

YouthPower Learning Grants RFA#004-2018
Young Women Transform Prize: Enabling Youth-Led Economic Empowerment

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
Questions Related to the Application	
1 What is the difference between Annex 1 and Annex 2?	Annexes are referenced A, B, and C. Annex A is the application template for the Creation Prize. Annex B is the application template for the Recognition Prize. Annex C is the detailed prize budget template.
2 I have several ideas of innovation how many can I propose? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Tengo varias ideas de innovación cuantas puedo proponer?]	Applicants may submit more than one application per prize.
3 I have the desire to participate with at least 5 ideas could I do it? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Tengo el deseo de participar con al menos 5 ideas podría hacerlo?]	Applicants may submit more than one application per prize.
4 The application must be written in English or it can be in Spanish?	Applications must be submitted in English.
5 If I have an innovative idea, do you only want me to write your description or do you require a model of the elaborated product? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Si tengo una idea innovadora solo desean que escriba su descripción o requieren un modelo del producto elaborado?]	Applications should conform to the RFA instructions as outlined in Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
6 If I cannot elaborate the product, but if I have the ideas, can I participate? And explain how it should be done. If in case it is something of carpentry etc. [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Sino puedo elaborar el producto pero si tengo las ideas puedo participar? Y explicar como se debe hacer. Si en caso es algo de carpintería etc.]	Applications should conform to the RFA instructions as outlined in Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
7 The proposal closing date?	April 30, 2018, 5:00 pm Washington, DC local time.
8 It is frustrating to apply for a grant and not get it, especially when you are very passionate, committed, and desiring to keep doing the work regardless. Do you at least give applicants tailored feedback?	Due to the volume of applications, we are not able to provide tailored feedback to every applicant.

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9 How long should each answer on the application be? Is there a total pages limit for the application?	Answers per question may be up to 250 words each, unless otherwise noted. There is no total page limit for the application.
10 If the organization is still new do we fill in annex 2 for recognition purposes?	Eligible organizations per RFA Section 3, Eligibility, may apply for one or both types of prizes.
11 Does what I propose have to be part of an already existing project?	For the Creation Prize, no. For the Recognition Prize, yes.
12 Does the prize fund initiatives and projects that are not implemented yet?	For the Creation Prize, yes. For the Recognition Prize, no.
13 Should the activities start after the grant is accepted and approved or is that OK if they start before and be funded retroactively?	Grant activities will not be funded retroactively.
14 Our audits and financial information are in Spanish as we are a registered organization in Colombia. Should we translate them ourselves, or is there an official translation required?	Organizational financial documents are not required at the time of application. The apparently successful applicants will be required to submit a financial capability questionnaire, with supporting documents, as detailed in RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
15 What other organization's documents will you need? If audited accounts for how many years?	Organizational financial documents are not required at the time of application. The apparently successful applicants will be required to submit a financial capability questionnaire (See Annex E for reference), with supporting documents, as detailed in RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
16 How do I apply?	Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
17 I just filled the request form which was really short, in essence, what's the supposed next step after filling the request form?	Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
18 Filling the application and providing the grant or seed funding, what's the process involved?	Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
19 How do I send my proposal?	Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
20 What does it look like the criteria and the way we submit the application when it'll be opened? Our activities of volunteerism? Life experiences?	Please see RFA Section 5, Application Evaluation, for the criteria against which the applications will be evaluated.
21 Who can I contact about progress of my application?	You may contact the Grants Manager via email at grants@youthpower.org .
22 How many months is the implementation period of the activities, months, years of the project's life planned?	The period of the grant activity should not exceed 12 months.
23 In which City or Country hosting this program is there any fees to apply for this?	There are no fees to apply.
24 As an organisation could [we] apply for both the Creation Prize as well as the Recognition Prize?	Yes.

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25 Can more than one project be submitted for the same prize by the same organization?	Yes.
26 Can a candidate submit two funding proposals?	Yes.
27 CVs are required. Should they be attached on separate documents from the application?	Yes. Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
28 Due to technical difficulties, if we are unable to open the application submission form, is it okay if we submit the application in an MsWord Document.	Yes. Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.

