

# Request for Proposals (RFP)

Promoting Inclusive Education and providing targeted support to children with disabilities in emergencies and protracted crises

## Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

This FAQ summarizes and answers to questions raised during the orientation held by Education Cannot Wait on June 10, 2022; questions posted during this event in the Zoom chat box, as well as those received bilaterally via email. The FAQ is not exhaustive, and it does not aim to substitute information the ECW official request for proposals. As such, prospective applicants for this [RFP](#) should always refer to guidance and requirements provided in the [official request for proposals document](#) when preparing their application.

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<p>What are the application stages of this Request for Proposals (RFP)?</p>	<p>This RFP will use a two-stage application process. The first stage is an Expression of Interest (EoI). Interested applicants will have to submit a short proposal, using templates available on the ECW webpage, by July 1, 2022. Shortlisted applicants that pass the EoI stage will be invited to submit a full proposal. The criteria for assessment for the EoI stage and full proposal stage are detailed in this RFP. All organizations will receive an email informing them of the outcome of the selection process. The technical and financial proposal should be written in English and submitted as separate PDFs in one email. Check the <a href="#">RFP webpage</a> for more information.</p>
<p>What organizations can apply for this RFP?</p>	<p>This RFP is open to all organizations that can provide the requested goods/services/works and are legally constituted or represented in the country of implementation. An organization needs to be legally registered in the area where it works. It includes UN entities, national and international non-governmental organizations, and civil society.</p>
<p>What are the key eligibility requirements of this RFP?</p>	<p>Applicants must have been HACT assessed as being either “low” or “medium” risk (in all localities of implementation, not only at HQ level), be able to register at the United Nations partner portal and pass the core assessment and PSEA assessments.</p>
<p>Can the HACT and/or PSEA assessments be conducted as part of the ECW selection process? Or can an organization request to be HACT/PSEA assessed?</p>	<p>If the organization is not an existing partner within the HACT system, it is expected that three to six months will be needed to complete the assessment and bring the partner into the system. HACT assessments are time and resource consuming and will only be commissioned when there is high likelihood of the grantee being selected.</p>

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<p>Can several organizations develop a proposal jointly?</p>	<p>An application can be developed by a consortium of organizations. However, ECW can only sign one agreement with one legal partner in a consortium. This means that there will be one lead grantee, which is the legal entity who will sign the agreement under this RFP. Partners of the consortium must agree on what needs to be achieved and how. The concept note should detail implementation modalities and the approach to patronships and/or sub-granting</p>
<p>Can organizations that are recipient of a MYRP grant and currently implementing an MYRP apply for this RFP?</p>	<p>Yes, as long as the funds provided under this RFP are not going to be used to implement work that is already envisioned as part of the ongoing MYRP.</p>
<p>Can the selected organizations sub-grant some of the in-country work to be carried out under this RFP?</p>	<p>Sub-granting is not a necessary component of this RFP. Other parties may receive funds as implementing partners of direct grantees in line with the direct grantees’ policies on sub-grants. A partnership approach is encouraged to implement the activities to be funded under this RFP, particularly national and local organizations of persons with disabilities. If an applicant plans to sub-grant parts of the work envisioned under this RFP, the application must provide details on the approach that is envisioned.</p>
<p>What are the financial and non-financial requirements that sub-grantees must fulfil?</p>	<p>The RFP partner that will be selected will be accountable to ECW for the entire grant. If any, sub-contracted partners would normally be based in-country and will directly report to and be financially accountable to the selected partner of this RFP.</p>

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<p>How many focus areas, listed in the RFP, should a proposal cover?</p>	<p>The RFP seeks proposals that can address one or several of the focus areas listed in the terms of reference, namely 1) ensuring the pre-conditions for access, and/or 2) ensuring the pre-conditions for learning and/or 3) system strengthening.</p> <p>Overall, this RFP is for programmatic work to be funded through ECW’s Acceleration Facility window in support of ECW MYRPs in 2023.</p>
<p>How many countries should a proposal cover?</p>	<p>Through this RFP, ECW seeks to invest in a single grant covering multiple countries. As the result of this RFP, ECW will issue one grant of \$1.25m only to one organization. The grant and the application must cover a period of a minimum of 3 years, as MYRPs by design are implemented over a 3-year period.</p> <p>No minimum number of countries for delivery has been set. It is expected that the selected grantee will deliver interventions in no more than 5 countries in total, in order to ensure sufficiently impactful investments in each setting.</p> <p>Therefore, an applicant should prepare and send one application covering several countries (see Annex A of this RFP).</p> <p>Eligible countries are listed under Annex A of this RFP. Applications that do not focus on these countries will not be considered.</p>

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<p>What sort of flexibility is there between the first stage (EoI) and the second stage (full proposal) in terms of making amendments to the proposal submitted for this RFP?</p>	<p>Within the two stages, the expression of interest and the submission of the full proposals by shortlisted applicants, there is flexibility to amend the proposal. The main purpose is that the intention of the proposal stays the same.</p>
<p>How many applications can an organization put forward?</p>	<p>We strongly recommend interested organizations to submit one application only, either as the sole applicant for this RFP or as part of a consortium.</p>