



CONCEPT OF JOINT CONTEST for grants in the field of preventing and combating corruption

In recent years, significant institutional and legal reforms have been carried out in the country to combat corruption. Systematic measures have been taken to raise the public's legal awareness and legal culture and to promote an intolerant attitude to corruption in society.

The UNDP project "Preventing corruption through effective, accountable and transparent governance institutions in Uzbekistan" (PCEAT) is a joint initiative of UNDP, the Ministry of Justice, and the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The project aims to implement the donor agreement signed in March 2017 between UNDP and the Government of Uzbekistan on providing anti-corruption programme support to the Republic of Uzbekistan. The project builds on the global anti-corruption experience and good practices accumulated over two decades through the UNDP Global Project on Preventing Corruption in Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS), the UNDP Istanbul Regional Centre and the UNDP Country Office, which have accumulated relevant knowledge on anti-corruption and governance support in transition economies in Europe and Central Asia.

The UNDP project "Strengthening civic space, women's voices and youth to enhance the role of the Anti-Corruption Agency in Uzbekistan" to strengthen the regulatory and institutional capacity of the Anti-Corruption Agency of Uzbekistan (hereinafter - ACA) to fulfil its mandate, with a focus on promoting the voice of groups most affected by corruption and left behind, including women, youth, persons with disabilities, the elderly and others. The project will also promote public demand for integrity as part of an anti-corruption civic space consisting of civil society organizations, media, community groups acting as anti-corruption watchdogs who will exercise public oversight over the ACA and other government agencies.

However, the involvement of civil society institutions and the media in preventing and combating corruption is limited to public opinion surveys, trainings and remains rather low.

At the same time, citizens' self-governance bodies, non-profit NGOs and citizens can participate in the development and implementation of state and other anti-corruption programmes; in raising the legal awareness and legal culture of the population, forming an intolerant attitude towards corruption in society; in public control over the implementation of legislation; in making proposals to improve legislation; in cooperation with state bodies and other organizations in the area of combating corruption.

The Joint Contest on "Involving Civil Society Institutions in the Development and Implementation of Innovations in Preventing and Combating

Corruption" (referred to as the "Joint Contest") is conducted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project "Preventing Corruption through Effective, Accountable and Transparent Institutions of Governance in Uzbekistan (PCEAT), project "Strengthening civic space, voice of women and youth to enhance the role of the Agency for Counteracting Corruption in Uzbekistan" jointly with the Ministry of Justice, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Anti-Corruption Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the National Commission on Countering Corruption.

UNDP announces a joint Contest for project initiatives among civil society institutions in all regions of Uzbekistan in preventing and combating corruption.

The goal of the Joint Contest is to increase the effectiveness of the anti-corruption system, create the most favorable business climate, promote a positive image of the country in the international arena, and involve civil society institutions in the process of developing and implementing anti-corruption measures.

The main objectives of the Joint Contest:

- to implement projects jointly with civil society institutions to prevent and counteract corruption in the framework of social partnership and public control, as well as to carry out anti-corruption expertise of the legislation;

- to use new capacities, i.e. to involve the civil sector in the search for traditional and non-traditional solutions, as well as to increase the participation of civil society institutions in the process of preventing and counteracting corruption;

- involvement of civil society institutions in the development and implementation of various measures to counteract and prevent corruption in relation to vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, low-income families, women and youth;

- creating conditions for targeted activities to further involve civil society institutions in the process of developing and implementing anti-corruption measures, including through the use of advanced technologies;

- incorporation of inclusive methods and application of modern technologies in the areas where women are most exposed to corruption, as well as prevention of corruption through ensuring transparency of the activities of state institutions;

- fostering honesty and integrity, as well as zero-tolerance towards corruption in children through application of innovative ideas and new mechanisms for anti-corruption education and training.

The main directions of the Joint Contest:

Implementation of projects with NGOs to create and implement various measures and advanced technologies in preventing and combating corruption, in the following areas:

1. increasing the role and participation of women, young people in developing and creating anti-corruption innovations and non-traditional solutions.

