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## **Call for Proposals Engaging Men for Gender Equality in Local Governance in Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon**

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**The programme “Strengthening Women in Decision-Making in the Middle East” (LEAD) is calling for proposals for projects to support the implementation of local innovative approaches implemented by civil society organizations (CSO) to involve men in proactively promoting gender equality in local governance in Palestine, Jordan, and Lebanon.**

### Overview:

LEAD is a program implemented by the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit – GIZ* on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the Special Initiative to promote stability and development in the Middle East and North Africa. This initiative aims at reinforcing democratic transformation processes. This requires the active participation of men and women across the region.

In this framework, LEAD aims at strengthening women’s political participation in decision-making in selected communities of Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon. The programme focuses on women who shape community development as civil society actors or who hold a municipal office or technical positions in local government in the selected cities, rural communities, and villages.

LEAD looks at the role of men in supporting and promoting women’s participation in their local communities, local governance and politics, by promoting gender responsive practices in local governance. However, positive behavioral change needs to be supported. For this reason, LEAD has been actively involving men in the implemented activities.

### Objective of this Call for Proposals:

**To support the implementation of local innovative approaches implemented by CSOs to involve men in proactively promoting gender equality in local governance in Palestine, Jordan, and Lebanon.**

The winning CSO will develop and implement locally relevant and culturally sensitive 3-months initiatives that engage at least 30 men (including young men) in each country in activities supporting and promoting women’s participation in local politics and/or gender sensitive governance activities and services.

### Who can submit a proposal:

Registered CSOs from Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon, with interest and experience in gender equality, promotion of women's participation in public life, citizen engagement, and community development (see full requirements in the Call for Proposals Guidelines)

### Language of Proposals:

All concept notes and full proposals to be submitted in English.

### Anticipated time frame and project duration:

Initiatives are to be implemented within a 3-month period, with a project conclusion no later than September 30, 2021.

**All applicants must submit a concept note before midnight on March 30, 2021.**

### Request for proposal documents:

Interested CSOs can request full proposal documents with a brief statement indicating:

- Name of the organization
- Country/Location
- Contact person and info

By sending an email to [lead-program@giz.de](mailto:lead-program@giz.de) no later than March 25, 2021.

Please note:

An info session on the project will be held on **March 16 (to be confirmed)**. CSOs can request proposal documents after this date but will not be able to participate in another info session.

The last date to submit questions and inquiries is March 25, 2021. CSOs can request proposal documents after this date but will not be able to submit questions and inquiries.