WEBINAR AND Q&A

COMPLETING THE LETTER OF INTEREST (LOI)

MAY 3

08:30 AM – 09:30 AM (EDT)

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Support by the EIF contributes to **accelerating the pace of change towards the increased meaningful participation of uniformed women in UN peace operations.**

Knowledge gained by the EIF contributes to the global conversation on increasing the representation of uniformed women in UN peace operations.

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 or 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

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

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
The Elsie Initiative Fund

P’Ship Model C: T/PCC or PUNO as 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-ordinate 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

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

**Key activities** | **Approx Timeframe** | **Weeks** |
---|---|---|
HAVT | 6-8 weeks | +1 | Tender |
HRDDP | 6-12 weeks | +2 | Procure |
EIF Secretariat Review | 1-3 weeks | +3 | Conduct |
Technical Committee Review | 10 working days | +4 | Advertise |
Steering Committee Review | 10 working days | +5 | Contract |
Announcement | 3-5 working days | +6 | Conduct |
Funds Transfer Requirements - MPTFO* | 5 working days | +7 | **Due Date** |

*Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be signed between UNDP MPTFO and T/PCC - commence early*

**NOTE:**
- Timeframes are dependant on T/PCCs / PUNOs 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
Eligibility Criteria – National Governments

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
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<td>Fri 31 July</td>
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<td>Completed Letters of Interest (LOI) to be sent to the EIF Secretariat: <a href="mailto:Elsie.mptf@unwomen.org">Elsie.mptf@unwomen.org</a></td>
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