

New Gender Program in Sri Lanka – Expressions of interest sought

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is seeking expressions of interest from organisations with experience in gender transformative approaches, climate resilient livelihoods and social norms change to stand up a new gender investment in Sri Lanka.

The primary focus of the program will be to promote gender equality and disability inclusion. Through strengthening climate resilient livelihoods among relevant cohorts, the program will also change negative social and cultural norms.

EOI's should provide a data-driven, evidence-based rationale of what works to improve women's incomes and shift harmful social norms around women and girls in Sri Lanka. Received EOIs will be shortlisted by a committee chaired by DFAT against the following criteria:

Demonstrated capability to contribute to socially inclusive, equitable, climate resilient rural livelihoods and/or rural economic development in Sri Lanka		Weighting 25/100
Demonstrated capability to deliver gender transformative approaches and social norms change in the Sri Lankan context, <i>for example</i> , community-based sexual and gender-based violence prevention and engaging men for gender equality		Weighting 25/100
Demonstrated capability to implement adaptive management processes that integrate learning and knowledge management with decision-making and policy advocacy		Weighting 20/100
Overview of budget breakdown over 5 years		Weighting 15/100
Overview of M&E and risk management plan		Weighting 15/100

Australia recognises that gender transformative approaches are time and resource intensive and longer-term engagement is critical for effective social norms change efforts in, and with, communities. As such, the duration of the program will be 5 years with a 5 year option to extend (dependent on the outcomes of a review at the 5 year mark). Funding for the first 5 years will be AUD10 million. Applicants should have proven experience in delivering a program of this funding scale.

Expressions of interest (strictly no more than 1500 words) should be emailed to pubudu.gnanissara@dfat.gov.au by 5pm (Colombo time) 5 June 2024.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to participate in a second step in the application process and submit a more detailed design proposal. DFAT will enter into a multi-year grant arrangement with the successful applicant with implementation planned to begin by late 2024.