

Invitation for Proposals (to be issued by UNFPA)

UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, an international development agency, invites qualified organizations to submit proposals for the implementation of activities under the Youth Programme, across Pakistan. The purpose of the Invitation for Proposals is to identify eligible non-governmental organizations for prospective partnership with UNFPA Pakistan to support the achievement of results outlined in the CPD - 2023-2027 or section 1.3 below.

Organizations that wish to participate in this Invitation for Proposals are requested to send their submission through email or mail clearly marked “NGO Invitation for Proposals-Youth Programme” at the following address:

UNFPA Pakistan mailing address/email address: rfp@unfpa.org.pk

By 3rd May 2023.

Proposals received after the date and time may not be accepted for consideration.

Applications must be submitted in **English**.

Any requests for additional information must be addressed in writing by 28 April 2023 at the latest to roali@unfpa.org UNFPA will post responses to queries or clarification requests by any NGO applicants who submitted, on rfp@unfpa.org.pk before the deadline for submission of applications.

UNFPA shall notify applying organizations whether it is considered for further action.

Please see [Working with UNFPA: Key information for UNFPA Implementing Partners on completing the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse \(PSEA\) Assessment](#).

Section 1: Background

1.1 UNFPA mandate	UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.
1.2 UNFPA Programme of Assistance in [Pakistan	Pakistan is the fifth most populous country in the world. Out of the population of 215.25 million in 2020, 68 per cent are below the age of 30. To turn this ‘youth bulge’ into a demographic dividend, the country needs to invest in long-term human capital development, including education, employment, reproductive health, and expanding opportunities and rights for young people. The country’s Human Development Index (HDI) value for 2019 constituted 0.557, positioning it at 154 out of 189 countries and territories. The inequality-adjusted HDI for 2019 stood at 0.384, highlighting the inequality and disparity in dimensions such as health and education between various income groups. The multidimensional poverty is 38.8 per cent at the national level, with significant geographic disparities as high as 71 per cent in Baluchistan.

Pakistan's progress has been either slow or stagnant on Sustainable Development Goals related to social development, partly due to low spending; only 1.1 per cent of its gross domestic product is spent on health and 2.3 per cent on education, with multidimensional poverty further exacerbated by the humanitarian emergency and protracted crisis situation.

Pakistan's Youth Development Index is 0.517 (Commonwealth Global Youth Development Index and Report, 2020), and the country ranks 162 out of 181 countries. Although the Government of Pakistan has prioritized youth empowerment in policies, it needs to scale up policy implementation and increase investments in adolescents and youth, particularly in life skills-based education and youth-led platforms.

Adolescents and youth from low-income settings with no or limited education are at the highest risk of poor sexual and reproductive health outcomes. Similarly, gender and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and out-of-school adolescents and youth are vulnerable. In the absence of an enabling environment and limited community outreach, it is challenging for young people to access sexual and reproductive health information and services. Therefore, it is critical to strengthen policy, legal and accountability frameworks for adolescents and youth sexual and reproductive health and advance gender-transformative and age-appropriate life skills-based education for in- and out-of-school youth.

The programme is fully aligned with the national commitments on the youth development agenda and UNFPA's regional Strategic Priority Framework and contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027) - Basic Social Services Output.

Under the 10th Country Programme, UNFPA continues to work on the positive development of adolescents and youth on both national/ provincial levels via

Output - 4, Strengthened skills and opportunities for adolescents and youth to realize their sexual and reproductive health and ensure their leadership and participation in policymaking and programming. This output is achieved via:

- (a) strengthening policy, legal and accountability frameworks for youth policy reforms and increased investment in adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health;
- (b) providing policy advice and technical support for the development and implementation of adolescent and youth engagement strategies and action plans integrating sexual and reproductive health;
- (c) scaling up adolescent and youth-led innovative initiatives and engagement to advance sexual and reproductive health;

