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Restricted Call for Proposals: Strengthening Monitoring and Advocacy Capacities for Rights in Georgia¹

Small Grants for Local CSOs and Grassroots Movements

Background

The Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC) in a consortium with the Hertie School, Human Rights Center (Georgia) and the Georgian Democracy Initiative has designed a multi-faceted 24-month intervention “Strengthening Monitoring and Advocacy Capacities for Rights in Georgia”. With the financial support of the European Union, the project aims to enhance the capacity of Georgian civil society organisations (CSOs) working on the protection of human rights at the national and local levels to oversee state authorities’ compliance more effectively and to increase human rights awareness among right holders and duty bearers.

The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of CSOs and grassroots movements to continuously monitor the human rights situation in the country, promote the adoption of government measures, policies and laws to advance human rights, and - through strategic national and international advocacy - resist a possible backsliding in the sphere of human rights and the rule of law.

To achieve our overall goal, the intervention logic is geared towards three main outcomes linked to three methods of intervention:

- i. Improved human rights investigation, monitoring, reporting and advocacy capacities as well as the knowledge on international human rights monitoring mechanisms of representatives of small, local CSOs and grassroots movements; and local trainers certified to teach human rights monitoring and advocacy.
- ii. Four human rights CSOs working at the national level and ten small human rights CSOs and grassroots movements working at the local level, supported by our two-tier sub-granting programme, implement monitoring and advocacy activities on Georgia's human rights commitments.
- iii. Increased awareness among national and local state authorities and the general public of the state’s obligations towards the promotion and respect of human rights in the country and on the implementation gaps of the national human rights strategies.

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Objective of the Call

Within the framework of this project, the NHC will implement the following FSTP (financial support to third parties) scheme. The NHC aims to provide small grants in order to enable local CSOs and grassroots movements working on human rights protection related issues in Georgia to develop and implement projects focusing on monitoring and advocacy in relation to Georgia's human rights commitments.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- Monitoring and reporting in relation to Georgia's human rights commitment on local and national level, in particular the implementation of the Civic Integration Strategy and the (yet to be adopted) National Human Rights Strategy;
- Advocacy campaigns in relation to Georgia's human rights commitments;
- Awareness raising towards decision makers on Georgia's human rights commitments;
- Awareness raising campaigns towards the general public on human rights in general, with particular attention to protecting the rights of marginalised groups such as LGBTI+ right, women rights and the rights of ethnic minorities.

Grant amount and duration

The NHC aims to provide approximately 10 small grants in total, between 1,000 and 6,000 EUR per grant. This call for proposals will be implemented in two rounds; during each round up to 5 small grants will be awarded.

The anticipated starting date for the selected projects is 1 January 2024. The selected projects should be implemented within 6 months from the starting date of the project.

Eligibility Criteria

This restricted call for proposals is open for the local CSOs and grassroots movement in Georgia whose representatives take part in the capacity-strengthening programme conducted within the framework of the project.

The grant can be received by:

- Non-profit civil society organisations operating and registered as legal entities and entities without legal personality in Georgia;
- Grassroots initiatives operating in Georgia (a group of private people represented by one responsible person, united with one civic aim).

Public administration institutions, state agencies, local or regional authorities, political parties or organisations affiliated with political parties are not eligible for this call.

Ineligible Costs

The budget must be in line with the activities described in the application form. The following activities and expenditures are not eligible under this call:

- Humanitarian support to third parties;
- Military purposes or support to military;
- Medical or any other unexpected (emergency) expenses;
- Commercial activities;
- Infrastructure projects (constructing roads, bridges, buildings, etc.);
- Purchase of land or property;
- Political or religious activities;
- Environmentally harmful projects.
- Retrospective activities (costs related to activities implemented prior to signing the grant agreement) are not eligible under this call for proposals.

Application Process

Interested organisations are asked to [APPLY ONLINE](#) in English or in Georgian no later than **17 November 2023**.

The following documents need to be attached to the online application form:

- Application form (download the template: [GEO](#), [ENG](#))
- Budget ([download the template](#))
- Applicant's declaration signed ([download the template](#))
- Registration certificate of the organisation (if applicable)
- Statute of the organisation

For questions regarding the call for proposals or the application procedure, please send us an email to hrd@nhc.nl no later than 10 November 2023.

Only full applications consisting of a completed online application form and requested additional documents will be assessed.

Proposal Selection Process

An independent evaluation committee will evaluate submitted proposals based on the following criteria:

| | Criteria | Maximum score |
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| 1 | How relevant is the proposal to the objectives and priorities of the call for proposals | 20 |

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| 2 | How relevant is the proposal to the particular needs and constraints of the target groups | 15 |
| 3 | How coherent is the design of the action? Does the proposal indicate the expected results to be achieved by the action? Does the intervention logic explain the rationale to achieve the expected results? Are the activities proposed appropriate, practical, and consistent with the envisaged outputs and outcome(s)? | 15 |
| 4 | Is the action plan for implementing the action clear and feasible? Is the timeline realistic? | 15 |
| 5 | Does the proposal include an effective and efficient monitoring system? Is there an evaluation planned | 10 |
| 6 | Realistic and feasible budget (Are the activities appropriately reflected in the budget?) | 15 |
| 7 | Analysis of risks and mitigation measures | 10 |
| Total: | | 100 |

The applicants will receive feedback to their proposals within 3 weeks after the submission deadline via email.

Any concerns or feedback related to the proposal selection process can be submitted to the NHC via e-mail to hrd@nhc.nl.