**CDPF African Disabled Girls Empowerment Pilot Project**

1. **Overview**

Commonwealth Disabled People’ Forum is an umbrella of Disabled Peoples Organizations across the 56 Commonwealth countries. CDPF mission is to develop a unified voice for the implementation of Disability Rights and Equality for DPOs and disabled people across the 56 countries of the Commonwealth’. CDPF has constituted a Disabled Women’s Forum to ensure the voices of disabled women is amplified within the Accredited Commonwealth Women’s Forum with wider reach of women, established linkages and networks with mainstream women’s organizations and movements.

Since its establishment, disabled women forum conduct survey on status of girls and women with disabilities whereby the issues of limited chances for education and economic empowerment opportunities came on the top of the barrier to full enjoyment of their human rights. The forum defined priority areas to addressed identified barriers are 1) Education, employment and Economic Empowerment 3) Promote Gender Equity, 4) Health care services and 5) political participation. In addition to the five strategic areas, there are other three crosscutting issues of desegregated data by gender and disability, stigma and discrimination and accessibility that the forum ensure are addressed across all the forum’s interventions.

The forum is implementing a three years African **Disabled Girls Empowerment Pilot Project 2024-202.** The focus of the projects is to develop and implement innovative methods to encourage and bring about an **increase in the effective inclusive education of disabled girls in primary education**; increase in participation of disabled teenage girls who have completed primary/secondary education in job skills training projects that lead to meaningful self/ employment and to enhance solidarity of disabled girls in effectively challenging gender based violence.

The implementation of **Disabled Girls Empowerment Pilot Project will serves as an opportunity for learning and** developing tools for selecting and managing grass root projects in two selected countries. The CDPF women’s forum therefore is looking for two Project implementing disabled women’s led organizations in African Commonwealth countries.

1. **Project outcomes**

The outcomes the Project is seeking to gain are:

1. Established working relationships among disabled girls and women led organizations and CDPF disabled women’s forum
2. Strengthened capacity of disabled girls and women led organizations
3. improvement in disabled girls ‘school enrolment, access to employment training and livelihoods achieved and reductions in gender based violence in community
4. **Eligibility criteria**

This call for proposal is open to grassroots disabled women led organizations member of CDPF from Africa commonwealth countries with an innovative project idea to empower girls with disabilities through Inclusive Education, economic empowerment with the highest potential to build collective solidarity to challenge Gender based violence at local level. To be eligible The applicant organization might

* Be national or local level-disabled women-led organization from the Commonwealth African countries,
* .CDPF-disabled women’s forum defines disabled women-led organization as organization with mandate to protect and promote the rights of disabled women and girls;
* Have majority women at every level of decision making including board and staff
* Demonstrate that core work is in the field of disabled girls education, disabled women’s rights, gender equality, and economic empowerment.
* Be willing to participate in the co-design of implementation strategies , evaluation and capacity building in collaboration with the CDPF Disabled women’s Forum
* Be located within African Commonwealth Countries.
1. **Selection criteria**

We are seeking concept notes for innovations in inclusive education, economic empowerment with the potential to challenge gender based violence against disabled girls and women as a cross cutting issue. The concept note that demonstrate:

* Locally led solutions that center disabled girls’ education, employment, livelihood and gender based violence prevention ;
* Key education, economic empowerment and gender based violence challenges that disabled girls are facing in the community that the project aims to answer and how the applicant plans to address it through which innovative approach, strategies and activities;
* Explanation of the innovation and why and how it is innovative;
* How the project can use contextual opportunities to influence sustained change.
* Approaches that have strong potential to go to scale if proven effective;
* Approaches where there are existing or potential partnerships with government especially at the local level;;
* Intervention design incorporates partnerships building strategies to maximize the impact ;
* Organizational capacity to deliver the intervention and manage disbursed funds of up to £10,000 maximum per year
* Contribution to CDPF Disabled women’s forum evidence gathering
* Demonstrated local and national knowledge and networks for influencing change.
* How the implementation will uphold the high level of Value for money
1. **Language**

Concept notes must be submitted in English.

1. **Grant Funding**

Grant amount is £ 10,000 for a duration of up to 1year for inception phase and

Implementation activities with a clear start and end date. Grant funds are project support and not core support, although CDPF understands the need and can cover some staffing contribution of up to 10%. The grant agreement will be between CDPF and successful applicant organization. During the final stages in the application process and prior to signing the grant agreement, CDPF disabled women’s forum will conduct a comprehensive due diligence assessment on the applicant to identify any capacity building needs and assign actions to mitigate against the risk to the funding. This is a collaborative review and analysis of the selected applicant’s organizational, programmatic, financial, and operational capacity to implement the proposed project.

