

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – GBV Solve: Open Funding Call

General Questions

What is the GBV Solve Open Funding Call?

The GBV Solve: Open Funding Call is an initiative by Aparajita, in collaboration with J-PAL South Asia, to provide implementation funding for innovative programs addressing sexual harassment (SH) and violence, as well as other forms of gender-based violence (GBV).

Who is eligible to apply for this funding?

The funding call is open to NGOs, community-based organizations, private organizations, and individuals working on gender-based violence or women's safety programs in India. Applicants must have operations in India and propose programs that can be implemented in the Indian context.

Is the funding call restricted to programs in India?

Yes, the funding is specifically for existing programs or new ideas that will be implemented in India. There are no restrictions on the locations in India.

What is the duration of the grant?/ What is the expected duration of the program intervention?

There is no fixed grant duration, and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis. However, we are looking for programs that can achieve critical outcomes within a 1-2 year timeframe.

Scope and Purpose

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

The funding is exclusively for program implementation and not for research or academic projects. Eligible programs include but are not limited to those that address sexual harassment and violence, as well as other forms of gender-based violence. The grant can support both new ideas as well as existing programs.

Can the funding be used for research purposes?

No, this grant is exclusively for program implementation and cannot be used to fund

research activities. If your project requires extensive data collection before implementation, you may want to explore other research-focused funding opportunities.

Can researchers apply for funding under this funding call?

No, the funding is specifically intended for program implementation and cannot be used for research purposes, including RCTs. However, if an implementing organization (such as an NGO or private entity) is seeking funding to expand its program, they are eligible to apply. Researchers collaborating with such organizations may want to explore whether the implementing partner would be interested in submitting an application independently.

Are programs addressing other themes (e.g., health, livelihoods) eligible if they include a GBV component?

Yes, programs that link SH/GBV to other themes, such as health, education, or livelihoods, are eligible if the primary focus remains on addressing gender-based violence or sexual harassment.

Can projects that focus on survivor support and legal recourse be eligible, even if they don't lend themselves to an RCT?

Yes, projects do not need to be structured for an RCT (Randomized Controlled Trial) to be eligible. Only a subset of funded projects will proceed toward an RCT.

Is the grant limited to addressing violence against women and girls, or can it include work with boys?

Projects can engage boys and men as part of efforts to address gender-based violence, but the initiative must not be exclusively focused on violence against men or boys.

Can we apply for projects covering multiple districts?

Yes, but ensure that the associated costs are factored into your proposal.

Can the proposal be a component of a larger program that is being implemented for the first time?

Yes, the funded project can be a part of a larger program.

Is the grant restricted to NGOs, or can private firms apply?

No, the grant is not restricted to NGOs. Private firms, including LLPs, are also eligible to apply.

Can we form a consortium with other implementing agencies or research organizations and submit a joint Letter of Interest (LOI)?

Yes, you may collaborate with other agencies. However, funding from this call is only for implementation, not for research.

Application Process

How do I apply for the funding?

To apply, you need to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) via the [Google Form](#) assessing your initial fit for funding. Detailed instructions and guidelines are available on the [funding call webpage](#).

Is there a specific template for the Letter of Interest (LoI)?

No, there is no fixed template for the LoI. However, the application form provides key structure and thought points to guide your submission. Please refer to the form for details.

What is the deadline for submitting applications and how will we know about the selection process?

The LoIs are due on April 20, 2025, 11:59 PM, IST. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted in May 2025 via email.

Can we submit multiple applications?

Applicants can submit multiple applications if each submission pertains to a distinct program or project idea.

I have already submitted an LOI but want to update or resubmit it. What should I do?

Please write to us first at gendersa@povertyactionlab.org before sending in an updated LOI.

What can applicants expect from the coaching calls?

During the coaching calls, applicants will receive general feedback on their program idea, along with suggestions to strengthen their application based on the selection

criteria. Additionally, they will receive guidance on the evidence-generation potential of their program and how it aligns with the funding call's objectives.

Funding Details

What is the funding amount available?

Awardees can get funding up to 50 lakhs. The funding amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the program's scope and requirements. After the coaching calls, a budget template will be shared with the applicants along with a proposal application form. Specific details regarding funding allocation will be shared upon final selection.

How many applicants will be selected for funding?

There is no fixed number of selections; applicants will be chosen on a case-by-case basis.

Are there restrictions on how the funding can be used?

Yes, the funding is limited to program implementation activities. Implementation refers to the direct execution and scaling of interventions aimed at addressing GBV and SH. This may include program delivery, capacity-building efforts, community engagement, service provision, and other activities that contribute to tangible, on-the-ground impact.

Can funding be used for capital expenditures, such as constructing shelters?

Yes, as long as the capital expenditure is directly linked to program delivery, it is eligible.