

## AFGHANISTAN EVAW SPECIAL FUND

### ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SPECIAL FUND (EVAW SPECIAL FUND)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS May 2010

1. SECTORS	<b>Elimination of Violence against Women</b>
2. Location of implementation	All provinces in Afghanistan
3. Planned number of beneficiaries	To be determined by implementing partner
4. Budgetary expectations	Max USD 250,000 /year of which only 5% can be used to cover administration costs
5. Planned beginning date	November 2010
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, UK and SIDA.</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 English, Dari and Pashtu
9. Orientation session:	Dates to be announced.
10. Deadline for submission	<b>30 June 2010</b> (Proposals submitted after this date <b>WILL NOT</b> be considered)
Project Proposal appraisal will be on:	<b>Starting July 2010</b>
Partners will be informed by:	<b>Within 2 months of submission of projects</b>

### Information on Applications and Selection Procedures

The fourth Special Fund Call for Proposals is now open for action. Proposed innovative 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. Psycho-social support: The Fund will support and encourage initiatives to provide psycho-social support for victims of sexual and gender based violence.
- c. Reintegration: The Fund will support initiatives with emphasis on the reintegration of victims of sexual and gender based violence into society.
- d. Raising awareness, lobby and advocacy: the Fund will support initiatives focused on awareness raising targeting men, women and youth on gender-based violence, its causes and consequences. 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.
- e. 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)

#### 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
- 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: [evawfund.afghanistan@unifem.org](mailto:evawfund.afghanistan@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. We particularly encourage proposals to implement projects in the southern region of Afghanistan.
- (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) Emphasis on protection, service delivery, psycho-social support and reintegration;
- (k) 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:

- Individuals without any organizational affiliation;
- Individual UN agencies and affiliated UN agencies;
- Organizations that do not have an office in Afghanistan;
- Organizations requesting only core funds or funds to cover costs of infrastructure such as the purchase of land or property;
- Applications for projects that are directly administered by a government entity (i.e. in collaborations between government and NGOs, funds must be administered by NGOs)
- Current Advisory Board members.