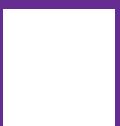




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STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING CAPACITIES OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS (WROs) IN KENYA

**WOMEN'S VOICE AND LEADERSHIP – KENYA
(WVL) PROJECT**



Introduction to Women Voice and Leadership Program (WVL).

The WVL is a five-year project that aims to strengthen institutional capacity and interventions of local/ grassroots women rights organizations seeking to empower women and girls to realize their rights and achieve gender equality. The WVL project defines women's rights organizations (WROs) as civil society organizations active at the grassroots, county, national, or regional level, with an overt women's or girls' rights, gender equality or feminist purpose, and play a central role in spearheading change in support of the empowerment of women and girls, increasing their agency to support vulnerable and marginalized women and girls contributing to gender equality.

Eligibility

The following categories of applicants are eligible to apply for funding under this call:

- a) **Small, emerging grassroots women and girl led groups, gender non- conforming, PLWD, PLHIV organizations with little or no access to funding from larger donors.**
- b) Must **be WROs that are women led – meaning having a Director / head who is female; OR Gender non – conforming people, meaning having a Director/ Head who is female or gender non-conforming.**
- c) Must have a core focus on promoting the socio-economic and political rights of women and girls and gender non – conforming groups.
- d) Must be non-government, non-political and not-for-profit (non-commercial) entity.
- e) Must have existed for at least one year.
- f) Must have an active board of directors, governors or advisors and at least half of the board members must be female.
- g) Must have at least 2/3 of staff, volunteers, or members who are women or girls.
- h) Must be an organisation that targets women and girls or gender non – conforming groups as the main beneficiaries.
- i) h) Must be an organization that can demonstrate, through its activities and actions, a belief in the full realization of women's and girls' empowerment and gender non-conforming individuals.
- j) The organization's current mission, values, and the profile of the activities that it is currently implementing, is focused on addressing gender inequalities.
- k) The main focus of the organizations' activities and results is on making systematic changes to sustainably improve women's and girls' lives, including by engaging men and boys.
- l) Evidence of formal existence of the organization.
- m) Proof of previous works done around women's rights. Testaments e.g. Chiefs, community elders etc.
 - Women and girl led groups and organizations based in any of the 10 counties of Kenya proposed for this Second call (**Isiolo, Bomet, Kericho, Kajiado, Kiambu, Mombasa, Kwale, Tharaka Nithi, Nakuru, Uasin Gishu, Tana river, Laikipia ,Embu, Machakos, Kisumu**) especially those working in or located in remote and underserved areas.
- o) Women and girl led groups and organizations whose annual budget (if they have funding) is not more than 50,000 USD.
- p) Women and girl led groups and organizations who have been in existence for at least 6 months.

Please note, even small emerging grassroots women and girl led and gender non- conforming women led WROs with currently little or no access to funding from larger donors are encouraged to apply. **Women/girl-led organizations working on women's rights issues that are made up of and/or working with socially excluded and disadvantaged women and girls who include but are not limited to; refugees, ethnic minorities, rural women, urban disadvantaged, women and girls living with disability, HIV and AIDS, sexual minorities, and sex workers are particularly encouraged to apply.**

Guiding Principles

- Applications must be submitted in accordance with the instructions on the concept note template attached to this call for concepts (attached below). Applicants will be expected to submit a concept paper and indicative budget submitted with relevant supporting documents.
- All applications must be in English.
- Hand-written applications will not be accepted.
- Any error or major discrepancy related to the points listed in the instructions on the Concept may lead to the rejection of the application.
- Please note that only the application form and the required annexes (budget template, concept note) will be evaluated. It is therefore of utmost importance that these documents contain ALL relevant information concerning the project. No additional annexes should be sent apart from those requested.

Geographical Coverage

Projects should take place only in Kenya in the targeted counties of this call (**Isiolo, Bomet, Kericho, Kajiado, Kiambu, Mombasa, Kwale, Tharaka Nithi, Nakuru, Uasin Gishu, Tana river, Laikipia ,Embu, Machakos, Kisumu**) especially those working in or located in remote and underserved areas.

Eligible themes / topics

Eligible organizations may submit a Concept Note on any theme as long as it relates to the rights of women and girls. Funds may be used to implement activities, conduct advocacy, to build the strength of the organization itself, and / or improve the capacity of its staff / volunteers / members.

Closing Date

The deadline for the submission of applications is 12th August 2021 as evidenced by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip. In the case of hand-deliveries, the **deadline for receipt is at 16.30 hours Kenyan Time** as evidenced by the signed and dated receipt. Any application submitted after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

Grant information summary

- Level of award: between \$15,000
- Period of award: 12-24 months in length
- Grant Application Opening Date: **12th July, 2021**
- Grant Application Closing Date: **12th August, 2021**
- More information (Email) **wvl-faqs@creawkenya.org**
- Method of application: Applications must be submitted online here **<https://bit.ly/CallForProposals-WVL-KE>**
- Language of application: Applications in English will be accepted.

