

Call for Expressions of Interest

Building Capacities of local NGOs in Local Social and Economic Development Planning made in a Human Rights based Approach and Gender Equality manner

Background

Drawing upon Moldovan and global expertise in facilitating local self-governance and community-led development, UNDP and UN Women are implementing the Joint Integrated Local Development Programme (JILDP) that provides knowledge-based policy advice at central and regional levels coupled with a scaled up community-level intervention that aims to integrate local authorities into regional and community level development processes. Not only JILDP deepens engagement with current targeted communities and local authorities, JILDP seeks to lay a foundation for regional and community-led development in selected rayons and communities in target region/regions of Moldova.

At the central level and in targeted region and areas, JILDP helps to strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks and to streamline local administrative procedures and systems. There is a particular emphasis on a draft framework for the effective delegation of authority to LPAs, fiscal decentralisation to deliver essential services, and promotion of a greater role for women in decision-making bodies. Secondly, JILDP builds the capacities of targeted LPAs to plan, implement programmes and services and monitor their success, with greater citizen participation using the human rights based approach (HRBA) and gender mainstreaming (GM). Paired with this, they support greater community and civil society participation, transparency, accountability and non-discriminatory approaches in the development and implementation of local development plans and regional strategies. UNDP and UN Women are working to develop the capacities of local NGOs to play more influential roles in local and regional development planning, programme implementation and monitoring.

In order to do this, local consultants of indigenous NGOs should remain updated and equipped with new tools and techniques in local planning, monitoring, implementation and evaluation incorporating HRBA and GE principles. JILDP is organizing the Training of Trainers' Workshop (ToT) on building capacities in local social and economic planning following the HRBA and GE principles.

Purpose

To select and train a core pool of experts and resource persons from local NGOs / specialized public institutions of the Republic of Moldova to improve the knowledge and skills in local social and economic development planning, monitoring and evaluation based on HRBA and GM principles, with a subsequent involvement of selected experts in local planning activities in the JILDP target communities.

Objectives

The workshop aims to achieve this by:

- Enabling participants to learn practical tools in how to assist local public authorities in stakeholders' mobilization and involvement, design, monitoring and implementation of Social and Economic Development strategies made in a HRBA and GE manner;
- Adaptation of UNDP and UN-Habitat materials on social and economic development in the context of RM specific and realities.

Methodology

The ToT will be organized in a participatory manner on the following main topics:

- Overview of the social and economic local planning process
- Community mobilization techniques in the framework of local planning processes
- Practical tools for conducting local assessment (social and economic structure, endowment, human capital and governance), analyzing and assessing the local social and economic sectors (with an opportunity for group work to help participants grasp better and relate to situations in Moldova);
- Developing social and economic objectives and what they mean in terms of strategy choice, and stakeholders interest and dynamic; SMART objectives.
- Introduce to decision making matrix for evaluating and selecting more effective and appropriate strategies; template for action planning
- M & E as management and learning tool
- Incorporation of HRBA and GM principles at all stages of local planning processes
- Action planning session.

The ToT will be organized in June. Additional details on the workshop design, timing and format will be provided to interested candidates additionally.

Upon request, the delegated teams of experts will participate in special sessions on community empowerment techniques, targeting the most vulnerable.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

NGOs / specialized public institutions with strong background, capacities and experience in local planning and development will be considered. Each organization should delegate a group of 4 highly-qualified experts based on the following criteria:

- Strong economic, social or political sciences background
- Substantive (local government) training and facilitation experience
- Knowledge of Moldovan local public administration
- At least 5 years of experience in local planning, monitoring and evaluation techniques
- Familiarity/experience with the tools for promotion of gender equality and human rights (such as gender mainstreaming, Human Rights Based Approach etc)
- Secured commitment of continuity from both the delegated experts and the NGO to take part in UNDP/JILDIP subsequent activities.

Working language:

The workshop will be conducted in English (with translation in Romanian provided). However, the English language knowledge will be an asset.

Application folder will include:

- Application form
- List of delegated experts
- CVs of experts

Deadline for application: May 25, 2011, 17:00