1. **Application Process**

Please read the concept note, complete provided format and submit it via the email unaburwanda@yahoo.com by 23.59 GMT on 15 February 2025.

Webinar sessions providing information on arising questions about the call for concept note will take place in February 2025. Further information will be announced on the CDPF website. Questions regarding the concept note application can be submitted via email to: unaburwanda@yahoo.com

**CDPF Disabled Women’s Forum**

**Grant application form**

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| Grant amount  | Total requested from CDPF  | Total Matching fund  |
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1. **Contact Information**

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| Full Name of Organization |  |
| Translation of Organization Name in English (if any) |  |
| Acronym (if any) |  |
| Name of Contact Person |  | Title |  |
| Address |  |
| City |  | State/Province |  | Country |  |
| Web Site/Social Media |   |
| Telephone |  | Email |  | Fax |  |
| Have you ever received a grant from FCDO  |  | If so, what year(s)? |  | Did you submit a report? |  |

1. **Systems**

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| Organization Budget last year (US$) (Please list in USD or indicate currency) |  |
| Sources of Funds last year |  |
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| **Number of women leaders with disabilities in your organization** |  |
| Number of male leaders in your organization |  |
| Total number of staff female with disabilities in your organization |  |
| What kind of policies do you have in your organization  | * Financial procedures
* Human resources procedures
* Procurement policy
* Sub grant policies
* Safeguarding policy
* Gender policy
* Prevention of Sexual Exploitation , Assault and Harassment policy
* Child protection policy
* Conflict of interest policy
* Fraud policy
* Whistleblowing policy
* Other- list
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1. **History & Purpose of Organization**

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| When was the organization formed? |  | Where? |  |
| Is this a legally registered organization? |  | If not, why not? |  |

1. **How do you describe your organization model? Please check one:**

󠆶 Community Based Organization (Grassroots Group)

󠆶 Cooperative

󠆶 Individual

󠆶 Network

󠆶 Non-government Organization

󠆶 People’s Movement

󠆶 Student Initiative

󠆶 Other ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How does your organization seek to achieve its purpose or mission? (no more than 200 words)
2. What is your organization’s purpose or mission? (no more than 150 words)
3. Please list any networks or coalitions your organization is associated with
4. Project Summary: Please provide a brief overview of your proposed project. (Max. 100 words)
5. Relevance of the project : What is the education empowerment issue or challenge faced by girls with disabilities that your project aims to address and how does your project challenge gender based violence and promote economic empowerment for girls with disabilities ?(100 words max)
6. What are the specific goals and objectives of your project? (3 sentences Max)
7. What activities or interventions will you undertake to achieve these goals? (100 words max)
8. Who is the target audience or beneficiary of your project?
9. How will your project benefit and empower young girls with disabilities ?
10. How will your project build partnerships for inclusion of girls with disabilities and access to other opportunities?
11. What long-term impact do you envision your project will have on the target audience and broader society
12. How does your project offer innovative approaches or solutions to the identified issue or challenge? (your answer can be in point form and give us a maximum of 4 points with at least not more than 5 sentences each)
13. What unique perspectives or methodologies will you bring to address the issue?(70 words max)
14. How do you plan to ensure the sustainability of your project beyond the funding period? (70 words max)
15. Are there any potential partnerships or collaborations that will contribute to the sustainability of your project?
16. What is the proposed timeline for implementing your project? Please include key milestones.
17. Provide a detailed budget breakdown, including estimated costs for various activities, resources, and personnel
18. How will you measure the success and impact of your project? (70 words max)
19. What indicators or metrics will you use to evaluate the progress and outcomes? (70 words max)
20. What are the possible risks associated with addressing this situation that you, your colleagues and other partners are potentially exposed to? Will you need support to mitigate the risk ? How can the risk be mitigated
21. Additional **Support and Resources:** Are there any additional support or resources you require to successfully implement your project? Is there any specific expertise or guidance you would like to request?
22. Confidentiality- Do you authorize CDPF to share information about your grant, report, and photos on our website and other publications? Yes/No

**Submission Details:**

Please submit your proposal in English or French using the provided template before 15 February 2025.

We look forward to receiving your innovative proposals and working together to empower young girls with disabilities and create lasting change. If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact at unaburwanda@yahoo.com

Good luck!