



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR JAMAICA

**Deadline to submit proposals: August 12, 2015**

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 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 to act upon the feedback they receive.*

**The GPSA is pleased to announce its 3<sup>rd</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.*
- ⇒ *Facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement around the Caribbean Growth Forum (CGF) to monitor the stated Action Plans articulated through this initiative with respect to Jamaica. The purpose is to support the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministries of Finance & Planning and Industry Investment and Commerce as well as any other relevant line Ministry directly involved in the efficient development and execution of 'The National Growth Agenda'. The process will foster close and sustained dialogue between private sector and civil society and the public sector entities so reforms may be appropriately adjusted in the implementation phase.*
- ⇒ *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 produced will be used by the Ministry of Education to introduce corrective measures aimed at improving education outcomes.*
- ⇒ *Monitoring of the Implementation of the National Health Information and E-Health Strategy during its pilot years. A partnership of private sector and civil society will track the stated indicators and provide feedback to the Ministry of Health and the Environment to trigger any adjustments required to keep the programme on track, thereby supporting enhanced service delivery in the public health sector*

**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 clear mentoring and partnership with other CSOs (local and national) and community-based organizations.
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;
- To find out the indicative funding range for the 3rd Global Call for Proposals, please visit our website at [www.thegpsa.org](http://www.thegpsa.org)

**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.thegpsa.org](http://www.thegpsa.org) 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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