

**ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SPECIAL FUND
(EVAW SPECIAL FUND)
CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS**

1. SECTORS	Elimination of Violence against Women
2. Location of implementation	All provinces in Afghanistan
3. Planned number of beneficiaries	To be determined by implementing partner
4. Budgetary expectations	Min USD 10,000/year of which only 5-7% can be used to cover administration costs
5. Planned beginning date	January-February 2008
6. Duration of project	One year with possible extension, depending on funding availability
7. Project explanation	<p>The Elimination of Violence against Women and the Girl Child Special Fund (hereinafter the EVAW Special Fund) has been established in August 2007. The Fund primarily aims at provision of direct services to women and girls at risk and victims of violence. The Fund also aims at strengthening and expanding national capacity for the prevention of sexual and gender based violence and the protection of women and girls at risk or victims of violence. Through partnership between UNIFEM and other UN agencies, the Afghan government and civil society organizations, the Fund further aims to promote a streamlined and predictable framework for funding projects and activities aimed at eliminating violence against women and girl child in Afghanistan.</p> <p>An Advisory Board comprising of representatives from government, UN agencies, and international and national NGOs is, with the support of the Fund administrator, UNIFEM, responsible for overall management of the Fund. Decisions about Fund grants will be made by the Advisory Board following screening of applications by a technical review committee.</p> <p>The Afghanistan EVAW Special Fund expresses its appreciation to those donors who have supported the Fund in its initial stages, including the governments of Italy, Denmark, Norway, and the UK.</p> <p>The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) on behalf of the EVAW Special Fund is hereby requesting the submission of project proposals as per the criteria outlined here below.</p>
8. Language of proposals:	Proposals will be accepted in both English and Dari
9. Orientation session:	To be announced
10. Deadline for submission	October 30th 2007 (Proposals submitted after this date WILL NOT be considered)

Project Proposal appraisal will be on:	Starting November 1st
Partners will be informed by:	Within 3 months of submission of projects

Information on Applications and Selection Procedures

The first Special Fund Call for Proposals is now open for action. Proposed activities in support of the elimination of violence against women (EVAW) in the following areas are eligible to apply for grants under the Fund:

- a. Service Provisions for Women at Risk: The Fund will consider financial support for agencies' initiatives deemed effective in increasing access to justice and protecting women at risk.
- b. Research: the Fund will support research initiatives aimed at analyzing the root causes of violence against women and its consequences as well as the effectiveness of mechanisms already in place. Research findings will help in identifying strategies and best practice.
- c. Raising Awareness/public campaigns: the Fund will support initiatives focused on awareness raising campaigns targeting men, women and youth on gender-based violence, its causes and consequences.
- d. Strengthening knowledge and learning networks: the Fund will support initiatives which aim at strengthening existing networks and sustain knowledge-sharing among practitioners and beneficiaries, by means of internet, media, regional and national consultations and workshops.
- e. Dialogues with different constituents: the Fund will support activities which foster dialogue between political/religious leaders, women and civil society.
- f. Capacity building: The Fund will support initiatives that seek to build the capacity of key stakeholders (e.g. government agencies, civil society organizations, community based organizations)
- g. Lobby and Advocacy: The Fund will support lobby and advocacy initiatives of civil society organizations on issues pertaining to the eradication of sexual and gender based violence as well as the protection of women at risk or victims of violence.

Eligibility:

To apply, organizations must be registered and have legal status in Afghanistan. Organizations that have a strong track record of working on these issues, including in collaboration with other partner organizations, are encouraged to apply. Partnerships between government and non-governmental organizations are particularly encouraged.

Who can apply?

- Non-governmental organizations
- National or local governmental agencies
- Community-based groups
- Education and research institutions
- Regional bodies/networks
- Women's groups/networks

Priority will be given to proposals that highlight joint initiatives involving multi-stakeholder groups, including collaboration between non-governmental and government organizations.

In cases where two or more organizations submit a joint proposal, the name of the organization that is taking legal responsibility for administering the project must be clearly stated. Relevant details related to the collaborating organization should also be mentioned.

Where to submit proposals?

Proposals should be sent, preferably, by e-mail, but may also be mailed to:

UNIFEM Afghanistan office
UNDP compound, Shah Gazni Watt, opposite Turkish embassy
Shari-e-naw, Kabul Afghanistan

Email: Registry.unifem.af@unifem.org

Please quote 'EVAW Special Fund Call for Proposals' in the subject of your letter or email.

An **orientation session** will be conducted prior submission of proposals for the interested organizations where candidates will be provided with further information and specification of project objectives and expectations.

Criteria for selection of proposals for funding:

Projects will be selected in accordance with available funding and against the following criteria:

- (a) The extent to which the programme proposed is innovative and promotes women's leadership in identifying effective strategies for reducing EVAW;
- (b) The existing need in the area, including, number of organizations covering the same area and number of target beneficiaries in the area;
- (c) The overall perspective and quality of the proposal. Demonstration of a clear linkage between the problem to be addressed and strategies proposed; articulation of concrete, realistic and measurable results that will be achieved by the initiative;
- (d) Institutional capacity to implement the project and a self assessment strategy of the organization;
- (e) Reflection of multi-stakeholder participation in the formulation and implementation of the project;
- (f) Clear commitment to a rights-based approach to programming;
- (g) Partnerships between government organizations and civil society;
- (h) Commitment to knowledge building and learning processes;
- (i) Commitment to monitoring and rigorous Impact Assessment;
- (j) Sustainability, replicability, and potential to demonstrate and document models that can be up-scaled.

