Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



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Webinar

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Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls

Programme Overview

- Responsible Implementing Agencies: UN Women and the Pacific Community (SPC)
- **Donors:** Government of Australia, and the European Union
- Strategic Partner: Pacific Islands Forum
- Duration: 2024 2027
- Geographical Coverage (UN Women*): Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu
- Impact: Women and girls in the Pacific will experience a reduction in violence against them, as violence is being prevented before it happens or re-occurs, and those experiencing violence are empowered to recover, strengthen their resilience, and rebuild their lives with appropriate assistance and support.

Building on Phase I of the Pacific Partnership, in Phase II, UN Women and SPC will focus on strengthening the evidence base on what works to prevent VAWG through engaging faith, sports and education, as well as strengthening national systems for coordinated, multisector gender-based violence (GBV) response systems. Phase II will further invest in research on the links between EVAWG and climate change, and support initiatives that provide evidence to decision-makers in support of policy and legislative actions that respond to climate change and environmental protection as a strategy to address VAWG.

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Pacific Partnership Phase II Theory of Change

Issue: Violence against women and girls in the Pacific is a violation of human rights issue and among the highest globally. There is an urgent need to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls in the Pacific

IF.

(1) an enabling legislative and policy environment in line with international standards on EVAWG and other forms of discrimination is in place and translated into action with an adequate budget; and

(2) if favourable social norms, attitudes and behaviours are promoted at community and individual levels to prevent VAWG

and children who
experience violence
are empowered to
use available,
accessible and
quality essential
survivor-focused
services and recover
from violence, build
resilience and apply
skills and strategies
reducing the risk of
returning (again) to
vulnerable
situations;

and (4) CSOs,
women's rights
groups and
movements
including those
representing youth
and groups facing
multiple and
intersecting forms of
discrimination
influence
advancement of
progress on Gender
Equality (GE) and
EVAWG;

THEN... (5) there will be a substantial reduction in VAWG

(6) violence is being prevented before it happens or before it re-occurs, and those experiencing violence will be empowered to recover, strengthen their resilience and rebuild their lives with appropriate assistance and support.

BECAUSE...

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Centring and supporting women's rights movement building and meaningful and equal partnership Prevention strategies
by addressing the
unequal structures,
norms and practices
that perpetuate gender
inequality.

Gender approach in
Climate change
mitigation and
adaptation strategies to
address risk factors of
violence

Community mobilization including in faith, sports and whole-of-school programmes

Prevention and response services

Improving both the quality and reach of services that respond to women and girls experiencing violence.

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Pacific Partnership Results Framework



OUTCOME 1: Regional and national political leadership ensures ending violence against women and girls' legislation and policies are in line with international standards and translated into implementation and action.



OUTCOME 2: Favourable social norms, attitudes and behaviours are promoted at the individual, family, community, and societal levels to prevent violence against women and girls.



OUTCOME 3: Women, girls and children who experience violence (including before, during and after emergencies), have **access to coordinated and high quality, essential services** (health, police and justice, social services) to recover from violence and perpetrators are held to account.



OUTCOME 4: Women's rights groups, autonomous social movements, and relevant civil society organisations, including those representing youth and groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination/marginalisation, influence and advance progress on gender equality, women's empowerment and ending violence against women and girls.



Objective of the Call for Proposals



Goal: To strengthen feminist movements and partnerships that connect gender equality, EVAWG prevention, and climate justice, ensuring that Pacific women's rights organizations influence policies, financing, and decision-making on climate action.

Alignment to Pacific Partnership Programme

- Output 4.1: Women's rights organizations, feminist movements and civil society networks have increased opportunities to share knowledge, network, foster thought partnership and strengthen coalition work, making use of technology.
- Activity 4.1.1: Support women's rights/feminist movement voice, agency and leadership in regional and global advocacy spaces, including preparatory exercises and advocacy space engagement.

Call for Proposals Overview

What: Funding to support innovative projects strengthening local women's networks and advancing evidence-based advocacy to influence climate action at national, regional and global levels.

Who: Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)-Women's organisations operating in the Pacific Partnership implementing countries: Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomin Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu

Grants: USD 100,000 \$ - USD 150,000 \$

Duration: January 2026 – June 2027

How to Apply: Call for Proposals Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu | UN

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Eligibility: Criteria for Partner Selection

Track record of at least 5 years in gender equality, women's empowerment, or EVAWG.

