

PEACENEXUS CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022
Participation of the Youth in the Building of Peace, Social Cohesion and Civil Identity in Kyrgyzstan

Background and objectives

PeaceNexus announces the call for proposals under the topic of “Participation of the Youth in the Building of Peace, Social Cohesion and Civil Identity in Kyrgyzstan” among non-governmental and non-profit organizations of Kyrgyzstan that would like to contribute to the engagement of young people in the development of the civil identity and social cohesion in Kyrgyzstan. A declaration of interest must be submitted by June 17, 2022, inclusive, through <https://ru.peacenexus.org/call-for-proposals>.

Young people represent one third of the population in Kyrgyzstan and play an important role in the society. Youth can be the actors of positive change as well as those who are involved in armed conflicts and violence. Kyrgyzstan was among those countries that ratified Resolution #2250 on Youth, Peace and Security adopted by the United Nations Security Council in 2015 that emphasized the importance of youth in the promotion of peace and conflict resolution. The Resolution aims to increase the participation of young people in decision-making process at local, national, regional and international levels, protect them and prevent from violence towards them, support their participation in peace efforts, and involve those affected by armed conflict in disengagement and reintegration through their employment and education.

The development of the civil identity in Kyrgyzstan is one of the priorities of national policy. The Concept of the Formation of the Civil Identity *Kyrgyz Jarany* in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2040 aims to build social cohesion among its citizens through the development of the common civil identity regardless of their ethnic, cultural and religious background. The new civil identity would serve as the social-political basis for the creation of the new civil nation in Kyrgyzstan. Since the youth represents a significant part of Kyrgyz society, they are prescribed to play a decisive role in the development of social cohesion and civil identity of Kyrgyzstan.

PeaceNexus is looking for proposals which could creatively combine three dimensions of priority areas as social cohesion, peacebuilding, and civil identity development in Kyrgyzstan through the prism of the youth by means of:

- reducing divisive rhetoric and manipulations in media;
- strengthening the connections with their beneficiaries;
- integrating the issue of social cohesion in their programs;
- building a constructing dialogue with other actors of the political and social-economic processes such as government organizations or business to address common peacebuilding challenges.

Organizational development and conflict sensitivity

PeaceNexus will support its non-governmental partners through the following service areas:

- organizational development;
- conflict sensitivity.

Organizational development is the process of internal change in an organization such as building up organizational capacity, improving its strategy and practice, adapting its internal systems to

various challenges and circumstances, and making it more effective in pursuing its peacebuilding goals. Organizational development targets those organizations that make meaningful contributions to local peacebuilding, and help them strengthen core capacities related to management, learning, strategic priorities, so that they could make relevant and sustainable contributions to the development of peaceful societies.

Conflict sensitivity is the process that helps an organization adapt to the changing context and contribute to social cohesion of their community. Growing inequality, political violence and environmental degradation present senior challenges to Kyrgyzstan. Civil society represented by various non-governmental organizations are trying to address those challenges through conflict analysis and other non-violent activities. At the same time, the peacebuilding process is not always smooth. While many organizations have a potential to contribute positively to social cohesion and peace in the community, their actions may unintentionally exacerbate social tensions and even lead to violence.

Although two types of support, organizational development and conflict sensitivity, overlap, they are considered as separate because organizational development support is mainly offered to peacebuilding champions to address internal challenges, while conflict sensitivity support aims at any non-governmental organization that is challenged to understand and operate on peacebuilding issues.

Eligibility and selection criteria

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Be a non-governmental non-profit organization;
- Have building peace and social cohesion in the community as the core mission of the organization (for organizational development applications) or as the core challenge of the current agenda (for conflict sensitivity applications);
- Be directly responsible for the preparation and submission of the application and further management of the process if selected.

Applicants should meet the following criteria if selected:

- Relevance of the applicant and its role in contributing to the peacebuilding agenda: nexus between social cohesion, peacebuilding and civil identity development through the prism of the youth;
- Readiness to engage in an organizational and/or conflict sensitivity development process.

What is outside of the scope of PeaceNexus support and cannot be funded?

- Operational activities (any kind of project or programme activities)
- Core funding
- Administrative overhead costs
- Equipment, furnishings or office rent
- Financial audits
- Tuition for degree programs
- Accreditation processes
- Campaigns for building capital/endowments
- Staff costs or recurring board expenses
- One-off trainings and other capacity building measures unrelated to the broader objectives.

Timeline:

- Launch of the call: May 2022
- Deadline for submission of applications: 17 June 2022
- Publication of list of selected partners on our website: early July 2022
- Kick-off workshops with selected partners: September-October 2022

Consultations:

For additional consultations, please contact us: ca_office@peacenexus.org