



CONNECTING VOICES AND ACTION
to End Violence Against Women and Girls
in the MENA Region

GRANT SCHEME FOR IRAQ

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

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1	<p>How much can I apply for?</p> <p>Eligible organizations (see eligibility criteria) can apply for 3 different sizes of grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Between 25,000 and 50, 000 Euros - Between 100,000 and 150,000 Euros - Between 300,000 and 350,000 Euros <p>You cannot apply for an amount that is not included in one of the 3 categories. Also, check the eligibility criteria to make sure for how much you can apply.</p>																
2	<p>How do I know if my organization is considered small, medium or large?</p> <p>You can check the following table. Which criteria is your organization meeting?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 629 1455 920"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Annual Budget</th> <th>Staff</th> <th>Geographical outreach</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Small Organization</td> <td>less than 130 million IQD</td> <td>Minimum 2/3 permanent staff</td> <td>presence in at least 1 district</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium Organization</td> <td>between 130 m and 452 million IQD</td> <td>Minimum 3/4 permanent staff</td> <td>presence in at least 2 districts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Large Organization</td> <td>above 452 million IQD</td> <td>Minimum 5 permanent staff</td> <td>presence in at least 3 districts</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type	Annual Budget	Staff	Geographical outreach	Small Organization	less than 130 million IQD	Minimum 2/3 permanent staff	presence in at least 1 district	Medium Organization	between 130 m and 452 million IQD	Minimum 3/4 permanent staff	presence in at least 2 districts	Large Organization	above 452 million IQD	Minimum 5 permanent staff	presence in at least 3 districts
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3	<p>Can I apply even if I am not legally registered?</p> <p>No. Only organizations legally registered by the Directorate of NGOs in Federal Iraq can apply. It is worth noting Oxfam will ask for registration certificates, NOT for confidential information about previous beneficiaries or any sensitive data on GBV.</p>																
4	<p>How many applications can I send?</p> <p>Each organization can send only 1 application for the same deadline. Only 1 grant can be awarded to the same organization.</p>																
5	<p>Can I apply together with other organizations?</p> <p>Only one eligible organization can apply. However, you can include partner organizations in your application in the section 1.e Project Partners. These organizations can be involved in the activities; however only the applicant organization is allowed to receive and manage the funds if selected.</p>																
6	<p>I am an international NGO. Can I apply?</p> <p>No. Only local organizations can apply.</p>																
7	<p>I am not currently operating in Diyala or Anbar. Can I apply?</p> <p>In principle, you are allowed to apply as long as the project you will propose will be implemented in Diyala and/or Anbar governorates. Moreover, within the same governorates, the project should target at least 1 of the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diyala Governorate: Azaadi, Raparin, Banmil, Arkawazi, Alezi (Al bingani), Aljehad, Alnedal (Baloor), Saadiya town neighborhoods. • Anbar Governorate: Albolcash, kilo 7 complex, Raihana, Hasah complex, Obaidi, Qaimcenter, Rumanah neighborhoods. • Baghdad city for advocacy activities only (under Stream 3) 																

	Note, however, that organizations' experience in operating in Diyala or Anbar will be considered during the evaluation. For the sake of long term sustainability, a strong connection with these territories will be positively evaluated.
8	<p>My organization is currently being registered. Can I apply?</p> <p>You need to demonstrate at least 1 year of experience from the date of your legal registration to apply for Naseej Grant Scheme (for Lot 1, from 5 to over 9 years of experience for Lot 2 and Lot3)</p>
9	<p>My organization is not working on gender-based violence or women's rights. Can I apply?</p> <p>In principle you are allowed to apply as long as the project you propose tackles at least one of the activity Streams of the Grant Scheme. However, Women Rights' Organizations and organizations with a clear mandate and demonstrated experience in gender equality will be favoured.</p>
10	<p>How many projects will be approved?</p> <p>The total amount available for this call is 1.175.000 €. In general, Naseej Grant Scheme is aiming at funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Around 3 small projects (between 25,000 and 50,000 Euros) - Around 5 medium projects (between 100,000 and 150,000 Euros) - Around 1 big project (between 300,000 and 350,000 Euros) <p>The Grant Selection Committee may decide on a different allocation of funds according to the quality of the projects received.</p>
11	<p>Which kind of organizations can apply?</p> <p>The organizations that can apply should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be legally registered by the Directorate of NGOs in Federal Iraq (any form of NGO) - Meet the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines for Applicants (5.1) - Be a local organization (not international) <p>Some kinds of organizations will be prioritized, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women Rights Organizations that mainly work on gender equality and women's rights - Women-led Organizations whose management staff is made up by at least 50% of women - Under-funded Organizations that are not already receiving large amounts of funding - Organizations working with youth (15-24 years old) – for projects proposing activities on social norms change (Stream 2)
12	<p>What does it mean that applicants to Lot 2 and 3 will be requested to contribute to Naseej project through training?</p> <p>If you apply for Lot 2 or 3 (100,000-150,000 Euros or 300,000-350,000 Euros), you will have to explain in the Application Form – Narrative which kind of training experience you have as organization on any topic related to Naseej Grant Scheme's Streams (ex. Gender based violence, women's rights, family law, gender equality, feminism, working with men and boys for gender equality, etc.).</p> <p>If selected, your organization should commit to support Naseej team in Iraq to organize training course and/or other learning activities for smaller organizations. The final plan for these activities will be defined in the first months</p>
13	<p>What does "sub-granting" mean?</p> <p>Sub-granting is the fact that one organization gives part of the funds received under Naseej Grant Scheme to another organization in order to conduct some activities of the project. In Naseej Grant Scheme sub-granting is not allowed in any form.</p>