Questions Related to the Budget	
29 Salaries and benefits do not apply to my project. What should I do about that part of the template?	Enter "0" in any budget line item that is not applicable to your activity.
30 How will the funds be disbursed? Would we get reimbursed after the activities have been completed?	Grants will be structured as fixed award amounts with periodic payments based on acceptance of grant activities.
31 Do you allow that a percentage of the total budget is used for general overheads? Or do you want every single indirect cost to be detailed?	If supported by a NICRA (Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement), indirect costs may be proposed in the budget.
32 It excluded the in-kind training materials, I leave out?	If you have in-kind materials that are integral to your activity, describe such items in your budget notes but do not include cost in the line item budget.
33 Please may you help and explain to me the words Milestone?	Milestones are key points in the project implementation where we would expect to see specific signs of progress and when you would expect to receive funds. For simplicity, we've removed the milestone budget from Annex C, Prize Budget Template.
34 In case of our main detailed budget exceed, can we submit all integral form?	Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
35 I would like to understand how to fill the budget template. Our local currency in F CFA. In the template we have: line item, units, rate and total. I want to know: 1- what do write in units column. 2- when you have the total in local currency. In USD column you realize the amount in there is the total amount in local currency multiplied by the rate.	Please see the Budgeting Instructions tab in Annex C, Prize Budget Template and RFA Section 2, Award Information, for the maximum award amount.

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36 Is it okay to budget for Salaries, Benefits, Other Direct Costs, Activity Service Delivery, Travel & Transportation, Goods and Materials	The proposed budget should follow the detailed template and instructions provided in Annex C, Prize Budget Template.
37 All travelling allowances are provided or not?	Travel should be budgeted in the Travel and Transportation line item of the proposed budget.

Questions Related to Eligibility	
38 It is necessary to have DUNS? Or we can participate without it?	A DUNS number is not required to apply.
39 I am trying to create an account on www.sam.gov but it keeps rejecting with an error that the Phone Number format is not valid.	An account on SAM.gov is not required to apply for the prize. Please contact the help section of www.sam.gov for assistance in registering on the System for Award Management.
40 Will initiatives in the prototype stage or idea stage be considered?	For the Creation Prize, yes. For the Recognition Prize, no.
41 I am a university lecturer, I do not belong to any youth organization but I have an idea that can solve the empowerment problem of female youths, can I apply?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding.
42 Can I participate even if I do not belong to any youth organization? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Puedo participar aunque no pertenezca a ninguna organización de jóvenes?]	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding.
43 There are individuals who serve youth what they have and try to enable them to be self-supportive, can they apply? If yes, for which one?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply for either prize.
44 Can women from [redacted location] participate in the Prize?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
45 Indian people eligible or not?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
46 Is there age limit to participate in these prizes?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
47 18 years old girl is eligible or not? Or is there any age limit?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
48 Are women from Africa eligible to apply for this prize?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.

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49 Education qualification what?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
50 Is there an age limit?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
51 How old is the maximum to participate in this contest? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Que edad es la máxima para participar en este concurso?]	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
52 Is it necessary to be part of a youth organization to participate in the creation prize? If the answer is yes to what organization I must join? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Es necesario ser parte de una organización de jóvenes para participar en el premio de creación? Si la respuesta es si a que Organización debo unirme?]	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
53 What is the age range of young women that could be eligible for this opportunity?	For this activity, youth are defined as individuals aged 10-29 in accordance with the USAID Youth in Development Policy, accessible at this link (specifically "Who are Youth" on page 4): https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Youth_in_Development_Policy_0.pdf . Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.

