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Call for Proposals

Seed funding

Empowering women in local communities and raising awareness
on women's rights and violence against women and girls by local
community-based organisations

Project

Combating Violence against Women in
the Southern Mediterranean Region

Deadline for Submission:

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Combating Violence against Women in the Southern Mediterranean Region

Introduction

On January 1st 2019 EuroMed Feminist Initiative (EFI), with a consortium of women's rights member organizations in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia started implementing a three-year regional project "Combating Violence against Women in the Southern Mediterranean Region", funded by the European Union. The overall objective is to contribute to the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG) in the Southern Neighbourhood States, by promoting a social environment that does not tolerate VAWG, and where decision makers address it as a political priority.

The action aims to reach change through a comprehensive approach to VAWG, combining awareness raising, advocacy and policy dialogue. The regional campaign Zero Tolerance for VAWG has already reached over 16 million people in the region.

A Regional Civil Society Observatory was established in Amman follows up on the 4th UfM Ministerial Declaration in the area of VAWG, Preventing Violence Extremism (PVE) and Women, Peace and Security Agenda (WPSA).

In Lebanon Association Najdeh & The Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering (RDFL) are the implementing partner.



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Objectives of the call for proposals and priority issues

The aim of the call for proposals is to spread and raise awareness on VAWG and empower women in local communities through local CBOs actions. Women's CBOs will be selected in Lebanon to implement innovative women's rights initiatives and spread awareness in their communities, and connect the regional campaign on Zero Tolerance for VAWG with the local needs. This will result in better knowledge of women's rights instruments and improved access to protection.

More specifically the call aims at:

- Improved coordination and community dialogue among individuals and CBOs and between CBOs and other local authorities like municipalities and local councils.
- Empowerment of women and girls in the local communities.
- Increased awareness on VAWG and messages of the campaign spread and discussed on local level.
- Improved community level dialogue on VAWG.
- Enhanced spread of information on existing services for victims of VAWG.
- Men and boys engaged on local level in combating VAWG.
- 4th UfM Ministerial Declaration has reached local communities, in particular in the area of VAWG, WPS and PVE.

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Financial allocation provided

In Lebanon 6 CBOs will be selected to receive funding.

Any fund requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

Minimum amount: **EUR 1000**

Maximum amount: **EUR 3,000**

The exact amount will be determined after the assessment of the concept note, action plan and budget. It might vary according to size, experience of organization and scope of the activities, but the maximum amount will be EUR 3,000.



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Eligibility criteria

3.1 Eligibility of applicants

In order to be eligible for the seed fund, the applicant must:

- Be a registered CBO or initiative. Newly established organisations can also apply.
- Should be a non-for-profit organization.
- Manifest commitment to women's rights.
- Ability to implement activities relevant to the present call for proposals.
- Have clear goals, innovative ideas and vision towards social change.
- Capacity to reach out and engage local community.
- Have a decision-making structure in place.
- Level of experience in project management.
- Potential for development and willingness to build their capacities.
- Women headed organisations will be favoured.

3.2 Eligibility of actions

Types of activities by the CBOs eligible for the seed funding:

- Activities enhancing the physical and psychological wellbeing of women and girls.
- Spreading information and awareness about the campaign Zero Tolerance for VAWG and raising visibility of the services and activities provided by governmental and CSO centres.
- Awareness raising on issues related to gender equality, VAWG, PVE and community response.
- Awareness raising and training on legal issues related to gender-based discrimination, international women's rights instruments and needs of women in local communities.
- Involving boys and men in supporting issues related to gender equality, VAWG, and promoting change in behaviours.
- Activities to address victim blaming and encouraging to stand up against VAWG.
- Artistic activities and diverse approaches as means of awareness raising, such as interactive



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theatre, art, music, group discussions, lectures, and specialized sessions, but not limited to these.

- Involving local media and promoting gender equality.
- Spreading awareness of the 4th UfM Ministerial Declaration in particular in the area of fighting VAWG, WPS and PVE.

Duration of the Action: The duration of the action is for 6 months, starting from 1 June 2020 end date 30 November 2020.

