

WEBINAR AND Q&A

COMPLETING THE LETTER OF INTEREST (LOI)



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08:30 AM – 09:30 AM (EDT)

English with interpretation in French, Spanish & Arabic

LOI Workshop - Agenda

Time	Event	Lead
0830-0835	Introduction	Deborah Warren-Smith, EIF Manager
0835-0845	LOI: - Parts One – Three - Q&A	Deborah Warren-Smith, EIF Manager
0845-0905	LOI: - Parts Four and Five - Q&A	Agathe Christien, Programme Coordination Analyst
0905-0920	LOI: - Annex A and Annex B - Q&A	
0920-0930	Final Q&A	Shuyu Luo, Communications and Advocacy Consultant
0930	Closure	

EIF – Impact and Outcomes

Ultimate impact	Support by the EIF contributes to accelerating the pace of change towards the increased meaningful participation of uniformed women in UN peace operations.
Secondary impact	Knowledge gained by the EIF contributes to the global conversation on increasing the representation of uniformed women in UN peace operations.
Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expanded country-specific knowledge of barriers to deployment of uniformed women peacekeepers to UN peace operations.2. Increased meaningful deployment of uniformed women peacekeepers to UN peace operations.3. Increased pool of uniformed women eligible to deploy as UN peacekeepers.4. Improved working or / and living conditions for uniformed women peacekeepers in UN peace operations.

LOI - combinations

BA

FPF

accompanied by
completed credible
BA

FPF & GSU premium
accompanied by
completed credible
BA

BA and GSU
premium

GSU

strongly recommend
to conduct/request
BA funding

T/PCC / PUNO – Fund Recipient and Implementing Partner

- requires dedicated Project Manager to manage and co-ord project including financial and logistics management, administration and accountability
- T/PCC Project manager responsible to:
 - ✓ ensure access to regional bases for Research Partner and assessment / research team
 - ✓ EIF for all financial, 1/4ly narrative, and project closure reporting

Independent Research Partner / Institution (National / Regional)

- Chief Researcher and team must have
 - in-depth knowledge of the MOWIP
 - experience in conducting large-scale surveys
 - strong quantitative data analysis skills
 - good understanding of gender and security issues
 - strong rapport with, and be a trusted partner of the security institution

EIF - T/PCC reporting

EIF

- *Fund recipient is T/PCC – EIF conducts HRDDP and HACT prior to project approval*
- authorizes fund transfer to T/PCC
- Oversight of project progress
- 1-4ly check-in and review with T/PCC

MOWIP Project Management Team

- T/PCC – overall project manager
- Focal Points**
 - Cornell GSS Lab
 - Research Partner - Lead
 - Assessment partner - Lead Enumerator / Interviewer

Assessment / Research Team (collects data)

- Lead Researcher
- Enumerators - surveys
- Interviewers – interviews

Cornell GSS Lab – Data Analysis function

- Data agreement with Cornell
- Support to data collection (sampling frame / research questions / assessment)
- analyses data - surveys, interviews, FFF
- support to validation workshop
- draft skeleton MOWIP report

DCAF – Help Desk support

- Help Desk
- MOWIP Toolbox
- Training Support

T/PCC or PUNO contracts independent research partner and assessment team

- One or more contracts
- Allow minimum of 6-12 weeks post receipt of funds prior to establish contract and commence project

T/PCC OR PUNO – Fund Recipient and Implementing Partner

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Nil Cornell Support – VITAL for the Independent Research Institution to have:

- dedicated project manager to manage and co-ord academic and technical aspects of the MOWIP
- detailed and in-depth knowledge of the MOWIP
- demonstrated experience in conducting large-scale research projects
- strong qualitative and quantitative data analysis skills
- good understanding of gender and security issues
- strong rapport / be a trusted partner of the security institution
- strong data collection and analysis expertise - designing sampling frames, data collection tools (ie Qualtrics), data analyses across surveys, interviews, FFF
- Write and publish MOWIP reports in accordance with the EIF requirements

Approximate Timelines

Approximate Timeframes - from date a T/PCC is invited to submit a detailed project proposal

Key activities	Approx Timeframe	Weeks	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+6	+7	+8	+9	+10	+11	+12	+13	+14	
HACT	6-8 weeks	Detailed Proposal Due Date	Tender		Procure		Conduct										
HRDDP	6-12 weeks		Advertise			Contract		Conduct									
EIF Secretariat Review	1-3 weeks																
Technical Committee Review	10 working days																
Steering Committee Review	10 working days																
Announcement	3-5 working days																
Funds Transfer Requirements - MPTFO*	5 working days																
* Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be signed between UNDP MPTFO and T/PCC - commence early																	

NOTE:
Timeframes are dependant on T/PCCs / PUNO's responsiveness to all activities

EIF will submit the FINAL PRODOC to the EIF Steering Committee once the HACT and HRDDP have been completed / recommendations incorporated in the PRODOC

National Governments must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Be a UN T/PCC, or demonstrate a serious intention to become one
2. Demonstrate **high-level commitment** and through the Minister / Chief of Defense, Minister of Interior / Police Commissioner signing/authorizing the LOI
3. For **FPF**: provide a **detailed rationale** for each project activity proposed in the LOI, and include a barrier assessment report and recommendations
4. Agree for the EIF Secretariat to **publish the BA / MOWIP** report on the EIF website
5. Meet requirements and remain eligible for UN support after assessment of:
 - a. **Human Rights Due Diligence Policy** (HRDDP) and the
 - b. **Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers** (HACT) assessment

Each LOI will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1. Impact and Strategic Relevance** – preference will be given to projects that:
 - contribute to **multiple EIF outcomes**
 - include **baseline data** and **realistic targets**
 - are likely to result in the deployment **of a significant volume of uniformed women** including in strategic and leadership roles (must coordinate with DPO)
- 2. Engagement** – must demonstrate how women, particularly uniformed **women play integral roles** throughout the project cycle.
- 3. Sustainability and Extension** - preference will be given to projects that:
 - are likely to **contribute to the sustained increase** of uniformed women's deployment
 - demonstrate **clear national ownership**
 - yield **insights and lessons** that can be shared with other T/PCCs

5. **Innovation** – preference will be given to projects that include **new solutions or approaches** to address identified barriers
6. **Cost Effectiveness** – every proposal must demonstrate **strong financial management and accountability** in their budget:
 - **reasonable** costs, and **economic** use of resources
 - EIF Operations Manual lists **ineligible costs**, including weapons, ammunition, or vehicles of any type
7. **Management and Monitoring** – projects need to demonstrate:
 - Strong **project management committee**
 - Analysis of key project risks and mitigation strategies
 - Commitment to **reporting** in line with the EIF results framework

3rd Programming Round - Save the Dates

Wed 10 May	0830 – 0930 EDT	Webinar and Q&A – Flexible Project Funding and Gender Strong Unit (GSU) Premium funding modalities (ZOOM)
Fri 31 July	Close of Business	Completed Letters of Interest (LOI) to be sent to the EIF Secretariat: Elsie.mptf@unwomen.org
Mid October		Selected T/PCCs and PUNOs invited to submit detailed proposal



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