

**MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND FOR
UN ACTION AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT
PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

Part A. Meeting Information (To be completed by the UN Action Secretariat)	
RMC Meeting No: N/A circulated vial email	Project¹ No: UNA045
Date of Meeting: N/A circulated via email	RMC members in attendance at meeting: Emailed to all RMC members (WHO, DPKO, OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Women)
Part B. Project Summary (To be completed by the Participating UN Organization)	
Date of Submission: July 2016	Participating UN Organization(s): UN Women/UNDP
	Participating UN Organization receiving funds: UN Women
Focal Point of the Participating UN Organization(s): Name: Pablo Castillo-Diaz Email: Pablo.castillo-diaz@unwomen.org Name: Nahla Valji Email: nahla.valji@unwomen.org Name: Diego Antoni E-mail: diego.antoni@undp.org Name: Randi Davis E-mail: randi.davis@undp.org	Project Title: Support to the NGO Working Group on Women Peace and Security
	Project Location(s): New York
UN Action pillar of activity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge building <input type="checkbox"/> Support to UN system at country level	Projected Project Duration: September 2016-31 March 2017
Proposed project, if approved, would result in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of previous funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> No-cost extension: <u>(from – to)</u>	Total Project Budget: Amount of MPTF funds requested: 59,006.22 Percentage of indirect support costs from MPTF contribution: 7%

¹ The term “project” is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

Projected Annual Disbursements:	2016 \$59,006.22	20xx \$	20xx \$
Projected Annual Commitments:	20xx \$	20xx \$	20xx \$

Application Instructions for Narrative Summary

The questions below are for guidance in developing the narrative under each sub-heading. Applicants should address these questions to the extent possible.

I. Overview

- a. Provide a brief overview of the project, including overall goals and objectives, key strategies, expected results, and intended beneficiaries.
- b. Specify the geographic location(s) of the proposal and/or countries addressed.

II. Proposal’s compliance with UN Action’s Strategic Framework

- a. What pillar does the proposal fall under? (support to UN system action at country level, advocacy, or knowledge-building)
- b. Explain how the proposal enhances UN system coordination and joint programming.
- c. Explain how the UN, governmental organizations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders will be engaged throughout implementation of the proposal.
- d. Explain how the proposal would strengthen the capacity of national institutions to deal with conflict-related sexual violence.

III. Success criteria and means of evaluating results

- a. Explain how the Participating UN Organisation(s) submitting the proposal have the institutional capacity to successfully achieve the proposed objectives.
- b. Describe the overall management structure of this project.
- c. Explain how the proposal will be monitored and evaluated.

IV. Budget

- a. Describe other attempts to apply for funding for this particular proposal.

Narrative Summary

I. Overview

The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security (NGOWG), a project of Tides Center, is the only actor of its kind working on women, peace and security issues at UN Headquarters, providing both regular expert policy guidance on women, peace and security, and monitoring the Security Council’s work on this issue. Its members work on every level of decision-making from local to international and undertake activities ranging from advocacy to humanitarian assistance.

The strength of the NGOWG lies in channelling women’s voices and concerns from conflict-affected areas to the highest levels of international policy-making to create broad and meaningful changes to improve women’s lives. By harnessing NGO members’ networks with women’s groups from conflict-

affected areas, the NGOWG represents a rare and important linkage between women in conflict-affected regions and United Nations policy-makers.

The overarching strategy of the NGOWG is based on the firm belief that providing Member States and UN actors with ongoing expertise and policy guidance and making them the target of sustained advocacy efforts increases the likelihood of consistent and systematic implementation of the women peace and security commitments laid out in SCRs 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013), 2122 (2013) and 2242 (2015). The public and thorough monitoring the NGOWG undertakes on the Security Council's implementation of these commitments is a mechanism by which civil society and other stakeholders can hold the Security Council accountable for its actions.

Sexual violence in conflict, which can be seen as a failure to implement all elements of the full women, peace and security agenda, requires urgent action on key areas, including women's participation and equality; prevention; response; accountability; and resourcing. Our advocacy on issues related to CRSV focus on calling for survivor centred responses and the importance of supporting and ensuring local women's organizations have the capacity to provide medical, psychosocial and legal services to survivors. We also focus on calling for women's participation, alongside local women's organizations, in community-based protection strategies and longer term preventative measures.

