**Application Form**

**JSDF[[1]](#footnote-1) - GPSA Joint Call for Proposals to underpin the Selection of Implementing Agency (NGO)**

**in the Republic of Moldova**

 **April 17 – May 15, 2019**

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| Project Title: *“Moldova: Improving access to justice for the vulnerable, with a focus on families affected by domestic violence (DV) and gender-based violence (GBV)”[[2]](#footnote-2)* |
| Project budget: US$3.2 million  |
| Applicant organization name *[Name of lead applicant responsible for signing grant agreement]*  |
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| Proposal duration *[Minimum duration 3 years/**Maximum duration 5 years]* |
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| Legal status *[Describe type of legal status as a not-for-profit civil society organization/NGO IN MOLDOVA where the proposed activities will be implemented. For more information, see the Application Guidelines and attached concept brief for the project]* |
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| Indicate share of project budget as a % of the organizations’ average total budget in the last three years *[For more information see the Application Guidelines]* |
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| Organization’s average total budget in the last three years in US Dollars |
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| Proven track record: please describe the organization’s experience (at least 5 years) and provide evidence in (a) provision of DV & GBV services, (b) design and implementation of education interventions, including behavioral change, (c) including past and ongoing community driven projects, and (d) social accountability tools, mechanisms and processes. Include references to funding sources [development partners engaged] and website links if available. Please add any relevant information on your track record within the relevant thematic field. You may provide supporting documentation as attachments in the application email. |
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| References: please provide three contact persons/organizations that can provide references about your organization’s experience. |
| Reference 1: Name:Position:Organization:Email: |
| Reference 2: Name:Position:Organization:Email: |
| Reference 3: Name:Position:Organization:Email: |
| Proposal’s partners. Include partner CSOs’ names and any other types of partners |
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| Applicant contact information. Contact Name, Position, Email and Phone Number (with country code).  |
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| SECTION 2. APPLICATION CONTENT. |
| 1. Project Development Objective (PDO): Please provide comments to the proposed PDO (defined at the Seed Fund stage)
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| PDO: The overall objective of the engagement is to increase (a) participation in DV & GBV prevention programming through targeted livelihood interventions for families affected by DV & GBV as well as for those at risk, and (b) development and utilization of innovative multi-sectoral response services for survivors of DV & GBV and those at risk in select rural and urban communities in the North, South and Central of Moldova. This will be achieved through: 1. Development and testing of pilot interventions, including strengthening of public sector-civil society collaboration, to strengthen engagement with marginalized groups, in particular families affected by DV & GBV and those at risk. The pilot interventions aim to address factors of vulnerability of affected families and those at risk in selected rural and urban communities in Moldova (to be determined during preparation) through a combination of activities addressing violence prevention, social norms and pursuing change in acceptance of DV & GBV as well as developing and testing new ways for survivors to exit economic empowerment.
2. Mitigation of negative consequences of DV & GBV by providing holistic response services for survivors of DV & GBV and their families as well as including the uptake in such services. The pilot interventions aim to address key gaps in local-level service provisions through raising awareness among local-level and front-line service providers for the impact and consequences of DV & GBV for families as well as communities, and capacity building activities to increase institutional responsiveness.

Comments: |
| 1. Key Expected Results Indicators. Please provide comments on the proposed anticipated indicators (to be adjusted during project preparation)
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| Anticipated indicators may include:* Increase in share of survivors and those at risk of DV & GBV and their families who report to be informed about their rights and services available (increase in percentage compared to baseline);
* Increase in share of survivors who report improved access to financial and welfare resources after participating in livelihood activities (increase in percentage compared to baseline);
* Increase in share of survivors of DV & GBV and their families who receive at least two multi-disciplinary services (e.g. psychosocial, legal, economic);
* Number of families participating in DV & GBV prevention activities (total number);
* Decrease in share of those accepting DV & GBV in targeted rural/urban communities (decrease in percentage compared to baseline);
* Half or more of the pilot services provided are considered of good quality or better by recipients (survivors of DV & GBV and their families as well as those at risk) (total number).

Comments or additional suggested indicators: |
| 1. Briefly describe the country context and the institutional and sector contexts relevant to the proposal’s objectives. Which public sector institutions/development partners on the ground will use the project’s feedback? If you have already engaged with these public sector institutions/development partners, please explain. How are you planning to engage with public sector institutions/development partners during the project?
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| 1. Beneficiaries: Intended project beneficiaries are survivors of DV & GBV and their families. Around 1,000 families are expected to be targeted in selected rural and urban communities in a minimum of 6 rayons across Moldova, i.e. a minimum of two per Moldova’s development regions (North, Center, South). In addition, one district in Chisinau and one satellite municipal community of Chisinau will be targeted. Preference will be given to those proposals that also consider pilot interventions including the eastern rayons from the left bank of the Nistru River.

Include in the description:1. A description of these beneficiaries (e.g. families affected by or at risk from DV & GBV, vulnerable women and adolescent girls at risk of GBV, as well as survivors of GBV in the proposed targeted areas (please name them).
2. For Component 4 activities, please describe any additional primary and secondary beneficiaries, and explain how you will link the project’s activities at the sub-national level with national level social accountability activities.