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<p>54 I am [redacted name] from Timor-Leste. I am [redacted type of professional] currently doing a follow on Community Action Project as part of this training in my hometown in [redacted name of hometown]. Last month I have just established a Computer Learning Centre with 10 computers for youth and students to learn. This service is the first time exist in my community of the total population above seven thousand and serve as a social business. There are 17 school in this town ranging from kindergarten to technical high school and access to computers is highly demanding. Students learning computer skills contribute US\$0.25c per hour. I am currently looking for funding to build a permanent center and to expand this service for youth particularly for the girls, the young mother and the dropped out school leavers. My question: Is there any exception for me to apply for this funding?</p>	<p>Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.</p>
<p>55 Most of the time people work for organization gets prize and grant; does this prize include a single person who empowers youth?</p>	<p>No, individuals are not eligible to receive funding.</p>
<p>56 I train village girls and vulnerable girls in town to empower in Art and economically, can I apply? For which prize?</p>	<p>No, individuals are not eligible to receive funding.</p>
<p>57 I know a lady who takes three youth who lost parents with HIV and support, pay school fee and rent, feed them, for more than 12 years. The lady is poor; she is preparing them to earn their income. Train them sharing her skills. Can she apply?</p>	<p>No, individuals are not eligible to receive funding.</p>
<p>58 Can individuals apply?</p>	<p>No, individuals are not eligible to receive funding.</p>
<p>59 If an organization is not registered, can such organization apply for funding from your organization?</p>	<p>No, organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.</p>
<p>60 Our initiative is yet to be registered. Will it be considered eligible?</p>	<p>No, organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.</p>
<p>61 Do organizations that participate need to be a certain size (budget wise)? Like, are they required to have certain annual operations budget or revenue a year in order to be eligible?</p>	<p>No. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. Organizational financial documents are not required at the time of application. The apparently successful applicants will be required to submit a financial capability questionnaire (See Annex E for reference), with supporting documents, as detailed in RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.</p>

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62 Do you have a threshold of the number of years an organization should have been running before being submitting the proposal?	No. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
63 Must Youth-Led Organization be registered?	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
64 If the organization has been a cooperative with no tax number will it be funded?	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
65 I'm a community activist in my village and is standing in as a facilitator for a project in the community to be the first community managed national park. However my small business is standing in to receive funding to jump start the project. A board is already in place and the documents to be registered as an NGO has been submitted to the relevant authorities.	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.
66 We are working in Iraq we can send our proposal.	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
67 How to participate? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Comment y participer?]	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions.
68 Majority of young women do not have enough skills to help them generate income, we are able to assist them in training, can we get partners for grants to empower them?	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.
69 We do support girl child education, are we among the beneficiaries?	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.
70 As a creative arts organisation that focuses mainly on dance education, would we [redacted name of organization] be eligible to apply to participate with more ideas including dance and a broader art scope? Thank you!	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.
71 I deal with good water for my community.	Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.

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<p>72 My question is regarding the legal registration of the organisations. I am working as a Community Development Officer for [redacted name of organization] and we have a couple of very passionate youth groups which work on innovative employment of women. The problem is that it is quite hard for refugees for legally register their community based organisations with Malawian authorities. However, the youth groups are well known and registered with us as officially recognized community based organisations. My question is, is there a way how these groups could apply? Or we can only encourage groups which have official papers from Malawian government.</p>	<p>Organizations must meet the criteria outlined in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply.</p>
<p>73 Who are eligible to apply for young women transform prize?</p>	<p>Please see RFA Section 3, Eligibility.</p>
<p>74 My organisation got registered in June last year, we have been doing community activities that did not need money we would use our own human resources, so we have no books of account, are we eligible to apply.</p>	<p>Please see RFA Section 3, Eligibility.</p>
<p>75 What is the requirement to be eligible to apply for this?</p>	<p>Please see RFA Section 3, Eligibility.</p>
<p>76 Can any volunteer from a grass root movement can apply for this?</p>	<p>Please see RFA Section 3, Eligibility. Individuals are not eligible to receive funding.</p>
<p>77 Thank you for this forum and program to empower women. While reading through eligibility for one to apply, it was not clear whether one organisation or individual can apply to enter either or both competitions for the prizes. Kindly clarify that.</p>	<p>Please see RFA Section 3, Eligibility. Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Eligible entities may apply, using separate applications, for one or both types of prizes.</p>
<p>78 How literacy is helping shape future leader in Kenya?</p>	<p>The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.</p>
<p>79 Please I want to properly understand the second grant prize of \$15,000 which is named recognition grant. Is it meant to serve as a prize for a previously tested and successful project? And the \$15,000 meant for a scale up? Or what is the \$15,000 meant for? (Or is it just a recognition prize for the organization to invest in more programs?) I for instance conducted a project that [redacted project activity]. Can I apply for the recognition grant to scale up this project? I just want to clearly understand this second grant and how it is different from the first.</p>	<p>The Recognition Prize is to recognize innovative strategies that have improved young women's economic opportunities, and collect and share learning from that innovation. The budget and activities proposed for a Recognition Prize should reflect the costs for sharing and learning from that innovation.</p>