2. preventing corruption in youth sports and increasing access of gifted young people to professional sports.

3. preventing corruption in protecting the rights and freedoms of persons with disabilities.

4. the encouragement of journalists' capacity to cover anti-corruption activities and to conduct investigative journalism in cases of corruption.

5. establishment and implementation of mechanisms of public control and social partnership for the protection of rights and legal interests of vulnerable groups.

6. development of inclusive methods and application of modern technologies in the areas where women are most exposed to corruption, as well as ensuring transparency of activities of these institutions, to prevent corruption;

7. application of innovative ideas and new mechanisms of anti-corruption education and training of children (including educational media materials, guides, manuals, etc.) aimed at fostering honesty and integrity, as well as intolerance towards corruption.

Successful results of the projects of civil society institutions will allow finding various solutions to traditional problems of the state and society in the area of combating corruption in Uzbekistan.

Who can participate:

National NGOs, including women's, youth organizations, registered and operating in the Republic of Uzbekistan, provided that the aims and objectives stipulated in their statutes correspond to the theme of the grant project.

Requirements:

Small grants will be awarded to the best projects on corruption prevention and counteraction, which must be implemented during the current year.

1.1 Funding:

The total budget of the Joint Contest is 70,000 USD.

In particular:

The project "Preventing Corruption through Effective, Accountable and transparent governance institutions in Uzbekistan".

- 50 thousand USD. The maximum amount requested for 1 project shall not exceed 10,000 USD. The maximum amount requested for 1 project is USD 10,000 in local currency at the time of grant disbursement at the UNDP exchange rate.

Project "Strengthening Civic Space and Voice of Women and Youth and youth to enhance the role of the Anti-Corruption Agency in Uzbekistan" - 20 thousand USD. However, the amount of each grant will be determined based on the grant proposals received and will not exceed 10 thousand USD.

The value of each individual contract should be limited to the established threshold for small value grants (not exceeding USD 10,000).

Selection process:

To participate in the selection process, NGOs are required to submit a completed special form (attached) and relevant information to the following email address: anti-corruption.contest@undp.org by **July 10, 2022**.

Projects will be selected by the Grant Selection Panel, organized in accordance with established UNDP procedures in partnership with the Ministry of Justice, General Prosecutor's Office and Anti-Corruption Agency, National Anti-Corruption Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan under the **Regulation of the Joint Contest "Involving Civil Society Institutions in Development and Innovation in Anti-Corruption and Prevention"**.

Monitoring will be carried out by the UNDP PCEAT project and the project beneficiaries.

The main stages of the joint Contest and their sequence:

- Public announcement of the joint Contest "Involving Civil Society Institutions in Development and Innovation in Anti-Corruption and Prevention". (by 10 July 2022).

- Conducting information sessions for potential applicants in the regions together with the co-organizers. Ensure regular communication and contact with applicants (*by 10 July 2022*).
- Selection of proposals from applicants and submission to the Grants Selection Panel for evaluation (*by 20 July 2022*).
- Announcement of the winners (*20 July 2022*).
- Awarding the winners and entering into the necessary grant agreements (*22 July 2022*).
- Phased release of funding to each winner depending on satisfactory reporting on previous disbursements as per grant agreement (*during project implementation*).
- Organization of monitoring activities and spot checks in the regions together with the UNDP project co-conveners in 2022 (*during project implementation*).
- Completion of projects (*November - December 2022*).
- Collection and review of grant beneficiary reports.
- Synthesis of grant recipient reports and submission of the final UNDP project completion report (*by 21 December 2022*).