Our priority countries of focus include all of those listed in the latest report of the *Secretary-General on Conflict-related sexual violence (S/2016/361)*, as well as the *UN Action Strategic Framework 2015-2016*: Afghanistan, Burundi, Central African Republic, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Myanmar, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

This proposal is for support to ensure we have the capacity in our office to undertake activities in the following areas:

Women human rights defenders: Advocacy strategy development and support for human rights defenders on country-specific and thematic advocacy in NYC, including at UN Security Council open debates on women, peace and security.

Historically, the NGOWG has been invited to serve as the civil society speaker at open debates on both women, peace and security and conflict-related sexual violence. Over the last ten years, women human rights defenders from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, Iraq, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Mali, Libya, and Cote d'Ivoire have spoken on behalf of the NGOWG at the UN Security Council open debates, highlighting issues such as: the systematic and widespread violations of women's rights, proposed ways forward for addressing the concerns of survivors, and called attention to extraordinary levels of impunity for perpetrators

In 2016, we are supporting the civil society speaker at the UN Security Council open debate on conflict-related sexual violence in June 2016 and hope to support a speaker at the annual open debate on women, peace and security in October 2016.

Policy recommendations and guidance: Development and distribution of regular policy guidance and recommendations for Member States and UN stakeholders on strengthening implementation and integration of women, peace and security in the regular work of the UN Security Council and in peacekeeping and political missions.

The primary vehicle for public policy guidance is the NGOWG's Monthly Action Points (MAPs), which

are distributed to thousands of colleagues around the world on a monthly basis. Over the last year, the NGOWG issued recommendations on the situations in: Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Central African region, Central African Republic, Haiti, Lebanon, Burundi; Cyprus; Iraq; Sudan (Abyei), and Syria. In addition, the NGOWG leverages other advocacy opportunities, including informally briefing sanctions committees, participation in high-level panels, and workshops, in order to advocate for strengthening the response to CRSV, with a particular emphasis on civil society engagement.

In 2016, the NGOWG will publish the MAP every month and continue to draw attention to ongoing violations of women's rights by utilizing information provided by civil society partners at national and local levels. The NGOWG is particularly focused on advocating for comprehensive justice strategies, accountability for sexual exploitation and abuse, and calling for deployment and training for qualified WPAs in all peacekeeping and political missions.

Monitoring, analysis and accountability: Public monitoring and analysis of the work of the UN Security Council with an aim to hold the Security Council accountable for its obligations to improve reporting, analysis and inclusion of women, peace and security in its regular work.

The NGOWG undertakes comprehensive gender analysis of the extent to which normative commitments to the inclusion and participation of women in peacemaking and peacebuilding are reflected in the regular work of the Council, as evidenced most importantly in its bi-annual mandates (i.e. detailed action instructions) for UN missions in conflict situations and regular reporting from peacekeeping and political operations. Over the past year, the NGOWG analysed more than 150 reports, resolutions and presidential statements.

In 2016, the NGOWG will continue to analyse relevant reports, resolutions and presidential statements with a particular emphasis on highlighting and tracking inclusion of information as requested in SCRs 2106 (2013), 2122 (2013) and 2242 (2015). All analysis will be posted publically on the NGOWG's new website, which will be launched in June 2016.

II. Proposal's compliance with UN Action's Strategic Framework

- a. What pillar does the proposal fall under?

This proposal falls under the advocacy pillar of UN Action's work.

- b. Explain how the proposal enhances UN system coordination and joint programming.

The support UN Action is providing for the NGOWG will ensure the NGOWG has the staff capacity to continue liaising with UN Action and its members on a regular basis. At present, this collaboration manifests in a few different ways:

Strengthening UN Member State capacity on women, peace and security issues: The NGOWG, UN Action, UN-Women and DPKO collaborate on briefings for incoming UN Security Council members which overview key women, peace and security issues, as well as provide actionable recommendations on specific ways that Council members can constructively engage on this issue in their daily work. These briefings provide the foundation for future relationships between Council members and the NGOWG. By ensuring the NGOWG has a formal role in the process, UN Action and its member entities are directly ensuring the NGOWG has access to

policymakers whom might not be responsive if approached by the NGOWG alone;

Strengthening implementation of women, peace and security in UN Security Council

country-specific and thematic work: The NGOWG regularly collaborates with UN Action, UN-Women, DPKO, DPA and the Office of the SRSG on Sexual violence in conflict in efforts to advocate for ways in which the UN Security Council can better implement its obligations on women, peace and security in terms of outcome documents, working methods, and inclusion of women civil society voices. For example:

