

The UN Interagency Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women

Call for Proposals 2005

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women was established by General Assembly resolution 50/166 in 1996 and is managed by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). In establishing the Trust Fund, the General Assembly highlighted eliminating violence against women as critical to accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action. Since it began operations in 1997, the Trust Fund has provided more than \$8 million to innovative programmes to address violence against women in 96 countries.

The 2005 call for proposals

For 2005, the Trust Fund will be accepting applications related to one of the following areas of work:

- 1. Implementation of existing laws, policies and plans of action to address violence against women at global, regional, national or local levels** - The focus on implementation builds on findings from the 10-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action and other assessments suggesting that while important gains in addressing violence against women have been made over the past 10 years at the policy level, there remains a significant gap in action and investments.
- 2. Programmes that address the linkages between violence against women and HIV/AIDS** – Violence against women is both a cause and consequence of the spread of HIV/AIDS amongst women and girls. The Trust Fund will support innovative work that stimulates understanding and action addressing the connection between these two pandemics. This will contribute to the broader effort of the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS (<http://womenandaids.unaids.org>) to make the AIDS response work better for women and girls.

Please read the guidelines that follow for information on how to apply to either of these areas.

1. Submission deadline: 15 September 2005

Final decisions for Trust Fund grants are made through a highly competitive selection process by the UN Gender Team Group in Nigeria, the UN designated inter-agency project appraisal committee. We regret that given limitations in its resource base, the Trust Fund is generally able to fund one Project in Nigeria in 2005. Trust Fund grantmaking decisions will be announced in November 2005.

2. Where to submit proposals:

Proposals should be sent, preferably, by e-mail (funmi.balogun@undp.org), but may also be sent by mail to the Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM Anglophone West Africa Office, UN House, Central Business District, P. M. B. 2851, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria.

3. Who can apply:

Proposals can be submitted by an organization or jointly by two or more organizations with legal status and fall under any one of the following categories:

- Non-governmental organizations
- National or Local governmental agencies
- Local Associations
- Unions
- Community-based groups
- Education and research institutions

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 organisations submit a proposal, clearly state which organisation represents the applicants and takes legal responsibility for administering and implementing the project.

The Trust Fund will **not** consider requests that are:

- Submitted by individuals, or by organizations without legal status.
- Requesting funds above or below the amounts specified in the guidelines
- For purchase of land or property; or for construction or repair of buildings, including shelters
- Submitted after the deadline for submission

Organizations in countries without laws or plans to end violence against women will not be eligible to apply in the grantmaking area related to implementation of existing laws, policies and plans of action.

4. Criteria used to select proposals for funding:

Project selection shall be made by the United Nations Gender Theme Group in Nigeria composed of UN organizations, taking into consideration the following:

- (a) Quality of proposal, ensuring that there is a strong link between the problem to be addressed and the strategies and measurable results anticipated.
- (b) Institutional capacity to implement project.
- (c) Reflection of multi-stakeholder participation in formulation and implementation.
- (d) Partnerships between government organizations and civil society.
- (e) Sustainability, replicability, and potential to demonstrate and document models that can be taken to larger scale.

Proposals that reflect availability of matching funds will be given priority.

5. FOR THOSE SUBMITTING TO THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS, POLICIES AND PLANS

Programmes that contribute to more effective implementation or evaluation of existing laws, plans, and policies to address any aspect of violence against women will be considered. **The Project selected in this area can be for a maximum of two years in duration with total budget of \$100,000.**

The following strategies (in bold) will be prioritized. Examples are illustrative.

Capacity building – for instance, programmes that train judicial, criminal justice, education, or health professionals on existing laws and policies; initiatives that build skills and systems for using gender-responsive budgeting or monitoring mechanisms to track implementation; projects that assist claim holders in accessing justice, etc.

Advocacy and awareness raising – for instance, media advocacy or campaigns to build awareness of community members, educators, men, youth, journalists, or other constituencies to understand and apply existing laws and policies on ending violence against women; targeted advocacy with the parliaments, judiciary, law enforcement, health professionals or others to allocate financial and human resources to increase action on an existing plan to end violence against women, etc.

