

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANGLADESH

Deadline to submit proposals: Thursday, March 14th, 2013

Indicative Funding Range:

US\$500,000-US\$1,000,000

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The **Global Partnership for Social Accountability** (GPSA) is a coalition of donors, governments and civil society organizations (CSOs) that aims to improve development results by supporting capacity building for enhanced citizen feedback and participation. The GPSA will contribute to country-level governance reforms and improved service delivery. To achieve this objective, the GPSA provides strategic and sustained support to CSOs' social accountability initiatives aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability.

The GPSA is pleased to announce its First Global Call for Proposals. In **Bangladesh**, the GPSA seeks proposals on Social Accountability from Civil Society Organizations that will:

- ⇒ *Strengthen citizen capacity to access local budget data to engage constructively in budget planning and implementation at the Union Parishad level within the framework of the Right to Information Act 2009, the open budgeting provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and the Union Parishad Operational Manual of August 2012;*
- ⇒ *Monitor and report on the open budgeting process at the Union Parishad level, including consistency of public expenditure planning and implementation with provisions in the Union Parishad Operational Manual.*

The information emerging from the GPSA supported activities will be used by the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives to ensure transparent and responsive public finance management system at the local level.

GPSA Funding Modalities

- ***Social Accountability Initiatives and Programs.***
- ***Mentoring and capacity-building of nascent CSO, including on-granting.*** These proposals must be submitted by CSOs with proven track record on social accountability, that are legal entities in one of the "opted-in" countries and the activities should take place in one of these countries.
- ***Strengthening Institutional Capacity of CSOs working on SAcc.***

Grants can support:

- Up to 100% of project's total cost.
- Up to 50% of total organization budget.
- Projects with an estimated duration of 3 to 5 years.

What is a Civil Society Organization for the purpose of a GPSA?

- 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
- Policy development institutes
- Research institutes

Eligibility Criteria for Civil Society Organizations

- **Legal status:** the recipient needs to be a legal entity in **Bangladesh** and provide proof of such legal status;
- **Representation:** key criteria are community ties, accountability to members or beneficiaries, diversity and gender sensitivity;
- **Governance:** sound internal management policies and practices, comprising organizational dimensions, such as clear management roles and responsibilities, clear methods of planning and organizing activities, human capital, financial and technical resources, and partnerships;
- **Transparency:** including disclosure of sources of funding, financial accountability and governance transparency;
- **Fiduciary capacity:** ability to meet applicable World Bank policies for grants;
- **Institutional capacity:** appropriate scale of operations, facilities, and equipment;
- **Competence:** proposed executing team possesses relevant skills and experience across all areas for which activities have been proposed;
- **Proven track record:** organization can provide evidence of its experience (at least 3-5 years) in the area of the call for proposals, and a vision matching the goals of the GPSA.

For additional information and the E-application please visit:

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For help completing the E-application please contact:

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Orientation Session:

February 19th at 10:00 am at the WB Office in Dhaka (Plot E 32, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka 1207)