3.3 Eligibility of costs

To be eligible, costs must:

- Be directly related to the action, be provided for in the contract signed at the beginning of the local action and comply with the principles of sound financial management, in particular value for money and cost-effectiveness.
- Have been incurred during the implementing period of the action.
- Be recorded in the beneficiary's accounts or tax documents, be identifiable and verifiable, and be backed by originals of supporting documents.
- Subject to those conditions and where relevant to the contract-award procedures being respected.

The following costs are eligible :

- Costs of staff assigned to the action, corresponding to fees plus social security charges and other remuneration-related costs.
- Costs for fees must not exceed those normally borne by the beneficiary and in all cases, it must not exceed %30 of the total cost of the action.
- Cost of travel associated to implementing the activities.
- Costs of consumables and supplies.
- Costs arising directly from the requirements of the action (dissemination of information specific to the action, translation, printing, insurance, etc.) including financial service costs.
- Cost of social media promotions linked to the activities.

The following costs are not eligible:

- Debts and provisions for losses or debts.
- Interest owed.
- Items already financed in another framework.
- Purchases of land or buildings.
- Currency exchange losses.



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How to apply and the procedures to follow

4.1 Application content

- Applicants are requested to send a concept note, budget and indicative action plan as well as administrative documents.
 - Applications must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines annexed to the call (Annex 1, Annex 2, and Annex 3).
 - Applicants must apply in Arabic, or in English.
 - A detailed budget must be submitted in EURO.
- Any error or major discrepancy related to the points listed in the concept note instructions may lead to the rejection of the application.
- Hand-written concept notes will not be accepted.

Required documents to be submitted on or before the due date by all applicants include the following:

1. Concept note - Annex 1
2. Budget – Annex 2
3. Indicative Action Plan - Annex 3
4. Internal bylaws and statutes including the governance and organizational structure of the Organization

4.2 Deadline for submission

Applicants must send electronic format of the concept note, detailed budget and indicative action plan in separate files no later than **17.00 pm on 16 April 2020** to the e-mail address: buthaina@association-najdeh.org

- Please indicate in the subject line the name of the project: Combating Violence against Women in the Southern Mediterranean Region.
- Any application submitted after the deadline will be rejected.



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4.3 Evaluation and selection of applications

All documents submitted by applicants will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Compliance with the submission deadline.
- Eligible criteria stated above
- Relevance of the actions with the objectives of the call of proposals.
- Relevance of the actions to the needs of women in local communities.
- Relevance of the actions in order to reach improved awareness on gender equality, VAWG related legislation and rights, types of VAWG and available protection services.
- The quality of the proposal, which will outline the justification for the seed money, how it will be used and dispersed, messages developed in line with the messages of the campaign, detailed activities and number and diversity of reached audience.
- Coherency and feasibility of the application.
- Level of experience in project management of the applicant.
- Ability to implement activities that are relevant to achieve results, consistency and feasibility of their actions.
- Decision-making structure of the applicant.
- The applications will receive an overall score out of 10 based on the above-mentioned criteria.
- Once all applications have been assessed, a list will be drawn up with the proposed actions ranked according to their total score.
- First, only the applications with a score of at least 5 will be considered for pre-selection. Secondly, the number of applications will be reduced, taking into account the ranking and number of applications.

4.4 Notification of the selection decision

- After the evaluation of applications, all applicants will receive a letter with the results of the evaluation. The selected applicants will subsequently be invited to sign the agreement.



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5 Clarifications

Questions and inquiries regarding the call of proposal including technical issues related to filling the concept, budget and action plan formats can be sent via email to buthaina@association-najdeh.org or via telephone on the number: **+961 70 964 898** Deadline for requesting any clarifications is 5th April 2020.

6 Indicative timetable

Subject	Date	Time
Deadline for requesting clarifications	5 th April 2020	17.00 pm
Deadline for submission of Applications	16 th April 2020	17.00 pm
Information to applicants on the final decision of evaluation	5 th May 2020	17.00 pm
Starting date of applicant's projects	1 st June 2020	_____

Deadline for the submission of the organization application is **16 March 2020**. Proposal documents must be sent via email only to the following e-mail addresses: buthaina@association-najdeh.org

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