



«Women in Politics» Programme

announces the expression of interest for the
GRANTS PROGRAMME “**Design and implementation of voter education
campaign targeting specific groups of voters**” (GP-2014: WOMEN IN POLITICS)
for Non-Governmental Organisations

In 2014, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) jointly with United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment (UN Women) and in partnership with the East Europe Foundation (EEF) and the Centre for Participatory Development (CPD) started a new Programme in Moldova, named “Enhancing Women’s Political Representation through improved capacity and enhanced support in Moldova” (Women in Politics).

The Programme aims at ensuring an increased participation of women in politics and in the decision-making process by creating an environment conducive to their meaningful participation and providing support to capacity development of women before, during and after the elections at the central and local levels. The Programme objective is to support gender equality advocates in creating a favourable environment for advancing women’s right to participate in decision making at national and local levels by influencing legal frameworks and policies to increase women’s leadership and political participation.

The Programme also has an objective to reach out to specific groups of society in the context of upcoming electoral events (2014 Parliamentary and 2015 Local elections) with a view to inform about the process of voter list compilation, verification of voter list data before elections and participation in elections. Specific groups include, but are not limited to women, youth (first-time voters), voters with physical disabilities, and voters from different community groups such as Roma.

UNDP’s area of responsibility is related to electoral assistance and administration, parliamentary affairs and capacity building of elected women and builds further on the results achieved through the previous and on-going support to the institutional capacity development of the Parliament and the Central Elections Commission (CEC) with a focus on enhancing capacities of the Electoral Management Bodies on gender responsive electoral management and on strengthening capacities of elected women parliamentarians and councillors in performing their official’s duties.

The Programme intends to support CEC with the design and implementation of education campaign on verification of voter registration data and general voters’ education campaign targeting the following groups of voters: young voters, women (e.g. women working abroad, women from rural areas etc.), Roma and voters with disabilities.

In this regard, the Programme announces **an Expression of Interest for Grants opened to NGOs registered in the Republic of Moldova.**

The objective of the campaign is to inform these groups about the upcoming parliamentary elections, encourage them to check their personal data on the preliminary voter lists, voter registration procedures and possibilities to verify and update voters’ data and benefits of their participation in elections.

Project proposals should focus on **design and implementation of voter education campaigns with focus on verification of voter lists data and procedures for requesting changes and general voter education campaigns. The project proposals should targeting specific groups of voters including but not limited to youth, voters with disabilities, women (e.g. women working abroad), Roma, voters from specific minority groups (ethnic, religious minorities).**

The grantee(s) should commit to bring visibility to the “Women in Politics” Programme.

Successful project proposals will also thematically prioritise covering the issue of gender equality. Applicants should demonstrate how gender is ensured throughout their project proposal. This could be done through, but not limited to, involvement of both women and men into the management/implementation of the proposed project; ensuring that women and men will be targeted audience/ beneficiaries of the project; raising gender aspects within the issues covered by the project proposal; cooperation with NGOs active in gender equality area for the purposes of project implementation etc.

Within this Expression of Interest, limited number of projects will be selected, each of up to USD **35,000.00**. **Original and innovative project proposals will have priority.** The projects approved for funding must be implemented **within the following timeframe September 15, 2014 - November 29, 2014.**

The rules and procedures that will guide the submission, selection and implementation of projects can be found in the **Applicant's Guidelines**.

The application package should contain the following documents:

- Application Form (which will include the budget and activities timeline), filled in Romanian or English. Handwritten Application Forms will not be accepted;
- Copy of the registration certificate to prove that the organization is a registered legal entity;
- Copy of the Statute of the organization;
- Declaration of partnership, where applicable, signed by parties;
- CVs of Project Manager, accountant and key staff, involved in project's implementation;
- CVs of experts and their written consent to be involved in the activities of the project;
- To the extent possible, a brief overview of the activities of the organization (including, if applicable, recommendation letters from other donors, developed materials: researches, strategies, training aids, newsletters, brochures; any other relevant materials/information: newspaper articles, audio/video clips, photo reports from events, etc.);
- Other relevant materials to increase credibility of the Applicant and to complement the project justification.

Application Form and **Applicant's Guidelines** are posted on the UNDP Moldova website (<http://www.undp.md/tenders/details/851/>).

Deadline for submission of proposals: September 8, 2014, 4.30 PM (GMT +2). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

The documents can be sent either by e-mail at: tenders-Moldova@undp.org titled as "GP-2014: Women in Politics", or by post, or delivered physically in a sealed envelope (marked «GP-2014: Women in Politics») to the following address: **UNDP Moldova, 131, 31 August 1989 Str., MD-2012, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. Attention: Registry Office/Procurement.**

Applications sent by fax will be rejected. Incomplete applications shall not be examined. Applications sent by e-mail should not exceed 5 MB in size. Applications larger than 5 MB should be split into several messages and each message subject should indicate "part x of y" besides the marking mentioned in the announcement and the solicitation documents. All electronic submissions are confirmed by an automatic reply from tenders-Moldova@undp.org. If you do not receive a confirmation by email, please, contact UNDP Moldova Registry Office by phone +373 (0) 22 220-045.

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