	<p>(d) generating evidence on effective models for adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health through operational research and studies;</p> <p>(e) adopting new technologies and models, including youth-friendly online applications and helplines to expand young people’s access to sexual and reproductive health information; and</p> <p>(f) strengthening national and subnational capacities to advance life skills-based education (in-school and out-of-school) that promotes gender equality norms.</p> <p>UNFPA Pakistan’s Youth Programme is based on UNFPA’s global Youth Strategy – My Body, My Life, My World which champions for rights and choices for every adolescent and youth across the globe.</p> <p>Further information on the programme can be found on http://unfpa.org/pakistan</p>
1.3 Specific results	<p>Within this framework and as set out in CPD - 2023-2027 working with government and other development partners, UNFPA will contribute to achieve the following results under key priority areas for Youth Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and provincial adolescents and youth engagement strategic frameworks and action plans integrating adolescents and youth SRH developed and implemented across the humanitarian-development continuum • Youth-led platforms, including national youth council, parliamentary caucus and innovation hubs in support of their leadership and participation in policymaking and programming • Inclusive, age-appropriate and gender-responsive national and subnational life-skills-based education guidelines operationalized for in-school adolescents and youth • Inclusive, age-appropriate and gender-responsive out-of-school life-skills-based education guidelines and related packages developed and rolled out

Section 2: Application requirements and timelines

2.1 Documentation required for the submission	<p>The expression of interest shall include the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Pakistan [Required to be eligible for review] • Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in Pakistan (for INGOs) • Attachment I – NGO Profile and Programme Proposal
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest annual report and audit report as separate documents or hyperlink to the documents 	
2.2 Indicative timelines	Invitation for Proposal issue date	April 11, 2023
	Deadline for submissions of proposals	May 3, 2023
	Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications	April 28, 2023
	Review of NGO submissions	June 21, 2023
	Notification of results communicated to NGO	July 15, 2023

Section 3: Process and timelines

3.1 Review & evaluation of NGO submissions	<p>Applications will be assessed by a review panel to identify organizations that have the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to support achievement of results using criteria outlined in section 3.2 below.</p> <p>It should be noted, however, that participation in this Invitation for Proposals does not guarantee the organization will be selected for partnership with UNFPA. Selected NGOs will be invited to enter into an implementing partner agreement and applicable UNFPA programme policy and procedures will apply.</p>	
3.2 Selection criteria	<p>Eligible organizations will be selected in a transparent and competitive manner, based on their capacity to ensure the highest quality of service, including the ability to apply innovative strategies to meet programme priorities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.</p> <p>UNFPA Pakistan office will review the evidence provided by the NGO submission and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:</p> <p>NB: Any proposal not submitted in specified working language will be excluded from consideration.</p>	
	Governance & Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has a clearly defined mission and goals that reflect the organization's structure and context, as well as alignment to UNFPA priority areas. • Organization does not have a history of fraud, complaints or service delivery issues.
	Human Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has sufficient staff resources and technical expertise to implement the proposed activities. • Organization does not have conflicts of interest with UNFPA or its personnel that cannot be effectively mitigated.
	Comparative Advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization's mission and/or strategic plan focuses on at least one of the UNFPA's programme areas.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has experience in the country or field and enjoys prominence in areas related to UNFPA’s mandate. • The organization has a proven track record in implementing similar activities and is seen as credible by its stakeholders and partners. • The organization has relevant community presence and ability to reach the target audience; especially vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas.
	Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has systems and tools in place to systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data
	Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has established partnerships with the government and other relevant local, international and private sector entities.
	Environmental Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has established policies or practices to reduce the environmental impact of its activities. If no policies exist, the organization must not have a history of its activities causing negative impact to the environment.
3.3 Prospective partnership agreement	UNFPA will inform all applicants of the outcome of their submissions in writing to the email/ postal address indicated in the NGO submission.	

Attachment I: NGO Profile and Programme Proposal (To be completed by NGO submitting proposal)

The purpose of this proposal is to provide the following information: a) overview of the NGO, b) an outline of the activities the NGO is proposing to partner with UNFPA and c) provide UNFPA with sufficient evidence to show it meets the criteria outlined in section 3.2 of the IFP. A separate form should be filled for each programme proposal submitted.