Action-oriented Research and Documentation – for instance, participatory research that demonstrates innovative responses to applying new laws and policies to address violence against women in the context of customary or traditional law; documentation (multi-media, print, etc.) that shows how to move from policy making to implementation and enforcement, including what are effective strategies and lessons learned, etc.

Up-scaling promising practices – for instance, plans to strategically build alliances with and between government entities, UN agencies, other donors, etc. to expand implementation of proven approaches and responses to implementing laws, policies and plans.

6. FOR THOSE SUBMITTING TO THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON THE LINKAGES BETWEEN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND HIV/AIDS

Programmes that effectively address the intersection between violence against women and the HIV/AIDS pandemic will be supported. **Project in this area can be for a maximum of two years in duration with total budget of \$50,000-\$75,000.**

The following strategies (in bold) will be prioritized. Examples are illustrative.

Capacity building – for instance programmes that train health providers and legal aid professionals or national AIDS council members/programme staff on how to develop and use tools that inform on the linkages between VAW and HIV/AIDS; strengthening capacity to collect evidence about the linkages between VAW and HIV/AIDS, etc.

Advocacy – for instance, targeting advocacy with policymakers, donors and health experts to assure that prevention, treatment plans and policies on VAW and HIV/AIDS address the linkages between these epidemics, etc.

Action-oriented Research and Documentation – for instance, research and documentation of promising practices that simultaneously address VAW and HIV/AIDS; documentation of how violence against women hinders women's access to prevention, treatment and care, or how the stigma of AIDS is linked to violence against women, etc.

Up-scaling promising practices – for instance, replicating projects that reduce VAW and HIV/AIDS by addressing the intersecting issues, such as forced unprotected sex, stigma and discrimination against women who are HIV positive; addressing issues of violence in the context of testing, counselling and disclosure; encouraging men and boys to play leadership roles in challenging violent norms and behaviours, etc.

Guidelines for proposals submitted to the Trust Fund (for either call)

Proposals should include the following information and be limited to no more than seven (7) pages, including budget and results framework.

Proposal section	Description
Organizational information (no more than ½ page) In cases of joint proposals, information should be provided about each organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name of organization - Address - Telephone and fax numbers (with country code) and e-mail address if available - Information on legal status - Goal and mandate of organization - Information on prior work on the issue of violence against women - Qualification of key personnel to implement project - Total annual budget of organization(s) applying
Justification (no more than 1 page)	<p>Respond to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the opportunity or challenge that the programme is addressing - What data or evidence supports the opportunity or challenge being addressed - This section should relate directly to the objectives/results and strategies being highlighted
Results to be achieved (no more than 1 page)	<p>Indicate the concrete immediate and long-term results that the programme will achieve if it is successful. Make these statements measurable and concrete. Indicate who the key target groups will be. The results should be drawn from the results framework below (see example of results framework below)</p>
Strategies (no more than 1 page)	<p>What are the key strategies that the programme will use? Please select from the strategies listed in #s 5 or 6 on the previous pages. For instance, if capacity building is a key strategy, describe how this will be applied. If up-scaling is a key strategy, describe how this will be implemented.</p>
Workplan (no more than 1 page)	<p>List the key project activities, a timeline for undertaking them, and who will be responsible for each</p>
Evaluation (no more than ½ page)	<p>Describe what steps will be undertaken to track and measure the extent to which results described have been achieved. The plan should be built on the indicators included in the results framework.</p>
Project Budget (1 page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amount of funding requested. If partial funding is being sought from the Trust Fund, please also state the total project budget, and other sources already secured or potential funding. - Budget breakdown. Please be advised that ten percent of total funding requested must be allocated to cover the cost of an evaluation. Please also note that the Trust Fund does not fund administrative costs and overheads such as rent, permanent staff salaries etc. <p>Personnel costs may not exceed 40% of total project budget.</p>
Results framework	<p>This framework will include the long-term and immediate results and success indicators for the programme.</p>