**Financial Support to Third Parties in Kisii and Nyamira Counties: Call for Local Actors (CLA)**

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**Implementing Organization:** International Solidarity Foundation (ISF)

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**Call Number**: CLA - 003

**Application Submission Deadline:** Friday, February 28, 2025, 11:59 pm, East African Time

**Happening Next:**

Join our Information Session on Teams on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 10:00 am.  
Use the following link to participate in the session: [Here](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTRiNDk2N2YtNjUxYS00NTJmLWIyMWQtMzJjM2NkNzQ0NTdm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%221ae121ea-ce18-4672-8b29-483eb981c07b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22817a7303-ac77-4c84-9fa7-6f09b73ab5a7%22%7d)

**Project Overview**

**The International Solidarity Foundation (ISF)** is a Finnish development organization, founded in 1970. ISF envisions a world where women and girls are empowered to build their own future, their self-determination is fully realized, and their right to bodily integrity respected.

The goal of ISF’s **2022–2025 programme** is to strengthen the bodily integrity and livelihood resilience of women and girls in Kenya, Somaliland, and Ethiopia. The programme primarily consists of long-term projects that are implemented by local partners: civil society actors such as NGOs, community-based organizations, and women’s own businesses.

Since June 2023, ISF has implemented a **Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)** scheme within a Grassroots Initiative project in Kisii and Nyamira counties in Kenya. The project supports a dynamic grassroots movement against gender-based violence (GBV) through tailored prevention strategies, collaborative engagements, peer learning and mentorship, and financial support for local stakeholders. The FSTP scheme is designed to run for three consecutive rounds of sub-granting **(each running for three months only)**, with this CLA being the final round.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Who can apply?

* **Civil Society Organisations (CSOs):** non-governmental, non-profit, and voluntary organizations that operate independently from the government and commercial sectors; established to address various social, cultural, environmental, and humanitarian issues.
* **Community-Based Organisations (CBOs):** entities that operate within specific geographical communities and are primarily focused on addressing those communities' unique needs and concerns.
* **Grassroots Movements** are small, locally based groups that focus on addressing specific issues or concerns within a community and emphasize the importance of community engagement, participatory decision-making, and direct action; often initiated and led by individuals or community members who are directly affected by the issues they aim to address.

To be considered for funding, groups and organizations will need to submit the following:

* Fully completed application form in pdf format
* The budget proposal using the budget template in Excel (xlsx) format (the initial activity plans and budgets are subject to review during the capacity-building period)
* Proof of registration (where applicable)
* Bank statements for at least 6 months (where applicable)
* Proof of track record, highlighting experience within the proposed focus area. This can be a reference letter from a trusted person familiar with your work (e.g., submission of the Community Activity Programs Reporting, previous project reports, county govt, chief, local religious/community leader or a funder).

**Support offered through the call**

The ISF will provide funding for groups and organizations with innovative ideas, preferably demonstrating a track record of at least 12 months of implementing similar or related activities within the following categories, focusing on addressing gender-based violence (GBV). Groups that work with vulnerable communities (for example: the youth, persons with disabilities, the elderly, minority or marginalized groups, LGBTQI+ communities etc.) are encouraged to apply. GBV-focused projects should fall under one of the following categories:

1. **Prevention:** efforts aim to stop or reduce the occurrence of gender-based violence by addressing root causes and societal norms contributing to such violence. For example, promoting community dialogues and empowering girls and women to make informed choices about their bodies.
2. **Response:** support to individuals who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing gender-based violence, ensuring their safety, well-being, and access to necessary services.
3. **Access to Justice:** efforts to enhance survivors’ ability to seek legal remedies and protection, addressing barriers that might prevent them from doing so.

For this Call, the proposed action should focus on any of the categories listed above, and include any of the indicative, but not exhaustive activities listed below (applicants can also suggest other relevant activities):

* Local campaigns
* Advocacy and lobbying
* Legal protection, counselling services, and social support
* Support for people and groups that are exposed to discrimination.
* Cultural and youth events
* Visibility and communication/outreach activities
* Creation of digital solutions, mobile applications, web portals etc.
* Access to information and public debate
* Participation in the development of local policies, initiatives, and action plans
* Social entrepreneurship initiatives
* Local media reporting
* Others

**Funding Details**

Successful applicants will receive grants ranging from **KES 300,000 to KES 600,000** to implement their proposed actions. All costs incurred during implementation within the outlined categories and guidelines are eligible. Ineligible costs include capital expenditures, in-kind contributions, political sponsorships, and one-off conferences.

**Submission Details**

Applications should be written in English and **submitted by email** to [**isfkenya@isf.fi.**](https://encoded-592c9deb-987b-4562-aa3c-9fa3d37d83e9.uri/mailto%3aisfkenya%40isf.fi.%2520)

The subject line must include the words “**ISF Call for Local Actors – CLA 003**”, and the above-listed documents must be included as **attachments** to be considered successfully submitted.

Applications must be submitted by **Friday, February 28, 2025, 11:59 pm EAT.** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Due to the high number of anticipated applications, ISF may not provide feedback to each unsuccessful applicant.

**Timeline**

* **Publication Date**: February 7, 2025
* **Deadline for Questions**: February 20, 2025, by 5:00 pm
* **Information Session**: February 21, 2025, at 10:00 am (online)
* **Application Deadline**: February 28, 2025, at 11:59 pm
* **Award Notification (Tentative)**: March 14, 2025

For additional information, refer to the **FAQ document**. Further inquiries can be emailed to: [**isfkenya@isf.fi**](mailto:isfkenya@isf.fi) with the subject line: **“ISF CALL FOR LOCAL ACTORS\_QUESTIONS”.**

We look forward to your applications and to supporting impactful actions in Kisii and Nyamira counties.