

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Seeking potential partnerships with Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and/or Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for UNFPA's emergency programming in Bangladesh

As part of a process of strengthening its role in emergency preparedness and response, UNFPA in Bangladesh has recently completed its first Emergency Preparedness and Contingency Plan, which will help integrate reproductive health needs and gender concerns more consistently into humanitarian assistance programmes. This process will require close cooperation with the Government, other UN agencies and NGOs, and will involve developing networks and establishing partnerships, strengthening capacities, and enhanced advocacy efforts.

UNFPA in Bangladesh invites registered and or government affiliated Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to present an Expression of Interest (EOI) for pre-qualification and inclusion as UNFPA potential partners for the implementation of its emergency programme. UNFPA seeks to partner with organizations that comply with the following criteria:

- Have a 5-year track record of competence in at least one of the 3 main thematic areas of intervention: i) reproductive health, ii) family planning; iii) ending violence against women.
- Have a strong gender-integrated approach in their programmes.
- Have experience in working in emergency settings (natural disasters, refugees), including responding to acute emergencies within the past 5 years. Applications from organizations complying with all other criteria, having only limited experience in responding to emergencies, but who express a strong willingness to develop their capacity in this field will also be accepted.
- Have outreach and operational capacity in at least 2 districts highly vulnerable to natural disasters¹, which could include through sub-contracting of partner CSOs and NGOs.
- Have a close working relationship with the Government of Bangladesh and with local communities.

Closing date: Monday – 28th September 2011

Applications received after the stated time will not be considered

All Organizations that meet the above criteria are invited to respond to this EOI by downloading and completing the Registration/Accreditation form. The form can be downloaded on the UNFPA – Bangladesh website.

Please return all duly completed forms and supporting documents which demonstrate your organization's capacity by email to crodriguez@unfpa.org or in a sealed envelope to the following address:

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Dhaka 1207, Bangladesh

Please mark envelopes/indictae in the subject title: **"EOI for potential partnership with UNFPA Bangladesh on emergency programming"**. The Organizational portfolios submitted will be added to an internal database of UNFPA Bangladesh, and organizations registered therein will be informed once specific project partnership opportunities are available.

¹ Preferably two out of the following UNDAF Priority districts: Barguna, Bhola, Patthuakali, Bagerhat, Khulna,, Satkhira, Khagrachari, Rangamati, Bandarban, Cox's Bazar, Netrakina, Sunamganj, Sylhet, Habiganj, Nilphamarii, Kurigram, Rangpur, Ghaibanda, Jamalpur, Sirajganj.