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

1. TITLE PAGE OF THE PROJECT	
The subject of the Joint Contest in which the application is submitted	
Direction (nomination) of the Joint Contest	
Name of the project	
Name of the organization that submitted the application (<i>in accordance with the regulations on the state list</i>);	
Name of the region (<i>Region, City, district</i>)	
Full information about the applicant (<i>legal and real address of the applicant, telephone, fax, site address</i>)	
The head of the organization (<i>Name, Surname</i>) and the position and contact details (<i>address, email e-mail address, telephone code must of course be indicated</i>);	
Accounting of the organization (<i>Name, Surname</i>) contact details (<i>address, email e - mail address, phone code must of course be displayed</i>);	
Number of positions in the approved staff table of the organization	
Project implementation period (<i>start date –end date</i>);	
The requested amount (<i>in sum</i>);	
The amount of funds involved (<i>in sum</i>).	
2. CONTENT OF THE PROJECT	
Statement of the problem (<i>the existing social problem, its scope, significance, the target group and the need to implement the project, in a volume of not more than one sheet</i>);	
The objectives of the project; (<i>3 main goals that the project will achieve</i>)	
Main tasks of the project; (<i>5 main tasks will be described, which will be solved as a result of the implementation of the project</i>)	
Form and nature of project implementation (<i>methods of project implementation, in quantity and quality indicators</i>)	
Expected results from the implementation of the project; (<i>quantity and quality indicators and impact of the achieved result</i>)	
The applicant's experience in this field is recorded: (<i>the activities of the applicant, its achievements are fully explained</i>);	
Partners and their tasks; (<i>the specific tasks of the claimant and his partners will be outlined in the action plan indicated</i>)	
Contribution of the organization and Partners (<i>funds involved, resources, material and intangible contributions of the organization and partners.</i>)	

3. TOTAL BUDGET OF THE PROJECT additional funding sources available including (sum)					
№	Cost item name	Number and price	Amount requested	Attracted funds	
				Personal share	Share of partners
I. Salary and equivalent payments					
1.1.	Project manager				
1.2.	Coach				
1.3.	Accountant				
1.4.	Consultants				
	others.				
Summary:					
II. Costs for conducting events					
2.1.	Expenses for the purchase of stationery * *(transcript must be attached)				
2.2.	Reproduction or publication of educational propaganda materials* * * (if the cost is from the savings account, transcript should be attached)				
	Others.				
Summary:					
III. . Other expenses					
	Communication service and Internet				
	Utilities				
	Cost of service trips				
	banking expenses and others				
Summary					
4. CALENDAR PLAN OF THE PROJECT					
№	Event	Date			
1.					
2.					
5. APPLICANT'S RESUME (additional information about the organization)					
1.	Full name of the organization in accordance with the Charter (in Uzb and Russian).				
2.	Top management body of the organization				
3.	The main charter activity of the organization.				
4.	Main charter objectives and objectives of the organization				
5.	Information on the state registration (attach a copy of the certificate.)				
6.	Information on being listed as media (attach a copy of the certificate of registration from the press and Information Agency of Uzbekistan)				
7.	Social partners in the implementation of the project				
8.	Bank details: account number, Banking Department, MFO, INN, OKONX, bank				

	address and phone number. (attach a copy of the supporting documents)	
9.	Implemented projects.	
6. SELF-CONTROL AND SELF-EVALUATION (SELF-AUDIT)		
1.	Evaluation of the project until implementation	
2.	Will the project be able to achieve the set goal	
3.	Prove that the project is effective, and costs are justified	
7. FINAL PART OF THE PROJECT		
Date		
Signature of the head of the organization who submitted the application		
Organization seal		

**Please note: if your organization has received a grant, you are committed to the following reporting structure:*

You are required to submit interim and final financial and narrative reports, as well as reports on the use of equipment (if the equipment has been received from UNDP or paid for by the Provider through the grant);

The final report must be submitted to the UNDP no later than one month after the end date of the project;

Interim financial and narrative reports should be submitted after the end of each stage of the project.

I certify that the information I have given in this form is correct and that I am authorized to act on behalf of my organization.

Signature of the head of the NGO: _____

The date: _____