



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BENIN

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 **Benin**, the GPSA seeks proposals for Social Accountability initiatives and programs from Civil Society Organizations **to address one or all of the following:**

- ⇒ *Monitor and report on (i) teachers' absenteeism in public schools, (ii) school governance at community level and/or (iii) child protection in public schools to inform the Ministries of Education and Social Protection, and development partners supporting the education sector. The information provided will be used by the ministries to better assess these issues and to improve policies aimed at reducing teachers' absenteeism, reinforcing child protection, and ensuring a transparent and efficient use of public resources, and by development partners in planning their interventions in the sector.*
- ⇒ *Monitor and report on critical local governance issues –such as access and quality of basic services, and local allocation and execution of public budgets-, through social accountability processes that can generate meaningful citizen and CSOs' feedback to inform the ministries of Decentralization, Economy and Finance, Prefectures and other entities. The information generated will be used by the ministries of Decentralization, Economy and Finance, Prefectures and other local and central-level entities to respond to citizens' feedback through improved decision-making and service delivery processes, and to establish sustained citizen feedback mechanisms.*
- ⇒ *Link any of the above themes to institutional strengthening activities and capacity-building through a "learning-by-doing" approach that will result in an increased capacity to implement social accountability.*

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 www.thegpsa.org

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 www.thegpsa.org 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 Benin please contact:

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