

Promote Musharikat Call for Coalition Membership Applications

ISSUANCE DATE: 6 September 2018

CLOSING DATE: 18 September 2018

REFERENCE NO: Musharikat Call for Coalition Membership-018-002

DAI, implementer of the Promote Musharikat project, invites (a) individual civil society activists and (b) civil society organizations (CSOs) working to advance women's rights, participation and empowerment in Afghanistan to submit membership applications for one or two of the Musharikat coalitions, which advocate on the following key women's issues in Afghanistan:

- 1. Women and the Peace Process**
- 2. Harassment of Women & Girls**

Membership in Musharikat coalitions is a volunteer activity. Members may be reimbursed in some cases for coalition-related travel, but coalition members are not paid positions.

A. PROMOTE MUSHARIKAT PROJECT

Musharikat is one of four Promote projects and is designed to build a cadre of more than 5,000 activists and 300 civil society organizations (CSOs) from all 34 provinces to advocate more effectively for and advance women's equality and empowerment in Afghanistan. The priority issues for establishment of coalitions were determined through an inclusive and transparent voting process through which broad input was obtained on priority issues from women in all 34 provinces. Promote Musharikat provides training to the coalitions on: planning, public policy processes, and advocacy campaign development. Each coalition then develops a framework for its advocacy activities which includes a narrowed focus to one law, one national policy, and one social custom/norm. An advocacy strategy is then created and the coalition's members determine how to best execute its plan.

B. WHAT DO PROMOTE MUSHARIKAT COALITIONS DO?

Advocate for women's equality and empowerment

- Research and investigation: Conduct research/surveys and hold meetings to gather information that are the foundation of evidence-based advocacy efforts
- Awareness-raising amongst communities: Hold town hall meetings, host roundtables, and conduct media campaigns
- Engage decision-makers and other stakeholders: Prepare for and lead meetings with government officials and policy makers at the national, provincial, district, and village levels
- Gain support and commitment for positive change: Host joint conferences and media events with partners and government stakeholders
- Monitor and report impact: Prepare presentations for advocacy meetings with government officials, write monitoring reports, and prepare press releases

C. WHICH ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CSO MEMBERSHIP?

- Local non-profit, non-governmental organizations (CSOs/NGOs) currently registered with Ministry of Economy or Ministry of Justice.
- Officially recognized networks currently registered with Ministry of Justice
- Commercial media organizations currently registered with relevant ministry
- Commercial entities registered with relevant ministry such as private hospitals (AH coalition)
- Organizations whose mission includes advancing women's rights and empowerment
- Entities with current implementation and presence in the membership province/s
- In general, preference will be given to applicants that are local Afghan entities, although international NGOs may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- CSO applications must identify at least one qualified delegate to represent the organization in coalition activities and submit a CSO delegate application for them. The proposed delegate/s should be able to commit to active participation in activities and Musharikat prefers that at least one delegate is female.

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Ineligible Organizations:

- Political parties, political party organizations or CSOs primarily focused on support of a political party's objectives
- Faith-based organizations whose objectives are discriminatory
- Entities which are not formally registered with relevant GIRoA ministry are not eligible.

D. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTIVIST OR CSO DELEGATE MEMBERSHIP?

- Afghan citizens
- Applicants who provide first and last names (*Note: Use second name on university degree, employee ID or CV. If none of these are available, father's last name may be provided.*)
- Applicants who provide a unique, active cell phone number and email which they monitor directly (*Applicant must directly monitor the cell and email to make sure they receive important invites and other information sent by the coalition. General company cell numbers/emails or friend/relatives cell are not acceptable.*)
- Experience with advocacy and initiatives supporting women's equality, empowerment and participation
- Ability to communicate in local languages (written and oral).
- Ability to travel to the nearest regional province (Kabul, Mazar, Herat, Jalalabad, Kandahar) to take part in Promote Musharikat coalition meetings and activities.
- Current residency in the province for which the activist/delegate is applying.
- Afghan government employees who are not elected or national-level officials may serve as coalition members

Non-Eligible Individuals/CSO Delegates:

- ELECTED Afghan government officials and NATIONAL-LEVEL officials (whether elected or appointed) may not be coalition members, but may serve as advisors.
- Individuals who provide duplicate/non-unique cell number since each coalition member requires a unique cell number to be entered in the Musharikat membership database.
- Individuals who provide cell number and/or email for their relatives or friends that they themselves do not monitor.
- Individuals included in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurements and Non-Procurement Programs

Note that CVs may be submitted for all individual activists and CSO delegates which describes their relevant experience in the areas stated above.

E. HOW DO I APPLY?

Individual Activist and CSO Delegates:

Submit a signed copy of **Appendix A: "Application for Membership in Promote Musharikat Coalition, Individual Activist or CSO Delegate"** electronically to **Musharikat_IBCs@DAI.com**

Supporting documents to be included:

- Copy of taskera/national ID
- Your CV may be submitted to provide examples of your relevant experience in women's rights/empowerment and advocacy

Civil Society Organizations:

Submit a signed copy of **Appendix B: "Application for Membership in Promote Musharikat Coalition, Civil Society Organization"** electronically to **Musharikat_IBCs@DAI.com**

Supporting documents to be included:

- Copy of current CSO registration
- Organizational Profile & list of relevant past projects in women's empowerment/advocacy
- Completed Appendix A, *Application for Individual Activist or CSO Delegate*" for all proposed CSO delegates.

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If you have trouble with submission of your application or questions about coalition membership, please contact the appropriate Musharikat Regional Office:

Herat

073 070 0599

Kandahar

073 070 0597

Jalalabad

073 070 0596

Kabul

073 070 0600

Mazar

073 070 0598

F. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of membership applications is **18 September 2018, 4:00 pm Kabul time.**