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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Promoting Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights through the UPR

in

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO |
LIBERIA | GHANA | SENEGAL

DEADLINE : 21 SEPTEMBER 2021



ABOUT THE PROJECT

While there has been some significant but uneven progress achieved in advancing women's and girls' rights, there is still a lot of work to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls by 2030. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by global crises and face discrimination and violence worldwide. Moreover, the effects of the ecological breakdown, the socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 crisis, have intensified vulnerabilities and increased even more gender inequalities.

UN human rights mechanisms, as the Universal Periodic Review, can be used as leveraging tools to draw attention to, further document and support the progress on empowering women and girls. The UPR recommendations can be integrated in a larger advocacy strategy to change national laws, policy, and practices, as well as to gain media attention to enhance local advocacy efforts.



OBJECTIVES

The grants will contribute to gender equality and the protection of ESC rights for women and girls.

This call aims to provide support to local CSOs, associations and NGOs to put in place actions to implement UPR recommendations tackling the promotion and protection of women's ESC rights.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements for the grantees are as follows:

- (i) be civil society organisations, including non-governmental organisations and community-based organisations.
- (ii) be formally registered in one of the four target countries of this call (Liberia, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo or Senegal).
- (iii) be able to manage project support through reliable bookkeeping and project auditing according to national laws.
- (iv) have a proven track record: applicant must provide evidence of its experience (at least 3-5 years) in the area of the call for proposals, and a vision matching the goals of the call. To this end, applicant must provide in the concept note references about previous or ongoing projects related to the field (e.g. UPR and women's ESC rights).

We encourage especially women's CSOs and WHRDs to apply.



FUNDING

Any grant requested must correspond to CHF 10'000 (about USD 10'800 depending on the exchange rate used).

There will be only two projects selected.



DURATION

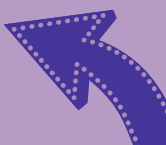
Projects must begin on 1st October 2021 and end by 31 December 2021.



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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Actions must take place in one of the following countries: Liberia, Ghana, Senegal or Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Projects funded under this action will have to be designed on the basis of one (or more) UPR recommendation(s) that the target country received in the previous cycle.
- On a broader scale, the action will contribute to the realisation of the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) as a whole, and in particular number 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) and 10 (reduce inequality within and among countries).

Proposed actions should indicate a coherent set of activities with clearly defined objectives, target groups and tangible outcomes, within a limited timeframe. Activities should be designed to meet the specific needs of women and girls in the targeted countries.

The following types of action are eligible (this is a non-exhaustive list of examples)

- Advocacy, lobbying and development of strategies by civil society organisations to enhance ESC rights;
- Support to the collection of appropriate information, including statistical and research data, documenting cases of violations, to monitor and report on the implementation UPR recommendations tackling women's ESC rights;
- Capacity-building through trainings of civil society organisations, WHRDs, women's associations and groups active in promoting and protecting women's ESC rights;
- Awareness-raising and communication campaigns to inform on specific ESC rights issues and women;
- Promoting greater contact and cooperation between civic and political actors, including fostering of structured dialogue mechanisms;

Whenever relevant, priority will be given to projects tackling:

- Inter-sectoral discriminations based on e.g. ethnicity, disability, age, gender identity and/or sexual orientation. In particular, attention should be given to actions empowering the most marginalised and vulnerable groups.
- Innovative approaches or methodologies in implementing UPR recommendations
- The needs and challenges faced by targeted groups living outside the capitals and in remote areas, and/or encourage the constitution and capacity-building of networks of local organisations

SELECTION PROCESS

The submitted proposals will be evaluated according to several criteria, including relevance to the objective of the call, value for money, implementation capacity and sustainability that will identify the grantee organization. If the examination of the application reveals that the proposed action does not meet the eligibility criteria stated in Section B, the application will be rejected on this sole basis.

UPR Info's funding for this proposal is supported by the German Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The evaluation of the proposals will be carried out by UPR Info.

The deadline for submitting the applications is Monday, 21 September 2021.

Applications can be submitted in [English](#) or [French](#).

Please note that applicants need to upload the registration certificate of the organization, the concept note and detailed budget within the online form.

Applications submitted via email, or other means, will not be considered.

For any question, write to: stakeholders@upr-info.org



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