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| 1. Project Components & Activities. Please review the components below and provide comments for each one, building on the Project Concept. For the GPSA Component, please provide a indicative list of key activities, drawing from the collaborative social accountability approach proposed in the project concept. All GPSA projects also include Knowledge & Learning activities. *[See the Application Guidelines]*
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| *Component Description:*Component 1 (JSDF): To strengthen engagement with marginalized groups, in particular families affected by DV & GBV and those at risk, this component will focus on designing and testing pilot interventions that will address factors of vulnerability in select rural and urban communities across Moldova through a combination of activities addressing violence prevention, social norms and testing new ways to improve the livelihood of survivors. Sub-components may include, but not necessarily be limited to: (a) community-based awareness and outreach campaigns, including positive role-modeling and story-telling in schools and education centers; (b) nation-wide awareness and outreach campaigns via TV trailers and telenovelas; (c) information material developed and distributed, to address violence prevention and existing social norms; and (d) testing new ways of livelihood improvements to address social and economic issues faced by survivors of DV & GBV. Comments:Component 2 (JSDF): To mitigate the negative consequences of DV & GBV as experienced by families affected by DV & GBV, this component will focus on providing a holistic response service and encouraging an uptake in such services as key gaps in local-level service provisions are addressed and long-term, sustainable solutions are introduced through a combination of activities addressing reoccurrence of violence, social norms and pursuing change in acceptance of DV & GBV. Sub-components may include, but not necessarily be limited to: (a) mobile consultations in settlements with limited legal assistance services; (b) development of social media tools as point of first contact; (c) expanding services for aggressors in the Southern region of Moldova; (d) sensitization of judges and prosecutors towards the (long-term) impact of violence in families and avoidance of re-victimization; (e) development of a guide for victims of violence to maneuver the institutional procedures; (f) training of lawyers offering state-guaranteed legal aid; (g) statistical and reporting support under the National Strategy for the Prevention of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence; and (h) conducting a series of policy roundtables involving high-level policy makers to encourage change. Comments: Component 3 (GPSA): To strengthen public sector-civil society collaborative engagement for reducing DV & GBV, this component will focus on designing and implementing collaborative social accountability processes that bring together state and non-state actors to address DV & GBV specific challenges. Sub-components may include, but not necessarily be limited to: (a) assessing and addressing gaps in actions and services provided by local public authorities and other public sector stakeholders at the local level to improve coordination, collaboration and sustainability across efforts; (b) raising awareness among local authorities for the scope and impact of DV & GBV and partner with them to strengthen the quality and efficiency of service delivery, for example by developing toolkits for survivors of DV & GBV (e.g. economic empowerment) or preventive educational activities in collaboration with local schools; and (c) establishing participatory feedback mechanisms to effectively monitor the implementation and success of activities by local authorities and other public sector stakeholders. This component will also aim to generate learning about the use of collaborative social accountability to improve DV & GBV service delivery in Moldova. The approaches developed and implemented during the project should be replicable by other government entities and have the potential to be transferable to other comparable project situations.Comments on implementation plan and potential sub-activities: |
| Participatory Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E). Please describe the intended system for collecting M&E information during the project. |
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| 1. Innovation. Please briefly outline how the project focuses on innovation, adapting and testing interventions that address critical gaps in programming for vulnerable communities and GBV survivors in Moldova.
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| 1. Sustainability. This project envisions to address factors of vulnerability of survivors of DV & GBV and their families, which will be paired with a currently not existing holistic response service on the ground, moving away from the current approach where interventions regularly depend on donor support and funding. Further, the World Bank’s Gender Action Plan for Moldova ensures that gender analysis and monitoring are consistently incorporated in existing and upcoming projects and that progress is systematically recorded. The project outputs will feed into this. The envisioned activities will also feed into the implementation of the National Strategy for the Prevention of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence under Moldova’s Gender Equality Coordination Council, hence making sure that pilot findings are reflected also at the national level.

 The project advocates for a clear exit strategy and the extent to which the modalities would be established for the proposed activities to be scaled up at completion through World Bank, Government or other development partner interventions. The aim is to ensure that aspects of project design would ensure continuity of prevention interventions and service delivery beyond the life of the project.Within the above context, what mechanisms would be instituted to ensure the sustainability of the grant outcomes and benefits obtained by the vulnerable group? |
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| 1. Risks. Based on your experience in managing similar projects in Moldova, please identify and briefly describe the main risks to achieving the project’s objectives. Risk types include but are not limited to: political/governance, macroeconomic, sector strategies and policies, technical design of project, institutional capacity for implementation and sustainability, fiduciary, environment and social, and stakeholders. Please describe all that apply. For each type of risk, please include 1-2 sentences with the measures proposed for mitigating it.
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| 1. Implementation arrangements and partnerships. Please explain the proposal’s implementation scheme, including each partners’ main roles and responsibilities. Provide 1-2 sentences about the partner(s) organization’s experience. Please indicate how are you planning to engage with public sector institutions during project implementation, including collaboration/cooperation arrangements. For the GPSA component, describe if on-granting is envisioned to partners.
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| 1. Budget. Describe the proposal’s main types of expenses, including estimated breakdown for each component by category and a brief explanation. If the proposal is pre-selected, you will be asked to prepare a detailed budget.
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| 1. Project Team. Based on your previous experience in managing similar projects, please provide a brief description of the project implementation team that your organization is planning to mobilize to implement the project activities. This is indicative only, as the complete project team will be determined during project preparation.
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1. Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF): The Government of Japan and the World Bank established JSDF in June 2000, with the goal of providing grants to support community-driven development and poverty reduction projects that empower and directly improve the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable groups not reached by other programs. A unique and valued feature of the JSDF program is that it provides a platform for cooperation with non-governmental agencies and other local stakeholders in the development process. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please make sure to read the JSDF-GPSA Project Concept Note included in the webpage before completing this application. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)