Proposals that reflect availability of matching funds will be given priority

The Fund will not consider proposals that are:

- Submitted by individuals or by organizations that do not have a legal status;
- Requesting support for cost of infrastructure including purchase of land or property or towards construction or repair of buildings, including shelters;
- Submitted after the deadline for submission.

Guidelines for Proposals Submitted to the Special Fund

Proposals should include the following information. Proposals should not exceed 10 pages including budget and results framework.

Proposal Section	Details
Organizational Information (maximum ½ page) (For collaborative projects, information should be provided about each partner organization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, address, telephone, e-mail and web page address, if available Registration and legal status Goal, mandate and strategies of the organization Organizational activities pertaining to issues of violence against women, and where applicable, on VAW at national, regional and global levels Qualifications of key personnel to be involved in the implementation of the project Total annual budget of organization(s) Please include the last annual/audit report
Justification (maximum 1 page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the key opportunities and challenges that the project wishes to address; Provide evidence based data to support the above The Justification section should relate directly to the objectives/results and strategies highlighted in the sections that follow
Results to be achieved (maximum 1.5 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicate the concrete immediate, medium term and long-term results that the project wishes to achieve, if it is to be a success Identify key target group(s), partners and other stakeholders The identified results should be measurable and concrete Results should be drawn from the results framework below
Key Activities (maximum 2 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key activities that are carried out and necessary to attain mid-term results The key activities should clearly be linked to specific result
Strategies (method of implementation and reasons for proposed methodology) (maximum 2 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key strategies that the project hopes to deploy (refer to outcomes and strategies in the call); Key methodologies, processes and partnerships being used, reasons for proposed methodologies) Detail scaling up actions and processes; with whom, how and towards what end
Work plan (maximum 1 page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List key project outputs and activities, along an implementation time line State clearly which individuals and/or organizations will be responsible for which set of outputs and activities
Monitoring and Evaluation (maximum 1 page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each grantee will commit to an evaluation and impact assessment process* Detail what steps will be taken to track and monitor project

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	<p>implementation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will evaluation be undertaken and what tools and framework will be used and how learning from the evaluation process will feed into the next phase of implementation and how and the programme will assess the extent to which results were achieved • The plan should build on the indicators included in the results framework.
<p>Project Budget (1 page)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Amount of funds requested.</u> If partial funds are being sought from the Fund, please also state the total project budget, and other sources already secured or being negotiated • <u>Budget Notes:</u> the following can be factored in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum 7% of total budget for administration, - Additional costs for monitoring activities maybe considered. • Please note: Funds do not cover administrative and overhead costs such as purchase of property, permanent staff salaries, etc. Personnel costs may not exceed 25% of total project budget.
<p>Results framework (2 pages)</p>	<p>This framework should include the long-term and immediate results and success indicators for the programme (see examples below)</p>

IMPORTANT: NO proposals will be accepted or consider without the completion of all UNIFEM formats

PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

Applicants logo	
Project title:	
Location:	
Implementing agency:	
Suggested start date:	
Foreseen completion date:	
Total number of beneficiaries	
Total budget:	
Contribution by UNIFEM:	
• In cash:	
• In kind:	
Contribution by NGO:	
• In cash:	
• In kind:	
Contribution by other Donors (including Government)	
• In cash:	
• In Kind	

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Examples of Results Frameworks¹:

Example 1:

Long-term result: The new law on domestic violence is implemented to end impunity for intimate partner violence		
Immediate results	Success indicators	How you will measure
Judges understand the new law and how to ensure that women's human rights are respected under it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judges express less biased attitudes and greater comprehension in relation to the law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessments of training conducted Review of case law Other judicial statements related to the law (press, conferences, legal journals, etc.)
Increased numbers of decisions conform to the provisions of the new law on domestic violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judges' decisions reflect an understanding of the law Numbers of decisions made that result in convictions under the law Reduction in numbers of decisions that reflect discriminatory bias 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of case law Consultation with relevant EVAW legal experts
University courses and training on jurisprudence incorporate the provisions of the domestic violence law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content of training courses reflect provisions of the domestic violence law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual review of content of judicial education curricula

¹ These examples are illustrative only and are not exhaustive

Example 2:

Long-term result: Reduction in gender based violence due to vulnerability, stigma and discrimination faced by women affected or infected by HIV/AIDS		
Immediate results	Success indicators	How you will measure
Increased access of women survivors of violence to testing, counselling, treatment and care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers of women accessing testing, treatment and care services Numbers of men demonstrating supportive changes in attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review statistics available with health, VCTC and service centers Focus groups with men/partners Consult with women's groups and service providers
Strengthened leadership and capacities of women affected and infected by HIV/AIDS to influence government programs to address the twin pandemics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased numbers of positive and affected women in local/national level decision making bodies Extent of positive changes in government programs, schemes and allocations at local and national levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review reports of national and local policy bodies Focus groups with positive women's groups Analysis of policy documents and statements in parliament

Sample monitoring framework (during project implementation):

Outputs/Targets & Indicators	Means of verification	Risks / Assumptions	Timing
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Sample budget

Line Item	quantity	Unit	Duration/month	Unit cost USD	Total cost USD	Ngo contribution	UNIFEM
Personnel							
Subtotal							
Materials and equipment							
Subtotal							
Programme Supplies							
Subtotal							
Trainings/ workshops etc							
Subtotal							
TOTAL							