



Sudan Priority Grant Program: North-South Border Initiative

Call for Project Proposals

Overview

The goal of the North-South Border Initiative (NSBI) is to support Sudanese and international actors in Sudan working to address sources of instability being created by the North-South Border. The NSBI will support innovative projects from the grass roots to the policy level that promote the establishment of a border that contributes to, instead of hinders, security, development and the strengthening of inter-group relationships in the Tamazuj areas.¹

Call for Proposals: Public Education in the Tamazuj Areas after the Referendum

Within the Tamazuj areas, there is a combination of a high degree of militarization along the border (SPLA, SAF, and other armed groups) a scarcity of reliable information sources, and populations that understand that major structural changes are taking place in regard to the North-South Border that can negatively impact their communities and their livelihoods. This confluence of factors makes access to reliable information crucial for effective conflict mitigation in the area. The primary objective of this

¹ Tamazuj, an Arabic word which roughly translated as “inter-mingling”, is used to refer to the areas within the ten border states that lie along the North-South Border in Sudan.

solicitation is to support projects designed to provide credible public education in areas where conflict may occur due to the significant changes that will unfold in the post-referendum period.

We use the term public education in a broad sense. We envision an array of projects, from those that seek to reach a smaller audience in a more in-depth, face-to-face way, to projects designed to reach a broader set of audiences in a less sustained way.

The content of the public education efforts may need to evolve as the situation changes on the ground. However, it is envisioned that four primary themes will be important:

- 1) Referenda outcomes: What are the outcomes of the referenda? What are the implications for the border communities?
- 2) Political, Legal, Technical Processes: These could include, for instance, negotiations on the management of the border taking place in Khartoum or border demarcation processes taking place in the border communities.
- 3) Existing Institutions: What institutions can communities go to in order to deliver grievances, receive information, or ask for help in managing conflict?
- 4) Existing Agreements: Many agreements are made in the Tamazuj areas to help manage conflict. It is important to disseminate information about these agreements and whether or not they are being successfully implemented. Agreements that relate to how border issues will be managed are of particular importance to this program.

Please note that the proposed project:

- Must address issues of peacebuilding. One goal of the education programs must be to reduce violence, promote stability, improve security and/or improve inter-group relationships.
- Must include activities that take place within Sudan.
- Should have a clear plan for how information will be gathered, analyzed, and disseminated.
- Should be focused on the border areas, but does not need to include the whole border or entire populations. Geographically-focused projects are welcome, but the location of the project should be justified. Applicants should also identify what groups the project plans to reach and why those groups have been targeted.
- Should identify innovative ways to maximize outreach within funding constraints. Projects that simply propose a small number of expensive workshops will likely not be funded.
- Should create opportunities to continue activities beyond the period of the grant.

Eligibility:

All non-profit organizations and universities, both Sudanese and international, are eligible to apply for funding. Support cannot be provided to government agencies or to individuals working for government agencies in Sudan.

Individuals who are currently working as USIP contractors may not be eligible to apply for grant support.

It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure their own eligibility under United States sanctions policy toward Sudan. Information on US sanctions policy is available here:

<http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/sudan/sudan.shtml>

Funding and Timeline:

Please note, given the many uncertainties in Sudan, plans for funding under this solicitation are subject to change. Please continue to monitor the USIP Priority Grant Competition website for any changes.

Currently, we envision:

- Total funding under this Call for Proposals: \$200,000
- Number of projects funded: 2-4 projects.
- Initiation of projects, late-January 2011.

How to Apply:

This Call for Proposals will involve a mandatory two-step application process. The first step in the application process is to submit a 3-page concept note. This note should describe the proposed project as well as the qualifications of the organization. **Concept notes will be accepted on a rolling basis, but should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than November 15.** Concept notes should be emailed to Sudangrants@usip.org.

For concept notes that receive a positive evaluation, applicants will be contacted and asked to submit a full proposal. At the top of the concept note, please provide the name of the contact person, the name of the implementing organization and the email address of the contact person.

Final decisions regarding funding will be made by the United States Institute of Peace Board of Directors.

If you have any questions, please email Andrew Blum, ablum@usip.org