- Experience at the intersection of climate change, resilience, and social justice is an advantage.
- Nationally registered organization located in any of the Pacific Partnership implementing countries Fiji,
 Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu.
- Experience in establishing partnerships to influence policy and achieve collective goals.
- Availability of sufficient staff resources and technical expertise, including knowledge of feminist approaches, climate justice, advocacy, and/or GBV prevention.
- Established community presence and ability to meaningfully engage with the vulnerable and excluded groups of women and girls, including those with disabilities, young women, and people of diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.
- Record of organizational accountability, good governance, and sound financial and administrative management, with evidence of transparent systems for monitoring and reporting.
- Grant making is not allowed in this call

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Guideline to Submit Proposals



- Language: English
- Currency: local currency of each country
- Submission deadline: 3 November 2025, 5:00 PM (Fiji Time)
- All proposals should be sent by email to: <u>fiji.tenders@unwomen.org</u> Ref: CFP No. EVAW_FIJ 2025/01
- Request for clarifications deadline: 30 October 2025, 5:00 PM (Fiji Time)



Summary of Documents to be Submitted

Complete and return as part of the proposal:

- Annex B-1 Mandatory Requirements/Pre-Qualification Criteria and Contractual Aspects
- 2. Annex B-2 Template for Proposal Submission
- 3. Annex B-3 Format of Resume for Proposed Personnel
- 4. Annex B-4 Capacity Assessment Minimum Documents
- ✓ You may add additional documentation to their proposals as they deem appropriate.
- ✓ The proposal shall be signed by a person or persons duly authorized to bind the proponent to the contract.





Annex B1: Mandatory Requirements

Annex B

| landatory Requirements/Pre-Qualification Criteria and Contractual Aspect | [To be completed by proponents and returned with their proposal]

Ma	ndatory requirements/pre-qualification criteria	Proponent's response
1.	Are the services being requested part of the key services that the proponent	Reference #1:
	has been performing as an organization? This must be supported by a list of at	Reference #2:
	least two customer references for which similar service has currently or has	
	been provided by the proponent.	
2.	Is the proponent duly registered, r does it have the legal basis/mandate as an	Yes/No
	organization? [Please attach a copy of the official registration here].	•
3.		Yes/No
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4.	Does the proponent have a permanent office within the location area?	Yes/No
5.	Can UN Women conduct a site visit at a customer location in the location or	Yes/No
٥.	area with a similar scope of work as the one described in this CFP?	resylvo
_		V/N-
6.	Fraud or other wrongdoing:	Yes/No
	i. Has the proponent, its employees, personnel, sub-contractor or sub-	
	contractor's sub-contractor or sub-partner or sub-partner's	
	partner been the subject of a finding of fraud or any other	
	wrongdoing following an investigation conducted by UN Women,	
	another United Nations entity or otherwise?	
	OR	
	ii. Is the proponent, its employees, personnel, sub-contractor or sub-	
	contractor's sub-contractor or sub-partner or sub-partner's partner	
	currently under investigation for fraud or any other wrongdoing by UN	
	Women, another UN entity or otherwise?	
7.	Sexual exploitation and abuse:	Yes/No
	 Has the proponent, its employees, personnel, sub-contractor or sub- 	
	contractor's sub-contractor or sub-partner or sub-partner's partner	
	been the subject of any investigations and/or been charged for any	
	misconduct related to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)7?	
	OR	
	ii. Is the proponent, its employees, personnel, sub-contractor or sub-	
	contractor's sub-contractor or sub-partner or sub-partner's partner	
	currently under investigation for SEA by UN Women, another UN entity or	
	otherwise?	
8.	Has the proponent or any of its employees or personnel been placed on any	Yes/No
	relevant sanctions list including as a minimum the Consolidated United Nations	
	Security Council Sanctions List(s), United Nations Global Market Place Vendor	
	ineligibility and any other donor sanction list that may be available for use, as	
	applicable?	
9	Has the proponent read and accepted the standards set out in section 3 of	Yes/No
-	ST/SGB/2003/13 "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation	,
	and sexual abuse"?	
10	Does the proponent acknowledge that SEA is strictly prohibited, and that UN	Yes/No
IU.		res/INU
	Women will apply a policy of "zero tolerance" in respect to SEA of anyone	
	including the proponent's employees, agents, sub-partners and sub-	
	contractors or any other persons engaged by the proponent to perform any	
	services?	
11.	Has the proponent reviewed and taken note of UN Women Anti-Fraud Policy	Yes/No
	(Annex B-6)?	

