



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Deadline to submit proposals: January 6, 2014

The **Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA)** supports civil society and governments to work together to solve critical governance challenges in developing countries. To achieve this objective, the GPSA provides strategic and sustained support to CSOs' social accountability initiatives aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability. It builds on the World Bank's direct and ongoing engagement with public sector actors, as well as a network of Global Partner organizations, to create an enabling environment in which *citizen feedback is used to solve fundamental problems in service delivery and to strengthen the performance public institutions*. Through a country-tailored approach, GPSA-supported activities are implemented in sectors where the World Bank has a strong involvement and can help governments respond to citizen feedback.

The GPSA works to "close the loop" by supporting citizens to have a more articulated voice, helping governments to listen, and assisting government agencies act upon the feedback they receive.

The GPSA is pleased to announce its 2nd Global Call for Proposals. In **Dominican Republic**, the GPSA seeks proposals for Social Accountability initiatives and programs from Civil Society Organizations to **address one or all of the following:**

- ⇒ Monitor government budget formulation and execution at central and municipal levels by implementing social accountability mechanisms that enable citizen feedback throughout the budget cycle so the Ministry of Finance could use such information for adopting pro-poor budgets.
- ⇒ Monitor procurement by the Government of Dominican Republic by developing social accountability mechanisms so the Directorate General for Public Procurement could implement measures for more efficient procurement policies and procedures for the provision of goods and services.

Following the GPSA's approach, it is expected that the information produced will also be used by other public sector institutions beyond the Executive, including Supreme Audit Institutions, legislative bodies, independent regulatory agencies, and other oversight bodies.

In order to be considered, proposals must demonstrate clearly that:

1. The project will push the boundaries from pilots to large-scale interventions that may be replicated country-wide;
2. The proposed intervention is related to ongoing initiatives focusing on similar objectives. It should identify the value added of GPSA support;
3. It proposes wide-range partnerships with other CSOs that would enable the proposal to achieve a large scale and leverage existing experience; and
4. The project will generate information that is needed to complement existing processes already supported by relevant public institutions, in the context of the open government agenda.

GPSA supports proposals that:

- Have an estimated duration of 3 to 5 years, in order to enable sustained and strategic funding for Social Accountability;
- Propose a detailed budget for total grant amounts in the indicative funding range between US\$500,000 and US\$1,000,000. Funding requests below this range will be considered. The requested funds must correlate with the proposal's duration.

Eligible CSOs: Legal entities that fall outside the public or for profit sector, such as 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 and policy development and research institutes.

Applicant CSO must provide proof of legal status in one of GPSA's eligible ("opted-in") countries.

Please review the GPSA Application Guidelines for details about how to apply for a grant, eligibility requirements, selection criteria and selection process.

How to apply

1. Visit the GPSA website at www.worldbank.org/gpsa and click on the link to the 2nd Call for Proposals page.
2. Review your country's priority theme(s) included in the country-tailored call for proposals.
3. Read the GPSA Grant Application Guidelines for general instructions on how to apply for a grant, eligibility requirements, selection criteria and selection process.
4. Access the application forms (3 Parts)
5. Applications must be submitted using the GPSA's online e-application platform, which will be accessible from the GPSA Call for Proposals page.

If you are interested in applying please visit www.worldbank.org/gpsa to read the GPSA Application Guidelines and to access the application forms.

For information on the Orientation Session organized by the World Bank offices in Dominican Republic please contact:

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Orientation Session:
Friday November 29, 11:00AM
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