



Teachers Cannot Wait RFP - Frequently Asked Question Document

Document last updated: January 9, 2025

Please note this document will be updated regularly as questions are submitted via rfp@un-ecw.org

Question	Answers
<i>Eligibility</i>	
If our country is not on the priority list, does that mean we are excluded from the proposal call?	This RFP is focused on emergency and protracted crisis contexts and must align with ECW's mission and mandate. Applicants are therefore asked to focus on the priority countries listed in Annex A. We recognize this limits options for interested parties, but the country selection does need to align to ECW's focus countries, added value and strategic ambition.
Our organization is based in a country that is not on the priority list, but we operate in a country that is. Are we eligible for funding?	Yes. If your organization (or an organization in your consortium) is operating within a focus country of the RFP you are eligible to apply.
What kind of organization is eligible to apply? Must an INGO be part of the consortium?	There are no restrictions for who should/should not be part of the consortium. Whether an organization is an IO, INGO, local partner, etc. is insignificant. The priority is that the consortium members are able to deliver the three workstreams.
How many members should a consortium consist of?	We are not specifying the number of consortium members. The consortium as a whole must be able to deliver the three workstreams.
Are organizations required to have passed the Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT) assessment prior to applying?	No. Only successful applicants will be required to have a HACT assessment, meaning that it is not a requirement at the EoI stage of the submission process.

Submission logistics	
How can we connect with other potential applicants in order to explore options for a consortium?	ECW has created a Google form so that those interested can identify potential consortium partners. The form can be accessed through our website as well as this link . Potential applicants can also conduct their own outreach to potential partners.
Budget and grant duration	
Is the USD 2.2 million for one project, or will ECW fund multiple projects using this budget?	This is the full budget for the full ToR (for one consortium to deliver all 3 workstreams).
Are there estimated budget allocations/expectations or percentages for each workstream?	No, there is no precise budget allocation for specific workstreams. However, we envision more funds being allocated towards workstream 2, as this part of the initiative will likely require more resources.
Will all of the funds be dispersed to the consortium lead? Will all consortium partners go through the UNICEF pre-assessment process?	Yes, all of the funds will be dispersed to the consortium lead, and they will be the organization entering into the grant agreement. The consortium lead will be expected to pass UNICEF's pre-assessment process (and the ECW team can support with this). We expect the consortium lead to have their own systems and assessments in place for sub-granting to their consortium partners.
Selection process	
What is the timeline between the Expression of Interest (EoI) and the full proposal submission?	This will be agreed between the successful grantee and ECW.
What criteria will ECW apply to select the successful candidate/consortium?	There is no specific list of criteria that determine the success of a submission, but it will be based on the requirements in the ToR. We are looking for a rigorous methodology, a rich diversity of expertise,

	and relevant experience in research, programming and system strengthening in order to deliver on the three workstreams.
Proposal focus	
What should be the geographical coverage of the project? Should it address all or a subset of the countries listed in Annex A?	<p>This work should be focused on contexts of emergencies and protracted crises and align with the ECW country contexts.</p> <p>Workstreams I and III are broad in nature and can focus on a range of EIEPC settings (drawing on Annex A) so that it can make recommendations for ECW's work and for the sector.</p> <p>However, for workstream II, we would like to encourage applicants to focus on up to three out of eight countries that have been specified by ECW. These are: Burkina Faso; Chad; DRC; Ethiopia; Mali; Nigeria; South Sudan; and Sudan (see Annex A in the ToR).</p>
Is the project focused specifically on gender issues?	No, the RFP is aimed at alleviating the numerous challenges teachers in crisis contexts face across different systems and within school and community settings – including gender-related challenges. However, ECW recognizes and emphasizes the specific needs of female teachers in EiEPC and expects the successful consortium to give particular attention to this dimension across all workstreams (and have the relevant expertise to do so).
Is it expected for each organization to address all workstreams?	It is expected that the successful consortium will deliver all three workstreams. Different members of the consortium may focus on different deliverables – that is up to the consortium.

Can I apply for one of the workstreams only?

No. The successful consortium is expected to deliver all three workstreams. If you feel you are strong in one focus area, we encourage you to form a consortium with other partners to ensure delivery of the full ToR.