Key mandatory Criteria:

- Relevant experience: Organisation must have provided similar services before (at least 2 client references).
- Legal registration: Must provide official registration documents.
- Operational History: At least 5 years of continuous operation.
- Local Presence: Permanent office in the target country/area. Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu.

Integrity & Ethics:

- Fraud and wrongdoing: No record or ongoing investigation.
- Sexual Exploitation & Abuse (SEA): No record or ongoing investigation; organization must accept zero tolerance policy.
- Sanctions Lists: Not listed on UNSC, UNGM, or donor sanctions.
- Must acknowledge UN Women's Anti-Fraud Policy and SEA protection standards (ST/SGB/2003/13).

Gender indicators:

- Is the highest executive the proponent organization a female?
- What is the female to male ratio in the proponent's board?





Pro	ponent's Eligibility Confirmation and Information	Proponent's Respons
l	What year was the organization established?	
2	In what province/state/country has the organization been established?	
3	Has the organization ever been adjudged bankrupt, or been liquidated, or been insolvent, or applied for a moratorium or stay on any payment or repayment obligations, or applied to be declared insolvent? (If YES, explain in detail the reasons why, filing date, and current status.)	Yes/No
1	Has the organization ever been terminated for non-performance on a contract? If YES, describe in detail.	Yes/No
5	Has the organization or any of its employees and personnel ever been:	Confirm
	a. suspended or debarred by any government, a UN agency or other international organization; b. placed on any relevant sanctions list including the - https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/un-sc-consolidated-list, United Nations Global Market Place Vendor ineligibility or any other Donor Sanction List;	Yes/No
	and/or c. been the subject of an adverse judgment or award? If YES, provide details, including date of reinstatement, if applicable. (If proponent is currently on any relevant sanctions list this should be disclosed in Question 8 of the Mandatory Requirements/Pre-Qualification Criteria above and is grounds for immediate rejection.)	
5	It is UN Women policy to require that proponents and their sub-contractors and sub- partners observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection and execution of contracts. In this context, any action taken by a proponent, a sub-contractor or a sub- partner to influence the selection process or contract execution for undue advantage is improper. The proponent must confirm that it has reviewed and taken note of UN Women Anti-Fraud Policy (Annex B-6). The proponent must also confirm that the proponent and its sub-contractors and sub-partners have not engaged in any conduct contrary to that policy including in competing for this CFP.	Confirm Yes/No
7	Officials not to benefit: The proponent must confirm that no official of UN Women has received or will be offered any direct or indirect benefit arising from this CFP or any resulting contracts by the proponent or its sub-contractors or its sub-partners.	Confirm Yes/No
3	The proponent must confirm that the proponent is not engaged in any activity that would put it, if selected for this assignment, in a conflict of interest with UN Women.	Confirm Yes/No
)	The proponent must confirm that the proponent, its sub-partners or sub-contractors have not been associated, or involved in any way, directly or indirectly, with the preparation of the design, terms of references and/or other documents used as a part of this CFP.	Confirm Yes/No
.0	UN Women policy restricts organizations from participating in a CFP or receiving UN Women contracts if a UN Women personnel or their immediate family are an owner, officer, partner or board member or in which the personnel or their immediate family has a financial interest in the organization. The proponent must confirm that no UN Women personnel or their immediate family are an owner, officer, partner or board member or have a financial interest in either the proponent, or its sub-partners or its sub-contractors.	Confirm Yes/No

Proponent's Eligibility Confirmation and Information

Proponent completes and responses Yes or No

Component 1- Organizational Capacity and Commitment (Max 1.5 pages)

- What kind of organization and its main purpose.
- Who it serves (e.g. women, youth, indigenous peoples).
- How it works (gender-sensitive, rights-based) and years of experience.
- Capacity and Technical, management, and financial systems in place.
- SEA Prevention policies, reporting, training, and background checks.





