**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**GRANT FOR ORGANIZATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN LAO PDR**

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| **Eligibility** | National non-profit Organizations of Persons with Disabilities  |
| **Maximum Grant Available** | USD 12,000 |
| **Deadline** | Proposals must be submitted by 23:59 Friday 12 May 2023 |

1. **BACKGROUND**
* The United Nations (UN) [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2.html) (CRPD Convention) is one of nine core International Human Rights Treaties adopted in 2006 that clarifies the legal obligations of States to respect and ensure the equal enjoyment of all human rights by persons with disabilities, such as the right to protection by the law, right to participate in cultural life and national decision-making, right to health, right to education, right to work, right to information, etc.
* To monitor the implementation of the provisions of the CRPD Convention by States around the world, the CRPD Convention establishes the [CRPD Committee](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crpd/pages/crpdindex.aspx), an international body of 18 independent experts. All the States that are party to the CRPD Convention must submit regular national reports to the experts of the CRPD Committee on how the rights enshrined in the CRPD Convention are being implemented at the country level. The CRPD Committee examines each national report, holds hearings, collects input from other entities, and issues concluding observations on the progress made by the reporting State. The reporting State is then expected to address the CRPD’s concluding observations and reiteratively report to the CRPD Committee within the next four years.
* Persons with disabilities and their representative organizations played an integral role in the formulation and negotiation of the CRPD Convention under the slogan *“Nothing about us without us!”* The CRPD Convention recognizes that this role must continue, requiring States to closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities and their organizations (OPDs) in national decision-making and implementation processes affecting their lives, as well as in the CRPD’s regular monitoring and reporting.
* The Government of Lao PDR ratified the CRPD Convention in 2009 and, since then, has made significant efforts to internalize its provisions into domestic legislation by both issuing new legal provisions directly targeting persons with disabilities (e.g., Law No.57 on Persons with Disabilities, National Policy, Strategy and Action Plan on Persons with Disabilities, etc.), and mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities within the laws and strategies of general application (e.g., Law No.58 on Healthcare, Law No.62 on Education, Profit Tax Law No.67, Law No.54 on Social Security, National Strategy and Action Plan on Inclusive Education, 9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan, etc.)
* Law No.57 on Persons with Disabilities establishes the National Committee for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) to oversee and facilitate all the activities relating to the implementation of the CRPD Convention, as well as disability-related domestic legislation and policies across different sectors and levels of the Government, including through regular monitoring and reporting to the CRPD Committee. In 2016, the NCPD submitted the initial [Lao PDR's Report](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fLAO%2f1&Lang=en) on the multi-sectoral measures taken to implement the CRPD Convention at the country level. Following the review of the initial National Report, the [OPDs Joint Parallel Report](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRPD%2FCSS%2FLAO%2F48612&Lang=en), and the [UN Country Team (UNCT) Joint Parallel Report](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRPD%2FIFU%2FLAO%2F49356&Lang=en), as well as the Constructive Dialogue with Lao PDR, in September 2022, the CRPD Committee issued [Concluding Observations](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2FC%2FLAO%2FCO%2F1&Lang=en) and a list of recommendations to the Government. In December 2022, with UNDP’s support, the NCPD initiated the development of a National Action Plan to implement the CRPD Concluding Observations.
* In line with the CRPD central principle, *“Nothing about us without us!”*, Law No.57 on Persons with Disabilities mandates National OPDs to support the NCPD in the implementation of the CRPD Convention and “*promote legitimate rights and interests”* of all persons with disabilities across the country. This support includes but is not limited to: (1) raising awareness, understanding, and recognition of the rights and interests of persons with disabilities, (2) collecting disability data, (3) consulting the NCPD and other Government agencies on disability-inclusive policy-making, (4) empowering persons with disabilities and other organizations working in the area of disability inclusion, (5) providing direct social services to persons with disabilities and/or their families, etc. – with the focus on the community-level activities.
* In addition, due to their key role in facilitating dialogue between persons with disabilities across the country and the institutional bodies responsible for the implementation of the CRPD Convention, OPDs’ active involvement in the monitoring of the progress of CRPD Concluding Observations and recommendations is essential for the implementation of the provisions of the CRPD Convention. Their feedback, provided to the NCPD in the framework of the development of a National Action Plan, can highlight the diverse lived experiences of persons with different types and levels of disabilities in the country and elevate data and statistics that expose the key vulnerabilities, as well as gaps in social services and the protection of human rights – often overlooked within mainstream planning and implementation processes.
1. **UNDP GRANT AWARD**

The UNDP Grant to “Advance the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Lao PDR” aims to support national non-profit OPDs in their efforts to contribute to the country-level implementation of the provisions of the CRPD Convention and domestic legislation and policies affecting persons with disabilities, including through strengthening their knowledge and capacities.

Under the Grant, UNDP welcomes proposals on the activities that contribute to OPDs’ meaningful participation in the NCPD-led development process of a National Action Plan to implement the CRPD Concluding Observations, including its tailor-made M&E indicators.

**Suggested Objectives:**

* Contribute to the CRPD Review follow-up processes;
* Empower OPDs to participate in decision-making affecting persons with disabilities;
* Facilitate networking and coordination among OPDs and other non-governmental organizations working in the area of disability inclusion;
* Enhance dialogue on disability inclusion between the NCDP, Government agencies, OPDs, and other non-governmental organizations working in this area.

