

## Gender Justice Project: Access to Justice for Women and Girls through the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law

- **Brief description of the project**

Women and girls living in conflict-affected countries confront challenges which, when ignored or misunderstood, sustain insecurity, injustice and impunity for generations. National, local and customary laws, policies and practices may not recognize rights to protect women and girls from discrimination and, consequentially, impede their access to justice. Rule of law and security institutions have the potential to address individual women’s and girls’ rights violations and to contribute to the transformation of gender inequality in societies.

The Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP)<sup>1</sup>, co-chaired by the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and UNDP, convenes and coordinates the United Nations system on rule of law assistance. It has a critical role to ensure that rule of law support contributes to the realization of gender equality through the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda, fulfillment of the Action for Peacekeeping commitments and achievement of Sustainable Development Goals<sup>2</sup>. From this standpoint, in 2023, the GFP established a Working Group on Gender Justice to better leverage the platform in this regard. As co-chair of the GFP and the Working Group, the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI), on behalf of DPO, stands ready to serve as a source of gender expertise, within all areas of its technical capacities, to support the integration of a gender perspective in joint rule of law programmes, missions, assessments and to contribute to the development of new guidance materials to further progress gender-responsive GFP initiatives.

To catalyze the initiative, the Working Group is prioritizing fulfilling several recommendations contained in the Guidance Note “Women, Peace and Security and the United Nations Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law: Promoting Gender Justice for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies”<sup>3</sup>, specifically, by mapping: specialized types of gender expertise within GFP partner entities; gender analysis tools geared toward the rule of law context; and training modules available to UN staff on integrating gender perspectives in rule of law assistance. Analysis of the mapping exercise would inform the development of new tools and resources for use by GFP partners and beyond.

This project is required to increase gender-responsive United Nations rule of law assistance through OROLSI specialized expertise whereby existing staff capacities are drawn upon with modest support from short-term consultancies to develop new tools and resources which will enhance initiatives.

- **Expected outcomes, outputs and proposed activities**

<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Proposed Activities</b>
Greater access to justice for women and girls in conflict-affected countries through more holistic gender-responsive United Nations rule of law	Increased and enhanced gender responsiveness elements mainstreamed throughout joint rule of law programmes and within terms of reference for GFP missions and assessments.	Provide OROLSI specialized and gender technical expertise through field deployments at the request of national authorities and/or UN field missions

<sup>1</sup> The GFP was established in 2012 by the Secretary-General to enhance the predictability, coherence, accountability and effectiveness of rule of law assistance. GFP partners include DPO, UNDP, EOSG, OHCHR, UNHCR, UNODC, UNOPS and UN Women plus additional collaboration with UNICEF, DCO, PBSO, DPPA, and the TOE.

<sup>2</sup> SDG 5 on gender equality and empowerment and SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions.

<sup>3</sup> Available online at [www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2022/10/women-peace-and-security-and-the-un-global-focal-point-for-the-rule-of-law](https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2022/10/women-peace-and-security-and-the-un-global-focal-point-for-the-rule-of-law)

assistance through the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law	Increased gender expertise, including analysis skills, of UN rule of law practitioners across the myriad of GFP partners' specialized areas of expertise to account for the diverse contexts in which women and girls are in contact with rule of law and security institutions	Develop new guidance materials including tools to support all phases and types of UN rule of law assistance  Upgrade existing training modules to integrate gender-responsive rule of law related content
	Strengthened coordination across GFP partners and collaborators on gender responsive approaches with a view to continuously progress gender equality and access to justice for women and girls in conflict-affected countries	Design and participate in a workshop for members of the GFP Working Group on Gender Justice to take stock of progress and plan for the next phase of work

○ **Implementation timeline**

The project is for an initial period of 12 months.

● **Explain how the project will further the implementation of the A4P+ priorities.**

The project will further A4P+ implementation by contributing to WPS priorities and commitments.

● **How have gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department implement its women, peace and security and gender parity commitments?**

Each of the ten WPS Security Council resolutions includes commitments and requests related to the rule of law. This project responds to those elements and will enhance WPS implementation.

● **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.**

Business continuity plans will be in place including remote working arrangements, if necessary.

● **Proposed budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Travel	OROLSI deployments to: (i) participate in GFP missions including assessments; (ii) support joint design and implementation of rule of law programmes; and (iii) provide gender expertise in response to requests at the country level	\$60,000.00
Workshop	Expenses to convene an in-person Gender Justice Workshop for GFP partners and members of the Working Group on Gender Justice	\$5,000.00
Consultants	Short-term consultancies to support capacities and guidance mapping and development of new tools and resources	\$40,000.00
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$13,650.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$118,650.00</b>