

## **Call for Proposals**

### **Women Empowerment**

#### **Description and Objectives**

The United Nations Development Programme – Lebanon (UNDP) and Senteurs d'Orient have built a partnership since 2011 to support the empowerment of women in Lebanon. In this framework, UNDP and Senteurs d'Orient are pleased to announce the launching of a competition for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to enable Lebanese stakeholders to implement projects addressing the empowerment of women.

This competition will support projects focusing on, but not limited to:

- Vocational trainings
- Business skills development
- Access to job markets
- Education
- IT trainings

The project should have a long-term impact and provide women with resources and tools to become independent. All projects should provide the women with information they can use beyond the project duration, making sure that their needs are met after the project has ended (eg. connections with relevant NGOs, Ministries, and any relevant stakeholders).

The project should aim to achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- Empowering women entrepreneurs
- Promoting women's ability to secure decent jobs, accumulate assets, and influence institutions and public policies determining growth and development
- Providing capacity trainings for women in different work fields and ensuring the sustainability and profitability of these skills
- Promoting life-long learning, provide employable skills especially to young women, and increase adult literacy and basic numeracy

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Senteurs d'Orient and UNDP invite stakeholders from the following eligible groups to submit proposals:

- Youth groups
- Local communities
- National and local NGOs
- Academic institutions (including schools private or public)
- Scout organizations
- Charities

Projects of applicants that would have an impact on the community/village should include an endorsement letter from the relevant municipality. Senteurs d'Orient and UNDP will not be able to support proposals from the private sector, government institutions (including municipalities), or individuals.

#### **Timeframe for intervention:**

The suggested action should extend at most over a 12-month period and should ideally be split into two phases, phase 2 being adapted to the needs of the women after they have practiced what they learned in the first phase.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Senteurs d'Orient and UNDP will consider proposals of up to USD 10,000 per project. A panel of experts will review the proposals to select the most promising one for implementation based on the following criteria:

- Achievability,
- Innovation and creativity,
- Relevance,
- Target/beneficiaries,
- Budget,
- Potential for partnership,
- Measurability
- Sustainability

**Deadline:** February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### **Required Documents**

- Signed Proposal Form
- Registration Papers
- CV of project personnel

#### **Application Procedure**

The proposal (and relevant annexed documents) should be submitted in **soft copy** to [dima.machnouk@undp.org](mailto:dima.machnouk@undp.org) **AND** in **hard copy** at UNDP's Office:

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