

**«Supporting National Human Rights Institutions as per International Treaty Bodies and UPR Recommendations» Project**  
announces an *Expression of Interest* for  
**GRANTS PROGRAMME (GP-2015: Civil Society for Equality)**  
**for Civil Society, June 2015**

The Project «**Supporting National Human Rights Institutions as per International Treaty Bodies and UPR Recommendations**» is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in Moldova (UNDP) and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in cooperation with the Ombudsperson Office and the Equality Council. The goal of the Project is to contribute to the effective protection and promotion of human rights, equality and non-discrimination on the whole territory of Republic of Moldova, including Transnistrian region, with particular attention to women, minorities, marginalized and vulnerable groups. The project seeks to catalyze the emergence of the strongest possible independent national human rights institutions for Moldova – Ombudsperson Office and Equality Council – and to increase their focus around core strategic human rights goals to maximize their impact. The Project also aims at supporting civil society (NGOs and mass-media) in mainstreaming equality and human rights, public awareness and submission of complaints to the Equality Council on at least following prohibited grounds: disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity (including Roma), language, state of health (people living with HIV).

In order to meet this goal the «Supporting National Human Rights Institutions as per International Treaty Bodies and UPR Recommendations» Project announces an **Expression of Interest opened for NGOs** registered in the Republic of Moldova, including Transnistrian region. The projects approved for funding should be implemented **from August 2015 to September 2016** (implementation period should be maximum 14 months).

Project proposals should focus on mainstreaming equality and human rights, public awareness, cooperation with the Ombudsperson Office for equality, human rights protection and promotion and submission of complaints to the Equality Council on discrimination on at least following prohibited grounds: disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity (including Roma), language, state of health (people living with HIV) on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, including Transnistrian region.

Successful proposals should also **prioritise advocacy for building a common understanding about human rights and equality issues on the basis of international standards and recommendations for the Republic of Moldova, including public awareness on the process of submission of complaints to the Equality Council and on the work of the Ombudsperson Office.**

Applicants should demonstrate how **mainstreaming of gender, disability, sexual orientation, minorities (national, ethnic, linguistic, religious etc.) and state of health (people living with HIV) is ensured throughout the project proposal.** This could be done through, but not limited to, the involvement of people with disabilities, both women and men, as well as persons belonging to minorities, into the management/implementation of the proposed project; building capacities of people belonging to the above-listed groups to protect their human rights; ensuring that the listed groups will be planned beneficiaries of the project; raising the disability, sexual orientation, state of health, gender and/or minority related aspects within the issues covered by the project proposal; cooperation with NGOs of persons belonging to minorities and of other mentioned groups for the purposes of project implementation, etc.

The selected NGO should also ensure visibility for the donors – Norwegian MFA and UNDP Moldova– and for the «Supporting National Human Rights Institutions as per International Treaty Bodies and UPR Recommendations» Project.

Within this Expression of Interest, 6 projects will be selected and a grants up to **20,000 USD for one project** will be provided. Original and innovative project proposals will have a priority.

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, Russian 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 relevant 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 for the donor and to complement the project justification.

\***Application Form** and **Applicant's Guidelines** are posted on the UNDP Moldova website (<http://www.undp.md/tenders/archive2015.shtml>). These documents can also be received by sending a request to the following e-mail: [liudmila.iachim@undp.org](mailto:liudmila.iachim@undp.org).

**Deadline for submission of proposals: 06 July 2015, 10:00 (Moldova local time). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

An **orientation meeting** for potential applicants will be organized on 17 June 2015 (time, location and agenda will be announced by e-mail to participants who confirm participation). Interested potential applicants are requested to confirm their participation by 15 June 2015 to [liudmila.iachim@undp.org](mailto:liudmila.iachim@undp.org).

The documents can be sent either by mail to: [tenders-Moldova@undp.org](mailto:tenders-Moldova@undp.org) titled «**GP-2015: Civil Society for Equality**», or by post, or delivered physically in a sealed envelope (marked «**GP-2015: Civil Society for Equality**») 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 will 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](mailto: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. Offers received after the deadline shall be rejected. For additional information on the application process, please, contact Ms. Natalia Voronova by e-mail: [natalia.voronova@undp.org](mailto:natalia.voronova@undp.org).