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| **Title:** | **Call for proposals to support and capacitate the Ombudsperson’s Office in monitoring and analysis of violence against women and girls with disabilities in Kyrgyzstan** |
| **Contract Type:** | **Grant to CSOs** |
| **Target Locations:** | **Country-wide** |
| **Duration of Contract:** | **Maximum duration: 4 months (August 2025 - November 2025)** |
| **Budget Ceiling** | **This grant will support budgets no more than $30,000.** |
| **Submission Deadline** | **Proposals may be submitted before 26 May 2025, 17:00 PM Bishkek local time and via (choose appropriate box)**  **☑E-mail :** [**ilima.bokoshova@un.org**](mailto:ilima.bokoshova@un.org) |
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| **II. Background/ Context** |
| In Kyrgyzstan, gender-based violence against women remains widespread, both within households and in public spaces, with underreporting and societal normalization posing significant challenges. Women with disabilities face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, as highlighted by disability rights advocates and experts. They encounter greater barriers to education, employment, and social inclusion compared to men with disabilities and are at heightened risk of psychological and sexual abuse. Despite these risks, official data on domestic violence does not capture disability status, and no comprehensive studies have been conducted to assess the prevalence of violence against women and girls with disabilities. As a result, only the most extreme cases gain media attention and lead to legal action, while violence perpetrated by caregivers, family members, and partners often remains invisible and unaddressed.  In response to this persistently critical situation, which has long required urgent action, the Regional Office of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for Central Asia (OHCHR ROCA) is launching a Call for Proposals (CFP) for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to apply for a small grant aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Ombudsperson’s Office to monitor, document, and advocate for systemic reforms to address violence against women with disabilities.  This initiative aligns with national and international priorities. It contributes to the implementation of the National Action Plan on Gender Equality for 2025-2027, reinforces Kyrgyzstan’s commitments under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)and supports the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, following her country visit in September 2024. Furthermore, it is in line with the Secretary-General’s Call to Action for Human Rights and the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy, which emphasize the need for inclusive, rights-based approaches to tackling gender-based violence.  Additionally, this initiative is informed by the resolutions and outcome documents adopted at the GANHRI Annual Meeting in Geneva held in March 2025 that reaffirm the crucial role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in promoting gender equality and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities. These documents emphasize the responsibility of NHRIs to monitor and report on discrimination and violence, ensure inclusive policy development, and strengthen their institutional capacities to address the needs of marginalized groups effectively.  Implemented within the framework of the EU-funded Project on “Support to the National Preventive Mechanism and the Ombudsperson of the Kyrgyz Republic”, this initiative will provide expert support and capacity building to the Ombudsperson’s Office, enhancing data collection, legal analysis, complaints mechanisms, and engagement with policymakers and UN human rights bodies. By addressing long-standing gaps in protection and response, this effort seeks to ensure that violence against women with disabilities is properly monitored, documented, and prevented, in line with international human rights standards. |

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| **IV. Scope of work** |
| The selected grant recipient CSO will implement activities aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Ombudsperson’s Office to monitor, document, and advocate for systemic reforms addressing violence against women with disabilities in Kyrgyzstan. This will involve close collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including national authorities, human rights institutions, and organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach.  Key responsibilities include:   1. Data collection and analysis: the CSO jointly with Ombudsperson’s Office will develop a methodology for collecting disaggregated data on GBV against women with disabilities. This includes conducting qualitative and quantitative assessments to identify trends, challenges, and gaps in current protection mechanisms. Within this area, the CSO jointly with Ombudsperson’s Office will contribute to enhanced data collection on cases of violence against women with disabilities. 2. Legal and policy analysis: the CSO jointly with the Ombudsperson’s Office will analyze existing national laws, policies, and practices related to GBV and disability rights to identify inconsistencies with international human rights obligations, particularly under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). 3. Capacity building and training: the CSO will provide tailored learning sessions and workshops for the Ombudsperson’s Office staff and other relevant stakeholders on monitoring and documenting GBV against women with disabilities and effective advocacy strategies. 4. Advocacy and engagement: the CSO jointly with the Ombudsperson’s Office will develop policy recommendations and advocacy strategies to promote legislative and institutional reforms. This includes facilitating dialogues with policymakers (the Gender Council under the Speaker of the Parliament and the National Council on Persons with Disabilities Affairs under the Cabinet of Ministers), civil society and the OPDs. 5. Public awareness and stakeholder outreach: to address societal normalization and underreporting of violence, the CSO will support the Ombudsperson’s Office to organize awareness-raising community discussions, and media engagements to increase public understanding of the rights of women with disabilities and the available mechanisms for seeking justice. |