	<p>This means that the applicant organization must be the sole responsible for managing the funds; all the expenditures and procurement must be conducted by the applicant organization.</p> <p>If you have included partner organizations in your project, these organizations can participate in the design and implementation of the activities; however, no funds should be transferred to them. All expenses related to partners' involvement must be directly processed and managed by the awarded organization.</p>
14	<p>Do the proposed projects need to be implemented in both Governorates?</p> <p>No, it is not necessary. However, it is allowed as long as it is all submitted as one project proposal.</p>
15	<p>Do the proposed projects need to be implemented in all locations of the targeted Governorate/s?</p> <p>No, projects do not have to be implemented in all listed locations of each Governorate. Targeting at least one (1) of the suggested locations is enough to comply with the criteria. Only one project proposal should be submitted in cases of targeting more than one location.</p>
16	<p>Can projects be implemented in only one (1) location?</p> <p>It is possible to propose projects targeting only one (1) location when applying for Lot 1 and Lot 2 (small and medium grants). However, the larger the grant, the more positively it will be considered if more than one location is included.</p> <p>Targeting multiple locations is highly encouraged for organizations applying for Lot 3 (Large organizations) – See Selection Criteria in the Guidelines for Applicants</p>
17	<p>Is it possible to choose a different location within the chosen Governorate/s?</p> <p>Yes, it is possible to choose different locations if at least one of these is indeed in the provided locations list (section 4.2 in the Guidelines for Applicants). Only one project proposal should be submitted in cases of targeting more than one location.</p>
18	<p>Can projects propose activities to be implemented in Baghdad?</p> <p>The only activities which can be implemented in Baghdad are those tackling Advocacy (Stream 3) (section 4.2 of Guidelines for Applicants)</p>
19	<p>Can proposed projects target all three (3) Streams?</p> <p>Yes, it is possible to work on one, several or all Streams. Organizations applying for Lot 3 (large) grants will be positively considered if their proposed work includes more than one of the mentioned Streams (see Selection Criteria).</p>
20	<p>Can organizations propose activities which they had not implemented in the past?</p> <p>Although organizations can propose activities which they had not previously implemented, during the review of proposals the experience of the interested NGO will be considered. Applicants proposing activities for which they have expertise will be positively evaluated.</p> <p>When tackling GBV issues, it is not expected from NGOs to have full expertise in the proposed activities (Naseej aims at strengthening the capacity of local organizations), but applicants must prove they apply minimum standards.</p>
21	<p>Is it possible to apply as a network or consortium of organizations?</p>

	Officially, only one eligible organization can apply. This means that only one organization will be allowed to apply among those members of the network/coalition. However, you can include the other members of the network/coalition as partners in the section 1.e Project Partners . These organizations can be involved in the activities; however only the applicant organization is allowed to receive and manage the funds if selected.
22	<p>Is it possible to have implementing partners in the proposed projects?</p> <p>Naseej Grant Scheme aims at strengthening the capacities of the Grantees. For this reason, it is not possible for the applicant organization to sub-contract another organization to implement activities. The implementation of every activity in the project must be led by the applicant organization.</p>
23	<p>Can the project budget be divided among the applicant organization and its partners?</p> <p>No. Only the applicant organization is responsible of the funding and can manage it. The applicant organization can only cover the costs of activities that are implemented by the applicant organization. It is not possible to cover costs of activities in which the applicant organization is not directly involved. It is not possible to sub-contract other organizations to implement any activity.</p>
24	<p>If an organization applies with other partner organization, can it apply for a bigger grant?</p> <p>The size of the grant that an organization can apply for depends on the organization's size as defined in the Guidelines for Applicants (sec. 3 Definition of Organization's size). Only the applicant organization will be considered and evaluated. The fact that the applicant organization is including partner organizations in its proposal will not change to amount of the size it is allowed to apply for.</p>
25	<p>Are partner organizations/groups going to be involved as well in Naseej Capacity Building Activities?</p> <p>Yes. Organizations/groups that are partner in any project supported by Naseej Grant Scheme will be involved in the capacity building activities foreseen for the grantee organizations.</p>
26	<p>Do the partners have to meet the same eligibility criteria of the applicant organization?</p> <p>No. Partners do not have to meet all the eligibility criteria. However, Oxfam will assess partners of successful applicants to verify they comply with Oxfam's standards in terms of aid diversion, fraud and safeguarding.</p>

Partnerships

Organizations that want to propose a proposal jointly with other organizations, can do that by including the other organizations as **partners**.

Only 1 organization can officially apply. **Partner** organizations can participate and contribute to the project activities, however only the applicant organization can receive the funding and manage it. This means for example, that all the expenses related to activities must be done by the Applicant Organization. It is not possible for example, to pay Partner organizations' salaries through Naseej Grant Scheme. It is not possible to transfer funding to partners.

Also, **informal groups** and networks can be included as partners in the proposals.

Applicant organization must lead and be the main implementer in all the project activities. It is not possible to propose activities in the project in which the Applicant Organization does not participate.

Example: the local CSO X wants to propose a project in 3 locations in Diyala governorate. Since the local CSO X wants to include activities with youth, it decides to propose to local CSO A to join the project as a partner. CSO A is a small grassroots organization that works in 1 of the project locations especially with youth. For this reason, CSO A offers to support CSO X in the organization of one of the project's activity which is a series of cultural events for youth promoting gender equality. CSO X will design and organize the events in collaboration with CSO A; all the costs of these activities will be paid by CSO X and purchases will be also done by CSO X.