

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Advancing Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls in Emergencies and Protracted Crises

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

This FAQ summarizes and answers the questions raised during the orientation session held by Education Cannot Wait on Thursday September 1st 2022, as well as those received bilaterally via email.

The FAQ is not exhaustive, and it does not aim to substitute to information outlined in 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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Question	Answer
<p>What organizations are eligible to 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, local, national and international nongovernmental organizations, membership organizations, and civil society.</p>
<p>Can an organization request to be HACT/PSEA assessed? Shall sub-grantees be HACT/PSEA assessed too?</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> <p>Only applicants HACT assessed as being either “low” or “medium” risk (in all localities of implementation, not only at HQ level) will be able to register at the United Nations partner portal and pass the core assessment and PSEA assessment.</p> <p>At this stage of the EoI process, organizations should not take any step yet to be micro-assessed.</p> <p>If a grantee plans to sub-grant the funds they would receive from ECW, further due diligence processes may be necessary to comply with UNICEF rules and regulations.</p> <p>The RFP partners 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>
<p>Can organizations that are currently recipient of a FER or MYRP grant 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>How many applications can an organization put forward?</p>	<p>One organization can submit more than one application only if it applies to more than one focus area. Otherwise, we strongly recommend interested organizations to submit one application only, either as the sole applicant for this RFP or as part of a consortium if they are applying for only one focus area.</p>
<p>What is the maximum amount of fund for each focus area?</p>	<p>This information is available in the RFP, page 9.</p>

	It is important that proposals do not exceed the amount allocated for each focus area in the RFP.
Is a Social Enterprise eligible to apply as a lead organization and/or consortium partner?	A social enterprise is eligible as long as it can be HACT and PSEA assessed and meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the RFP , page 10.
Can the funds under this RFP be utilized for direct project implementation to support girls, boys, and adolescents with access to education services in the priority countries listed in the Annex A of the RFP?	This RFP is only aimed at funding proposals that will respond to the strategic objectives of the ECW Acceleration Facility Strategy to address systemic barriers to quality inclusive and gender transformative education in EiEPC through the development of global public goods. Local organizations interested in the ECW FER and MYRP windows (and other funding opportunities) can contact the in-country EiE coordination mechanism in their respective countries to find out more information.
Is it mandatory to partner with a local organization to submit a proposal?	It is not mandatory to partner with a local organization to submit a proposal however we strongly encourage a partnership approach to implement the recommended activities with in-country actors, such as local women and girls' organizations. If a grantee plans to sub-grant the funds they would receive from ECW, further due diligence processes may be necessary to comply with UNICEF rules and regulations.
Is this RFP for a 3-year funding?	This RFP is for a duration of three years, as it aims to develop global public goods and support a number of MYRPs to be implemented between 2023 and 2026.
Which countries does this RFP cover?	This RFP covers the countries listed in the Annex A of the RFP, namely Burkina Faso, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and Peru. The selected organizations will need to coordinate with the EiE sector coordination and MYRP development committee at the inception phase of the MYRPs in 2023.
Is co-funding mandatory?	Co-funding is not mandatory but is possible.
Where can we find the templates for the budget and application?	The templates for the EoI and budget can be found on this link: https://www.educationcannotwait.org/news-stories/featured-content/RFP_Gender_Equality Applications must be submitted to ECW by COB September 15 th 2022. Incomplete applications will not be considered by ECW.
What is the indirect rate cap?	The indirect support cost cap is 7% and it is 20% for operational cost.