Invitation for Proposals

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| UNFPA Country Office in the Republic in Moldova invites qualified non-governmental organizations to submit **proposals on** **Youth Development Programmes** to support the implementation of the UNFPA 2018-2022 Country Programme for the Republic of Moldova.Organizations that wish to participate in this Invitation for Proposals are requested to **send their submission through email clearly marked “NGO Invitation for Proposals”** at the following email address: **moldova.office@unfpa.org****Deadline for applications: 26 March 2020, 23:59 (Moldova local time).** Proposals received after the date and time may not be accepted for consideration.Applications must be submitted in English. Any requests for additional information must be addressed by email till 17 March 2020, 23:59 (Moldova local time) at the latest to Alexandru Rusu, UNFPA Administrative Associate, at moldova.office@unfpa.org UNFPA will post responses to queries or clarification requests by NGOs on UNFPA Moldova website (<http://moldova.unfpa.org/>) on 20 March 2020.UNFPA will notify applying organizations whether it is considered for further action. |
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| **Section 1: Background** |
| 1.1 UNFPA mandate | UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. |
| 1.2 UNFPA Programme of Assistance in the Republic of Moldova | In the Republic of Moldova, UNFPA works with the government and other partners based on the UNFPA Country Programme. In 2018 UNFPA started implementation of its [3rd Country Programme 2018-2022 for the Republic of Moldova.](https://moldova.unfpa.org/en/publications/united-nations-population-fund-country-programme-moldova) Further information on the previous programmes can be found on http://moldova.unfpa.org/ |
| 1.3 Specific results | UNFPA is looking for non-governmental organizations to submit proposals on **Youth Development Programmes** to support the implementation of the UNFPA 2018-2022 Country Programme for the Republic of Moldova, mainly in two priority areas: **Priority area I: Development of life skills of young people** * **R1.** Increase national capacity for addressing sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in national policies and education programmes.
* **R2**. Reach out young people through peer-to-peer programmes on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Annual target of 12,000 young people, with special focus on 5 districts (Cahul, Orhei, Rezina, Ungheni, Falesti).
* **R3.** Establish and consolidate advocacy platforms (young people, parents, teachers, religious leaders, local public authorities and other community members) for increasing support for comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and services for young people. Geographical coverage - 5 rayons: Cahul, Orhei, Rezina, Ungheni, Falesti. By 2022 aprox. 60% of villages in each of the rayon will have to be engaged in advocacy platforms.
* **R4.** Develop innovative communication programmes (social media, engaging with influencers, etc) to promote sexual and reproductive health education and to combat gender stereotypes among young people and community members.

 * **R5.** Develop and implement awareness raising programmes among Roma communities to reduce child marriage and adolescent pregnancies.

 * **R6.** Develop programmesto combat gender stereotypes and patriarchal norms which limits women’s rights, including women and girls from vulnerable groups through sport.

**Priority area II: Youth participation and civic engagement*** **R1.** Improve policy framework on youth engagement and civic participation through development of National and Rayons Youth Development Strategies.
* **R2.** Improve participatory budgetary process of the local public authorities on youth program component.
* **R3**. Strengthen institutional and programmatic capacity of the Youth Centers, including coaching and mentoring programs focused on human resources management, strategic planning, results-based management, monitoring and evaluation system, data collection system, implementation of the program's portfolio in the delivery of youth services, promotion and visibility of the Youth Centers programme and activities.
* **R4.** Strengthen professional knowledge, skills and competences of the Youth Centers staff through development and implementation of the training and learning curriculum for the youth workers based on the competence framework of the CoE for youth workers.
* **R5.** Support Youth Centers in development and consolidating of the volunteer teams and youth initiative groups with the aim to reach out most vulnerable adolescent girls and boys from remote areas.
* **R6.** Build institutional capacities of the Youth Centers to design and implement civic engagement activities, involving various community stakeholders, tailored to the needs of the youth, including most vulnerable adolescents.

**The results are expected to be achieved during 2020 – 2022.**  |

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| **Section 2: Application requirements and timelines** |
| 2.1 Documentation required for the submission | The expression of interest shall include the following documentation:1. Copy of provisions of legal status of the NGO in the Republic of Moldova
2. Annex I – Application form
3. CV of the organization
4. Organization organigram and CVs of the core staff
5. Latest audit report as separate document or hyperlink to the document
6. Latest Annual Activity Report (if available) as separate document or hyperlink to the documents
7. Any other documents to support your application
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| 2.2 Indicative timelines | Invitation for Proposal issue date  | 10 March 2020 |
| Information session for interested applicants  | 17 March 2020 at 11:00Venue: 45B Puskin str., Off.506 (5th floor)  |
| Deadline for requests of additional information/ clarifications | 17 March 2020, 23:59 (Moldova local time) |
| UNFPA posts responses to queries or clarification requests by NGOs | 20 March 2020 |
| **Deadline for submissions of proposals** | **26 March 2020, 23:59 (Moldova local time)** |
| Review of NGO submissions by UNFPA | 9 April 2020 |
| Notification of results communicated to NGO | 10 April 2020 |

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| **Section 3: Process and timelines** |
| 3.1 Review & evaluation of NGO submissions | Applications will be assessed by a review panel to identify organizations that have the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to support achievement of results *using criteria outlined in section 3.2 below*.It should be noted, however, that participation in this Invitation for Proposals does not guarantee the organization will be selected for partnership with UNFPA. Selected NGOs will be invited to enter into an implementing partner agreement and applicable UNFPA programme policy and procedures will apply. |
| 3.2 Selection criteria | Eligible organizations will be selected in a transparent and competitive manner, based on their capacity to ensure the highest quality of service, including the ability to apply innovative strategies to meet programme priorities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.UNFPA Moldova office will review evidence provided by the NGO submission and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:NB: Any proposal not submitted in English language will be excluded from consideration. |
| Governance & Leadership | * The organization has a clearly defined mission and goals that reflect the organization’s structure and context, as well as alignment to UNFPA priority areas.
* Organization does not have a history of fraud, complaints or service delivery issues.
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| Human Resource | * Organization has sufficient staff resources and technical expertise to implement the proposed activities.
* Organization does not have conflicts of interest with UNFPA or its personnel that cannot be effectively mitigated.
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|  | Comparative Advantage | * The organization’s mission and/or strategic plan focuses on at least one of the UNFPA’s programme areas.
* The organization has experience in the country or field and enjoys prominence in areas related to UNFPA’s mandate, particularly in the area of Adolescent and Youth
* The organization has a proven track record in implementing programs in youth area and is seen as credible by its stakeholders and partners.
* The organization has relevant community presence and ability to reach the target audience; especially vulnerable youth populations and hard-to-reach areas.
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|  | Monitoring | * The organization has systems and tools in place to systematically collect, analyse and use programme monitoring data for reporting and decision making.
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|  | Partnerships and Advocacy | * The organization has established partnerships with the government and other relevant local, international and private sector entities.
* The organization has capacity to advocate Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda at national and local level.
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|  | Environmental Considerations | * The organization has established policies or practices to reduce the environmental impact of its activities. If no policies exist, the organization must not have a history of its activities causing negative impact to the environment.
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| 3.3 Prospective partnership agreement | UNFPA will inform all applicants of the outcome of their submissions in writing to the email indicated in the NGO submission. |