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| **IV. Deliverables** |
| 1. Monthly reports to OHCHR ROCA and the Ombudsperson’s Office outlining progress and gaps in the process of implementation of the project, including recommendations on the way forward for the following reporting period. 2. Reports to OHCHR ROCA and the Ombudsperson’s Office following the implementation of key activities that are part of the project (e.g., methodology of the monitoring, analysis, at least 5 expert sessions and workshops, including with the Gender Council on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the National Council under the Cabinet of the Ministers on Persons with Disabilities). 3. Submit final project report (not less than 30 pages) with detailed analysis of results, gaps and actionable recommendations |

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| **V. Impact of Results** |
| The initiative will lead to increased protection and justice for women with disabilities by ensuring that more cases of gender-based violence are identified, documented, and addressed through legal and institutional mechanisms. It aims to promote greater accountability among state authorities, encouraging the development of more inclusive legislation, policies and practices that align with international human rights obligations, while the Ombudsperson’s Office will establish a sustainable monitoring and advocacy system to protect the rights of women with disabilities. Within the current initiative, the data collection on violence against women with disabilities will be enhanced. Improved public awareness and reduced stigma will empower more survivors to seek justice, leading to greater recognition of violence against women with disabilities as a serious human rights violation. Enhanced collaboration between the Ombudsperson’s Office, civil society, and policymakers will contribute to more effective interventions. Ultimately, this initiative will foster a more inclusive and rights-based approach to preventing and responding to gender-based violence, ensuring that women with disabilities are recognized, protected, and supported. |

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| **VI. Eligibility & Qualification Criteria** |
| * Local CSOs registered in line with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic * CSOs operating in the Kyrgyz Republic in one or more regions with strong focus on community level initiatives and presence. * Programmatic relevance of the proposal vis-à-vis priority areas outlined under section ‘Scope of Work’ * The organization’s proven administrative and financial management capacity to manage grants. * Evidence that it has previous/experience in addressing issues of violence against women with disabilities and their access to justice. * The feasibility and soundness of the proposal with sustainability strategies and related budget   **Key Competencies**  Grant recipient should possess the following key competencies:   * Sound knowledge of fundamental human rights principles, women’s rights, violence against women with disabilities issues. * Experience in monitoring and collecting data * Ability to work with different stakeholders, including the Gender Council on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the National Council on Persons with Disabilities Affairs under the Cabinet of the Ministers * Capacity building * Project management/coordination. |

**VII. Submission Requirements**

CSOs who meet the requirements should submit a technical proposal no longer than seven (7) pages which should include the following:

1. Project document and implementation plan (See Annex A below)
2. Budget (See Annex B below)
3. Results Framework
4. Proof of legal registration or status

**VIII. Selection Criteria**

* Proposal will be selected based on technical (70%) and financial (30%) assessments.
* The technical assessment will review the following:
  + Technical design of proposal in achieving expected results (30%)
  + Previous experience working with UN and EU partners (5%)
  + Local experience and presence (10%)
  + Realistic work plan and timeline to complete activities (10%)
  + Applicants’ institutional capacity and relevant experience (15%)
* Budget (cost effectiveness) (30%)

**Annex A**

# Project Document and Implementation Plan

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| 1. Project Title |
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| 2. Project Summary |
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| 3. Currency of Project |
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| 4. Amount Requested from OHCHR-ROCA for Implementation of Project |
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| 5. Co-funding of the Project *(If total cost of the proposal is different from the 'Amount Requested from Entity' then please provide evidence of the secured additional funding* |
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| 6. Field visit information |
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| 7. Duration of the Project *(Provide Project Start and End Date)* |
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| 8. Context Analysis |
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| 9. Main Objectives of the project |
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| 10. Project Methodology *(Provide a brief explanation of how you will implement the project. Ensure to list all activities to be implemented)* |
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| 11. Main Beneficiaries of the Project |
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| 12. Provide project Monitoring plan. |
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| 13. Provide a project evaluation Plan |
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| 14. What risks do you foresee in the implementation of the project? Provide risk mitigation measures |
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| 15. Project Staffing *(Provide the names and positions/responsibilities of the staff involved in the project)* |

***Annex B Activity Budget***

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| **DIRECT COSTS** | | | | | |
| **Activity** | **Budget Item** | **Quantity** | **Unit Cost** | **Total Costs** | **Budget note** |
| **Activity 1:** | **Contractual Services** | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX |
| **Activity 1:** | **Travel** | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX |
| **Activity 1:** | **Supplies, Commodities, Material** | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX |
| **Activity 1:** | **General Operating and Other Costs** | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX |
| **Total Direct Costs** |  | **XXXXX** | **XXXXX** | **XXXXX** | **XXXXX** |
| **Programme Support Costs (X%)** |  | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX |
| **TOTAL COSTS** |  | **XXXXX** | **XXXXX** | **XXXXX** | **XXXXX** |