



Call for Grant Applications – Wasl Civil Society Fund Program International Organization for Migration

- **Eligible organizations:** Locally Registered Civil Society Organizations operating in: Basra, Fallujah, Hawija, Halabja, Mosul or Tel Afar
- **Locations (districts unless specified otherwise):** South Mosul (Shoura, Hammam Alil, Qayyara sub-districts), West Mosul (Mosul district centre, Mahalabia sub districts), Tel Afar District (Ninewa), Fallujah District (Anbar), Zubair District (Basra), Hawijah District (Kirkuk), and Halabja
- **Budget:** 30,000 USD (no overhead can be included in the budget)
- **Implementation Period:** 1 July 2023 – 31 December 2023 (tentative)
- **Deadline for submission of questions:** 5pm Baghdad time 25 April 2023
- **Deadline for submission of applications:** 5pm Baghdad time 15 May 2023

Requests for clarification or additional information must be submitted in writing to wasl@iom.int before **5pm 25 April 2023**. IOM will compile all questions and respond to all organizations shortly after. To ensure transparency, IOM will not engage in bilateral discussions with organizations during the application period.

Applications can be submitted through this [link](#).

PLEASE NOTE THAT SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE FUNDING

Project Background

Iraq is at a critical juncture, emerging from conflict with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and a long history of the internecine conflict which have set back the country's economic, social, cultural, educational and security development substantially. Iraq grapples with many of the features of the so-called "conflict trap", in which the cumulative effects of Iraq's conflicts on development leave the country vulnerable to the recurrence of conflict.

In response to these challenges, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, supports initiatives which build community cohesion and community resilience to structural drivers of violent extremism. Engagement of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in addressing drivers of violent extremism is essential for long term sustainable and community-led change and complements ongoing targeted capacity building activities with the Government of Iraq (GoI). In line with these efforts, IOM has supported the development of seven localized Plans of Action (PoAs) that seek to mobilize local actors to address the root causes of violence and extremism in Basra, Fallujah, Mosul-South, Al Hawija, Halabjah, Mosul-West, and Telafar.

IOM Iraq Wasl Civil Society Fund

To support these efforts, IOM has established the **Wasl Civil Society Fund** to enable civil society organizations to address structural drivers of violent extremism as identified in the PoAs. Through the Fund, IOM provides small grants and technical assistance to civil society organization that will enable localized, community-led and context-specific interventions that are implemented directly by Iraqi CSOs. The projects will run for an initial six months, with the possibility of a cost extension according to the CSO's



needs and results achieved under the initial grant. Projects will support the implementation of the PoAs by establishing a safe space to address drivers of violent extremism, and to promote positive social change through engaging and empowering communities, with a specific emphasis on engaging women and youth. Part of the small grants will be specifically allocated to women-led initiatives. All projects will be rooted in a thorough context and conflict analysis and implemented in strict adherence to the principles of do no harm, conflict sensitivity, gender mainstreaming and age-appropriate programming.

Through the first round of projects under the Wasl Civil Society Fund (October 2022 – May 2023), IOM has supported 22 civil society organizations with financial and technical support (total value: 750,000 USD). IOM is now receiving applications for the second round of funding under the Wasl Civil Society Fund.

Program Description

IOM is seeking to fund CSOs to carry out meaningful community-based projects which contribute towards community resilience and addressing the drivers of violent extremism. Projects are expected to take place over 6 months and have a budget of \$30,000 USD. IOM is particularly interested in funding promising and vibrant grassroots organizations who work directly with communities, women-led organizations, youth-led organizations and other groups that bring diverse voices.

Successful grantees will benefit from targeted mentoring and coaching as well as capacity building activities from IOM. Grantees will also have the opportunity for peer learning and review through regional and national exchanges. IOM will provide technical support to enable grantees to run activities which incorporate 'Do-No-Harm' principles, conflict sensitivity, and gender and age considerations. Capacity building activities will include technical assistance on the prevention of violent extremism and program management skills such as financial management and monitoring and evaluation.

