

Minutes

from the information session for the:

1. Call for Proposal (CFP) for Responsible Parties to provide increased access to business skills development and business support opportunities in Moldova for Ukrainian refugees - **CFP No. UNW-ECA-MDA-CFP-2023-006**
2. Call for proposal (CFP) for Responsible Parties to assure that refugee women and girls at risk benefit from timely, accessible, quality GBV prevention and response services and gender-responsive humanitarian action – **CFP No. UNW-ECA-MDA-CFP-2023-007**

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Natalia Manea, Program Officer, WEE described the details of the Call for Proposal for the Responsible Parties to provide increased access to business skills development and business support opportunities in Moldova for Ukrainian refugees- **CFP No. UNW-ECA-MDA-CFP-2023-006**

Allocated budget – 95,000 USD

Implementation period – April 2023 – December 2023

1. **Can the funds allocated for the partnership also be used for sub-granting (financial aid for women to open businesses) or only for training and workshops?**
The amount also includes the financing instruments that the partner wants to propose to stimulate the beneficiaries and will complement the beneficiary's personal financial contribution, therefore, the amounts offered for this purpose will be symbolic. Based on the indicators to be achieved, at least 20 women out of 100 must be financially encouraged.
2. **Are the mapping and the rest of the activities done by the same Organization?**
Yes, the mapping and the rest of the activities fall within the responsibilities of the party to be selected and will involve interaction with representatives of the civil community in the targeted regions. We want these interventions to be in at least 5 localities in Moldova, where there are no similar entrepreneurship development initiatives. To be mentioned that UN Women allows joint partnerships between the Lead Partner and other organizations, but the final responsibility lies with the Partner/Organization (applicant) with whom the partner's agreement is signed.
3. **What is the amount of the responsible party's financial contribution?**

There is no set amount for this intervention, and it is at the partner's discretion. At the same time, the financial contribution of the applicant is not considered as an added value at the stage of evaluation and selection of the responsible Party.

4. What is the meaning and contribution of vouchers in this project?

The vouchers, being a financing tool for goods and services, come to complete the contribution to the economic empowerment of the participating women (beneficiary), in addition to training for capacity development, thus encouraging the implementation of business ideas.

5. What is the value of the financial contribution of the beneficiaries for opening a business following this program?

The value of the financial contribution by the beneficiary is established by the Responsible Partner and not by UN Women. The amount is to be presented in the applicant's offer. To be mentioned that the In-kind contribution is not encouraged by UN Women, as it cannot be measured or justified.

6. Would an organization that has 10 years of experience in delivering training for children and teachers on subjects other than economic empowerment be eligible?

One of the main requirements/qualification criteria for the applicants is to have experience in providing support for business development and economic empowerment.

7. Who will choose the 5 districts for beneficiary mapping and rapid needs assessment?

Districts will be chosen by the Responsible Party based on the lack of similar services/activities in the region.

Viorica Culeac, Programme Officer, EVAW briefly described the details of the Call for Proposal for Responsible Parties to assure that refugee women and girls at risk benefit from timely, accessible, quality GBV prevention and response services and gender responsive humanitarian action - **CFP No. UNW-ECA-MDA-CFP-2023-007**

Allocated budget: up to 100,000 USD.

Implementation period: April 2023 – December 2023

Questions and Answers:

What is the participation rate of refugee women in the activities of the mentioned project? *There is not a percentage established., The involvement of both beneficiary groups is desired, both the refugee women from Ukraine and host women who are at risk, , as per the specific indicators included from the CfP, with priority given to women refugees where relevant.*

1. Could an organization supporting Roma women and girls apply for one of the mentioned Call of proposals?

Any Organization that meets the qualification criteria mentioned in the Call for Proposals can apply individually or in consortium both for the Call for Economic Empowerment of Women and for the Call for Proposals to Prevent and Respond to Gender Based Violence.

2. The application form is complicated for the applicants.

If you encounter difficulties while completing the application, or some technical problems, please write to the e-mail address viorica.culeac@unwomen.org or natalia.manea@unwomen.org

3. In the technical competencies is specified at least 3 years of experience working in a particular area in Moldova. As well, all the team must have at least 2 years of experience. A lot of willing applicants will not qualify under these competencies, since a lot of NGOs and CSOs just came to Moldova in the



last year. How strict UN Women is going to be in the evaluation, taking into account the experience in Moldova?

Working experience and knowledge in the field in Moldovan are mandatory requirements. The selection criteria were established considering the goal of the interventions to be achieved by the Responsible party. For example, the capacity building to be delivered for the local service providers, and support for other local NGOs in this area requires extensive experience and knowledge of the sector in Moldova.

After completing the round of questions and answers, interested participants were advised in case other questions appear in process of proposal preparation, to request clarifications in writing to the addresses mentioned in the Calls for Proposals, by **March 6**, in case additional questions arise along the application process. Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **March 17, 2023**