Overview

Partnership for strengthening Child Protection Financing in Africa

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Open

Purpose and scope

UNICEF seeks to establish a collaborative partnership with an eligible civil society organization whose institutional mandate, relationships and capacity complement UNICEF. The partnership will support selected African countries to identify child protection financing constraints and develop practical pathways for strengthening child protection financing. It will also contribute to shared learning and continental dialogue. The partnership is jointly designed and implemented by the partner and UNICEF, in close collaboration with participating governments and other relevant African institutions. Kenya is a programme country.

Who can apply

Eligible applicants are eligible civil society organization. The applicant organisation must have an institutional mandate, relationships and capacity that complement UNICEF. These requirements apply to eligible civil society organization applicants. The partnership is intended to be collaborative, with UNICEF and the selected civil society partner working jointly and in close collaboration with participating governments and other relevant African institutions. Applicants must submit a costed workplan showing proposed resources and contributions to shared results. The workplan must include programme, technical assistance, travel, institutional capacity strengthening, country accompaniment, learning, convening, safeguarding, monitoring and administrative costs.

Priorities

Required activities include co-designing country engagement, selection and scope, and adapting a common review framework. Partners must analyse financing evidence, recurrent costs, central–local arrangements and institutional and political-economy constraints, including effects on services and equity and crisis or fragility where relevant. They must strengthen stakeholders' use of findings.

Partners must facilitate government-led immediate and medium-term financing pathways, connecting priorities to decisions, responsibilities, dependencies and support needs. They must address recurrent obligations and service continuity, including beyond temporary external support. Where government reach is constrained, partners must consider public, community, civil-society and humanitarian providers, review pathways and document responses.

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Partners must co-create and steward a country-informed learning agenda, fostering trusted peer relationships, thematic exchange and collective problem-solving. They must examine practice, investment-case evidence and crisis or fragility conditions where pertinent, and explore continuity beyond the programme.

Sources

unpartnerportal.org - Official call

Salient One analysis. Official call documents and amendments govern the funding conditions.