Mandatory Organizational Requirements

Application organizations must meet the following requirements and qualifications:

- Registered as a local non-governmental organization in Federal Iraq or the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). Applications from individuals and government bodies will not be accepted.
- Currently operating in the district/city for which they are applying.
- Financial capacity to pre-finance 30% of the activities.
- Strong project management skills, as evidenced by the successful delivery of projects and grants.
- Experience of delivering community-based interventions in the fields of peacebuilding, prevention of violent extremism, social cohesion, community resilience or stabilization, advocacy, dialogue, and/or awareness raising.
- Ability to work proficiently in English for project management and monitoring and evaluation purposes (with delivery to be conducted in local languages).

Evaluation Criteria

Section 1: Administrative Questions:



Note: Kindly consider that it is mandatory to respond to all the questions presented, even those that do not carry any point allocation. It is crucial to bear in mind that an application that fails to address all the questions will be disregarded.

1. What is the name of your organization? *(no points to be awarded)*
2. Please provide the name of your Organization's focal point for this application (First name, Last name) *(no points to be awarded)*
3. Please provide the email address of your Organization's focal point for this application. *(no points to be awarded)*
4. Where is your Organization's main office located? *(no points to be awarded)*
5. For which location are you applying? *(no points to be awarded)*
 - a. Halabja
 - b. Hawija
 - c. Zubair
 - d. Fallujah
 - e. South Mosul (Shoura, Qayara, Hammam Ali)
 - f. West Mosul (Muhlabiya, West side of Mosul City)
 - g. Tel Afar
6. Do you have an office in the location that you are applying for? How long has your Organization been operating in this location?
5 points to be awarded
 - a. Does your Organization have an office in the location that you are applying for? **(3 points)**
 - b. Has this office been open for more than six months **(2 points)**
7. Is your Organization registered with the Directorate for Non-Governmental Organizations in Baghdad (if applying for locations in Federal Iraq) or with the Directorate for Non-Governmental Organizations in Erbil (if applying for Halabja)? *(no points to be awarded)*
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. Please upload a copy of your organization's registration with the D-NGO *(no points to be awarded)*
9. Please upload a copy of a bank statement that shows that the bank account is in your organization's name (from 2023) *(no points to be awarded)*
10. Have you received financial support from IOM previously? *(no points to be awarded)*
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Section 2: Grant Application:

1. Does your Organization have experience in implementing community-led projects that seek to contribute to peacebuilding, stabilization and prevent violent extremism objectives?
15 points to be awarded.
 - a. Does your Organization have past experience in designing and implementing community-level projects? **(5 points)**
 - b. Does your Organization have past experience in designing and implementing peacebuilding and stabilization projects? **(5 points)**

- c. *Does your Organization have past experience in designing and implementing prevention of violent extremism projects? (5 points)*
2. What is the working title of your project? (Note: This can be changed later) (no points to be awarded)
3. What are the main issues in your community that your project seeks to address? How does this issue affect people of all genders differently?
20 points to be awarded.
 - a. *Are the issues that have been identified specific and contextual to your community? (10 points)*
 - b. *Does the description of issues include a gendered analysis of the issues in your community? (5 points)*
 - c. *Are the issues described in line with IOM's understanding of the context, particularly in line with the district-level PVE Plan of Action? (5 points)*
4. Why is your Organization best placed to address this issue? Does your staff have experience in implementing projects on the prevention of violent extremism?
15 points to be awarded.
 - a. *Does your Organization demonstrate past experience/capacities linked to addressing the issues that you have identified under Question 3? (10 points)*
 - b. *Does your Organization have the required staffing structure in place to implement the project? (5 points)*
5. What is the proposed approach to address this issue, and how will you ensure adherence to the principles of gender mainstreaming and do no harm through the intervention?
20 points to be awarded.
 - a. *Is the proposed approach in line with best practices on the prevention of violent extremism? (10 points)*
 - b. *How are cross-cutting principles integrated in the project design (do no harm, gender mainstreaming, disability inclusion)? (10 points)*
6. How will your proposed project contribute to addressing drivers of violent extremism in your community? What is the expected impact of your proposed project?
25 points to be awarded.
 - a. *Is your Organization's justification on how the proposed project is linked to the prevention of violent extremism clear, specific and technically sound? (10 points)*
 - b. *Is your Organization's description and understanding of violent extremism testament to your expertise and experience in the field of PVE? (10 points)*
 - c. *Is your Organization's description of the expected outcome/impact of the programme clear and realistic? (5 points)*