

Peacebuilding Fund's Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative 2020

Webinar: PBF GYPI 2020 + Q&A

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Peacebuilding Fund

- ▶ The UN Secretary General's Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) is the organization's financial instrument to support peacebuilding projects in countries at risk of or affected by conflict
- ▶ Direct funding to both UN and civil society organizations
- ▶ 2019: \$191m, 100 projects, 34 countries, 40% towards GEWE
- ▶ The PBF works across pillars and supports integrated UN responses to
 - ▶ fill critical funding gaps
 - ▶ respond quickly and with flexibility to opportunities
 - ▶ in a catalytic and risk-tolerant fashion



WPS and YPS frameworks

WPS

- ▶ UNSCR 1325 (2000) and others on WPS
- ▶ Seven-Point Action Plan
 - ▶ SG's 15% target
- ▶ 2015 Review of Peacebuilding Architecture
- ▶ Sustaining Peace Resolutions
- ▶ Key messages
 - ▶ Gender does not equate women. It is also about power relations between men and women.
 - ▶ Different impacts of conflict and peacebuilding on people of different genders and which gender norms or behaviors could be challenged or enhanced to promote peace.
 - ▶ Women should not be viewed as passive victims without agency or potential for peacebuilding.

YPS

- ▶ UNSCR 2250 (2015) and 2419 (2018) on YPS
- ▶ Importance of youth participation across 5 pillars: participation, prevention, protection, partnership, disengagement and reintegration
- ▶ The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security
 - ▶ Deconstructs stereotypes and myths perceiving young men as threats and young women as victims have led to counter-productive "policy panics".
 - ▶ Stresses that the vast majority of young women and men are peaceful and are indispensable allies for peace and security.
 - ▶ Emphasizes that when investments are made to support the resilience of youth and their contributions to peacebuilding, societies may reap a peace dividend.



GYPI 2020

- ▶ Two initiatives in one call: **Gender Promotion Initiative (GPI)** and **Youth Promotion Initiative (YPI)**
- ▶ Aim to support new and innovative ways to break down the different barriers faced by women and young people to engage in political and peacebuilding processes and to facilitate their meaningful participation in these processes at all levels
- ▶ **GPI:**
 - ▶ Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and subsequent resolutions on Women, Peace and Security
 - ▶ Innovative approaches that promote gender equality and support women in peacebuilding
- ▶ **YPI:**
 - ▶ Security Council resolutions 2250 (2015) and 2419 (2018) on Youth, Peace and Security (2015)
 - ▶ Innovative approaches that support the positive contribution of young women and men to peacebuilding



Eligible countries

 Burkina Faso

 Burundi

 Cameroon

 Central African
Republic

 Chad

 Côte d'Ivoire

 Colombia

 Democratic Republic
of the Congo

 El Salvador

 The Gambia

 Guinea

 Guinea-Bissau

 Haiti

 Honduras

 Liberia

 Madagascar

 Mali

 Mauritania

 Sierra Leone

 Solomon Islands

 Sri Lanka

 Sudan



Who can apply?

UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes and Civil Society Organizations

UNCT Submissions

- ▶ maximum two proposals per initiative per UNCT (2 YPI and 2 GPI)
- ▶ all UNCT submissions must be endorsed by the RC (submission of signed cover letter)

1. **Joint UN proposals**

- ▶ grants between \$800,000 and \$1,5 million per project
- ▶ 2-3 UN partners as direct fund recipients per project

2. **Joint UN-CSO proposals**

- ▶ grants between \$800,000 and \$1,5 million per project
- ▶ max 2 UN partners and 1 CSO partner as direct fund recipients per project
- ▶ CSO partners need to meet all CSO eligibility criteria



Who can apply?

CSO Submissions

- maximum two proposals per initiative per organization globally (2 YPI and 2 GPI)
- grants between \$300,000 and \$1,5 million per project
- maximum one CSO per project as direct fund recipient per project submitted by the CSO independently
- no limit to number of CSOs submitting projects per country
- need to meet all CSO eligibility criteria



CSO eligibility

- ▶ Proof of **previously received funding** from the PBF, UN, or any of the contributors to the PBF in the project country (for example a grant agreement)
- ▶ Proof of **current valid formal registration** as non-profit with a social mission for the duration of the proposed project in 1) the country where the headquarters is located and 2) the project country
- ▶ Proof of **tax exemption** in 1) the country where the headquarters is located and 2) the project country
- ▶ Audited **financial statements** of the last two calendar years demonstrating at least \$400,000 annual budget in the project country
- ▶ Latest annual report that includes the activities of the project country
- ▶ Confirmation that the organization has worked **at least three years** in the project country
- ▶ Explanation of the organization's **legal structure**



Thematic Focus

Two themes

1. Supporting **women and youth leadership**, representation and participation in peacebuilding processes and implementation of peace agreements.
2. Promoting **human rights and protection** of women and youth peacebuilders and human rights defenders.

In addition, preference/extra points will be given to:

- ▶ Joint **UN-CSO projects**, projects implemented by **national CSOs** and projects that demonstrate strong partnerships with **women- and/or youth-led organizations**.
- ▶ Projects that specifically target **LGBTI youth**.



Guidelines

- ▶ Projects must be submitted in **English, French or Spanish**
- ▶ Project duration is maximum **18 months**
- ▶ Projects must set aside at least **5-7% of the budget for monitoring and evaluation**, including final independent evaluation and financial audit
- ▶ Projects must allocate at least **40% of the total grant to national and local civil society partners**, in particular women- and youth-led organizations
- ▶ **GPI** projects must meet all **GM3 criteria**
- ▶ **YPI** projects must meet the **GM2 or GM3 criteria**



Review criteria

- ▶ Innovation
- ▶ Gender- and age-responsive conflict analysis
- ▶ Peacebuilding approach
- ▶ Gender / youth approach
- ▶ Local partnership and consultation
- ▶ Focused and realistic interventions
- ▶ Clear logic between conflict analysis, intervention, activities and results
- ▶ Clear targeting of young people and/or women & geographic location
- ▶ Implementation capacity
- ▶ Value-for-money



Timeline

Stage 1: Concept notes

- ▶ Open online application portal: 1 May
- ▶ Deadline online concept note applications: 1 June
- ▶ PBSO review of the concept notes and the Project Appraisal Committee: June-July
- ▶ Results: August

Stage 2: Full proposals

- ▶ Draft proposals: September
- ▶ Final proposals: October
- ▶ PAC 2: November
- ▶ Funds disbursement: December



Available support

- ▶ Upcoming webinars:
 - ▶ 20 April at 9AM EST: Women and Youth Leadership
 - ▶ 22 April at 9AM EST: Human rights and Protection
- ▶ Existing webinars (www.pbfgyipi.org):
 - ▶ Youth-inclusive peacebuilding
 - ▶ Gender-responsive peacebuilding
 - ▶ Conflict analysis and theory of change
 - ▶ Monitoring and evaluation
 - ▶ CSO eligibility
- ▶ GYPI website (www.pbfgyipi.org), including Frequently Asked Questions
- ▶ PBF focal points/RCO/PDA in country
- ▶ info@pbfgyipi.org



Resources

- ▶ www.pbfgypi.org
- ▶ www.un.org/peacebuilding/fund
- ▶ [PBF GYPI 2020 Call for Proposals and Guidance Note](#)
- ▶ [PBF Guidance Note on Youth and Peacebuilding](#)
- ▶ [PBF Guidance Note on Gender Marker Scoring](#)
- ▶ [The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security](#)
- ▶ [A Global Study on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325](#)
- ▶ [Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict](#)

Q&A



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