

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANGLADESH

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 Bangladesh, the GPSA seeks proposals for Social Accountability initiatives and programs from Civil Society Organizations to address the following:

Monitor the resettlement of households affected by activities aimed at reducing the adverse impacts of flooding and erosion along the Brahmaputra River and monitor the implementation of asset compensation, livelihood improvement interventions, and enhanced service delivery for those resettled by the project and the self-resettled families. The approaches developed and tested during this project will be replicable by national and local authorities (including Bangladesh Water Development Board, BWDB) to support the sound socio-economic resettlement with development process of the affected people under this project, and also will be transferable to other future comparable project situations.

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 promote interventions that may be replicated country-wide;
- 2. The proposed intervention complements ongoing activities supported in the framework of the Phase 1 of the River Bank Improvement Project.
- 3. 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>

Eligible CSOs: 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. Applicant 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.thegpsa.org</u> to read the GPSA Application Guidelines and to access the application forms.

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