



THE COLOMBO PLAN GENDER AFFAIRS PROGRAMME

CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

The Colombo Plan Gender Affairs Programme is calling for concept notes for the funding cycle of September 2022 – August 2023.

The overall objective of this Call for Concept Notes is to support operations within the applicant's country that combat gender-based violence; abuse, exploitation, and neglect of children; climate change and promote the wellbeing of women and children in order to:

- benefit vulnerable populations out of reach of mainstream services and resources; and
- strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations and government authorities, with a view to facilitating their participation in defining and implementing sustainable development strategies.

The specific objectives of this Call for Concept Notes are:

- to strengthen the capacity of state actors in defining and implementing sustainable development strategies;
- to promote changes in policy and practice in priority sectors; and
- to foster quality partnerships.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be officially registered organisations (associations, NGOs, cooperatives) or government entities. They must have been created/ registered at least 24 months before the date of this call by the relevant authorities. ¹
- Entities must have already carried out concrete activities in the sector(s) for which this grant is requested.
- Partnerships and coalitions of actors are encouraged.
- This grant is not meant for international, regional or entities with a multi-country presence who will be utilizing local partners for implementation.

¹ The original version published on 01 April 2022 is updated to open this call for all countries. Those that have already submitted their applications, need not re-submit.

Priority areas:

Each proposal should be limited to any two (2) of the following priority areas.

1. Preventing and protecting women against violence.
2. Guaranteeing equal access of women to justice.
3. Achieving balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making.
4. Gender mainstreaming.
5. Migrant and refugee women and girls.
6. Gender, climate change and security.
7. Advocacy of gender related issues for women, children, and communities.
8. Access to healthcare services for women and girls.
9. Livelihoods and support to vulnerable women and children (victims of gender-based violence, human trafficking, and indigenous people).
10. Knowledge sharing and research in above areas.

Special consideration will be given to following activities during the selection process:

- Activities presenting a capacity-building component, supporting training and education needs of civil society actors.
- Activities led in partnership between several local civil society organizations.

Financing conditions:

- The timeframe for the project should be at least 12 months (from September 2022)
- The expected contribution of the applicant should be at least 30% of the total cost of the project.
- Co-funding of the projects by other partners/donors is possible and strongly encouraged. These must be secured before the project is signed.

How to apply?

- This call for concept notes is open until 15 May 2022 (midnight IST). The Colombo Plan Gender Affairs Programme will invite selected applicants to submit detailed proposals, due on or before 31 July 2022.
- To apply, send the completed Application Form in PDF to cpgaproposal@colombo-plan.org before the deadline along with the required documents (see the list in the guidelines).
- Concept notes that do not respect the different requirements and financing conditions will not be considered.
- For any inquiries or questions you may have, please contact cpgaproposal@colombo-plan.org.