

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMOROS

Deadline to submit proposals: August 12, 2015

The **Global Partnership for Social Accountability** (GPSA) supports civil society and governments to work together to solve critical governance challenges in developing countries. To achieve this objective, the GPSA provides strategic and sustained support to CSOs' social accountability initiatives aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability. It builds on the World Bank's direct and ongoing engagement with public sector actors, as well as a network of Global Partner organizations, to create an enabling environment in which *citizen feedback is used to solve fundamental problems in service delivery and to strengthen the performance of public institutions*. Through a country-tailored approach, GPSA-supported activities are implemented in sectors where the World Bank has a strong involvement and can help governments respond to citizen feedback.

The GPSA works to "close the loop" by supporting citizens to have a more articulated voice, helping governments to listen, and assisting government agencies to act upon the feedback they receive.

The GPSA is pleased to announce its 3rd Global Call for Proposals. In COMOROS, the GPSA seeks proposals for Social Accountability initiatives and programs from Civil Society Organizations to address one or all of the following:

- ⇒ Develop and implement social accountability mechanisms to monitor the quality of service delivery of the electricity company to improve quality and transparency of customer service (billing, regulation of power cuts etc.). The information produced will be used by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of the Energy, and the MA-MWE to better understand the impact of the energy situation on the economy as a whole and on service delivery in particular.
- Develop and implement social accountability mechanisms to monitor attendance of Teacher and Health practitioners in school and health center in order to strengthen their performance of service delivery. The information produced will be used by both "school councils", the Ministry of Education and Ministry of health to better understand the magnitude of the problem, and to design corrective policies.
- Develop and implement exchange platform between citizen and government to monitor and evaluate government's national development strategy and sectoral policy (mainly in social sector, health, education). This process will help the government to readjust some of its policies to better fit the needs of citizens.

Following the GPSA's approach, it is expected that the information produced will also be used by other public sector institutions beyond the Executive, including Supreme Audit Institutions, legislative bodies, independent regulatory agencies, and other oversight bodies.

In order to be considered, proposals must demonstrate clearly that:

- 1. The project will push the boundaries from pilots to large-scale interventions that may be replicated country-wide;
- 2. The proposed intervention is related to ongoing initiatives focusing on similar objectives. It should identify the value added of GPSA support;
- 3. It proposes clear mentoring and partnership with other CSOs (local and national) and community-based organizations.

4. The project will generate information that is needed to complement existing processes already supported by relevant public institutions.

GPSA supports proposals that:

- Have an estimated duration of 3 to 5 years, in order to enable sustained and strategic funding for Social Accountability;
- To find out the indicative funding range for the 3rd Global Call for Proposals, please visit our website at <u>www.thegpsa.org</u>

<u>Eligible CSOs</u>: Legal entities that fall outside the public or for profit sector, such as non-government organizations, not-for-profit media organizations, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, professional organizations, labor unions, workers' organizations, associations of elected local representatives, foundations and policy development and research institutes.

Applying CSO must provide proof of legal status in one of GPSA's eligible ("opted-in") countries.

Please review the GPSA Application Guidelines for details about how to apply for a grant, eligibility requirements, selection criteria and selection process.

If you are interested in applying please visit <u>www.thegpsaa.org</u> to read the GPSA Application Guidelines and to access the application forms.

For information on the Orientation Session organized by the World Bank offices in Comoros please contact:

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Orientation Session: Wednesday, June 16, 2015 10:00 A.M ABGE Country Office