- UN-Women supports the NGOWG’s civil society speaker at the annual open debate on women, peace and security by providing political and financial support, but also helping to amplify her voice through interviews and visually documenting the visit with photography and video. Further, UN-Women regularly supports ad-hoc visits of civil society speakers, when the opportunity presents itself on short notice, and has been vocal in supporting civil society speakers at country-specific briefings, outside of annual, thematic discussions on women, peace and security;
 - Beginning in 2015, DPKO initiated quarterly meetings with the NGOWG and other civil society partners to provide a space to share information and insight on current efforts to implement women, peace and security in field missions. These meetings also provide a platform for civil society to share information and provide recommendations directly to DPKO – the NGOWG reaches out to local partners to ensure it is best reflecting the concerns of women in specific country situations and ensures those points are part of the discussion;
 - When the NGOWG undertakes country-specific advocacy, DPA connects its relevant country desk officers with the NGOWG and women civil society leaders undertaking advocacy at UNHQ. Additionally, DPA circulates the NGOWG’s MAP to DPA staff on a monthly basis, which ensures the recommendations have a better chance of reaching individuals who have the ability to address gender in their daily work either at UNHQ or in field missions. DPA’s support in circulating the MAP has had a direct impact, resulting in connections with several Gender Advisers in field missions whom have sought to strengthen their work supporting women civil society organizations at the country-level;
- c. Explain how the UN, governmental organizations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders will be engaged throughout implementation of the proposal.

The NGOWG is a coalition of 15 international NGOs which, via its strategic positioning in NYC, collaborates with and advocates to UN and Member State actors. Through its members, the NGOWG is connected with over 400 regional and local organizations in more than 50 conflict and post-conflict situations.

We work closely with UN stakeholders both formally and informally, via the Standing Committee on Women, Peace and Security, on which we are an observer, and bilaterally. Our closest partners include UN Action, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, UN-Women, UN Department for Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), and the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA). Through our interactions we are able to represent the voices of our civil society networks and input into internal UN processes in order to strengthen UN system implementation of

women, peace and security norms.

- d. Explain how the proposal would strengthen the capacity of national institutions to deal with war-related sexual violence.

We regularly partner with local civil society organizations in our advocacy and in doing so, help build the capacity and provide support for their own. The advocacy of the NGOWG focuses on implementation of women, peace and security norms at all levels, thus we provide recommendations on good practice that can be taken forward by national institutions in order to better address conflict-related sexual violence.

III. Success criteria and means of evaluating results

- a. Explain how the Participating UN Organisation(s) submitting the proposal has the institutional capacity to successfully achieve the proposed objectives.

Capacity is a particular concern for the NGOWG, thus its strategic plan and objectives are developed with capacity in mind. As the NGOWG is primarily advocacy-focused, its two staff are able to effectively coordinate with its members and achieve its advocacy objectives.

- b. Describe the overall management structure of this project.

The project will be managed by the two staff of the NGOWG, supported by 5 part-time graduate fellows, in collaboration with representatives of its 15 member organizations: Amnesty International; CARE; Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights; Femmes Africa Solidarité; Global Justice Center; Human Rights Watch; International Action Network on Small Arms; International Alert; The Institute for Inclusive Security; MADRE; Nobel Women's Initiative; Refugees International; Oxfam International; Women's Refugee Commission; and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

- c. Explain how the proposal will be monitored and evaluated.

The NGOWG is guided by its strategic plan for 2016-2020, which was developed as the result of a strategic planning process that occurred from October 2015 – February 2016. This strategic plan serves as the organizational framework for monitoring and evaluating the success of this proposal. The objectives of the NGOWG laid out in its strategic plan encompass long-term and medium-term objectives in the areas of: women's participation and civil society engagement; Security Council implementation; and UN system leadership and accountability.

The work of the NGOWG in its strategic areas is reliant on monitoring normative developments on women, peace and security, thus monitoring and evaluation is a core function of the ongoing, substantive work of the NGOWG, in addition to serving as an important accountability and management process.

In all monitoring and evaluation efforts, the NGOWG utilizes collaborative, cloud-based tools (such as Google Sheets, Forms and Docs) to ensure transparency and accessibility. Our various monitoring and evaluation efforts often require stakeholder consultations or input from our member organizations, thus we seek to ensure that we adopt an inclusive and participatory

approach. Further, we also ensure we are methodologically rigorous in our quantitative data collection and analysis, clearly defining our assessment criteria in a way which ensures the resulting statistics are sound, and able to be utilized publically. In our qualitative analysis, we employ an analytical framework drawing on good practice in feminist and gender analytical approaches.

Our monitoring and evaluation strategy encompasses the following:

(1) Monitoring implementation of women, peace and security by the UN Security Council (and UN system entities in their work with the UN Security Council) through analysis; continuous, systematic data collection; and communication of findings.

