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Invitation for Proposals

UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, an international development agency, invites qualified organizations to submit proposals for the implementation of the Pillar 3 and Pillar 6 activities within the Spotlight Initiative Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic. Specifically, activities comprise the part on institutional change as the part of complex approach on social norms change and support the women's movement.

The purpose of the Invitation for Proposals is to identify eligible non-governmental organizations for prospective partnership with UNFPA Kyrgyzstan Country Office - Gender/Spotlight Initiative Programme 2021-2022 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 or mail clearly marked "NGO Invitation for Proposals – UNFPA SI Programme" at the following address:

UNFPA Kyrgyzstan - Gender/Spotlight Initiative Programme mailing address/email address : tenders_kyrgyzstan@unfpa.org

By 17.00 (Bishkek time) 6 July 2021.

Proposals received after the date and time may not be accepted for consideration.

Applications must be submitted in Russian and English languages.

Any requests for additional information must be addressed in writing by 1 weeks before deadline for submissions at the latest to Mr. Marlis Rysbek uluu: PROCUREMENT_KYRGYZSTAN@unfpa.org with CC to ryspekuulu@unfpa.org.

UNFPA highly encourages women-led organizations to apply.

Section 1: Background

1.1 UNFPA mandate	UNFPA is the United Nations reproductive health 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 Kyrgyzstan	In the Kyrgyzstan Country Office - Gender/Spotlight Initiative Programme, UNFPA works with the government and other partners to reach an overall goal under the CPD 2018-2022 with prospective over the next programme cycle.

Within this framework and as set out in 2018-2022 working with government and other partners, UNFPA will contribute to achieve the following results:

UNFPA Kyrgyzstan CPD Output 3: Strengthened national capacity to promote the rights of women and adolescent girls with focus on prevention and response to gender based violence in the development and humanitarian context.

Further information on the programme can be found on:

<http://www.kyrgyzstan.unfpa.org>

1.3 Specific results

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (GoKR), European Union (EU) and the United Nations have launched the Spotlight Initiative (SI), a multi-year programme aimed at addressing all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG), and harmful practices (HP). The SI aims to support transformative change on the ground to end VAWG, in numerous countries globally, including the Kyrgyz Republic. The initiative comes with the highest level of commitment globally and will be governed by the UN Deputy Secretary General and the Vice President of the EU Commission.

Spotlight Initiative (SI) in the Kyrgyz Republic is implemented by five UN agencies: UNFPA, UN Women, UNDP, UNICEF, UNODC, the duration of the initiative is 2019-2022, and covers the following geographic areas: Osh, Naryn and Chuy oblasts.

The goal of the Spotlight Initiative (SI) in the Kyrgyz Republic is for all women and girls, particularly those most vulnerable, to live a life free of violence and harmful practices, including child marriage and *ala kachuu*. It is built around six pillars developed after an extensive global theory of change exercise:

1. Policies and legislation
2. Institutions
3. Violence Prevention
4. Services
5. Data
6. Women's movement and civil society

The SI in the Kyrgyz Republic will apply a comprehensive set of approaches based on social innovation; Human Rights based approach (HRBA), multi-sectoral inclusive response and survivor-centred principles to the planning, coordination, implementation and monitoring of interventions across the SI's six Outcome Areas. Particular emphasis will be placed on integrating the voices and experiences and solutions of women and girls who face multiple forms of discrimination, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) principle of 'Leave No One Behind' (LNOB). Lastly, the SI in the Kyrgyz Republic has sought to reflect on current or common place models

of ‘conducting business’ in order to propose innovative alternatives aligned with commitments to gender transformative and community-led approaches guided by adaptive leadership and a joint- EU - UN systems management approach.

Key outputs to be considered while preparing the proposals are:

Spotlight Initiative (SI) Programme Output 3: Gender equitable social norms, attitude and behaviors change at community and individual levels to prevent SGBV/HP.

Within the given Invitation for Proposals, UNFPA Kyrgyzstan Country Office is expecting to receive proposals from experienced civil society agencies with specific list of activities to reach the goals indicated with respective indicators.

SI Theory of Change: *If* (1) multiple strategies such as **community mobilization**, key **stakeholders' engagement** and **education** strategies are carried out in an integrated and coordinated manner based on a shared understanding and approach in line with international standards and evidence on preventing SGBV/HP *then* (2) **favorable social norms**, attitudes and behaviors will be promoted at community and individual level to prevent SGBV/HP *because* (3) **multi-pronged prevention initiatives** that mutually reinforce each other can effectively shift individual and socio-cultural norms including those affecting women's sexuality and reproduction.

