



PISCCA

Innovative projects from civil society and coalitions of actors

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Promoting women's socio-economic empowerment

Terms of Reference

The French Embassy is launching a call for proposals to support local civil society projects through its PISCCA fund (2019-2021).

The Fund

PISCCA stands for “Innovative projects from civil societies and coalitions of actors”. It is a fund set up by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), and managed by the French Embassy to Sudan, which aims at empowering civil society’s organizations by a two-track approach consisting in:

- ❖ A direct support to projects fighting for women’s rights and gender equality through programming, service provision and advocacy;
- ❖ The provision of capacity-building support through targeted trainings and workshops.

Priorities for 2019-2021

For the 2019-2021 PISCCA call for proposal, the French Embassy will give priority to local NGOs working on the **promotion and support of women’s socio-economic empowerment** particularly targeting the **most vulnerable groups of women**, i.e refugees and internally displaced, women living in rural areas, victims of GBV, low-skilled women, domestic workers, imprisoned women, disabled women, the youth, etc.

The list below provides guidance on the nature of the projects the French Embassy seeks to support but cannot be considered as exhaustive:

- Providing **vocational/entrepreneurial training, life skills and employment opportunities** based on identified labour market needs;
- Building and **strengthening women’s advocacy and leadership capacities** in order for them to call for reforms in favor of gender equality and women’s increased economic participation;
- Developing women **savings and loans groups** as a way to increase financial literacy, learn about money management, and **save money for emergencies, basic needs and/or small business investments**;
- Increasing **rural women’s participation in groups** (co-operatives, self-help groups) to create sustainable economic opportunities by expanding markets and trade;
- Developing rural women’s **access to microcredit and financial services** ;
- Assisting women farmers with **improved crops, water and farming equipment** to promote food security and better livelihoods;
- Raising awareness among men and women on the **need to recognize, reduce and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work**, thus **improving women’s well-being** and empowerment at individual and household levels;
- Connecting women and encouraging **women’s business mentorship, coaching and networking**;
- Advocating for a **safe working environment** where women are **protected from exploitation and gender-based violence**;

- Raising awareness of **existing laws** that discriminate on the basis of gender and affect women's economic rights;
- Educating both men and women on the benefits of recognizing **women's economic rights and participation in household financial decisions**;
- Advocating at the household and community levels for a **shift in perceptions** about what is acceptable for women to do and the **benefits of women's participation in economic activities**;
- **Engaging different actors** who have a critical but **untapped role to support gender equality and promote the socio-economic empowerment of women** (men and boys, employers, local governments, cultural leaders, media, private sector, etc.)

In case of specific expertise and/or proven track record, proposals might also include:

- Developing and promoting '**on-demand' domestic work** via platform apps to allow for flexibility, choice and independence for women;
- Increasing the **use of technology, digital tools and social media** to promote women's products and businesses;

Eligibility

Who can apply to the PISCCA?

Officially **registered Sudanese civil society organizations** (associations, NGOs, CBOs, association networks, self-help organizations, etc.)

Profit-based organisations and international NGOs are not eligible.

Requirements:

- ❖ Funded projects cannot include religious or political activities of any type, nor favour any community on the basis of religious, political, or ethnic criteria.
- ❖ The duration of the project can range from **12 to 18 months** but should not go beyond **31st December 2021**.
- ❖ No project will be excluded on a geographical basis; however the Embassy will give priority to projects in **accessible areas**.
- ❖ The expected nominal requested amount of the grant should be around **15 000 to 50 000 euros** even though lower or greater budget could be considered.
- ❖ The beneficiaries are expected to contribute at least to **20% of the total cost of the project**. This participation can take the form of financial contribution and/or provision of human resources, land, premises, equipment or materials in kind.
- ❖ Projects are likely to be **co-funded by other donors**, but this extra contribution may not replace the mandatory contribution of the applicant.

Selection Process

1. The proposal should be written in **English** and sent to the Humanitarian and Civil Society Programme Officer of the French Embassy as soon as possible and **before Thursday 12th September 2019** at midnight the latest to the following address:

piscca2019.sudan@gmail.com

or

in hard copy addressed in an envelope to:
Humanitarian and Civil Society Programme Officer
SCAC- French Embassy to Sudan
Street 13 - Amarat
Khartoum

Project submitted not using the proposal application form will not be considered.

2. A pre-selection will be done by the French Embassy. Preselected projects will be submitted to an international Consultative Committee which will advise on the final selection. The Consultative Committee will meet early October 2019.
3. During the selection process, NGOs which have applied might be contacted for further information on the submitted project.
4. Only selected NGOs will be notified and contacted by mid-October 2019.

Capacity-building

A training session will be organised after the signature of the funding agreement. This session will highlight the expectations of the French Embassy in terms of project management (accounting and financial management, report writing, communication), strategy, approach and intervention method. In addition to this training at the beginning of the program, the individual needs of each structure that received a grant will be assessed and will result in one or more additional training sessions if necessary.

Monitoring

The Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the French Embassy will regularly monitor projects (including field visits) to ensure that the actions supported are properly implemented and will remain at the disposal of grantees for any request/questions that may arise throughout the project.

Contact

The Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the French Embassy in Sudan is at your disposal to answer any questions you may have at the following address: Pisca2019.sudan@gmail.com

Only selected CSOs will be notified. There is no need to contact the Cooperation and Cultural Action Service to obtain information on the decisions of the selection panel.