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80 Can a women rights organization working with young and single women in the areas of economic empowerment, human rights, etc. apply for this funding?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
81 Is the Grant accessible to newly registered NGOs?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
82 We are a non-profit organization [redacted name of organization] based in Washington DC. However, all of our projects are in Latin America, we currently implement youth-focused projects in 13 countries in the western hemisphere. Are we eligible to apply?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
83 We are working in Jaipur, Rajasthan India as a NotProfit (NGO) organization at state level, are we eligible to apply?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
84 Are women organizations from Cameroon allowed to apply?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
85 [Redacted name of organization] primarily works on generating evidence to affect policy. We are currently working closely with the Orissa state government in India to implement and evaluate a range of interventions that would enable young women to attend skills training programs and stay at jobs for longer. Orissa sends the most young women migrant workers to other states of all states in India. If Orissa can develop a model to make training programs and job placements truly inclusive for women, then theirs could be a case study for other states as well. This is a project that we are particularly passionate about and are eager to find policy solutions to get women to work. Would such a research project be eligible to apply for the Young Women Transform prize?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
86 We are a youth led community based organization (CBO) that has been in existence for 4 years. Are we eligible to apply?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
87 Can private companies apply?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
88 We are from Madhya Pradesh, India can be apply for this grant	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
89 If you are based in rural area, for example, can such organization apply for support?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
90 Does our organization and a network work to strengthen their capacities, include youth organizations, girls' and women's organizations, so can you apply for this award?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.

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91 We are specifically only working for empowering Young girls in the area of Education, Health, Safety & Sustainable livelihood Program to make them independent, So can we apply	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
92 [Redacted name of company] is registered as a business. Do we qualify to participate in this competition?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility.
93 We have education as our activities and have cases of girl child and early forced marriages, so can we request or apply funds to you so as to stop early marriages and girl child neglects in [redacted] counties in Kenya?	Yes, if the organization meets the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility. The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section 1, Project Description.
94 Can proposals for funding be submitted to a consortium of two or more organizations?	Yes, though there must be one entity legally responsible for the grant.
95 Can the project proposal comprise of two organization coming together to do the project, harnessing strengths as well as expertise?	Yes, though there must be one entity legally responsible for the grant.
96 Can one organization apply for both prizes?	Yes. Eligible entities may apply, using separate applications, for one or both types of prizes.
97 Is Tanzania eligible for this prize?	Yes.
98 Under the 'Creation Prize Application Evaluation' section (page 10), one of the bullet points of evaluation states that 'the organization originates from a low- or middle-income country' but under section 3.A 'Eligible Entities' it states that the entity should be a 'youth serving or youth led organization working in a low- or middle-income country.' Can you please clarify if the applicant must either be 'originating' or 'working' in a low or middle-income country?	Youth-serving or youth-led organizations working in a low-or middle-income country as listed in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, are eligible to apply.
99 It is in kanke?	Youth-serving or youth-led organizations working in a low-or middle-income country as listed in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, are eligible to apply.