Expected Output: Community advocacy platforms are established/strengthened to develop strategies and programmes, including community dialogues, public information and advocacy campaigns, to promote gender-equitable norms, attitudes and behaviors, including in relation to women and girls' reproduction right and health, self-confidence and self-esteem and transforming harmful masculinities. Including informing parenting skills around gender socialization through early childhood development programmes.

Expected results to be achieved:

- Implement **Gender-transformative Fatherhood programmes** that challenge stereotypes about the role men play in caregiving, in childrearing, mediation, and engagement in reproductive health;
- Change attitudes and beliefs to be more gender-equitable and foster zero tolerance towards VAWG by integrating content on **gender equality and fostering healthy and equitable relationships in the curriculum of Vocational schools** and for adolescent boys;
- Promote positive masculinities through the **MenEngage campaign**-including work with social influencers (sports figures, local celebrities, etc.) and implementation of gender transformative programming based on results of the International Men and Gender

Equality Survey (IMAGES) that was conducted by Public Foundation Center for Research and Democratic Processes (*report will be shared with the Implementing Partner upon signing the agreement with UNFPA*).

Indicators of achievement:

- Number of men and boys who regularly attend gender transformative programmes addressing violent masculinities and men’s violence towards women and girls in community centres, schools and other relevant spaces;
- Number of networks of men and boys developed and/or strengthened to advocate against SGBV and stand for promoting gender equitable values and behaviors;
- Number of people reached by campaigns challenging harmful social norms and gender stereotyping.
- Number of women's rights groups, networks and relevant CSOs with strengthened capacities to network, partner and jointly advocate for progress on ending SGBV at local, national, regional and global levels

Geographic scope of the expected intervention:

Osh oblast: Villages: Nariman village (Nariman Ayil Okmotu, Kara-suu rayon), Kara-Suu city (Kara-Suu rayon), Myrza-aki village (Myrza-aki Ayil Okmotu, Uzgen rayon), Shagym village (Kurshab Ayil Okmotu, Uzgen rayon)

Naryn oblast: Kum-Dobo and Shamshy villages (Kum-Dobo Ayil Okmotu), Kara-Too, Semiz-Bel villages (Semiz Bel Ayil Okmotu, Kochkorskiy rayon); At-Bashy village (At-Bashy Ayil Okmotu, At-Bashy rayon), Taldy-Suu and Pervomayskoye villages (Taldy-Suu Ayil Okmotu, At-Bashy rayon)

Chuy oblast: Leninskoye village (Leninskoye Ayil Okmotu, Alamedinskiy rayon), Vinogradnaya village (Vasilyevskoye Ayil Okmotu, Alamedinskiy rayon), Sokuluk village (Sokuluk Ayil Okmotu, Sokulukskiy rayon), Mirnoye village (Jany-Pahta Ayil Okmotu, Sokulukskiy rayon)

Duration of the proposed intervention: August 2021-June 2022.

Organizations that wish to participate in this Invitation for Proposals may choose to apply in all or one of the proposal intervention areas:

- **Gender-transformative Fatherhood programmes** (challenging stereotypes about the role men play in caregiving, in childrearing, mediation, and engagement in reproductive health) (20,000\$ - 30,000\$)
- **Content for the curriculum of Vocational schools on gender equality and positive masculinity** (40,000\$ - 50,000\$)

- **MenEngage campaign** to implement gender transformative programming (10,000\$ - 15,000\$)
- Developing an **online learning platform on gender equality** (15,000\$ - 17,000\$)

Organizations may apply individually or on behalf of a consortium with other non-government, organizations represented in the proposal target area or that match the required expertise.

