

GAIA Expression-of-Interest for Project Grant

GLOBAL SOUTH Project

Organization name: _____

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Is leadership accurately shown on website? Yes ___ No ___

Organization's Address (st/city/postal code): _____

Describe how your organization has in the past prioritized a sustainable global environment.- looking at its purposes, history, activities, and goals.

Describe the major features of the PROJECT being proposed for grant funding.

This section is of critical importance to the Review Committee's assessment.
Write as much as needed to be thorough - you may include attachments.

Does your PROJECT address any of GAIA's GENERAL TOPICs related to population?

If so - in what specific way?

- education of reproductive health and modern family planning
- media promotion of responsible reproductive behaviors
- cultural challenge for women's and men's reproductive autonomy
- public policy encouraging support for national family planning

Does your PROJECT address any of GAIA's 7 GLOBAL SOUTH REGIONAL PRIORITIES?

If so - in what specific way?

1. Educate teens and young adults about modern contraceptives - emphasizing that each person should decide when she/he is ready to become pregnant and accept responsibility as parent;
2. Promote use of all methods of voluntary, well-informed family planning - including long-term contraceptives and sterilization (vasectomy and tubal ligation) - aware of the complex obstacles to their adoption, particularly the cultural strictures that prevent a woman's free choice of reproductive health services;
3. Communicate the social and personal value of responsible reproductive health choices - including use of social media and other accessible media to reach out to teens and young adults;
4. Expand awareness of the impact of cultural attitudes and public policies that restrict a broad range of decisions impacting birthrates - including child marriage or compelled marriage of young adults, loss of choice by women in marriage to decide whether or when to become pregnant, and the harmful effects of FGM* on young girls;
5. Identify thought leaders - social media influencers, religious and community leaders - who are sympathetic to reproductive health issues and willing to take a public stand with their constituents on a woman's right to decide about child-bearing;
6. Create public awareness of the threat - to ecosystems, wildlife, and endangered species - posed by the loss of natural habitat to accommodate the growing global human populations;
7. Engage with national policy-makers to increase political will for measures encouraging the integration of national voluntary family planning strategies with other economic-development interventions aimed at voluntarily lowering birth rates.

* FGM 3 million girls are estimated to be at risk each year for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM); More than 200 million girls/women alive today in 30 countries have been subjected to FGM – World Health Organization 2020

Does your PROJECT address the empowerment of women to have more autonomy to control their daily living choices? In what way? _____

What goal would your PROJECT intend to achieve? _____

A note on preparing your document. We are aware that the entry lines/spaces will expand and roll as you add text. Write as much as you need to be clear and thorough in your responses.

When you are satisfied with your completed Expression-of-Interest, then convert it to Docx or PDF format and attach it to an email to GAIA Initiative at: GAIA.earth.balance@gmail.com