- **Analysis:** The NGOWG’s qualitative analysis broadly focuses on the extent to which normative commitments to the inclusion and participation of women in peacemaking and peacebuilding are reflected in the regular work of the Council, as evidenced most importantly in its bi-annual mandates (i.e. detailed action instructions) for UN missions in conflict situations and regular reporting from peacekeeping and political operations. The analysis involves systematically identifying and quantifying references to components of the WPS agenda in each type of UN document related to these countries or areas, all of which host a peacekeeping or political mission authorized by the UNSC. This quantitative data grounds the qualitative analysis of trends. The intent is to identify trends based on simple textual analysis as well as the deeper, qualitative analysis of text, and draw conclusions regarding policy gaps, as well as conceptual and theoretical gaps and their possible implications for policy and practice.

In addition to the presence of relevant references, the NGOWG assesses the “quality” or “strength” of each individual reference, which, when assessed along with all references in a particular document, allowed for an assessment as to the strength of the document as a whole in terms of WPS. The NGOWG measures quality utilizing the framework of the core resolutions on women, peace and security, as well as additional UN system guidance.

- **Data collection:** The collects both qualitative and quantitative data and information on:
 - resolutions and presidential statements and reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the UN Security Council;
 - inclusion of keywords and phrases related to women, peace and security; and
 - trends in quality and quantity of women, peace and security-related information.

(2) Evaluation of the work of the UN Security Council on a monthly and annual basis as well as of the effectiveness of the NGOWG advocacy strategy in order to inform adjustment of advocacy approaches and programs.

- **Communication of results of monitoring and analysis:** We integrate the results of our monitoring and analysis into our MAPs as well as in our annual policy brief which reviews the work of the UN Security Council over the previous year.
- **Stakeholder feedback:** The NGOWG facilitates an annual stakeholder evaluation which solicits feedback from NGOWG members, colleagues and partners in the UN, Member States and other civil society organizations which assess the effectiveness of

advocacy

efforts;

- **Strategic planning:** The NGOWG undertakes a strategic planning process annually which reviews stakeholder feedback and adjusts its short-term advocacy strategy in order to better achieve its medium and long-term objectives;

Part C. Initial Review of Proposal <i>(To be completed by the UN Action Secretariat)</i>	
(a) Is the project explicitly linked to the UN Action Strategic Framework?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Is the project effective, coherent, and cost-efficient?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Does it avoid duplication and significant overlap with the activities of other UN system entities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Does it build on existing capacities, strengths and experience?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Does it promote consultation, participation and partnerships and agree with the existing country coordination mechanism?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Is the Project Proposal Submission Form fully completed?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Is the Budget in compliance with the standard format?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Is the indirect support cost within the approved rate?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Part D: Decision of the Resource Management Committee <i>(to be completed by the RMC Chairperson)</i>	
5. Decision of the Resource Management Committee	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved for a total budget of US \$59,006.22 <input type="checkbox"/> Approved with modification/condition <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred/returned with comments for further consideration <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	
Comments/Justification: The RMC approved the proposal	
Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee Name (Printed) 	
..... Signature Date
Part E: Administrative Agent Review <i>(To be completed by the UNDP MPTF Office)</i>	
6. Action taken by the Executive Coordinator, Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP	

Project consistent with provisions of the RMC Memorandum of Understanding and the Standard Administrative Arrangements with donors.

Jennifer Topping
Executive Coordinator
Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP

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Signature

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Date

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FUND SIGNATURE PAGE

(Note: Please attach to the Project Proposal Submission Form)

Participating UN Organization(s): UN Women/UNDP	Focal Point of Participating UN Organization receiving funds: Name: Pablo Castillo-Diaz/Nahla Valji												
Project Number: UNA045	Project Duration: September 2016- 31 March 2017 Estimated Start Date: 1 September 2016												
Project Title: Support to the NGO Working Group on Women Peace and Security	Project Location(s): New York												
Total Project Cost: US \$ MPTF: US \$ 59,006.22 Other: US \$ GRAND TOTAL: US \$ 59,006.22													
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PROGRAMME² BUDGET FORM

PROGRAMME BUDGET	
CATEGORY	AMOUNT US \$
1. Staff and other personnel costs	54,600
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials	
3. Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture including Depreciation	
4. Contractual Services	
5. Travel	
6. Transfers and Grants Counterparts	
7. General Operating and Other Direct Costs	546
Total Programme Costs	
Indirect Support Costs (cannot exceed 7%)	3860.22
TOTAL	59,006.22

²The term “programme” is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.