Information provided in this form will be used to inform the review and evaluation of NGO submissions as outlined in the Invitation for Proposals.

Section A. NGO Identification		
A.1 Organization information	Organization name	
	Address	
	Website	
A.2 Contact information	Name	
	Title/Function	
	Telephone	

	Email	
	Are you registered in the United Nations Partner Portal ?	
A.3 Conflict of interest statement	To your knowledge, do any staff members of your organization have personal or financial relationships with any staff of UNFPA, or any other conflicts of interest with this programme or UNFPA? If so, please explain.	
A.4. Fraud statement	Does your organization have fraud prevention policies and practices in place?	

Section B. Overview of the organization

B.1 Annual budget	Size of annual budget (previous year, USD)	
	Source of funding	Outline funding base, including local, international, and private sector donors
	Main funding partners/ donors	
B.2 Staff capacity	List of number and key functions of core organization staff	
B.3 NGO mandate and background	Outline the organization's mandate and field of work, and how it aligns to UNFPA's mandate.	
B.4 Available expertise and specialists	Outline the distinctive technical capacity of the organization to achieve results in the proposed programmatic area	
B.5 Experience in proposed area of work	Outline of type/scope and key results achieved in proposed programmatic area in recent years, including any recognition received at local / global level for the work in the proposed area. Include a summary experience in country and prior experience with any organization of the United Nations	
B.6 Knowledge of the local context/ Accessibility to target population	Outline of presence and community relations in the location(s) the activities will be implemented in: include access to vulnerable populations and hard-to-reach areas, if any)	

B.7 Credibility	To what extent is the NGO recognized as credible by the government, and/or other key stakeholders/partners?
B.8 Monitoring	Outline the systems in place (policies, procedures, guidelines, and other tools) that systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data

Section C. Proposal overview	
C.1 Programme title	
C.2 Results to which the programme contributes	Refer to Section 1.3 of the Invitation for Proposal
C.3 Proposed programme duration	From MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY
C.4 Proposed Programme budget	

Section D. Proposed interventions and activities to achieve intended results	
D.1 Programme Summary	<p>This section should provide a brief summary of the programme.</p> <p>It should include a problem statement, the context and the rationale for the Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of the existing problem; ● How the problem is linked to global/regional/national priorities and policies; and ● The relevance of the programme in addressing problem identified
D.2 Organizational background and capacity to implement	This section should briefly explain why the proposing organization has the experience, capacity and commitment to successfully implement the workplan.
D.3 Expected results	“What” this programme will achieve - programme objectives and expected results
D.4 Description of activities and budget	This section includes a detailed description of budgeted activities to be undertaken to produce the expected results. Clear linkages between activities and results must be indicated. The applicant should include a separate excel spreadsheet with full details of activities and associated budget.
D.5 Gender, Equity and Sustainability (optional)	Explain briefly the practical measures taken in the programme to address gender, equity and sustainability considerations

D.6 Environmental impact	Outline the likely environmental impact of the programme, if any.
D.7 Other partners involved	This section outlines other partners who have a role in programme implementation, including potential sub-contractees and other organization providing technical and financial support for the programme
D.8 NGO contribution	This section briefly outlines the partner specific contribution to the programme (monetary or in-kind)
D.9 Additional documentation	Additional documentation can be mentioned here for reference

Section E. Programme Risks and Monitoring

E.1 Risks	Identify major risk factors that could result in the proposed activities not being successfully implemented and any key assumptions on which the proposed intervention is based. Include any actions the organization will undertake to address/reduce identified risk(s).
E.2 Monitoring	This section briefly outlines the monitoring activities

Section F. References

Please provide 3 references to support your proposal. Include name, title, contact information and brief summary of relationship.

