

Peacebuilding Fund's Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative 2021

Webinar: PBF GYPI 2021 + Q&A

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Peacebuilding Fund

- ▶ The UN Secretary General's Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) is the organization's financial instrument to support peacebuilding projects in countries at risk of or affected by conflict
- ▶ Direct funding to both UN and civil society organizations
- ▶ 2020: \$173,7m, 104 projects, 39 countries, 40% towards GEWE
- ▶ The PBF works across pillars and supports integrated UN responses to
 - ▶ fill critical funding gaps
 - ▶ respond quickly and with flexibility to opportunities
 - ▶ in a catalytic and risk-tolerant fashion



WPS and YPS frameworks

WPS

- ▶ UNSCR 1325 (2000) and others on WPS
- ▶ Seven-Point Action Plan
 - ▶ SG's 15% target
- ▶ 2015 Review of Peacebuilding Architecture
- ▶ Sustaining Peace Resolutions
- ▶ Key messages
 - ▶ Gender does not equate women. It is also about power relations between men and women.
 - ▶ Different impacts of conflict and peacebuilding on people of different genders and which gender norms or behaviors could be challenged or enhanced to promote peace.
 - ▶ Women should not be viewed as passive victims without agency or potential for peacebuilding.

YPS

- ▶ UNSCR 2250 (2015) and others on YPS
- ▶ Importance of youth participation across 5 pillars: participation, prevention, protection, partnership, disengagement and reintegration
- ▶ The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security
 - ▶ Deconstructs stereotypes and myths perceiving young men as threats and young women as victims have led to counter-productive “policy panics”.
 - ▶ Stresses that the vast majority of young women and men are peaceful and are indispensable allies for peace and security.
 - ▶ Emphasizes that when investments are made to support the resilience of youth and their contributions to peacebuilding, societies may reap a peace dividend.



GYPI 2021

- ▶ Two initiatives in one call: **Gender Promotion Initiative (GPI)** and **Youth Promotion Initiative (YPI)**
- ▶ Aim to support new and innovative ways **to break down the different barriers faced by women and young people to engage in political and peacebuilding processes** and to facilitate their **meaningful participation in these processes at all levels**
- ▶ **GPI:**
 - ▶ Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and subsequent resolutions on Women, Peace and Security
 - ▶ Innovative approaches that promote gender equality and support women in peacebuilding
- ▶ **YPI:**
 - ▶ Security Council resolutions 2250 (2015) and subsequent resolutions on Youth, Peace and Security (2015)
 - ▶ Innovative approaches that support the positive contribution of young women and men to peacebuilding



Eligible countries

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|  Burkina Faso |  El Salvador |  Mali |
|  Burundi |  The Gambia |  Mauritania |
|  Cameroon |  Guatemala |  Niger |
|  Central African Republic |  Guinea |  Papua New Guinea |
|  Chad |  Guinea-Bissau |  Sierra Leone |
|  Colombia |  Haiti |  Solomon Islands |
|  Democratic Republic of the Congo |  Honduras |  Somalia |
| |  Kyrgyzstan |  South Sudan |
| |  Liberia |  Sudan |



Who can apply?

UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes and Civil Society Organizations

UNCT Submissions

- ▶ maximum two proposals per initiative per UNCT (2 YPI and 2 GPI)
- ▶ all UNCT submissions must be endorsed by the RC (submission of signed cover letter)

1. **Joint UN proposals**

- ▶ grants between \$800,000 and \$1,5 million per project
- ▶ 2-3 UN partners as direct fund recipients per project

2. **Joint UN-CSO proposals**

- ▶ grants between \$800,000 and \$1,5 million per project
- ▶ max 2 UN partners and 1 CSO partner as direct fund recipients per project
- ▶ CSO partners need to meet all CSO eligibility criteria



Who can apply?

