

Clarifications to the Call for Proposals (CFP)

Projects Title:

- **Provision of Small Grants Programme for World Day for Assistive Technology (AT) Celebration in Africa**
- **Provision of Small Grants Programme for World Day for Assistive Technology (AT) Celebration in Asia**
- **Provision of Small Grants Programme for World Day for Assistive Technology (AT) Celebration in Latin America**

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Item	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How many grants in total are planned for these three regions?	Three grants will be awarded, one for each region.
2	If we receive the 15k grant, then we receive 8 sub-grants of \$800, and it's up to us to decide how to distribute those sub-grants.	The main grantee receives USD 15,000 from ATscale/UNOPS and then will have to transfer USD 800 to each downstream partner/sub-grantee for up to 10 sub-grants. The rest is for coordination and technical support to the sub-grantee, overhead costs, and a regional-level activity
3	Will those \$800.00 (x10) be a part of the \$15k? Or is it an additional \$8,000?	No, the USD 800 intended for your sub-grantees is part of the total grant fund of USD 15,000, and there is no additional funding.
4	Would this need to be done in multiple countries in one region, or would a single country also be fine?	Multiple countries in each region are required and recommended. Only running this in one country would need to be justified, and note that we are looking for maximum reach.
5	Please, does it mean that each applicant will apply to cover a region (e.g., Africa, Asia), then the sub-grantees can cover a country, while the 800USD cap is per field OPDs (outside of/different from the sub-grantees)?	Yes, in each region, UNOPS/ATscale will award one grant to one grantee, and then the grantee will have up to 10 sub-grantee one in each country of that region.

6	Do we have to have the sub-grantees ready for the application or their selection can be part of the project?	If you already know them and have started communication with them - it is appreciated to have them listed in the proposal but if not, then you will have 3 weeks from the grant signature date to identify your sub-grantee and sign agreements with them. You are at liberty to run a call for proposals in your region to identify eligible national organisations to use the USD 800 micro grant
7	Those sub-grants are given to partner organisations or what determines who we give these to?	This is totally up to the discretion of the applicant to propose the approach - we have not specified any specific approach, but the sub-grantee must meet the eligibility requirement of the CFP.
8	The sub grantees have to meet the same eligibility criteria as the implementing partner? i.e. non-for-profit?	The sub-grantee must meet the eligibility requirements of the CFP.
9	Do we need to be in touch with the sub-grantees before the application, or can we communicate with them once received?	This is totally up to the discretion of the applicant to propose the approach - we have not specified any specific approach, but the sub-grantee must meet the eligibility requirement of the CFP.
10	In addition to the not-for-profit status of the sub-grantees, is there any other requirement that they have to comply with for UNOPS?	Please review the CFP Annex - 4 Instruction to Applicants.
11	Would ATscale consider social impact organizations, especially disability-led organizations with strong OPD networks, as suitable lead partners for this programme?	Yes, as long as you meet the requirements of the CFP and can deliver on the objectives. Organizations applying for the grant must be not-for-profit.
12	So, coordination costs and overheads, staffing, etc., would all need to be done within 7k across the whole program per region? - Is that correct?	Yes, out of USD 15,000, the remaining amount after sub-grants is for management and coordination, which is USD 7,000.
13	Can OPDS from Palestine submit a proposal to get the fund?	Yes, as long as they meet the requirements and eligibility criteria.
14	What about a government organization?	Governmental entities are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity and CFP.

15	Are smaller social impact and disability-led organizations with strong OPD networks eligible to submit proposals as lead partners for this programme?	As long as you meet the requirements of the CFP and can deliver on the objectives. Organizations applying for the grant must be not-for-profit.
16	We have a Centre of Excellence for Augmentative and Alternative Communications in our institute. Can we cover only India from the Asia region, or is it mandatory to cover all the regions within Asia	Multiple countries in each region are recommended. Only running this in one country would need to be justified, and note that we are looking for maximum reach. As India is a very large country, you could propose coordinating across 10 states. In this case, you would need to justify and make the case for the likely impact.
17	Can we list Gov agencies in our application as allies, but not sub-grantees?	Yes, as long as they don't get funding under the grant, you can list them as your allies and stakeholders.
18	After advocating, will the fund involve giving assistive technologies to persons with disabilities?	No. This is about raising awareness of the issue with important stakeholders in your country and region. You may target donors who might consider funding assistive products.
19	What is the application time deadline on the 16th?	The deadline for application submission is February 16, 2026, 12:00 PM.
20	How can I choose the language French?	The CFP is posted in English, and the Proposal Language is English.
21	As we are working on communication disorders, should we concentrate on all assistive technologies, or can we work on only communication disorders?	In this case, I would encourage you to work with another organization that focuses on mobility, vision, and /or hearing, so there is a broader range of domains discussed in the awareness-raising activities
22	Are there any Asia-specific coordinators currently existing previously so we can coordinate with them?	ASEAN Disability Forum (ADF): A network of organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) from the ASEAN countries of Southeast Asia. Additionally, the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) is a separate member representing the Pacific region. The Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities (AOPD) also includes DPOs from Arab nations in Western Asia and North Africa.
23	Hybrid Implementation: While the primary role is "Grant Manager," is the applicant allowed to implement certain activities directly (e.g., hosting a main launch event or developing a central digital platform) alongside distributing sub-grants?	Yes, the main applicant is allowed to implement activities. As the coordinator of the grant, we strongly encourage an activity or activities that

		support the grants, link them together and foster sharing and learning across the sub-grants. Of course, this is as long as the budget allows.
24	Budget Ceiling for Applicant: If direct implementation is allowed, is there a specific maximum percentage ceiling for the applicant's own operational and activity costs (excluding the 7% indirect cost)?	Yes, it is USD 800, which means that the main applicant gets funds of one sub-grant and then only up to 9 sub-grants are to be implemented.
25	Minimum Sub-grant Threshold: Is there a mandatory minimum percentage of the total budget (USD 15,000) that must be allocated exclusively to sub-grants for other OPDs?	There is no minimum requirement for the sub-grant budget threshold but maximum including indirect cost should not be above USD 800.00 for the sub-grants and up to 10 sub-grants are specified in the CFP.
26	<p>We noted that applicants for this Call for Proposals are required to be not-for-profit organizations. My organization, Inclusive Solutions, is legally registered in Viet Nam as a standard enterprise rather than a not-for-profit entity. However, we are a social impact and disability-led organization, established by and for persons with disabilities, and our work focuses exclusively on activities that benefit persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups, including digital inclusion, assistive technology adoption, inclusive design, and employment creation.</p> <p>In addition, we have established working relationships with a network of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) across the ASEAN countries in Southeast Asia, as well as in Nepal and Bangladesh. Through these partnerships, we are able to coordinate OPD-led activities and effectively support the delivery of the objectives of this programme at a regional level.</p> <p>Could you please confirm whether an organization with this profile would be eligible to submit a proposal under this programme, or whether only legally registered not-for-profit entities are allowed to apply?</p>	

These clarifications shall form part of the official CFP documents.

Thank you.