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Project “Support for pluralism defenders”

Nigeria

Local Call for Proposal

Application Deadline: 10th July, 2017

1. Context

In Nigeria today, the recognition of the need to protect the fundamental freedoms (and in particular, freedom of religion or belief or of non-belief) to reduce violence and discriminations amongs different cultural and religious groups is growing rapidly. The implementation of support for defenders of cultural and religious pluralism action in Nigeria by Pharos Observatory together with the Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC) and Social Justice and Human Development for Peace Initiative (JDPC) have ignited a significant degree of commitment amongst a few actors. However, this commitment has not translated to a positive and genuine impact as there are still rampant cases of violations of cultural and religious rights hence the call for this proposal.

The significance of this call for a proposal is to ;

- Help enhance the performance of existing actors
- Widen the network of actors and to support and promote the development of grantee capacity in addressing the issues associated with the specified violations.

From our observations, it is evident that even though Nigeria is a pluralistic society, it is just in principle and not practically realistic most probably because the institutions vested with the responsibility of promoting pluralism are seemingly weak. For instance, some leaders have often times politicized religion and religionized politics to divide and rule for selfish interest. This might account for why there are educational gaps in terms of both religious and secular education. Other issues include the quest by certain religions to dominate and suppress people of other faiths, and the tendency to have exclusive participation in governance which is as a result of failure of leadership.

Social Justice and Human Development for Peace Initiative (JDPC) and Interfaith Mediation Center (IMC) are pleased to announce an open call for proposal from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the north-central and North-west geopolitical regions of Nigeria to become sub-recipients of small grants from the Pharos Observatory, France.

JDPC, InterfaithMediation Centre (IMC) and the Pharos Observatory are workingtogether in Nigeria to promote and protect the right to freedom of religion or belief (or non-belief) as well as freedom of speech, freedom of thought and the right to meet and associate, all of which are intrinsically interwoven. The project is tagged “Support for Defenders of Cultural and Religious Pluralism”

2. The General Objective

The General Objective is to reinforce the civil rights (protection from discrimination on grounds such as race, gender, national origin, color, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, or disability and individual rights such as privacy, the freedoms of thought and conscience, speech and expression, religion or belief, the press, assembly and movement) and political rights (such as the rights of the accused, including the right to a fair trial; due process; the right to seek redress or a legal remedy; and rights of participation in civil society and politics such as freedom of association, the right to assemble).

3. The Specific Objectives

- To strengthen the capacity of institutional actors in promoting pluralism in Nigeria.
- To reduce stigmatization and defamation proceedings against disadvantaged groups as minority religions, poor people, women and most vulnerable members of the community.
- To promote the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups as minority religions, poor people, women and most vulnerable members of society in the delivery of social services.
- To encourage and promote interfaith cooperation through civic education.
- To promote inter-faith/cultural cooperation among people of different faith/culture.

4. Financial allocation

The amount made available under this call for proposals is EUR 25 000.00.

- Lot 1: Reduce stigmatization: EUR 9 000.00
- Lot 2: Promotion of social inclusion: EUR 8 000.00
- Lot 3: Encourage and promote interfaith cooperation: EUR 8 000.00

Size of grants

Any grant requested under this call for proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

- minimum amount: EUR 5 000.00
- maximum amount: EUR 10 000.00

5. Eligibility criteria

Eligible proposals must:

- Be led by Human Rights Defenders organizations / charities organizations;

- Ensure being carried out at least by two or more organizations in the same targeted country, if possible from different religious/ethnic groups;
- Be based on multiple partnerships.
- Be led by non-profit entity
- The applicant must be registered with Cooperate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- The applicant must provide evidence of work done in any of the thematic areas outlined in this call
- The action must be located and working in the geographical area of this call
- The applicant must have capacity to manage funds efficiently

6. Eligible actions: actions for which an application can be made

Duration:The initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 6 months nor exceed 12 months.

Sectors or themes: Proposals under this Call for Proposals should address one of the objectives outlined in section 2. Actions submitted under one Specific Objective/lot may include activities related to another lot as well. However, actions that include activities related to several objectives will be evaluated more favorably than actions that only address one objective.

Location:

The project geographical scope covers two (2) geopolitical regions in Nigeria, namely: North West and North Central as pilot locations.

