

## Call for proposals

### Grants for Civil Society Networks Promoting the Rights of Religious Minorities in Iraq

Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights

[Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights](#) is a London-based international initiative focused developing civilian-led monitoring; of violations of international humanitarian law or human rights; securing accountability and reparation for those violation; and developing the practice of civilian rights.

As part of a long-term project funded by the [Norwegian Agency for Development and Cooperation](#), Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights is **seeking joint proposals** from CSOs and NGOs that work toward ***supporting the rights of religious minorities and/or promoting and protecting the right to freedom of religion and belief*** at a **national level** in Iraq.

### Proposal submissions

Organisations with a **focus on human rights** will be prioritised. Proposal submissions must demonstrate how their activities **address** and are **directly related** to:

- a) supporting the rights of religious minorities and/or
- b) promoting and protecting the right to freedom of religion and belief

### Topic areas

Applicants can select **one of the following topic areas** to develop national level activities:

1. National advocacy campaigns to promote respect for the rights of religious minorities
2. Promoting religious minorities' access to reparations mechanisms

Please note that proposals must clearly explain **how** they will approach the call through **clearly outlined** project objectives with solid outcomes and outputs. Applicants should consider the sensitivities of developing a project proposal relating to religious minority rights and freedom of religion and belief in Iraq.

### Terms of Reference

- The call covers project proposals to a **maximum of 6,000 EUR**.
- A minimum of 2 NGOs / CSO's can jointly apply per application.
- Proposals **must demonstrate** how activities will work to develop **networks at a national Iraqi level**.
- Project duration is a **maximum of 6 months** and must not exceed this in the project proposal.

- The **project start date for this call is in November 2020** and this should be reflected in the proposal.
- Only organisations **based in Iraq** will be considered.

### Applicant Criteria

- Be a minimum of 2 NGO's / CSO's applying jointly.
- Submit a cohesive proposal that meets **both** the term of reference and each organisations mandate.
- Have a commitment **to human rights principles**.
- Be **dedicated to inclusivity** by involving religious minorities in your community.
- Have a strong portfolio of **successfully** delivered projects.
- Have at least **one registered NGO / CSO** with access to an organisational bank account in the proposal.

### Project Selection Criteria

- An **original approach** to addressing the protection and promotion of religious minorities and freedom of religion and belief.
- Clear project objectives with focused outcomes and outputs that demonstrate **at least 2 concrete improvements** at a national level.
- A well thought out plan outlining how to reach the target beneficiary.
- A thorough, clear, and reasonable budget in **EUR**.
- A **balanced** division of labour and activities for NGOs/CSOs applying.

### Tips

- Think about **how** your activities focus on the religious minority you have chosen, or **how** it promotes the right the right to freedom of expression and belief.
- Ask yourself: do your activities **test new avenues** to prevent/challenge discrimination against religious minorities or freedom of expression and belief abuses?
- Consider how your activities addresses **intersectionality**, by addressing the layered impact of other structural discrimination such as class, gender, or race/ethnicity.
- Get creative with the types of activities you propose; they can be seminars, research reports or any other activity that fits with the terms of the call.

### **Submission Process**

Please send the completed application form documents to [yomn.al-kaisi@ceasefire.org](mailto:yomn.al-kaisi@ceasefire.org) by **19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

In your email subject line please write the “APPLICATION” followed by the name of your organisation and country you are based in (*i.e APPLICATION – Organization’s name – Country*).