



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR HONDURAS

Deadline to submit proposals: January 6, 2014

Background for Honduras

Over the last few years in Honduras, the World Bank has supported civil society organizations (CSOs) in their social accountability initiatives, alongside other donors who have also supported various initiatives to strengthen analytical, organizational and engagement capacities among CSOs for enhanced citizen participation and good governance, with the aim of making public administration more transparent, more responsive to citizens, more efficient and effective.

While there has been significant progress in social accountability in Honduras over the last decade and a half, the agenda remains large and unfinished. Progress has at times been slower than expected, and due to diverse factors the impact on overall governance conditions and development in the country has not reached its full potential. In order to ensure a more strategic support to CSOs for enhanced development impact, the World Bank has recently facilitated the creation of a new Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA).

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 of public institutions*. Through a country-tailored approach, GPSA-supported activities are implemented in sectors where the World Bank has an 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 to act upon the feedback they receive.

The GPSA is pleased to announce its Second Global Call for Proposals. In Honduras, the GPSA seeks highly transformational and innovative Social Accountability proposals from Civil Society Organizations; proposals that will advance the dialogue and engagement among government, CSOs and other sectors, for greater development impact, in any or all of the following areas:

- ⇒ To promote citizen oversight of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) arrangements in order for COALIANZA and the Presidency (as well as the Government of Honduras, more broadly) to enhance the impact of services under PPPs.
- ⇒ To enhance stakeholder engagement surrounding the development of extractive industries sectors in Honduras, linked to the EITI process, in order for the Government of Honduras (particularly the Presidency, the Secretariat of Natural Resources and Environment, and other relevant institutions) to promote socially and environmentally sustainable management of resources while supporting open government reforms.

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 the Supreme Audit Institution, 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.

In addition, proposals may focus on one or more of the above mentioned priority areas. Proposals should include:

- Strategies to form or strengthen multi-sectorial platforms/coalitions for governance reform in areas relevant to the present call for proposals; emphasizing constructive engagement, and linked to the Open Government agenda.
- Strategies to partner with media and information outlets in order to strengthen citizen voice and to help improve the quality of dialogue and public debate on systemic governance issues in areas relevant to the present call for proposals.
- Strategies to use systematically the social media platform, innovative information solutions, and new approaches to civil society involvement.

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. 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 can be national or international, but it must provide proof of legal status in Honduras.

Please review the GPSA Application Guidelines for details about how to apply for a grant, eligibility requirements, selection criteria and selection process. Proposals will be submitted in English

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

An Orientation Session will be held at the World Bank offices in Honduras on Friday, November 22, 2013. For information on the Orientation Session please contact:

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