



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR JAMAICA

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Call for Proposals.** In Jamaica the GPSA seeks proposals for Social Accountability initiatives and programs from Civil Society Organizations **to address one or all of the following:**

- ⇒ *Monitor the budget process by setting up innovative social accountability mechanisms that enable citizen feedback throughout the budget cycle, especially in the planning and allocation of public investments and of other critical basic services. The information produced will be used by the Ministry of Finances, the Planning Institute of Jamaica, and the Cabinet Office to design corrective measures for improvement of the procurement system.*
- ⇒ *Monitoring education service delivery with a focus on social accountability mechanisms that may generate meaningful feedback on the quality of education and on the causes of students' dropout rates. The information produce will be used by the Ministry of Education to introduce corrective measures aimed at improving education outcomes.*
- ⇒ *Monitor the quality and efficiency of custom services. The information produced will be used by Jamaica Customs Agency to improve service provision.*

*Proposals should include:*

- *Strategies to form or strengthen multi-sectoral platforms/coalitions for governance reform in areas relevant to the present call for proposals; emphasizing constructive engagement, and linked to the Caribbean Growth Forum reform 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*

**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.

**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.

**If you are interested in applying please visit [www.worldbank.org/gpsa](http://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 Jamaica please contact:**

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**Orientation Session:  
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