Component 2- Expected Results and Indicators (max 1.5 pages)

Show clear understanding of UN Women's ToR and what the proposal aims to achieve.

- Problem Statement, key challenges to be addressed.
- Expected Results. Concrete, measurable outputs and changes by the end of the project.
- Indicators: Proposed measurable indicators for monitoring and evaluation.

Component 3- Description of the Technical Approach and Activities (max 2.5 pages)

Activity descriptions should be as specific as necessary, identifying what will be done, who will
do it, when it will be done and where it will be done.





Component 4- Implementation Plan (max 1.5 pages)

Project No:			Project Name: xxxx																
Name of proponent of	xxxxx																		
Brief description of p	xxxxxxx																		
Project start and end	18 months																		
Brief description of outputs) with contact baselines and targets	Outcome 4 Pacific Partnership. Outcome 4: Women's rights groups, autonomous social movements and relevant CSOs, including those representing youth and groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination/marginalization, influence and advance progress on GE, women's empowerment and EVAWG. Output 4.1: Women's rights organizations, feminist movements and civil society networks, especially those representing groups facing multiple forms of discrimination, are supported to advocate at regional and global levels for accountability and transformative action on efforts to EVAWG. Indicators: xxx																		
	essary to produce the result esponsible for each activity	s Dura	tion of <i>i</i>	Activity	in Mor	nths (or	Quarte	rs) <mark>Yea</mark> ı	<mark>r 1 :202</mark>	. <mark>6</mark>				Year 2:	<mark>2027</mark>				
Activity	Responsible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1.1 xxxx	xxxx																		
1.2 <mark>xxx</mark>	xxxx																		
1.3 <mark>xxx</mark>																			
1.4																			





Component 5- Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (max. 1page)

Explanation of the plan for monitoring and evaluating the activities.

Key elements are:

- how the performance of the activities will be tracked in terms of achievement in the Implementation Plan;
- how any mid-course correction and adjustment of the design and plans will be facilitated on the basis of feedback received; and
- how the participation of community members in the monitoring and evaluation processes will be achieved.

Component 5: Risks to Successful Implementation (1 page).

- Identify and list any major risk factors
- Describe how such risks are to be mitigated/ mitigation measures
- Include the key assumptions on which the activity plan is based on.
- Attach a risk register to capture the above risk factors and risk mitigation measures.

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Annex B2: Proposal Submission Guideline

Component 6: Results-Based Budget (max. 1.5 pages)

Depending on the results to be delivered, following suggestive thresholds could be followed for costs:

- maximum for personnel related costs on a proposal - 20% of programming costs;
- between 3-5% for audits (to be retained by UN Women for Responsible Party audits);
- 3% for monitoring and evaluation;
 and
- up to 7%— support costs (admin overheads etc.)

	iscrimination/marginalization, influence and advance	<u> </u>		026	20	Total		
ОИТРИТ	Activities	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Budget (currence
Output 1.1 XXX	Activity 1.1.1 xxxx							
	Activity 1.1.2: xxxxx							
	Activity 1.1.3:							1
Output total 1.1 Total	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
Output 1.2 XXX	1.2.1							
Output total 1.3 Total								
Direct project management costs	Personnel							
	Office rent							
	Operating expenses & utilites							
	Equipment (IT Equipment)							
	Communication & internet costs (Support purchase							
	of recharge top up for each Officer Commanding							
	Station on each outer islands for monthly data							
	entry and data analysis)							
	Internet Costs						ļ	ļ
	Bank charges							
	Project implementation support costs (Admin, Fin,							
	HR, executive leadership - pro-rated contribution)							
	M&E and audit costs							
	DPMC total							
	Total Direct Project Costs							
Support costs (7%)	Indirect costs	l		l				





Component 6: Final Statement

I, (Name) certify that I am (Po	osition) of (Name of Orga	nization); that by signing this
proposal for and on behalf of (Name of Or	<mark>ganization</mark>), I am cer	tifying that all information contained herein is
accurate and truthful and that the signing of	this proposal is within the scope of my pow	vers.
I, by signing this proposal, commit to be bounded and respecting the terms and conditions states		inge of services as specified in the CFP package eement.
		(Seal)
	_	(Seal)
(<mark>Signature)</mark>		
(<mark>Printed Name and Title)</mark> (Date)		



