

# **Call for Proposal Guidelines**

## **Women Economic Empowerment for Social Change(WEESC)**

**Call opens: 20 February 2019**

**Deadline for Submission: 20 March 2019**

### **Brief about CFD**

CFD is a feminist peace organisation based in Switzerland, active in international cooperation, migration politics, and promotion of peace. CFD is independent of political and religious affiliation and oriented towards a vision of a good life for every human being, regardless of gender, ethnic background and religion.

### **Background**

The submitted proposal should focus on factors that enhance participation of women in economic development. This includes increasing knowledge, skills and access to financial and technical support, as well as empowering women to make and act upon decisions in order to benefit from economic growth. Proposed interventions should recognize that economic empowerment is connected to social empowerment, and take into account the underlying social and cultural factors that limit women's ability to interact with and benefit from markets, such as unpaid domestic and family-related responsibilities, restricted movement, restricted control over assets, and gender-based discrimination.

Proposals should particularly target women and girls affected by intersectional discrimination based on e.g. their ethnicity, colour, age, social background or people living with disabilities. Interventions should therefore address intersectional discrimination with relevant and specific measures.

## Part I: Proposal Criteria

The applicant's project proposal should be within the below described scope taking into consideration the following criteria:

### 1. Project Scope

- **Economic Empowerment and Development:** Project proposals should be relevant to sectors that specifically foster economic empowerment for women and girls, as well as focus on production or services that meet a real demand in the local community or region. The programme design takes the constraints of economic development in a context of an occupied territory into consideration. Cooperation between civil society, government and private sector is encouraged.
- **Intersectionality:** By addressing intersectional discrimination of women and girls, the proposed project is contributing to social change and more just, equal, inclusive and peaceful societies.
- **Innovation:** cfd is looking for innovative approaches in terms of skills development, products or services, marketing approaches etc.
- **Context & Problem Analysis:** The project description demonstrates an in-depth, facts based problem analysis (please mention own researches, if any)
- **Impact & desired change:** Explain the project's envisaged long-term impact for the target group(s) towards social change through economic empowerment
- **Outcomes, Outputs and Activities:** Elaborate on how you aim to achieve outcomes by describing outputs and activities (logframe-matrix or Theory of Change).
- **Sustainability:** Elaborate on social & economic sustainability aspects of the project and a continued impact on the target group beyond the project duration.

2. **Target Group:** Palestinian women and girls affected by intersectional discrimination based on e.g. their ethnicity, colour, age, social background or living with disabilities The project should consider the engagement of men and boys as agents of change. (Participants should be open to being photographed, filmed and quoted for fundraising (and information) activities in Switzerland.

- **Age Group:** not specified though inclusion of young women & girls is prioritized.

3. **Project location:** West Bank (including Jerusalem). Marginalized areas, e.g. Area C, refugee camps, Bedouin villages and rural areas are a priority.

### 4. Project duration:

- Inception phase: July – December 2019
- Pilot phase: 2020 (will be evaluated mid-2020, the project may be continued thereafter for a maximum of 6 years until 2026).
- Budget: 2019: up to USD 44.000 (6 months)  
2020: up to USD 75.000 (12 months)

## Part II: Organizational Capacity Criteria

- I. **Eligible organisations:** local women's organisations, NGOs engaged in local economic development and other interested NGOs with defined gender-sensitive and inclusive strategies. The interested organisations must dispose of qualified staff and proven experience in the field of economic development, social change, gender, human rights and women's empowerment. While the lead has to be with a local NGO, cooperation with other actors of civil society, government and private sector is encouraged.
- II. **Legal status:** Organisations have to be registered as local NGOs in Palestine or for Palestinian organisations based in Jerusalem with the relevant Israeli authorities and been operating for at least three years.
- III. **Audit report:** Organizations must present certified financial audit reports for the last 2 fiscal years.

### Application process:

1. Interested organizations who meet the aforementioned criteria are invited to fill out the application form consisting of:

#### **Part I: Proposal Template**

#### **Part II: Organizational Assessment Template.**

The application form has to be submitted in word-format.

2. Prepare the required annexes mentioned below as a compressed file. Complete applications consisting of filled in template and mentioned annexes should be sent to: [valentina.maggiulli@cf-d-ch.org](mailto:valentina.maggiulli@cf-d-ch.org)
3. Please note that **only** organisations with completed application forms and **all** mentioned annexes in the application form will be considered.
4. Inquiries about the **application process** should be submitted **in English** to the email: [valentina.maggiulli@cf-d-ch.org](mailto:valentina.maggiulli@cf-d-ch.org) until latest **27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. Inquiry emails received after this date **will not be answered**.
5. Deadline for submitting the proposal is **20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Any proposals received after this deadline **will not be considered**.

### Selection Process:

Step 1) Publication of Call for Proposals:	20.02.19
Step 2) Enquires about application process until:	27.02.19
Step 3) Deadline for submitting applications:	20.03.19
Step 4) Eligibility screening, evaluation and shortlisting by cfd until:	31.03.19
Step 5) cfd field visits with interviews:	07.-11.04.19
Step 6) Grant awarding:	mid May 19
Step 7) Proposal adjustments, signing contracts & start of inception by:	01.07.19