GPSA announces 4th Global Call for Proposals for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and CSO Networks

**Deadline:** 15 May 2019

The Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) has announced its 4th global Call for Proposals (CfP) for civil society organizations (CSOs) and CSO networks.

**Themes**

The application process is now open for CSOs in the following shortlist of countries and developing themes:

- **Benin:** Human Capital: Nutrition
- **Brazil:** Prevention of Crime and Violence
- **The Caribbean** (Antigua and Barbuda, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & Grenadines): Resilience and Environment
- **Madagascar:** Human Capital: Education or Health
- **Ukraine:** Anti-corruption

**Grant Objectives**

Grants are intended to provide strategic and sustained support to CSO projects with the following objectives:

- Addressing critical governance and development challenges through social accountability processes that involve citizen feedback and participatory methodologies geared to helping governments and public-sector institutions address these challenges. Special emphasis is on problems that affect extreme poor and marginalized populations.
- Strengthening civil society’s capacities for social accountability by investing in CSOs’ institutional strengthening and through mentoring of small, nascent CSOs by well-established, larger CSOs with a track record on social accountability. The GPSA will prioritize proposals that a) are implemented by CSOs’ networks, alliances or partnerships, b) include on-granting from lead implementing CSO and CSO partners.

**Funding Information**

GPSA Grant amounts will range from US$400,000 to US$500,000 over a period of three to four years. However, requests for funding below this range will also be considered, and the total amount granted may be lower than US$400,000 to US$500,000. The total envelope for this CfP is approximately $US3 million dollars, with additional funds expected to be raised from other partners, mostly at the national level.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Only applications in the shortlisted countries within the described national theme will be eligible.
• CSOs include legal entities that fall outside the public or private sectors, such as non-government organizations, not-for-profit media organizations, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, professional organizations, labor unions, workers' organizations, associations of elected local representatives, foundations and policy development and research institutes.

**Criteria used by the GPSA for shortlisting of countries**

The criteria the GPSA used for shortlisting countries included:

- Government and World Bank country management demand in a given country, as well as alignment with the World Bank’s Country Partnership Framework;
- Synergies with current and pipeline World Bank operations;
- The potential to raise or leverage funds complementary to those of the GPSA.

The focus of this CfP is “Innovative and transformative use of social accountability to solve critical governance and development challenges”. Specific themes are being prioritized for each country, following a menu based on the GPSA’s mission and track record:

- Governance themes: Public finance and budget, anti-corruption and oversight institutions (notably Supreme Audit Institutions), decentralization and local governance, and domestic resource management.
- Governance in sectors: Education, health, social protection, agriculture and water. Synergies with the Human Capital Project will be of great interest.
- Fragility, Conflict and Violence-affected (FCV) settings: Risk mitigation of IDA investments through civil society-led third-party monitoring; improving responsiveness in public service delivery and strengthening the enabling environment for conflict prevention and social cohesion.
- Frontier themes: Climate change, GovTech & CivicTech, and social inclusion.

**How to Apply**

- Download the application form via the given website.
- All applications, without exceptions, must be submitted by email.

For more information, please visit [Call for Proposals](#).