**Suggested Modalities of Interventions:**

* Coordination of OPDs’ meaningful participation in the development of a National Action Plan, including through the development of tailor-made M&E indicators;
* Coordination of the elaboration of an OPDs’ Joint Advocacy Plan in line with CRPD Concluding Observations;
* Public awareness-raising;
* Capacity-building and knowledge-sharing through OPDs Network Coordination Meetings.
1. **GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS’ SUBMISSION**

**Eligibility Criteria:** The UNDP Grant not exceeding USD 12,000 will be provided to **one** national non-profit OPD.

*\*According to the* [*UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP)*](https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPRoot.aspx)*, the Grant can be awarded to non-governmental organizations, including non-governmental academic or educational institutions. The private sector, commercial entities, and governmental organizations, such as regional governments, municipalities, etc., are currently not eligible to receive this Grant.*

**Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria will involve the following elements:

* Capacity of the applicant organization;
* Experience and existing partnerships with national OPDs and NCPD;
* Simplicity and ease of implementation, yet adopting innovative or unconventional approaches;
* Effectiveness and measurability of impact; and
* Timeframe.

Proposals passing the eligibility criteria will be scored against the following:

* Applicant organization’s institutional capacity, relevant experience, and existing partnerships *(30 points)*;
* Relevance of the proposal: quality of the context/problem analysis and assessment *(20 points)*;
* Implementation strategies: soundness of strategy, proposed activities, and expected results against the context/problem analysis in designing the proposal *(30 points)*; and
* Budget proposal *(20 points)*.

**Selection Process:**

* Eligible applicant organizations are expected to submit proposals using the UNDP template *(Annex I)* and Proposal Cover Sheet *(Annex II)*;
* Submissions and queries should be sent to Ms. Seevue Xaykia, UNDP Lao PDR, Governance Team: seevue.xaykia@undp.org;
* Proposals must be submitted by 23:59 Friday, 12 May 2023.

**ANNEX I: LOW-VALUE GRANT PROPOSAL**

*(to be prepared by the applicant organization and submitted to the UNDP Lao PDR by the deadline)*

Date:

Project Title:

Name of Applicant Organization:

Total Amount of the Grant (USD):

1. **OBJECTIVE(S) OF THE GRANT**
* Indicate the objective(s) of the Grant and describe the expected result(s) the Grant is expected to achieve;
* Explain why the grantee is uniquely suited to deliver on the objectives.
1. **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND WORKPLAN**
* Describe the activities that will be completed to achieve the objectives;
* Elaborate if there are any target group(s) / geographical area(s) that will benefit from the Grant, other than the applicant organization. If so, what is/are the target group(s) / geographical area(s), and how will potential beneficiaries be selected?

**Workplan:**

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| **Planned Activities\*** | **Timeline\*\*** | **Planned Budget for the Activity**\*\*\*\* |
| T1 | T2 | T3 | T… |
| 1 Activity  |  |  |  |  | USD |
| 2 Activity |  |  |  |  | USD |
| … Activity  |  |  |  |  | USD |
| **Total** | USD |

\* State what activities will be completed with the Grant funds; add as many activity lines as necessary;

\*\* Define the time periods relevant for the Grant and indicate when specific activities are expected to be completed *(time periods relate to when the tranches of Grant funds are released – i.e., quarterly, biannually, annually)*; add as many time period lines as necessary;

\*\*\* Indicate the budget amounts in the Grant currency.

1. **PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

State the indicators for measuring results that will be achieved using the Grant. At least one indicator per each activity is required:

| **Indicator(s)\*** | **Data Source** | **Baseline** | **Milestones** |
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| **Period 1** | **Period 2** | **Period\*\* …** | **Final Target** |
| Activity 1 |
| 1.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| … |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Activity 2 |
| 2.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Activity … |
| 3.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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\* Add as many indicator lines as necessary;

\*\* Add as many period columns as necessary.

1. **RISK ANALYSIS**

Indicate relevant risks to achieving the Grant objectives and mitigation measures that will be taken. Risks include security, financial, operational, social and environmental, or other risks:

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| **Risk\*** | **Risk Rating\*\***(High / Medium / Low) | **Mitigation Measures** |
| 1 Risk |  |  |
| 2 Risk |  |  |
| … Risk |  |  |

\* Add as many risk lines as necessary;

\*\* Risk rating is based on a reflection of the likelihood of the risk materializing and the consequence it will have if it does occur.

1. **GRANT BUDGET**

PERIOD COVERING FROM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Please note that all budget lines are for costs related **only** to Grant activities;
* The following budget categories and the number of tranches is suggested guidelines; applicant organizations may choose alternates that more accurately reflect their expense items and needs:

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| **General Category of Expenditures** | **Tranche 1** | **Tranche 2** | **Tranche … \*** | Total |
| Personnel |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation |  |  |  |  |
| Premises |  |  |  |  |
| Capacity-building |  |  |  |  |
| Sub-contracts |  |  |  |  |
| Equipment / Furniture *[Specify]* |  |  |  |  |
| Other *[Specify]* |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  |
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| **Total** |  |  |  |  |

*\* Add as many tranche columns as necessary.*

**ANNEX II. PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**

**General Information**

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| **Name of Organization** |  |
| **Contact Person** |  |
| **Contact Information** | **Address:** |
| **Telephone number:** |
| **Email:** |
| **Organization Type** |  |
| **Is your Organization legally registered?** | * Yes
* No

*If yes, please attach a copy of your registration document to the submission* |
| **Institutional Profile***(A brief description of the Organization, including its vision, mission, relevant experience, and partnerships in the proposed thematic area[s])* |  |
| **Total Requested Budget (USD)** |  |