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Tadamon Grants Second Call for Proposals

IsDB - ISFD NGO Empowerment for Poverty
Reduction Program



Introduction

The IsDB-ISFD NGOs Empowerment for Poverty Reduction Program (Tadamon NGOs Empowerment) is announcing the second call for proposals for Tadamon Grants which is calling for local CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) with projects promoting an integrated approach to reach out to hard-to-reach communities in OIC member countries.

The IsDB-ISFD-NGO Empowerment for Poverty Reduction is a partnership program sponsored by The Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), managed by The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), and implemented by United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and other strategic partners. The aim of the Tadamon NGOs Empowerment is to trial grass root level initiatives that help tackle poverty and social exclusion faced by refugees/IDPs, orphans, women, youth and people with disabilities through education, livelihood income generation, vocational skills, employment and community resilience.

The objectives of the Tadamon NGOs Empowerment are to:

- Contribute to reducing poverty in IsDB's MCs communities through education and resilience-based initiatives;
- Facilitate an empowering collaborative approach to building relationships and undertake cooperative initiatives to reach out to hard-to-reach communities; and
- Showcase and profile the benefits of an integrated approach to improve the socio-economic well-being of hard-to-reach communities.


The focus will be on local CSOs working at the local level to address issues in areas such as:

- Promoting refugees /IDPs and orphans, women, youth, and people with disabilities
- Basic education
- Vocational training and skills development
- Empowering vulnerable communities through community resilience building (income-generating activities)
- Social exclusion
- Poverty alleviation;
- Climate and Green Energy
- Unemployment
- Building Resilience

Eligibility Criteria

Those eligible to apply are the mapped local CSOs organizations that are members of Tadamon Platform and have a proven track record in delivering development-humanitarian initiatives with a focus on sustainability, inclusiveness, and community resilience:

- Have a valid registration in their respective countries (In your organization's profile on the Tadamon platform, you need to upload an official registration document to confirm your status in the countries you operate)
- Mapped and member must have participated [TADAMON Capacity Strengthening Portal](#)
- Are able to demonstrate their achievements to date
- Are based in one of these IsDB's Member Countries: Burkina Faso, Comoros, Iraq, Jordan, Niger, Pakistan, State of Palestine, Somalia and Yemen
- Have a minimum of three years of experience in delivering projects
- Proposal to be innovative, transformative and scalable by bringing a new approach to address critical challenges in one of the areas related to promoting education and the resilience of the communities as follows: refugees /IDPs and orphans, women, youth and people with disabilities basic education unemployment, vocational training and skills development, empowering vulnerable communities through community resilience building (income generating activities); social exclusion, poverty alleviation and Climate and Green Energy
- Can demonstrate good practice in corporate governance and financial management
- Can demonstrate to have the ability to provide matching funds or co-financing ratio of 1:1 or more
- Can demonstrate a concrete activity plan and budget breakdown for the requested funding
- Contents of the proposals that do not meet the necessary standards of quality will not be selected

 Preselected CSOs will be going through the Bank's due diligence (Compliance, recommendation letter from the government, procurement and technical reviews and approval).

Funding

An indicative allocation of \$120,000 is anticipated per country. Organizations that can apply for this allocation should be from **Burkina Faso, Comoros, Iraq, Jordan, Niger, Pakistan, State of Palestine, Somalia and Yemen.**

Each country will have 1 winner with a prize of up to US\$120,000.

The Tadamon program will also carry out three steps to ensure sustainable financing mechanisms, that include:

- The allocated Grant
- Engage local CSOs to leverage the grant funding with notably International NGOs, donors and other partners that can mobilize matching funds
- Support local CSOs to post the selected projects on TADAMON to have access to an innovative additional funding (such as Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy).

Governance

A dedicated technical evaluation team will be formed to oversee the comprehensive assessment of proposals submitted in response to this call. The primary mandate of the technical evaluation team will be to meticulously screen, select innovative and transformative.

An appropriate monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the impact and inform decisions on the delivery of the Programme will be established. The IsDB in collaboration with partners will oversee the implementation of the projects, design the evaluation process, monitor and evaluate the performance of the projects.

Application Assessment

Successful projects will be pre-selected by the technical evaluation team, cleared by the Steering Committee established for that purpose and finally approved by the IsDB management. Applications will be assessed and scored in accordance with the marking scheme set out below that reflect the programme's aim, objectives and eligibility criteria. Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be assessed or marked. Applicants who score the highest marks will be selected. While the primary criteria for selection of projects will be based on the extent to which they reflect the programme objectives, as well as the quality of the application, and the ability of the local CSO to mobilize funds, consideration will be given to proposals focusing in one of the above mentioned areas of intervention.

Evaluation criteria	Max Score
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (20 MARKS)	20
Be a local CSO with minimum 3 years and up to 5 year of proven experience on reaching out to communities and developing collaborative initiatives on a cross-sectoral basis with local stakeholders	15
Local CSO with more than 5 year of proven experience on reaching out to communities and developing collaborative initiatives on a cross-sectoral basis with local stakeholders	20
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (15 MARKS)	15
Your organization has in place a clear mandate, human, financial, organizational and institutional capacities	5
The proposed project has a Monitoring & Evaluation mechanism which specifies clear targets and indicators	10
FIT WITH THE NGO EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM OBJECTIVES (15 MARKS)	15
Proposal to be innovative, transformative and scabble by bringing new approach to address critical challenges of education for refugees/IDPs and orphans, women, youth and people with disabilities, tackling unemployment, vocational training and skills development, empowering vulnerable communities through community resilience building (income-generating activities), social exclusion, poverty alleviation, climate and green energy	10
How sustainable the impact of the proposed project would be for the target groups and indicators	5
STRENGTH OF PROPOSAL (20 MARKS)	20
Clear presentation of the scope of activities and expected results	10
The proposal is complete in accordance with the application form: it specifies the activities, output, outcomes, procurement plan, risk analysis	10
VALUE FOR MONEY (30 MARKS)	30
A structured budget or financing plan is specified in the project proposal for each component	10
Local CSOs shall provide a matching fund or co-financing ratio of 1:1 or more. Proposals that reach between 2 to 4 times match fund of the Bank contribution will be given priority.	20

PROPOSALS THAT DO NOT MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS OF QUALITY WILL NOT BE SELECTED.

Projects Evaluation

An evaluation **framework for the projects will be developed** and will be evaluated against the following:

- levels of engagement of the target communities with the project structures, processes and decision-making at all levels of the project;
- the overall impact of the project on the issue or community;
- extent and range of responses to issues identified and pursued;
- visibility for ISFD and IsDB
- levels of innovation in collaborative initiatives.

Timetable for Call

	Stages	Date and time or indicative period
1	Launch of Call	November 2023
2	Deadline for submitting applications after 40 days of launching the call for proposal	December 2023
3	Notification of results to successful Organisation	May -June 2024