CSO Submissions

- maximum two proposals per initiative per organization globally (2 YPI and 2 GPI)
- grants between \$300,000 and \$1,5 million per project
- maximum one CSO per project as direct fund recipient per project submitted by the CSO independently
- no limit to number of CSOs submitting projects per country
- need to meet all CSO eligibility criteria



CSO eligibility

- ▶ Proof of **previously received funding** from the PBF, UN, or any of the contributors to the PBF in the project country (for example a grant agreement)
- ▶ Proof of **current valid formal registration** as non-profit with a social mission for the duration of the proposed project in 1) the country where the headquarters is located and 2) the project country
- ▶ Proof of **tax exemption** in 1) the country where the headquarters is located and 2) the project country
- ▶ Audited **financial statements** of the last two calendar years demonstrating at least \$400,000 annual budget in the project country
- ▶ Latest annual report that includes the activities of the project country
- ▶ Confirmation that the organization has worked **at least three years** in the project country
- ▶ Explanation of the organization's **legal structure**



Thematic Focus

This year's GYPI will focus on:

Promoting meaningful participation of women and youth in local peacebuilding

For the purpose of this call, local peacebuilding is defined as peacebuilding efforts focused on the **community or sub-national level**.

Proposals in two areas will be prioritized:

1. Promotion and protection of civic spaces, notably regarding land, indigenous peoples and environmental issues:
2. Promotion and strengthening of mental health and psychosocial well-being for women and youth as part of local peacebuilding processes

In addition, preference will be given to:

- ▶ Joint **UN-CSO projects**, projects implemented by **national CSOs** and projects that demonstrate strong partnerships with **women- and/or youth-led organizations or networks**.



Guidelines

- ▶ Projects must be submitted in **English, French or Spanish**
- ▶ Project duration is maximum **18 months**
- ▶ Projects must set aside at least **5-7% of the budget for monitoring and evaluation**, including final independent evaluation and financial audit
- ▶ Projects must allocate at least **40% of the total grant to national and local civil society partners**, in particular women- and youth-led organizations
- ▶ **GPI** projects must meet all **GM3 criteria**
- ▶ **YPI** projects must meet the **GM2 or GM3 criteria**
- ▶ For UNCTs: inclusion of UN Volunteers is encouraged



Review criteria

- ▶ Innovation
- ▶ Gender- and age-responsive conflict analysis
- ▶ Peacebuilding approach
- ▶ Gender / youth approach
- ▶ Local partnership and consultation
- ▶ Focused and realistic interventions
- ▶ Clear logic between conflict analysis, intervention, activities and results
- ▶ Clear targeting of young people and/or women & geographic location
- ▶ Implementation capacity
- ▶ Value-for-money



Timeline

Stage 1: Concept notes

- ▶ Open the online application portal: 26 May
- ▶ Deadline for the online concept note submissions: 18 June
- ▶ Review of concept notes and the Project Appraisal Committee: July
- ▶ Results: August

Stage 2: Full proposals

- ▶ Draft proposals: September
- ▶ Final proposals: October
- ▶ PAC 2: November
- ▶ Funds disbursement: December/January



Available support

- ▶ Upcoming webinars:
 - ▶ 25 May: Promotion and Protection of Civic Spaces
 - ▶ 26 May: Mental health and psychosocial well-being
- ▶ Existing webinars on [GYPI website](#):
 - ▶ Youth-inclusive peacebuilding
 - ▶ Gender-responsive peacebuilding
 - ▶ Conflict analysis and theory of change
 - ▶ Monitoring and evaluation
 - ▶ CSO eligibility
- ▶ GYPI website (www.un.org/peacebuilding/content/gypi), including Resources and Frequently Asked Questions
- ▶ PBF focal points/RCO/PDA in country
- ▶ pbfgyipi@un.org



Resources

- ▶ www.un.org/peacebuilding/content/gypi
- ▶ www.un.org/peacebuilding/fund
- ▶ [PBF GYPI 2021 Call for Proposals and Guidance Note](#)
- ▶ [PBF Guidance Note on Youth and Peacebuilding](#)
- ▶ [PBF Guidance Note on Gender Marker Scoring](#)
- ▶ [UN Community Engagement Guidelines](#)
- ▶ [The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security](#)
- ▶ [A Global Study on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325](#)
- ▶ [Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict](#)
- ▶ [The Thread the Binds: Volunteerism and Community Resilience](#)

Q&A



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