

ODIHR Call for Proposals for Small Projects

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for small projects within its project "Human Rights Protection for Trafficked Persons and Vulnerable groups in Central Asia".

The ODIHR will support up to ten small projects aimed at empowering victims of trafficking and potential victims of trafficking (vulnerable groups at risk of trafficking), as well as returnees; promoting their right to access justice and effective remedies, including possibility to obtain compensation; developing and testing the functioning of National Referral Mechanisms in Central Asia and ensuring participation of the civil society, community leaders and the victims themselves in anti-trafficking measures and strategies; promoting human rights in the return of trafficked persons.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include various local stakeholders from all Central Asian states (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) such as NGOs working on anti-trafficking issues, relevant local authorities, community organizations, self-organized groups and others.

The maximum amount of funding for projects by individual organizations will not exceed 5 000 EUR. The maximum total amount of funding for projects carried out by a legally registered association of NGOs, will not exceed 10 000 EUR.

Projects to be funded

- Providing support (except direct cash payments) to victims of trafficking, including for the purpose of labor exploitation;
- Outreaching and providing information on their rights to vulnerable groups and marginalized communities;
- Involving community leaders, particularly women leaders, as well as local authorities and other relevant stakeholders, in supporting victims of trafficking in advocating and claiming their rights and supporting returnees in effective reintegration and prevention of re-trafficking;
- Raising awareness about the challenges, standards and good practices in relation to the safe return of trafficked persons;
- Introducing stakeholders to the human rights standards, policies and measures that exist to ensure the human rights protection of trafficked persons and to provide practical guidance on how they can and should be applied;
- Developing and piloting practical training tools on access to justice, including on the possibility to claim compensation for trafficked persons;
- Any other projects contributing to the strengthening of the protection of human rights of trafficked persons and vulnerable groups.

Projects carried out at the local level (outside the capital city) as well as projects by legally registered associations involving several anti-trafficking NGOs are encouraged. The proposals should take into account and address specific gender and age needs of victims/potential victims of trafficking.

The review and selection of the project proposals will be made by the ODIHR project proposal evaluation committee.

Assessment criteria

The small project proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- The organization's administrative and professional capacity: the project proposal demonstrates that the organization has sufficient expertise, skills and human resources to implement the project.
- Relevance of the actions in the project proposal to the objectives of the Call for Proposals: the organization demonstrates that it has a clear understanding of the underlying issue that the project is aiming to address.
- Added value of the project: the proposal should indicate how the project is different or contributing to the activities of other organizations in the area and that there is no duplication with any ongoing anti-trafficking activities of other organizations.
- Beneficiaries and/or target groups involved: the organization has identified appropriate beneficiaries or target groups in a way that maximizes project outputs and outcomes and the project has a clear focus and manageable scope.
- Proposed project implementation plan: the project idea and approach is innovative yet proposed project activities are concrete and detailed and supported by a reasonable work plan. The work plan shall be detailed and structured describing project activities and the explanation of the relation to the Project objectives and tasks.
- Development of the project budget: the project budget is well-organized, detailed and reasonable. The estimated project costs shall be planned realistically, based on average market prices and clearly linked to implementation of the planned activities.
- Assessment of the project: the organization has clearly articulated how it will assess and measure its own performance throughout the project implementation phase using concrete quantitative and qualitative assessment tools.
- Sustainability of the project: concrete indicators of the sustainable effect of the activities of the project after its completion.

The Project proposal components (as described above) will be given a score between 1 and 5 in accordance with the following assessment categories: 1=very poor; 2=poor; 3=adequate; 4=good; 5=very good. Only the selected organizations will be contacted.

Submission guidelines

Project proposals should include a brief summary of background information, clearly stated objectives and results to be achieved, a description and timetable of activities, possible risks and challenges and ways of addressing them, sustainability and self-assessment tools and indicators. It should be accompanied by a detailed project budget and the CVs of those involved in project implementation. Project proposals should be submitted in Russian, or if possible, in English.

Project proposals submission deadlines

Project proposals should be sent by email to: odihr_ipa@odihr.pl not later than 17:00 (Kyrgyzstan Time), 31 October 2013.

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