



Questions and Answers

Second Call: Strengthening Women's and Feminist Organizations to Promote Women's Autonomy and the Advancement of the SDGs and the Regional Gender Agenda

Question	Answer
1. ¿Could a company be considered to present a proposal in alliance with a women's organization?	This call is intended exclusively for non-profit organizations and legally established grassroots women's organizations; proposals submitted by companies will not be considered in the selection process.
2. Can an informal women's group that is not legally constituted, but has an alliance with an NGO that is not a women's and/or feminist organization, apply for this call-in alliance with the NGO?	If they could apply, as long as the proposal is focused on addressing and prioritizing the capacity building of this group of women and the activities they perform. It is necessary to be registered within the category of civil society constituted for at least 3 years.
3. ¿Can organizations from other regions and countries outside LAC participate in the call for proposals?	This call for proposals is aimed at strengthening women's organizations in the Latin American and Caribbean region only.
4. ¿If the budgetary proposal must be presented in USD or it could be in the local money of the country?	The financial proposal may be submitted in dollars and in local currency.
5. We request information on the deadlines for project selection and notification of finalists.	The 8 months of implementation will begin when the fund is received for its implementation.
6. ¿ Is it eligible for this grant a proposal that promotes Women Entrepreneurship?	Yes, proposals aimed at contributing to the achievement of gender equality, women's economic, physical, and decision-making autonomy and the guarantee of women's rights in the LAC region will be considered for this call.
7. Can the proposal be submitted in French?	For this call, it is recommended that proposals be submitted in Spanish or English but may also be presented in French.
8. Is it possible to present projects through a foundation whose purpose is to support mothers head of household in vulnerable conditions located in rural areas?	Yes, they can be presented, if the proposing organization also has experience in working with women's and feminist groups and movements.
9. Is it possible for universities to apply?	As indicated in the Terms of Reference of the call for proposals, support will be given to Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements



	(OMMF) in Latin America and the Caribbean. Universities are not included in this category of participants.
10. Can I participate in this Regional Fund call as a private company?	In order to apply it is necessary to be registered within the category of civil society, not private enterprise, this call does not include for-profit trade associations.
11. ¿Where are the commitments of the regional gender agenda clearly defined?	You can review the document related to the Regional Gender Agenda at the following link: https://www.cepal.org/es/publicaciones/41016-la-agenda-2030-la-agenda-regional-genero-sinergias-la-igualdad-america-latina
12. Could you please send the Word documents of annexes I and II to be completed?	The proposal to be completed is presented in pdf for formatting and layout reasons. Attachments should be transferred to Word and completed as requested.
13. Our organization (...) has been working for more than 10 years in support of women's empowerment with demonstrable practical evidence, we are in the process of obtaining legal status, would it be possible for you to consider our proposal?	As indicated in the Terms of Reference of the call for proposals, only proposals from organizations that have been legally constituted for at least 3 years will be considered.
14. Our organization is working with evidence since 2012 but legally constituted since January 2022, can we participate?	As indicated in the Terms of Reference of the call for proposals, only proposals from organizations that have been legally constituted for at least 3 years will be considered (must be legally constituted since January 2021). The minimum registration of 3 years is a mandatory and excluding criterion of the process.
15. How can you demonstrate sufficient financial management capacity, including the implementation of adequate financial policies and procedures to manage the small grant?	It would be demonstrated through the presentation of an ACTIVE bank account in the name of the organization, a copy of the organization's current tax identification, a copy of the registration before the competent jurisdiction that evidences at least these 3 years of activity.
16. What do you mean by the concept of focal point requested in the form? and alternates?	The focal point refers to the person who will be the interlocutor with UN Women once the grant is awarded. The person responsible for the management of the small grant and alternate refers to the person who, in the absence of the focal point, would be the substitute.
17. As it indicates that we could work in the international order within Latin American	The objective of this call is to support grassroots organizations to help them develop and



