given the eligible activities, the number of targeted beneficiaries, and the proposed location.

7. Award

UN Women will evaluate applications that meet all the criteria. Successful applicants are informed in writing of UN Women’s decision to award the small grant. The award is conditional on the applicant agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth in UN Women’s Small Grant Agreement and the award is automatically rescinded if the applicant doesn’t agree to these terms and conditions.
Annex I Application Form

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Annex II: Declaration by the Authorized Representative of the Applicant Organization:

Through submitting this application, I confirm that:

a) The Organization is not on the Consolidated UN Security Council Sanctions List;
b) The Organization is not being investigated for fraud, corruption, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or other wrongdoing;
c) The Organization is not currently engaged as a Partner of UN Women through a Project Cooperation Agreement;
d) The proposal for the small grant does not aim to cover the Support Costs of a project implemented by the Organization;
e) The Organization will not make a direct profit from the small grant;
f) The Organization is not proposing to cover costs incurred or committed prior to a signed Small Grant Agreement.

Date: Name: Stamp and signature: