



Hlanganisa Community Fund for Social and Gender Justice

Open Call for Proposals (Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe)

Mhare: Enhancing Resilience of Community-Based Organisations

About Hlanganisa

Hlanganisa Community Fund for Social and Gender Justice (Hlanganisa) is a renowned intermediary grant maker that supports community development through provision of small grants and accompaniment to community-based organisations (CBOs). This support is envisioned to contribute towards protection of human rights, promoting social justice, fostering active citizenry and delivery of key services to underserved communities.

Hlanganisa's work is through four thematic areas, Access to Justice, Climate and Energy Justice, Democracy and Social Accountability and Gender Justice. This call falls under the gender justice programme which seeks to strengthen community-level gender-based violence interventions. The focus for this call is mainstreaming GBV into disability programmes. This is done through building institutional resilience and supporting GBV inclusion in programming.

About the Call

The shift in public and private funding priorities has severely impacted the work of many CBOs, not least those servicing the needs of women affected by GBV. Because many of these CBOs support vulnerable populations like women with disability, this constituency has been grossly impacted. Hlanganisa is undertaking a multi-country intervention aimed at building resilience of such CBOs through grantmaking, capacity building and strategic sector convening to ensure that they continue to provide these critical services.

With the programme going into the third year, Hlanganisa invites potential subgrantees to be part of the next cohort of partners. Grassroots organisations with a track record in gender-based violence or human right-based disability programmes from Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe are invited to submit funding proposal.

BASIC CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

All organizations applying for funding must comply with all the criteria listed below.

Eligibility Criteria:

Hlanganisa will not be accepting proposals that do not meet the criteria listed below:

- Registered community-based organisation in Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe that have been working in the gender justice and disability programming for more than 3 years.
- Have strong leadership, participation and empowerment by people who are affected by experience gender-based violence (particularly women and girls with disabilities).
- Demonstrate that the organization is grounded in the community where the proposed project will be implemented.
- Applicants should have an existing governance structure in place.
- Have a vision for gender transformation.
- Demonstrate alignment of proposed activity with the gender justice work, human rights disability programme and Hlanganisa's overarching vision.
- Ability to deliver programme activities and provide reports within the timelines required.
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics.
- Willingness to receive support to strengthen the institutional and programme capacity of the organization or grassroots formal groupings.

Grant Size and Funding Duration

Eligible applicants may submit an online application with a workplan and budget of no more than **R100 000.00** and the duration is 15 months, starting from **01 November 2024**. Considerations should be made for the following costs when budgeting:

- Institutional costs
- Direct programme and activity costs
- Workshops, events, exchange visits, peer learning
- Small infrastructure development and small items of equipment.

Proposals for the following will not be considered for support:

- Direct fiscal support to government departments.
- Municipal, regional, or national government institutions.
- Tertiary Institutions
- Bursaries

- Early childhood development / education institutions
- Individual entrepreneurs and enterprises
- Home-based care projects
- Loans and seed funding
- Projects or work that is discriminatory in any form

Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to complete the online application as soon as possible. The application process outlined below will guide the application process for this call for proposal. Guidance will be provided to applicants on how to complete the application and technical assistance will be offered to applicants as needed.

| STAGE | Activity | Date |
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| Proposal | Call for proposals open for submission of online applications for funding | 09 September 2024 |
| | Application for funding to be submitted on this link . | |
| | Applicants to submit questions and requests for technical support by no later than 25 September 2024. | 27 September 2024 at 16:00 (SAST) |
| | Call for Proposals submission deadline. | 30 September 2024 at 16:00 (SAST) |
| Proposal Evaluation | Proposals adjudication | 01 – 09 October 2024 |
| Proposal Outcomes | The outcome of proposal evaluation communicated to all applicants. | 10 October 2024 |
| Due Diligence/ Feedback for shortlisted Proposals | Shortlisted proposals are invited to present their proposed project and due diligence assessments conducted. | 11 – 25 October 2024 |
| Final Selection | Final selection and contracting process. | 28 – 31 October 2024 |
| Programme Inception | Inception workshop is conducted with all grantee partners. | November 2024 |
| Project Start | Start date for project activities. | 01 November 2024 |

All proposals should be submitted by 16:00 (SAST) on 30 September 2024. No applications will be accepted after this time. Proposals must be completed and submitted online on this [link](#). Please send enquiries to grants@hlanganisa.org.za by 27 September 2024 at 16:00.

Hlanganisa reserves the right to:

- Decline to consider any proposal that do not conform to any aspects of the call for proposals requirements.
- Cancel this proposal or any part thereof at any time.