



**Call for proposals for grants to provide specialized awareness campaigns for the Transparency and Accountability for the People of Solomon Islands - The Project for Strengthening the Capacities to Combat Corruption (TAPSCCC).**

**Deadline for proposal submission:  
Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 16:00 hrs.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

### ***Background***

The Solomon Islands Government (SIG) has set the fight against corruption as one of its major priorities. SIG, under its National Anti-Corruption Strategy, recognizes that corruption undermines development and sustains poverty, inhibits economic growth, drives political instability, enables the unsustainable use of natural resources, impacts the delivery of services and undermines good governance and the rule of law.

Fight against corruption is part of the Government's Policy Statement, whereby the Government commits to oversee efficient and effective conduct of oversight institutions to eradicate corruption, at all levels in the country; establish the Solomon Islands Independent Commission Against Corruption (SIICAC); and review and strengthen anti-corruption legislation and related subsidiary legislation.

Taking the Solomon Islands National Anti-Corruption Strategy as a foundation, the Transparency and Accountability for the People of Solomon Islands - The Project for Strengthening the Capacities to Combat Corruption (TAPSCCC) aims at reducing corruption levels and its impact for people of Solomon Islands. Cost-shared by the Government of Japan and Solomon Islands, it supports institutional efforts to reduce corruption and develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels to ensure effective and timely achievement of national development outcomes. It offers a platform to private sector, civil society and citizens to engage, innovate and hold accountable responsible parties.

Anti-corruption, transparency and accountability are also part of the Agenda 2030 and is the direct focus of two targets of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: 1) substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms and 2) develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels. Many other targets under SDG16 are also implicitly connected to fight against corruption or will be impacted by the realisation of SDG16 targets.

Under output 3, activity result 3.1.5. Small grants to civil society to build coalitions and conduct accountability activities and integrity advocacy work in line with the National Anti-Corruption Strategy.

## **II. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS/ DELIVERABLE**

The main objective of the grant selection process is to identify NGO/CSOs with operational presence and capacities to engage as Social Accountability advocates and carry out the activities listed below throughout Solomon Islands.

NGO/CSOs are requested to submit one proposal per location CSOs wishing to be considered as a potential grant implementer for more than one location are requested to submit separate proposals for each location. Each proposal should focus on one location only, to include coverage of the surrounding division to the extent possible and demonstrate the specific added value the NGO/CSO can deliver in that location.

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### III. **ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

The NGOs must meet the following criteria to be eligible for selection.

- a. Be legally registered as NGO/CSO and in possession of a valid registration certificate.
- b. Possess a mandate and founding document in line with the activities for which the funds are being sought.
- c. Have an established office and experience in implementing similar/related activities.

### IV. **PROPOSAL**

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA & METHODOLOGY**

##### **a) Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

Applications will be evaluated by the Grants Committee against the following main criteria:

1. Consistency with stated objectives: The proposal should address issues relating to the Transparency & Accountability for the People of Solomon Islands Project
2. Likelihood of success and project feasibility/sustainability: The proposal should clearly demonstrate a sustainability strategy after the grant period and in the absence of external funding. In particular, each proposal must provide a detailed cooperation and handover strategy to existing government and independent state commissions working to provide legal services, as well as an exit strategy for proposed activities.
3. Capacity of the organization to implement the project (institutional, financial): The NGO/CSO should demonstrate the ability to effectively manage grant funds, as well as the institutional capacity (equipment, facilities, competence and experience of personnel, and past record of managing such projects) necessary for project implementation. This should include proven experience and ability to work successfully with justice sector institutions.
4. Comprehensiveness of the project description – product, plan and budget: The proposal should clearly define its strategy for implementation detailing a step-by-step project plan and itemized budget, target groups, and clear timelines for activity duration.
5. Competence of the organization’s staff. Previous experience in related fields, availability of skills and training.
6. The budget should be detailed, complete, rational and realistic, and must not exceed the equivalent of USD 5,000.
7. Administrative costs must not exceed 10% of the total proposed amount.
8. The amount requested in the proposal should be commensurate with the organization’s administrative and financial management capabilities.
9. The grant will be payable in local currency at the official exchange rate.

<b>Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation criteria</b>		<b>Score Weight</b>	<b>Points Obtainable</b>
1.	NGO/CSO eligibility and qualifications	10%	100
2.	Proposed methodology, approach and	20%	200
3.	Management structure and key personnel	20%	200
4.	Likelihood of success and project feasibility and	20%	200
5	Financial evaluation- The budget should be detailed, complete, rational, and realistic, and must not exceed the equivalent of USD 5,000.	30%	300
Total			1000

**b) Project duration:** The project duration will not go beyond **3 months**.

## **V. SELECTION PROCESS**

UNDP will review the proposals through a five-step process: (i) determination of eligibility; (ii) technical review of eligible proposals; (iii) scoring and ranking of the eligible proposals based on the assessment criteria outlined in Section (iv) to identify highest ranking proposal; (v) round of clarification (if necessary) with the highest scored proposal; and (vi) signature of grant agreement.

## **VI. SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Applications (project proposals) in the form of the template attached (Attachment I) must be submitted by NGOs/CSOs based in Solomon Islands to the UNDP Office in Honiara or by post or email as detailed below **not later than Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 16:00 hrs. (Solomon Islands time)** along with the following:

- a. Proof of registration as a non-governmental/non-commercial organization including copies of registration certificate(s)
- b. Organizational profile with the following details:
  - i. A clearly defined management structure.
  - ii. Experience in the fields as indicated in the call for proposals.
  - iii. Experience and expertise in training and capacity building.
  - iv. Knowledge of justice, legal rights, international human rights.
  - v. Experience of working on human rights and protection issues.
  - vi. Work experience in Solomon Islands of at least one year prior to the application.
  - vii. Curriculum vitae of two key staff members involved in the implementation of the project.

All entities interested in submitting their proposals for grants to provide access to justice support services may obtain the call for proposal documents in the annex to this proposal.

Interested NGO/CSOs may obtain further information at the following address:

Name of Office: TAP Project, UNDP – Honiara, Solomon Islands

Contact person: Vardon Hoca  
Programme Manager  
Transparency and Accountability for the People of Solomon Islands Project  
Project  
UNDP – Honiara, Solomon Islands  
[vardon.hoca@undp.org](mailto:vardon.hoca@undp.org)

Complete proposals must be emailed to the contact emails above or delivered by hand in a sealed envelope marked '**Call for proposals for grants to provide specialized awareness campaigns for the Transparency and Accountability for the People of Solomon Islands Project**' to the address below **not later than Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 16:00 hrs. (Solomon Islands time)**. Late bids will be rejected.

**Programme Manager**  
**Transparency and Accountability for the People of Solomon Islands Project**  
**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Solomon Islands**  
**ANZ Haus, Ranadi**  
**Honiara, Solomon Islands**

**Annex 1**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Grants to provide specialized awareness campaigns for the Transparency & Accountability for the People of Solomon Islands Project**

*APPLICATION TEMPLATE*

*(please, do not exceed the proposed size limit for each section)*

**INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANT ORGANIZATION**

Organization's legal name	
Organization's legal status	
Year of registration	
Name of executive director	
Name of project manager	
Name of project accountant	
Organization's legal address	
Actual address (if different from above)	
Telephone:	Fax:
E-mail address:	Web page:
Project budget (in SBD)	
Project dates	