

## 15373 - Consultant: Protection Specialist - Kabul, AFGHANISTAN

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**Job ID/Title :** 15373 - Consultant: Protection Specialist

**Brand :** UNIFEM

**Practice Area :** Women's Empowerment

**Application Deadline :** 25-Mar-10

**Type of Contract :** SSA

**Post Type and Level :** International Consultant

**Duty station:** Kabul, AFGHANISTAN

**Languages Required :** English

**Duration of Initial Contract :** Six months

**Expected Duration of Assignment :**

### **Background:**

Organizational Values and Principles:

UNIFEM is dedicated to advancing gender equality and women's human rights in Afghanistan. Staff and consultants of UNIFEM Afghanistan are expected to contribute to a professional working environment in which the strengthening of national capacities and human potential is prioritized. Respect for diversity and human dignity is required, as is the active pursuit of a collaborative and inclusive approach to both internal and external stakeholders, including colleagues and partners.

Summary:

Since 2002, the UNIFEM Afghanistan Country Office has been assisting the government of Afghanistan and its partners in the area of Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW). UNIFEM is further expanding its EVAW Program in view of building capacities and providing more coherent and specialized support in the work pertaining to EVAW carried out by both government and civil society organizations. In this regard, UNIFEM Afghanistan's Elimination of Violence against Women Special Fund (EVAW Special Fund) was established in 2007. The Fund addresses the inadequate mechanism to financially support and mobilize community-based and non-governmental organizations that are working on EVAW and expand EVAW initiatives throughout Afghanistan in a coordinated, strategic and sustainable manner. UNIFEM aims to pass the Fund on to a national leadership within a set time frame. The work of the EVAW Special Fund is inter-linked with all other EVAW initiatives of UNIFEM Afghanistan to ensure a coordinated and collaborative approach and their sustainability.

The EVAW Special Fund prioritizes financial and technical support for effective NGO initiatives in increasing access to justice and protecting women at risk in Afghanistan. With the aim to further strengthen EVAW Special Fund support and the services provided by the NGO grantees, the Fund is seeking to undertake an assessment of all projects focusing on protection and service delivery (mainly through shelters) supported by the Fund; to provide technical assistance and capacity building support to NGOs to help improve the implementation of their projects and improve quality of services provided; to conduct an overall analysis of the protection services available for women victims of violence and women at risk, issues related to provision of protection services; and to explore how these services can be further developed and expanded.