

Assisting Communities Together (ACT): Grants to civil society organizations for human rights education activities

The Assisting Communities Together (ACT) Project is a joint initiative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) which makes small grants available for civil society organizations carrying out human rights promotional activities in local communities. Since its launch in 1998, it has focused on strengthening local capacities for human rights education, training and public information in the context of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004) and of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (2005-ongoing). OHCHR and UNDP have jointly implemented a pilot (1998-2000), second (2000-2001), third (2001-2003), fourth (2003-2005), fifth (2005-2007) and sixth (2008-2010) phase of the ACT Project. The current, seventh, phase (2011-2012) was launched in April 2011.

7th phase (2011-2012) of the ACT Project

In April 2011, the seventh phase (2011-2012) of the ACT Project was launched to promote human rights education, training and public information activities conceived and carried out by civil society organizations in 14 countries and territories. As done previously, this phase is organized jointly by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Development Programme.

Thematic focus

The seventh phase is focusing on supporting human rights education projects specifically aimed at countering [discrimination](#) on any ground and with regards to any group, in line with one of OHCHR's six thematic priorities for the 2010-2011 biennium. However, as in previous phases, proposals for human rights education activities concerning other issues may also be considered, based upon local needs.

Participating countries

The following countries and territories have been selected to participate in the seventh phase. Applications from other countries will not be considered.

Africa:
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Djibouti
Mauritania
Senegal
Togo
Uganda
Arab region:
Iraq
Europe:
Kosovo*
Republic of Moldova
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Latin America and Caribbean:
Ecuador
Uruguay

* Reference to Kosovo should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

Who is eligible to apply

In participating countries and territories, applications will be accepted from:

- non-governmental organizations;

- local associations;
- academic institutions; and
- other civil society institutions carrying out human rights promotional activities in local communities.

Organizations that have already received an ACT grant in the past are eligible as long as they have no outstanding reports concerning the previously funded project.

Projects

The projects should include activities to be carried out within the period of **no more than six months** (projects may be shorter). Proposals should be as innovative as possible, replicable and designed to provide maximum sustainable impact at the local level. The proposed budget for an ACT grant must be a **maximum of US\$ 7,000**.

How to apply

Application forms and guidelines are available from local UNDP country offices and OHCHR field presences in the selected countries and territories. OHCHR Headquarters in Geneva does not receive application forms directly.

Deadline for submission is 20 June 2011. It is expected that local selection of grantees will be completed by the end of June 2011 and the implementation of granted activities will start no later than August 2011.

Please return signed completed application (PDF) (electronically) via email: actiraq@un.org and send original signed application to the following mail address: United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) Human Rights Office- P.O. Box 540 , 11732 Amman-Jordan

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