

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Regional Coordination & Advisory Committees (RCAC)

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1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is a global sexual and reproductive health (SRH) service provider and one of the leading advocates for universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, the overarching goal of [IPPF Africa Region](#) (IPPFAR) is to increase access to SRHR services to the most vulnerable youth, men, and women in sub-Saharan Africa.

IPPFAR, in consortium with [CREA](#), [Empow'Her](#), the [International Federation on Human Rights](#) and [Médecins du Monde](#) France (MdM-FR), will be leading the delivery of a new project entitled Feminist Opportunities Now (FON), funded by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), with the overarching objective to build the capacity of feminist movements, via sub-grants to feminist organizations, with particular efforts deployed in reaching small, often non-registered, feminist organizations, to address and respond to gender-based violence. The project will be implemented across ten countries in three continents: Mexico and Colombia (led by MdM), Bangladesh and Sri Lanka (led by CREA) and Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya and, potentially Niger (led by IPPFAR).

Championing an ecological-based model, integrating the use of multi-disciplinary gender transformative approaches and direct sub-granting, FON will also provide longer-term mentorship and support to feminist organizations in their overall development by designing specific trainings tailored to their needs and helping them to identify other sources of funding. FON also includes a research-action component that will help understand how these approaches can be scaled-up and sustained, ensuring linking, learning and knowledge sharing.

More specifically, the project will seek to:

1. Ensure and improve the sustainability of feminist organizations at the organizational and technical levels by proposing an inclusive approach to capacity building.
2. Empower the resilience and diversity of feminist CSOs through access to sustainable, flexible and adapted financing for small and/or informal and/or marginalized.
3. Enhance and strengthen the networking abilities of feminist CSOs from the South, bringing them closer to networks at national, regional, and international levels, in order to bring their voice to the public arena.

2 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ROLES OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES

The Consortium has decided to integrate an inclusive and participative governance structure to guide project implementation, ensuring integration and participation of feminist expert civil society organisations and individuals across the three continents where FON will be implemented by

establishing Regional Coordination & Advisory Committees (RCAC) with the following terms of reference.

It is important to note that there will be one regional committee per region: Africa, Asia and Latin America. IPPFAR will lead the Africa Committee; CREA will lead the Asia Committee and MdM-FR will lead the Latin America Committee.

Each RCAC will be composed of 10 members: five representatives from the consortium, and five organizations with relevant GBV expertise in the region. These members will meet at least twice a year, once virtually and, where possible, once in person. Groups of members will also be asked to review sub-granting proposals that will be received bi-annually.

These committees will guarantee and ensure that the selection of sub-grantees is made in a transparent manner and will bring their scientific expertise and concrete GBV knowledge in the region to all extent possible, generate and share knowledge in all the sectors of the project. In particular they will be requested to:

- i. Support the identification of potential CSOs by sharing funding opportunities within their networks and in particular with small/grass-root feminist organizations whom they feel will benefit the most from the sub-grants;
- ii. Review sub-granting applications and guide and advise on the selection of the feminist CSOs as potential sub-grantees;
- iii. Advise the consortium in identifying, with CSOs, key advocacy forums, opportunities and entry points;
- iv. Advise and support regional advocacy and research actions on GBV that will be conducted by the consortium members and the feminist CSOs;
- v. Advise and support on developing capacity building and networking strategies and opportunities for sub-grantees.

3 ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL

- Organizations/stakeholders who define themselves as feminist and have a mission/vision to promote gender equality.
- Organizations/stakeholders who implement activities in Africa region (ideally at a regional level), have experience in GBV, are SOGI-inclusive, and/or work with marginalized and vulnerable groups, such as:
 - Members of the LGBTI+ community and in general people with diverse sexual orientation and gender identities
 - People living with disabilities
 - People living with HIV/AIDS
 - Racial, ethnic or indigenous minorities (in the local context)

- Internally displaced, migrant and refugee people
 - Sex workers
 - Young people
 - Members of any other community that in their local context face particularly high discrimination, gender inequalities and gender-based violence.
- Organizations/stakeholders that are able to provide the relevant commitment in terms of time and resources to participate regularly in the activities defined in these ToRs.

DESIRABLE

- Organizations with relevant experience in sub-granting to CSOs.

5 SUBMISSION

Applications should include an Expression of Interest (maximum 2 pages) from the interested organization which should include a brief description of the organization and the link to their website/social media accounts; an outline of their experience and understanding of working with feminist organizations; and their interest in being part of one of the FON Regional Coordination & Advisory Committees.

Applications must be sent by February 19th, 2023 to this email address:
fon.africa.committee@ippf.org

Membership is based on volunteership and is not subject to payment.