Section 2: Application requirements and timelines

2.1 Documentation required for the submission	<p>The expression of interest shall include the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copy of State Registry (legal status) of the NGO in Kyrgyzstan and Charter of the NGO ● 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	21 June 2021
	Deadline for submissions of proposals	6 July 2021
	Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications <i>*An offline/online consultation meeting will be arranged with the potential applicants to respond to the queries and clarifications. Date and venue will be additionally informed via UNFPA website/Facebook page one week before the deadline of proposal submissions.</i>	28 June 2021
	Review of NGO submissions	20 July 2021
	Notification of results communicated to NGO	27 July 2021

Section 3: Process and timelines

3.1 Review & evaluation of NGO submissions	<p>Applications will be assessed by a review panel to identify organizations that have the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to support achievement of results <i>using criteria outlined in section 3.2 below.</i></p> <p>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 UNFPA programme policy and procedures will apply.</p>	
3.2 Selection criteria	<p>Eligible organizations will be selected in a transparent and competitive manner, based on their capacity to ensure the highest quality of services, including the ability to apply innovative strategies to meet programme priorities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.</p> <p>UNFPA Kyrgyzstan office will review evidence provided by the NGO submission and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:</p>	

	NB: Any proposal not submitted in specified working language will be excluded from consideration.	
	Governance & Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and Spotlight Initiative Programme intervention areas. • Organization does not have a history of fraud, complaints or service delivery issues.
	Human Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • The organization does not have a history of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassments. Staff of the organization agree to perform the required UN PSEA (prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse) policy and procedures, when selected.
	Comparative Advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization’s mission and/or strategic plan focuses on at least one of the UNFPA’s programme areas (gender equality, GBV/VAWG prevention and response). • 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 will be an advantage. • The organization has relevant community presence and ability to reach the target audience; especially vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas.
	Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has systems and tools in place to systematically collect, analyse and use programme-monitoring data.
	Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has established partnerships with the government and other relevant local, international and private sector entities, and media.
	Environmental Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

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. A separate form should be filled for each programme proposal submitted.

Information provided in this form will be used to inform the review and evaluation of NGO submissions as outlined in the Invitation for Proposals.

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?	

Section B. Overview of the organization

B.1 Annual budget	Size of annual budget (previous year, USD)	
	Source of funding	<i>Outline funding base, including local, international, and private sector donors</i>
	Main funding partners/ donors	

B.2 Staff capacity	<i>List of number and key functions of core organization staff</i>
B.3 NGO mandate and background	<i>Outline the organization's mandate and field of work, and how it aligns to UNFPA's mandate.</i>
B.4 Available expertise and specialists	<i>Outline the distinctive technical capacity of the organization to achieve results in the proposed programmatic area</i>
B.5 Experience in proposed area of work	<i>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 Kyrgyz Republic and prior experience with any organization of the United Nations</i>
B.6 Knowledge of the local context/ Accessibility to target population	<i>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)</i>
B.7 Credibility	<i>To what extent is the NGO recognized as credible by the government, and/or other key stakeholders/partners?</i>
B.8 Monitoring	<i>Outline the systems in place (policies, procedures, guidelines, and other tools) that systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data</i>

Section C. Proposal overview	
C.1 Programme title	
C.2 Results to which the programme contributes	<i>Refer to Section 1.3 of the Invitation for Proposal</i>
C.3 Proposed programme duration	<i>From MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY</i>
C.4 Proposed Programme budget	<i>Please enter your total budget here. Please prepare a detailed budget in an Excel file and attach it to your project proposal.</i>

Section D. Proposed interventions and activities to achieve intended results	
D.1 Programme Summary	<p><i>This section should provide a brief summary of the programme.</i></p> <p><i>It should include a problem statement, the context and the rationale for the Programme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Overview of the existing problem;</i> ● <i>How the problem is linked to global/regional/national priorities and policies; and</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The relevance of the programme in addressing problem identified</i>
D.2 Organizational background and capacity to implement	<i>This section should briefly explain why the proposing organization has the experience, capacity and commitment to successfully implement the workplan.</i>
D.3 Expected results	<i>“What” this programme will achieve - programme objectives and expected results</i>
D.4 Description of activities and budget	<i>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.</i>
D.5 Gender, Equity and Sustainability (optional)	<i>Explain briefly the practical measures taken in the programme to address gender, equity and sustainability considerations</i>
D.6 Environmental impact	<i>Outline the likely environmental impact of the programme, if any.</i>
D.7 Other partners involved	<i>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</i>
D.8 NGO contribution	<i>This section briefly outlines the partner specific contribution to the programme (monetary or in-kind)</i>
D.9 Additional documentation	<i>Additional documentation can be mentioned here for reference</i>

Section E. Programme Risks and Monitoring	
E.1 Risks	<i>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).</i>
E.2 Monitoring	<i>This section briefly outlines the monitoring activities</i>

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:	
Reference 3:	