<p>and Caribbean countries, we would like to know if we can make this project to be developed in parallel in Chile, Colombia, Panama, Mexico.</p>	<p>strengthen. Therefore, we are looking for organizations in need of concrete institutional strengthening. In the case of organizations present in other countries, the grant will be directed only to the entity/organization that needs the most institutional support/strengthening.</p> <p>If the organization does not need any type of internal strengthening, it is considered as an organization with the capacity to be a consolidated partner, therefore, it would not be considered for this process.</p>
<p>18. Clarification annexes: What do activities X and Y refer to? What is the difference between them?</p> <p>19. Regarding the budget description, may we attach a more specific schedule of expenditures and description of expenditures?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The letters X, Y is a way to indicate in the spreadsheet an "example of activity". The X and Y must be replaced by the names of their respective activities. - - The forms to be submitted are those indicated in the call for proposals. If additionally you want to complement with other information, it will have to be separate. The required formats must be respected.
<p>20. Are research projects financed?</p>	<p>Research projects will not be financed. Only organizational strengthening projects will be financed.</p>
<p>21. Should we propose activities with groups of women, adolescents and girls in the field or is it only our institutional strengthening?</p>	<p>The purpose of the call is institutional strengthening, both in operational processes and in technical and/or programmatic knowledge.</p>
<p>22. In the Review Criteria Item, it mentions "do not propose to cover your indirect costs/support costs with the grant" what do you mean by indirect costs and support costs?</p>	<p>Support Costs: mean those indirect costs that are incurred to operate the CSO as a whole or a segment thereof and that cannot be easily connected or traced to the Allowed Activities to be performed with the small grant, i.e., operating expenses, over-head costs and general costs connected to the normal functioning of an organization/business, such as cost for support staff, office space and equipment that are not Direct Costs.</p>
<p>23. "No direct benefits from the grant" - what do you mean by this? What kind of benefits are ineligible?</p>	<p>This means that no income - direct benefits - can be received from the grant. Eligible activities cannot be translated into profit/revenue for the applicants.</p>



<p>24. Can the members of the board of directors, legal representative and founder be directors of the project, carry out one or more activities and be remunerated with the fund's resources?</p>	<p>No, as indicated in the call for proposals, direct costs related to the salaries of the organization's members are not subsidized.</p>
<p>25. Could we apply for Venezuela? Belize? Colombia?</p>	<p>Yes, as a mandatory requirement of this process, the organization must have a presence in any of the countries of the Latin American and Caribbean region.</p>
<p>26. Our institution works in the field of education of young people and adults, can the allocated fund be distributed for scholarships for women?</p>	<p>The only Allowed Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing and improving organizational capacities, systems, tools, and processes ; • strengthening capacities, particularly in technical, and managerial skills, or • support with equipment such as photocopy machines, scanners, printers, laptops, and computers, provided that the cost of such equipment is limited to 30% of the proposed grant budget.
<p>27. To apply to the fund and for the application to be admissible, is it sufficient to send an email to CallForProposal.LAC@unwomen.org (with copy to postulaciones@fondoregional-lac.org) with the registration certificate, Annex 1 and 2? Is any additional document necessary?</p>	<p>In the call for proposals, the mandatory documents are those indicated and, to complement them, documents that help validate the eligible criteria may be attached: • They are registered and operating as civil society organizations for at least three years. • They are capable of collaborating with various stakeholders. • They have sufficient financial management capacity, including implementing appropriate financial policies and procedures to administer the grant.</p>
<p>28. Can the proposal contemplate the payment of office rent to expand the organization's facilities?</p>	<p>Rent is an indirect cost, so it cannot be covered by this financing.</p>
<p>29. Is there a model for the documents to be sent?</p>	<p>There is no model. Please review the annexes.</p>
<p>30. May we order materials for infrastructure construction?</p>	<p>No. Eligible activities shall not include engineering or construction work, or a purchase of vehicles or other tangible or intangible property, except for equipment.</p>
<p>31. Is the purchase of cellular (mobile) phones eligible for the project?</p>	<p>The purchase of cell phones is eligible, it is considered an equipment item, as long as it is</p>



	aligned with the purpose of the call, which is to strengthen the organization's capabilities. Justification is required.
32. Will there be an audit and, if so, should it be included in the amount requested?	No audit is contemplated, you must keep a collection of supporting documents of the expenses, since you will have to render them at the end of the implementation.
33. How many organizations will be eligible for funding?	This will depend on the total amounts (with a maximum ceiling of \$20,000) requested by the organizations.
34. If I have already sent the proposal, can I resubmit it if I make a correction based on the meeting?	Yes, the call is open until January 30, 2024 at 23:59 Panama City time (GMT -5). Indicating that this is a second submission to replace the documentation previously sent.
35. When will we know if we have been selected as a participating organization in this fund?	Approximately two months after the closing date of the call for proposals.