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

Reference 3:

Section G. Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Capacity Assessment

Please note, the results of this assessment may be shared with other United Nations entities

G.0 Preliminary Screening	<p>Does the organization have direct contact with beneficiaries? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If your response is no, stop here and do not complete this section. However, please note if your organization begins working with beneficiaries at a later date, UNFPA will require your organization to fill out a self-assessment.</p> <p>If yes, please continue.</p> <p>Has the organization's PSEA capacity been assessed by a UN entity in the last 5 years? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, share the assessment rating and supporting documentation with UNFPA and do not complete this section.</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, complete G.1 through G.8</p>
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G.1 Policy Requirement	<p>Please provide supporting documentation for any fields marked “Yes”.</p> <p>Your organization has a policy document on PSEA. At a minimum, this document should include a written undertaking that the partner accepts the standards of conduct listed in section 3 of the ST/SGB/2003/13.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Code of Conduct (internal or interagency) <input type="checkbox"/> PSEA policy <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of standard procedures for all personnel to receive/sign PSEA policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
G.2 Subcontracting	<p>Your organization’s contracts and partnership agreements include a standard clause requiring sub-contractors to adopt policies that prohibit SEA and to take measures to prevent and respond to SEA.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> *N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts/partnership agreements for sub-contractors <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): <p>* Please Note: If the partner notes that it does not have subcontractors in the self-assessment this core standard is not applicable and UNFPA will assess this core standard as N/A. However, if this situation changes and the same partner subsequently subcontracts activities to another entity, this would warrant a re-assessment.</p>
G.3 Recruitment	<p>Your organization has a systematic vetting procedure in place for job candidates through proper screening. This must include, at minimum, reference checks for sexual misconduct and a self-declaration by the job candidate, confirming that they have never been subject to sanctions (disciplinary, administrative or criminal) arising from an investigation in relation to SEA, or left employment pending investigation and refused to cooperate in such an investigation.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reference check template including check for sexual misconduct (including reference from previous employers and self-declaration) <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
G.4 Training	<p>Your organization holds mandatory trainings (online or in-person) for all IP</p>

	<p>employees and associated personnel¹ (herein “personnel”) on PSEA and relevant procedures. The training should, at a minimum include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a definition of SEA (that is aligned with the UN's definition); 2) an explanation on prohibition of SEA; and 3) actions that personnel are required to take (i.e. prompt reporting of allegations and referral of victims). <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Training package <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Training certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
G.5 Reporting	<p>Your organization has mechanisms and procedures for personnel, recipients of assistance and communities, including children, to report SEA allegations that comply with core standards for reporting (i.e. safety, confidentiality, transparency, accessibility).</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Complaints and Feedback Mechanism <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in joint reporting mechanisms <input type="checkbox"/> Communication materials <input type="checkbox"/> PSEA awareness-raising plan <input type="checkbox"/> Description of reporting mechanism <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle-blower policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
G.6 Assistance	<p>Your organization has a system to refer SEA victims to locally available support services, based on their needs and consent. This can include actively contributing to in-country PSEA networks and/or GBV systems (where applicable) and/or referral pathways at an inter-agency level.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Internal or Interagency referral pathway <input type="checkbox"/> List of Available service providers <input type="checkbox"/> Description of referral or Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) <input type="checkbox"/> Referral form for survivors of GBV/SEA <input type="checkbox"/> Guidelines on victim assistance and/or training on GBV and GBV case management principles <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

¹ Associated personnel include sub-contractors, consultants, interns or volunteers and others associated with or working on behalf of the Partner.

G.7 Investigations	<p>Your organization has a process for investigation of allegations of SEA and can provide evidence. This may include a referral system for investigations where in-house capacity does not exist.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Written process for review of SEA allegations<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated resources for investigation(s) and/or commitment of partner for support<input type="checkbox"/> PSEA investigation policy/procedures<input type="checkbox"/> Contract with professional investigative service<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
G.8 Corrective Measures	<p>Your organization has taken appropriate corrective action in response to SEA allegations, if any.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Supporting documentation may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of implementation of corrective measures identified by the UN partner entity, including capacity strengthening of staff.<input type="checkbox"/> Specific measures to identify and reduce risks of SEA in programme delivery.<input type="checkbox"/> Other ((please specify):