Annex B3: Format of Resume for Proposed Personnel

Name of personnel:
Title:
Years with CSO: Nationality:
Education/Qualifications:
Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees-professional qualifications obtained.
Employment Record/Experience
Starting with present position, list in reverse order, every employment held:
For <u>all</u> positions held by personnel member since graduation: List each position and provide dates, names of employing organization, title
of position held and location of employment.
For experience in <u>last five years</u> : Detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other
information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment.

References

Provide names and addresses for two (2) references.

Annex B4: Capacity Assessment Minimum Documents





Document	Mandatory / Optional
Governance, Management and Technical	
Organization's legal registration documentation	Mandatory
Rules of governance of the organization	Mandatory
Organigram of the organization	Mandatory
List of key management at organization	Mandatory
CVs of key personnel of organization who are proposed for the engagement with UN Women	Mandatory
Details of organization's anti-fraud policy framework (which shall be consistent with UN Women's anti-fraud policy)	Mandatory
Details of organization's PSEA policy framework	Optional
Documentation evidencing training offered by organization to its employees and associated personnel on prevention and	Mandatory
response to SEA.	
Organization's policy and procedure documents in respect to grant-making (if grant-making activities are included in CFP)	No grant making allowed
	for this call
Organization's policy and procedure for selecting partners (if sub-partner/s are going to be used)	
Administration and Finance	
Administrative and financial rules of the organization	Mandatory
Details of the organization's internal control framework	Mandatory
Audited statements of the organization during last 3 years	Mandatory
List of banks with which organizational bank accounts are held	Mandatory
Name of external auditors of organization	Optional
Procurement	
Organization's procurement policy/manual	Mandatory
Templates of the solicitation documents for procurement of goods/services, request for proposal used by organization	Mandatory
List of main suppliers/vendors of organization and copies of their contract(s) including evidence of selection processes	Mandatory
Client Relationship	•
List of main clients/donors of organization	Mandatory
Two references for organization	Mandatory
Past reports to clients/donors of organization for last 3 years	Mandatory

Selection Criteria



UN Women to review all mandatory/ prequalification criteria (Annex B-1) and rate: pass/ fail

Evaluation of proposals

Template for Proposal Submission (Annex B2);(Annex B3) (Annex B4)

To qualified for financial evaluation proposals must score **50 out of 70** points.

Criteria:

- 1. Compliance with CFP requirements **50 pts**
- 2. Relevance of organization mandate to ToR **20 pts**
- 3. Understanding of ToR and capacity to deliver (components 2 to 5 in Annex B)- **35 pts**

Financial proposals will be evaluated (using component 6 Annex B2).

The proponent with the lowest evaluated cost will be awarded 30 points.

Other financial proposals will receive pro-rated points based on the relationship of the proponents' prices to that of the lowest evaluated cost.

UN Women will select up to 4 proposals scoring the highest

The award will be in effect after acceptance by the selected proponent of the terms and conditions of the agreement and the terms of reference.

Step1. Review of Mandatory/Pre-Qualification Criteria

Step 2. Technical Evaluation of proposals

Step 3. Financial Evaluation of proposals

Step 4. Final Selection and award

Timeline



PROPOSALS DESIGN

1 October – 3 November

SELECTION PROCESS

3 November – 14 November

FINALAZING PROCESS

15 November – 14 December

PARTNER AGREEMENT SIGNATURE

14 December – January 31

Launch of the Call for Proposals

- 1 Nov

Information webinar

- 13 Oct

Written responses to queries close

- 30 Oct

Submissions close

- 3 Nov

Review proposals and identify up to 4 partners based on criteria

UNW to inform the selected organizations

UNW and the selected partners to adjust the project proposal if and as needed

UN Women completes identified partner Risk Based Capacity Assessment

UN Women holds Local Partner Agreement Committee (LPAC) for approval

Adress UN Women LPAC recommendations Draft Agreement is shared with selected partner

Agreements

Signing of Partner

First Advance

All applicants to receive official notification on the outcome of the application

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