Types of action:

- Personal assistance to religious minorities and disadvantaged groups including medical/psychological assistance;
- Permanent emergency-response services to transfer and re-house individuals in mortal danger;
- Training and teaching activities especially in rural areas and refugee camps;
- Participation of discriminated and disadvantaged groups in regional initiatives;
- Direct interventions in support of discriminated and disadvantaged groups through the provision of lawyers;
- Awareness-raising activities (publications, films, seminars, meetings, etc.);

Types of non-eligible action:

- Actions concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences and congresses;
- Actions concerned only or mainly with individual's scholarships for studies or training courses;
- Actions supporting political parties;
- Actions including proselytism.

Visibility:

Depending on the country, we have to discuss it case by case.

7. Eligible and non-eligible costs

Only eligible costs can be covered by a grant. The categories of costs that are eligible and non-eligible are indicated below. The budget is both a cost estimate and an overall ceiling for eligible costs.

As costs and budget represent a considerable part of the selection criteria (detailed budget, reasonable, verifiable, etc.), it is therefore in the applicants' interest to provide a realistic and cost-effective budget.

Eligible costs must:

- incur during the implementation of the action;
- be indicated in the estimated overall budget for the action;
- be necessary for the implementation of the action
- be identifiable and verifiable;
- comply with the requirements of applicable tax and social legislation
- be reasonable and justified.

The following direct costs shall be eligible:

- cost of staff assigned to the action, corresponding to actual gross salaries including social security charges and other remuneration-related costs; salaries and costs shall not exceed those normally borne by the Beneficiary(ies), unless it is justified by showing that it is essential to carry out the Action;
- travel and subsistence costs for staff and other persons taking part in the Action;
- purchase costs for equipment and supplies (new or used) for the purposes of the Action;
- costs of consumables;

The following direct costs are not eligible:

- debts and service charges (interests);
- currency exchange losses.

8. How to apply and the procedures to follow

Documentation to provide:

- A presentation of the applicant's previous or current projects
- A detailed description of the project, including a summary of the action, a presentation of the activities, an explanation about the relevance of the project, a schedule, etc
- A budget and the amount requested;
- Any other relevant element.

How to submit the proposal:

Applicants must send the complete application by the internet, to the following email addresses

- pluralismprojectng@gmail.com
- pluralismprojects@gmail.com

Only applications sent to both email addresses will be considered.

Submission deadline:

All proposals must be submitted electronically on or before **12:00 noon Nigeria time, 10th July, 2017.**

9. Evaluation and selection of applications

Each proposal will be independently marked against the evaluation grid below, according to the following criteria and provide a grade of ranking.

Criteria	Score
<u>Relevance:</u> is the problem statement clear and relevant? How closely is the problem aligned to the objectives of Support for pluralism defenders' program and the objectives and priorities of the Call for proposals?	30
<u>Target Groups and Beneficiaries:</u> How clearly defined and strategically chosen are those involved? Have their needs been clearly defined and does the proposal address?	10
<u>Value-Added Elements:</u> Does the proposal contain specific added-value elements such as promotion of gender-equality and equal-opportunities, needs of disabled people, innovations and best-practices?	10
<u>Design:</u> Is the proposal clear and understandable? Is this the best approach to solving the problem? How strong is the rationale for the kind of response being suggested? How coherent is the overall design of the project? Is it feasible and consistent in relation to the objectives and expected results? Are the objectives and outcomes SMART? Does the project provide a sound plan to monitor the progress? How is sustainability ensured, e.g. is there an operation and maintenance plan?	20
<u>Costs:</u> How detailed is the budget? Budget for each activity must include details of costs for the activity. All costs must be evaluated against the following mandatory criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasonable – costs do not exceed those that would be incurred by an ordinarily prudent person in the conduct of a normal business; - Allocable/Verifiable/Identifiable – costs which are necessary to the project; - Allowable- the budget presents costs which are reasonable and allocable, incurred during the project duration, and which conform to limitations set forth under the donor's cost principles; 	20
<u>Operational capacity:</u> Does the applicant have sufficient experience in the project management? Does the applicant have sufficient specific technical expertise of the issues to be addressed?	10
TOTAL	100

Notification of the decision

The selection of potential sub-recipients will take place and the end of July 2017. Successful applicants will be contacted thereafter.