

# CHINA GENDER FACILITY FOR RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

## 3<sup>rd</sup> CALL FOR PROPOSALS

1 February – 15 March 2007

### Background

The China Gender Facility (CGF) was set up in September 2004 by the UN China Theme Group on Gender (UNTGG).<sup>1</sup> Its funding is provided by UN Agencies (UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO and UNIFEM), bilateral donors (DFID, AusAID) and the private sector (OMEGA Watch).

The objective of the facility is to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals<sup>2</sup> and the reduction of gender inequalities in China, in line with relevant international conventions and agreements.<sup>3</sup> The Facility provides grants of up to 30,000 USD to government, local and national civil society and academic institutions in mainland China to fund innovative and catalytic proposals that support research on contemporary gender issues and/or dissemination of research outputs, and/or advocacy and dialogue leading to integration of gender into Chinese development plans, policies and programmes.

A third call for proposals is hereby being issued. For this round, proposals are requested to focus on:

- **Violence against women and girls;**
- **Gender and HIV/AIDS; and**
- **Gender and migration/trafficking.**

### Application Guidelines

#### 1. Submission deadline

The call for proposals will start at 09:00 am on **1 February 2007**. The deadline for submission of applications is 18:00, **15 March 2007**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

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<sup>1</sup> The UNTGG is composed of UN agencies, multilateral and bilateral development agencies and international NGOs. It is mandated to provide a platform for inter-agency policy dialogue and coordination on gender and development issues, and to share experiences on effective advocacy and gender mainstreaming in the work of the UN system and the wider community.

<sup>2</sup> The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be achieved by the target date of 2015 are the following: 1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; 2) Achieve universal primary education; 3) Promote gender equality and empower women; 4) Reduce child mortality; 5) Improve maternal health; 6) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; 7) Ensure environmental sustainability; 8) Develop a global partnership for development.

<sup>3</sup> The Convention on All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, the Outcome Document on Beijing +5 and the Millennium Declaration.

## **2. Where to submit proposals**

Applications should be submitted in two languages, Chinese and English. The content of the two language versions should be identical. Please send proposals by e-mail, clearly labelled 'China Gender Facility 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals' to: [unifem\\_china@unifem.org](mailto:unifem_china@unifem.org).

Alternatively, proposals may be mailed or faxed to:

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## **3. Who can apply**

Applications can be submitted by an organization or jointly by two or more legally constituted organizations which fall under any of the following categories:

- Non-governmental organizations
- Central or local governmental agencies
- National or local institutions affiliated with government departments
- National or local associations
- Unions
- Educational and academic institutions
- Community-based groups

Proposals submitted by individuals or by organizations without legal status will not be accepted.

***Priority will be given to proposals that involve joint initiatives involving multi-stakeholder groups, and fostering collaboration between non-governmental and government organizations.***

In cases where two or more organisations jointly submit a proposal, it should be clearly stated which organisation represents the applicant and takes legal responsibility for administering and implementing the project.

## **4. Criteria used to select proposals for funding**

Project selection shall be made by the Technical Advisory Committee, composed of the CGF donors and ACWF set up under the UNTGG, taking into consideration of the following:

- The proposed objectives contribute to those of the China Gender Facility;
- The proposed actions respond to the acute persisting and emerging gender issues in China which require immediate action;
- Utilize innovative and/or catalytic approaches;
- Lead to the profound impact as described in the project work plan;
- Sustainable;
- Build institutional capacity and credentials of the applicant institution.

***Proposals that reflect availability of matching funds will be given priority.***

## **5. Project duration and budget**

Expected duration of the projects supported by the CGF is usually from 12 to 18 months from the time of the grant approval to the conclusion of a contract.

The China Gender facility grant size cannot exceed 30,000 USD.

## 6. Types of proposals

The proposals may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Awareness Raising and Advocacy on gender that aim to enhance the government's responsibility for promoting gender equality.
  - Examples include expanding public understanding about specific gender issues, e.g. violence against women and girls, and women's unpaid work; working with the media; educating communities on how to demand government action to eliminate discrimination against women; publications including books, brochures, and organization of conferences, workshops and seminars.
- (2) Gender-Sensitivity Training for government and non-government institutions.
  - This will enhance the ability of personnel to promote gender mainstreaming in policy making and intervention actions, to respond to gender discrimination, understand its causes and consequences, and develop and implement policies to combat it. Training can involve groups such as civil servants and officials in government departments, law enforcement officers and legal practitioners, health care providers, and social and education workers, and media employees..
- (3) Action-Related Research on persisting and emerging issues of gender discrimination, to provide evidence for development interventions and policy decisions.
  - These projects may be directly linked up with the adoption/revision of a national/regional policies and laws. The research will help build justification for the inclusion of gender consideration in policy/law making, and develop tools for advocacy.

## 7. Geographical dimension

Proposals must address specific issues and problems that occur:

- In the national context, which affects multiple regions in the country;
- Within a specific region or province, but have implications for other regions or provinces;
- In a local community, with direct impact on lives of men and women living in the community and providing opportunities for awareness raising and advocacy.

Actions must take place in the People's Republic of China.

To download the **Operational Guidelines and the Application Form**, please visit <http://www.unchina.org/unifem>.

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