

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

STIMULATING POLICY & PRACTICE CHANGES TOWARDS GREATER DISABILITY INCLUSION IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

About the grant

In their day-to-day lives, persons with disabilities continually encounter substantial barriers, which hinder them from full and meaningful participation in society. Furthermore, such hindrances make those living with disabilities more vulnerable to all forms of exploitation, violence, abuse and exclusion.

Despite the magnitude of the problem and the critical need for improved understanding and responses, the current research and action surrounding the nexus of disability and trafficking in persons remains limited. The recent study conducted by the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking program ([ASEAN-ACT](#)) for instance, has identified significant gaps – whether in laws, policy, and practices including in victim support and data – which will require all stakeholders to work together towards the full and meaningful participation and inclusion of persons with disability in countering trafficking in persons.

ASEAN-ACT seeks to provide small grants for selected civil society organisations in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. The grant intends to foster changes in policy and behaviour towards counter-trafficking responses so that they are more inclusive of and sensitive to the needs of persons with disabilities.

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| Proposal focus – 1 or more of the following areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coalition building between OPDs and NGOs working on countering trafficking and related issues to better influence the existing national and sub-national CTIP strategies and programmes in response to trafficking in persons. Identification of a specific legal or policy reform related to counter-trafficking in persons that OPDs, NGOs and government work together to improve from a disability inclusion perspective. Policy advocacy to enhance understanding and address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities in victim support and protection in the context of trafficking in persons, and/or the needs of disability data disaggregated to inform counter-trafficking related policies and responses. |
| Grant amount | up to AU\$50,000 per grant |
| Number of grants | 3 (one per country – Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand) |
| Project duration | 3 months to 1 year |
| Language | Proposals and project documents can be submitted in English, Bahasa Indonesia or Thai languages. ASEAN-ACT will support the cost of translation throughout the project cycle. |
| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your organisation must be registered in Indonesia, the Philippines or Thailand |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your organisation must have demonstrated ability to collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, OPDs and persons with disabilities, civil society partners working in counter-trafficking in persons |
| Timeline | Expressions of Interest submission date: 5 April 2024 |

Selection criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by a selection panel based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with ASEAN-ACT call for proposal focus areas, with a particular focus on gender equality, disability and social inclusion.
- Clarity and feasibility of the project design and monitoring plan
- Expertise and experience of the applicant organisation
- Sustainability and impact of the proposed project
- Budgetary justification

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Are led by or involve persons with disabilities and OPDs in key roles
- Promote strong collaboration among CSOs, OPDs and other cross-sectoral stakeholders
- Demonstrate strong potential for sustainable long-term impact and collaboration

Applicants are encouraged to consider forming a consortium of organisations to implement the grant. However one organisation must be identified as the lead and responsible for proposal submission and grant signing.

Proposal process

ASEAN-ACT grants are selected through a competitive process. The selection process involves two stages:

Stage 1: OPDs/CSOs submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to explain their proposal idea through their preferred format, either: (A) written concept note or, (B) responding to the questions in the template through video format.

Stage 2: Shortlisted OPDs/CSOs will be notified to submit a full proposal, which includes project description, risk framework, detailed work plan and budget.

Applications can be completed in English, Bahasa Indonesia or Thai languages, for both the written and video formats. A briefing session will be provided to shortlisted applicants selected from the expression of interest. The briefing session will provide an overview of the grant project and details of the full application process and templates. During the briefing session, shortlisted applicants will also make a short presentation of their proposed project, with ASEAN-ACT offering technical advice on the proposal.

Please note that submitting a full proposal does not guarantee a grant will be awarded to the applicant. All applicants will be notified of the ASEAN-ACT panel decision. Successful applicants will then be accepted to proceed to the next stage of contracting, including a full due diligence process and finalising the project scope of work, with the support of ASEAN-ACT.

To access the Expression of Interest application form, click on the following link and download the attachment:

- English: <https://www.aseanact.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Expression-of-Interest-Application-template.docx>
- Bahasa Indonesia: https://www.aseanact.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Expression-of-Interest-Application-template_Bahasa-ID.docx
- Thai: <https://www.aseanact.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Grant-EOI-TH.docx>

Applicants are also able to submit an application in video format. Applications in video format must respond to all the questions in the Expression of Interest template and adhere to the indicated word limits in the application form.

Expression of Interest can be written in English, Bahasa Indonesia or Thai languages. Applicants can also submit a video as an attachment or link.

Applications must be submitted **by 5 April 2024** to info@aseanact.org.

Please note, we will generally NOT fund the following:

- Cash grants or micro-credit schemes or projects that involve the return of money
- Commercial ventures
- Purchase of major assets, e.g. vehicles
- Australian or overseas study tours
- International travel
- Sponsorship of major sporting tournaments or cultural displays that do not have a clear developmental benefit
- The administration cost for the organisation must not exceed 10% of the value of the project.

Contact

For further inquiries, contact info@aseanact.org, or please visit www.aseanact.org/contact/work-with-us/.