

## Call for Expression of Interest (EOI)

### Introduction

The Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) has been working with the rural communities of Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral (GBC) for the last four decades using participatory development approach. Currently AKRSP is implementing a project which, aims to to improve women's social and economic empowerment in Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral. The activities under this project are geared to reduce barriers of participation and to enhance the social and economic agency of women in Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral while supporting COVID-19 recovery and rebuilding.

AKRSP intends to provide "Micro Grants exclusively for Women led and Women serving community based/local organisations from all over Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral to support their projects and ideas for addressing and promoting community-specific strategic and practical gender needs. For this purpose, it seeks Expressions of Interest from eligible organisations meeting the following criteria:

### **Eligibility Criteria for applicant Organizations:**

Following are the eligibility criteria:

- Women Led and Women Serving Community Based Organisations of Chitral
- The organisation should have physical presence within the geography of their operational areas.
- Preference will be given to the formally registered organisations having a bank account.
- Preference will be given to the organisations working in the focused areas given below:

### **Focus Area/themes**

The initial focus areas may include:

Women's participation, Gender strategic and practical needs, Building resilience, Post-COVID recovery, Reducing the burden of unpaid care-work, Access to diverse childcare models, Mobility and safe transportation solutions, Promoting girls education and skills, Strengthening women's decision making at household levels, Leadership in social & cultural activities, Leadership in sports, and environmental protection and Disaster Risk reduction etc.

### **Submission Date**

May 15, 2023

### **Where to submit**

EOIs can email at : [hr.aksrp@aksrp.org.pk](mailto:hr.aksrp@aksrp.org.pk)

Can also submit at Regional Office Chitral and Area Office Booni.

**Safeguarding:**

AKRSP has a zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority, and discrimination. All staff, consultants, and service providers will be expected to adhere to AKRSP's safeguarding policies and procedures, and the standards of conduct expected of AKDN personnel and require background checks.

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