

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 provides grants every year to catalytic projects that incorporate innovative strategies to end violence against women. The Fund 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 programmes to address violence against women in 96 countries.

The 2005 call for proposals

For 2005, the Trust Fund for East and Southeast Asia will be accepting applications related to one of the following areas of work:

- 1. Implementation of existing laws, policies and plans of action that can be used to address sexual 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. Projects 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 VAW and HIV/AIDS. 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.

This year, the Fund will be prioritizing proposals that ALSO address 'mobility' which includes for example issues relating to

trafficking, refugee situations including undocumented refugees, other displaced persons, migrants including undocumented migrants etc.

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

1. Submission deadline: 25 September 2005

Final decisions for Trust Fund grants are made through a highly competitive selection process by an inter-agency project appraisal committee. We regret that given limitations in its resource base, the Trust Fund is generally able to fund less than 10% of the proposals it receives. Trust Fund grant making decisions will be announced in November 2005.

2. Where to submit proposals:

Proposals should be sent, preferably, by e-mail, but may also be sent by mail or fax to the UNIFEM regional programme office:

UNIFEM East and Southeast Asia Regional Office

UN Building 5th Floor,
Rajdamnern Avenue, Bangkok 10200
THAILAND

E-mail: tess@unifem-eseasia.org

Tel: (662) 288-2093

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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 a United Nations Inter-agency Project Appraisal Committee, composed of UN organizations and experts on ending violence against women, 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, including those most affected such as victims of sexual violence, women migrants, women refugees or women affected by HIV/AIDS.
- (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.
- (f) Innovation. Innovative initiatives are valued.

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 that can be used to address sexual violence against women will be considered. **Projects can be for a maximum of two years in duration with a total budget of \$100,000.**

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

Capacity building – for instance, a) projects that train judicial, criminal justice, immigration officials, refugee camp or migrant resident managers, education, or health professionals on existing laws and policies and how to use them to address sexual violence or b) initiatives that build skills and systems for using gender-responsive budgeting or monitoring mechanisms to track implementation or c) projects that assist claim holders in accessing justice, etc.

Advocacy and awareness raising – for instance a) 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 that, if implemented can end sexual violence against women or b) 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 a) participatory research that demonstrates innovative responses to applying new laws and policies to address sexual violence against women in the context of customary or traditional law or b) 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 a) 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 that address sexual violence against women.

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

Projects that effectively address the intersection between violence against women and HIV/AIDS,

Projects can be for a maximum of two years in duration with a total budget of \$50,000-\$75,000.

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

Capacity building – for instance a) projects that train health providers and legal aid professionals, service providers, immigration officials, refugee camp or migrant resident managers or national AIDS council members/programme staff on how to develop and use tools that inform on the linkages between VAW and HIV/AIDS or b) strengthening capacity to collect evidence about the linkages between VAW and HIV/AIDS, etc.

Advocacy – for instance, targeting advocacy with policymakers, donors, migration and mobility experts/personnel or health experts to ensure 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 a) research and documentation of promising practices that simultaneously address VAW and HIV/AIDS or b) 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 a) replicating projects that reduce VAW and HIV/AIDS by addressing the intersecting issues, such as the demand side of both trafficking and migration, notions of masculinity in refugee situations, issues of security in camps or migrant residents, forced unprotected sex and sexual violence, stigma and discrimination against women working in the sex industry, women migrant domestic workers, women who are HIV positive etc. or b) encouraging men and boys to play leadership roles in challenging violent norms and behaviours, etc.

Please fill out the Application Form using the guidelines above for proposals submitted to the Trust Fund (for either call). You may also use the Explanatory Notes as aid when filling out the form. All documents are available on www.unifem-eseasia.org