Q&A

Q1: Does the call for proposal accept the application from Civil Society Organizations only?

A1: Regional/International Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Society Organizations can apply the call proposal.

Q2: Can the project focus on the capacity of building women in terms of job and entrepreneurship in Xiengkhouang province, Lao PDR?

A2: The call for proposal requires the partner (INGOs/Regional NGOs/CSO) who can implement the project for women migration workers in Laos Cambodia and Myanmar not just only for one country.

Q3: The organization that should bid should be based in either of 3 countries (Lao PDR, Cambodia and Myanmar)?

A3: The organization can be based anywhere. The organization don’t need to be based in Lao PDR, Cambodia and Myanmar.

Q4: The PROMISE project is very interesting; however, we found that it is quite challenging on this part of implementation given the timeframe mentioned (approx. 14 months). Is there a possibility for extension beyond this timeframe? On another note, the budget scope seems to be quite tight to implement all of the activities in the three countries. Is there also flexibility in negotiating for more realistic budget?

A4: At this stage, the planned timeframe and budget amount are unlikely to change. We would like to encourage to development programme plan accordingly.

Q5: We read that there is information from baseline mentioned in the CFP. Is it available? can you kindly share with us please?. It will help us understand better for project implementation.


A6: We found that the target of deliverables are quite ambitious within the short timeframe especially 20,000 women received counselling, 80 CBOs personnel trained. Is there a room for negotiation for more realistic goal or realistic timeframe?

Q6: The project indicators were reviewed that they would be achievable. Once the selection process is done, UN Women will work with the selected Responsible Party on planning for implementation and monitoring and evaluation in detail to ensure the best effort for achieving the set targets.

A7: One of the expected output indicators is that 100 women will start "new businesses". From our experiences, it may engage in (often family-run) agricultural enterprises and/or in home-based work. With women returning with a variety of skills, wanting to do various business/employment, and having a variety of needs, how is it expected that these various and many needs can be met?

Q7: By providing entrepreneurial and business development support while improving access to information, counseling upon return, it is expected that this will enable at least 100 returned women
migrant workers to start new business or scale up existing business activities, including home-based
work. This will depend on the needs on the target group of course. It is expected that the selected
Responsible Party will be able to anticipate the needs of the target groups and work with UN Women in
planning for implementation, including mobilizing resources to address issues to ensure the best
outcomes of the intervention.

Q8: What is the anticipated package of business skills expected to be provided to returning women? Is
there existing package/curriculum that needs executing? Or it is up to the applicant to propose? It is
necessary for us to understand the range and scope of UN Women are expecting to assist us in
identifying the extent of training to CBOs. Most importantly, the training provided to the women should
be relevant and meeting the needs of the women.

A8: There is no existing curriculum that needs to be used. The applicant is expected to propose an
entrepreneurship and related economic empowerment programme for the returned women migrant
workers in the three target countries. This includes training on business development and related
knowledge and skills such as accessing to financial services, marketing, negotiation, management, etc.,
follow-up support to increase the success rates of business start-ups and support the growth of their
business activities.

Q9: What does the UN WOMEN expect in its requirement to support women when
providing information, counselling and awareness raising? Is it expected that CBO's would do the direct
counselling or refer? This is important for us to understand and helps identify the CBOs that needs to be
in the project and what will be the training for them in order to deliver the services or referrals.

A9: It is expected that the involving local CSOs/CBOs and relevant networks under the lead of the
Responsible Party will be able to provide information and direct counselling service and/or to refer the
target returned women migrant workers to relevant services/assistance in their communities to ensure
the safe and productive reintegration to their communities of origin.

Q10. For sustainability, the selected organization is also expected to train at least 80 CSO/CBO personnel
in CLM to provide business development and safe migration services to return women migrant workers.
What is the expectation of UN WOMEN post project period? How do you envisage the CBOs continuing
the support without ongoing funding after the UN WOMEN grant expires? Is there a plan to link with
existing services infrastructure/mechanism or other of the UN WOMEN or IOM projects?

A10: It is expected that through the Responsible Party’s capacity building activities for CSOs/CBOs in the
targeted countries, the CSOs/CBOs will be able to enhance returned women migrant workers to access
to essential return and reintegration services which will help enhance the project sustainability. During
the implementation, it is expected that the Responsible Party and UN Women will work together on
linking the concerned CSOs/CBOs with relevant stakeholders the PROMISE project is involved with to
maximize benefits for the returned women migrant workers in the three countries.