

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Thousands of **local NGOs in Nigeria** have had to cancel high-impact activities since January 2025 in response to recent funding cuts. Locally registered Nigerian NGOs that have had to suspend activities on gender equality, women's economic empowerment, school safety for girls, women's health, gender-based violence prevention, and social justice are invited to submit applications for a rapid response fund of up to N5 million.

Activities supported under the NSI-Grant must be implemented within 3 months and designed to include partnerships with communities and government at any level. To apply for the NSI-Grant, registered NGOs are invited to submit a 4-page Expression of Interest (Eoi), in Times Roman Font 12, 1.5-line space, providing the information below:

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST GUIDELINES

1. Description of the activity with objectives and beneficiaries by numbers, demographic composition, and location
2. Evidence that the activity was approved previously but cancelled due to funding cuts
3. An updated 3-month work plan
4. Monitoring and evaluation plan
5. Budget with lines on personnel, direct, M&E, indirect 5%
6. Profile of the NGO with evidence of registration and information on updated CAC and tax compliance status

Successful NGOs are required to participate in a 4-module virtual training programme on: - project management; evidence-informed advocacy; financial accountability and compliance; and social behavioural change communication. High-performing NGOs which excel in this grant, will be recommended to social impact investors for scale up and sustainability support.

APPLICATION ROUNDS

Applications open on 1 May 2025 for Round 1, which closes on 30 May 2025. Applications will reopen on 1 July 2025 for Round 2 and close on 1 August 2025. Grants awarded in the two **Rounds** must close out, and final reports must be submitted on or before November 31st, 2025. All applications will be acknowledged, and we will endeavour to provide feedback to all applicants.

Applications will be assessed based on their potential to impact positively on the lives of women and girls, particularly through policy change and/or the provision of infrastructure, strengthening of systems, and shifting of social norms and behaviours. Capacity for NGOs to scale up and becoming future leaders in the field will also be considered.

Submission portal

Qualified NGOs are invited to submit applications to: ngosupportinitiative@drpcngr.org

Only applications submitted to this email address will be considered and assessed for grants. Interested NGOs with questions are invited to submit questions to: info@drpcngr.org **For responses to questions**, NGOs are invited to visit the dRPC's website on the NSI-Grant page for updates and for answers to FAQs (www.drpcngr.org, click on NSI-Grant)

SOCIAL IMPACT INVESTORS (SIIS)

Social impact investors are invited to track the progress of applications, grant awarded, trainings conducted, and impact by visiting the dRPC-NSI feed on our X handle and on the NSI page on www.drpcngr.org

The NSI-Grant is an initiative of the **development Research and Projects Centre (dRPC)**. The dRPC is Nigeria's leading intermediary non-profit with 32 years of experience sub-granting and strengthening capacity for local CSOs working for gender equality; third sector resilience; and social justice & inclusion in development and humanitarian domains. **The dRPC is implementing the NSI with the kind support of the Ford Foundation (Office of West Africa), Nigeria.**

DISCLAIMER

There are no fees associated with applying for or receiving this grant award, and participation in this grant award process is free of charge.

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