



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) GUIDELINES GENDER FOCUSED COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM (CVE) GRANTS

Overview

Kenya NiWajibu Wetu's (NIWETU) overall goal is to reduce violent extremism (VE) among at-risk individuals and communities in five counties (Garissa, Isiolo, Mandera, Nairobi, and Wajir) in Kenya.

NIWETU recognizes the importance of gender in countering violent extremism (CVE). While much of the research about the systematic recruitment and participation of women in violent extremism organizations (VEOs) in Kenya remains largely anecdotal, mounting information points to the notion that an increased number of women are involved in VE and, perhaps more significantly, have the capacity to help counter it in ways that men do not. NIWETU recognizes that women and men experience VE and the effects of VE differently, as such; enhancing women's engagement in these platforms should be done cautiously in order to ensure that they are utilized effectively, and that the unique experiences of men and women are considered.

Please Note: This is NOT a request for full applications. Only simple EOIs should be submitted at this stage. Funding and award is not guaranteed by submitting an EOI.

Purpose

A number of research publications by CVE practitioners and scholars have sought to deepen understanding of ways in which women can be involved in VE and the roles they play in countering it. The research findings confirm that incidents of women's direct participation in VE are largely anecdotal, making it difficult to draw any systematic conclusions. However, women who do become involved in groups such as Al-Shabaab (AS) broadly belong to two categories: younger (aged 15-19) women with limited education or employment opportunities and slightly older (aged 20+) women, often with a university education, who are professionals and come from middle class families. The studies further establish that women can play a key role in interrupting the radicalization process as first hand observers of any behavioral changes among family members.

Within the CVE space, it has been found, unsurprisingly, that women wield a great deal of influence within the household and can easily notice (and report) changes in the behavior of family members. In other areas, however, women's voices remain constrained. Respondents in many of these studies note that women's involvement in community *baraza* meetings and peace committees is markedly limited, and clan dynamics, violent conflict and more conservative cultures often serve to further suppress women's engagement in these conversations. For example, in Wajir and Garissa, (the more conservative counties of research), women's involvement in more formal community institutions has been seen to be rather limited, while in Nairobi and Isiolo respondents have more positive views of the voice women have in these structures.



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Duration, Mechanism and Anticipated Funding Level

EOIs should outline grant ideas that can be implemented in **6-12 months**.

NIWETU is not listing a budget ceiling for the EOI. We are looking for **solid, focused ideas** and **reasonable budgets**. We are looking for unique, new partners – small, simple, **local ideas** are encouraged.

Please Note: The completion and submission of EOIs as well as applications and budgets may not result in a grant award.

Technical Overview

NIWETU is looking for EOIs from dynamic, innovative, and forward-learning partners that are committed to CVE. We are looking for partners who can design and implement creative and impactful grants that tackle gender related challenges in the VE and CVE space in the target counties listed above. NIWETU is open to supporting partners that are already invested in the VE and CVE space and who can demonstrate expert understanding of the sensitive dynamics on the ground in their communities.

All EOIs must reflect an idea that is in-line with one of the themes below and must take place in one of NIWETU's priority counties—Garissa, Isiolo, Mandera, Nairobi, and Wajir.

- Activities that sensitize women/girls on VE and CVE
- Activities done by female CVE influencers/groups/religious leaders
- Trauma counselling activities for women/girls or men/boys directly affected by VE
- Utilize social media and/or radio to speak to women at-risk for recruitment or radicalization or women championing CVE
- Support informal and formal women's groups addressing VE or promoting CVE
- Activities that raise the profile of women in government or policy related to the VE or CVE space (NIWETU welcomes ideas from Government of Kenya entities, noting that these awards (if successful) will be made through in-kind grants)

Please Note: Gender does not exclusively mean activities focused on women by organizations or associations that are owned or led by women. NIWETU gender activities do however, have to directly address the way gender dynamics and roles affect VE and/or CVE.

Eligibility Requirements

Partners may be public, non-profit or private and must be registered with the GoK. However, groups or community based organizations (CBOs) that are not registered but are willing to register before receiving a grant may apply for this opportunity.



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Contact Information

Please submit the expression of interest no later than 5:00PM (Nairobi time) on **1 November 2018**.

- Proof of registration
- If a partner is not registered please submit a brief statement outlining the type of registration that will be applied for if your group is successful with this process
- A completed EOI form in the template provided by NIWETU
- A completed EOI budget in the template provided by NIWETU
- EOI and budget templates can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/2ygrBUW>

Instructions

Questions:

- Questions about the EOI may be made in writing to ProcurementKCVEA@dai.com
- Questions must be received via email no later than 5:00PM (Nairobi time) on **15 October 2018**
- Questions must have “Gender EOI Questions – County Name” in the subject line
- Wrongly titled questions will not be considered

Submissions:

- Interested partners must submit all required documents via email to ProcurementKCVEA@dai.com
- Final submissions must be received via email no later than 5:00PM (Nairobi time) on **1 November 2018**
- Late and/or incomplete submissions will not be considered
- Email submissions must have “Gender EOI – County Name” in subject line. Wrongly titled emails will not be considered
- Potential partners can submit multiple EOIs though each must reflect one of the themes listed in the technical overview section above
- EOIs must be for ideas that are based in one of NIWETU’s priority counties—Garissa, Isiolo, Mandera, Nairobi, Wajir