Questions Related to Technical Approach	
100 The products or innovative ideas must be for export? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Los productos o ideas innovadoras deben ser para exportar?]	No. Applicants may address barriers to young women's economic empowerment at a range of geographic scales, from global initiatives to approaches tailored to local or regional conditions that can be adapted and replicated elsewhere.

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101 The prize is only for winners or there any benefit for the participants?	Yes. The winners in both categories will receive the prize. All other applicants will be invited to join the YouthPower Learning Network.
102 Innovative ideas should only be with recyclable materials? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Las ideas innovadoras solo deben ser con materiales reciclables?]	Considerations for sustainability are encouraged, though the scope of this RFA is not related to environmental activities.
103 People who work with youth in counseling and mentoring in art and craft can apply for one of the prizes?	Individuals are not eligible to receive funding. Organizations must meet the criteria in RFA Section 3, Eligibility, to be eligible to apply. The proposed activity should fall within the scope of RFA Section 1, Project Description.
104 Innovative ideas should be just a product or service? [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Las ideas innovadoras deben ser justo un producto o servicio?]	Innovative ideas should propose a new approach to one or more of the stated barriers, or use an existing approach in a new way.
105 Does a project have to be implemented in one country?	No.
106 Can you help me send the 2 women lao go to training English and work agricultural with your country?	No.
107 Can you help me to travelling participants exchange with world Youth leader program?	No.
108 What do you mean exactly by project sustainability? Do you want to know how the project impact will be sustained? Or do you want to know about its financial sustainability and if the project itself can be sustained?	Sustainability of a project implies the continuation of the project in the absence of prize support. Applicants are encouraged to send a plan demonstrating the long-term impact and benefits of the project.
109 In this question: Will you be collecting information from individuals in such a manner (e.g., collecting sensitive and/or identifying information directly from individuals) that would require an ethical review? - What would sensitive information specifically entail?	The collection of identifying and/or sensitive information is defined in Part 225 of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations (22 CFR 225): https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2003-title22-vol1/pdf/CFR-2003-title22-vol1-part225.pdf .
110 How can youth have a specific guideline entirely for youth, rather than including them in the document to give specific approaches?	The engagement of young people and young women in particular and incorporation of their input into the proposed activity is encouraged.
111 How many days this program will be conducted?	The period of the grant activity should not exceed 12 months.
112 Could you please explain what the \$ 15,000 prize is referring to? I do not understand. [Question originally submitted in Spanish: Podría explicarme por favor a que se refiere el premio de los \$15,000 ? No comprendo]	The Recognition Prize is to recognize innovative strategies that have improved young women's economic opportunities, and collect and share learning from that innovation.

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I13 Only for this year or it conducts every year?	The Young Women Transform Prize competition is being held only this year.
I14 This is grant for a capacity building economic woman or youth also?	This grant is for youth-serving or youth-led organizations in low and middle-income countries to capture new evidence and approaches to improve young women's economic opportunities.
I15 Does Young Woman Transform prize support social entrepreneurship projects?	Yes, if the proposed activity falls within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.
I16 Can we teach how to build greenhouses, for young and women as one of the task? The idea is to build it with those stakeholders.	Yes, if the proposed activity falls within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.
I17 Can the fund be used for a specific group of women (survivors of modern slavery and refugees)?	Yes, if the proposed activity falls within the scope of RFA Section I, Project Description.
I18 Will initiatives that empower both men and women be considered?	Yes.
I19 Can you present a proposal for an initiative that is being implemented or is being implemented?	Yes.
I20 Will initiatives that empower only women within a particular age range be considered?	For this activity, youth are defined as individuals aged 10-29 in accordance with the USAID Youth in Development Policy, accessible at this link (specifically "Who are Youth" on page 4): https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Youth_in_Development_Policy_0.pdf .
I21 Who is a youth in [location]?	For this activity, youth are defined as individuals aged 10-29 in accordance with the USAID Youth in Development Policy, accessible at this link (specifically "Who are Youth" on page 4): https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Youth_in_Development_Policy_0.pdf .

20 questions received did not apply to this RFA.