



Guideline for CSE Innovation Fund

1. Introduction

MSI with its technical and financial support of UNFPA is implementing an Innovation fund in 6 districts (**Bajhang, Baitdai, East-Rukum, Udaypur, Kapilvastu and Achham**). This is funded by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). CSE Innovation fund aims to engage with and mobilize adolescent and young people who are in and out schools aiming to promote understanding on needs and importance of CSE by raising awareness on sexuality, health and rights of the adolescent and young people.

2. What is Comprehensive Sexuality Education?

Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) is a 'development multiplier' as it equips adolescents and young people with the knowledge, attitudes and skills to make informed decisions about health and well-being, and positive transformation of socio-cultural and socio-political values to achieve gender equality, advancing SRHR and supports to achieve SDGs 2030. Research shows that good quality sexuality education, particularly education that integrates gender and human rights in a meaningful way, can lead to a decrease in unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted Infections and does not encourage young people to initiate sexual activity earlier. CSE is effective in enhancing skills such as critical thinking, communication and decision-making that empower young people to take responsibility for and control their actions and help them become healthy, responsible, productive citizens (ITGSE 2018).

3. What is CSE Innovation Fund?

Through the technical and financial support from UNFPA Nepal, Marie Stopes International with its implementing partner Sunaulo pariwar nepal is implementing a

Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) innovation fund to engage with and mobilize adolescent and young people who are in and out schools aiming to promote understanding on needs and importance of CSE by raising awareness on sexuality, health and rights of the adolescent and young people. The CSE innovative fund will support enhance leadership among the target groups and empower them to act as the agent of change to prevent gender-based violence in the community and promote gender equality. The innovative fund will be granted as a seed money to the adolescent group/ young people/youth group that comes with an innovative idea and creative approach for the promotion of CSE by engaging their peers, community gatekeepers including parents. The innovative fund will be implemented in the UNFPA working districts (Bajhang, Baitadi, East-Rukum, Udaypur, Kapilvastu and Achham)

3.1. Objectives of the Innovation Fund

- Enhance leadership of the CSE Saathi and adolescents by engaging them into the community outreach activities on CSE through the innovation fund.
- Promote CSE in and out of schools and break the misconception about CSE among the community gatekeepers and other stakeholders at local level.
- Engage and empower adolescent and young people from the marginalized community including people living with disability, gender and sexual minorities, and out-of-school students to speak against harmful social and gender norms and prevent gender based violence.

3.2. Expected Impacts/Outcome

- CSE promoted at community level through the improved leadership among the CSE Saathis and young people;
- Enabling environment created and CSE integrated in schools and out of schools teaching and learning practices through the support of the community gatekeepers and other local stakeholders;
- Adolescents and young people from the marginalized community including people living with disability, and gender and sexual minorities are empowered to speak against harmful social and gender norms and prevent gender-based violence at local level.

4. How to know about the Innovation Fund?

We will publish the announcement of Innovation fund through official Facebook page of Marie stopes Nepal (<https://www.facebook.com/MarieStopesinNepal>) and its website <https://www.mariestopes.org.np> , Rockets and Space Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rocketsandspace>)and its website <http://rocketsandspace.com/>

5. Who can apply (eligible) for the innovation fund?

· Youth led organization, local youth club, school club, local adolescent groups, Y-peer working for adolescents, young people, youth, women, LGBTI and disability community on the issues of health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, sexuality education, GBV, gender equality and women empowerment can apply for the innovation fund.

5.1. **Target groups of the innovation fund:** The direct beneficiaries and stakeholders for the innovation fund will be -

Ø *Direct beneficiaries*

- Adolescents and young people in and out of school
- People from LGBTIQ community
- People living with disability
- People living with HIV/AIDs
- Young women and girls from the marginalized and poor community

Ø *Stakeholders*

- Local government
- Community gatekeepers – parents, teachers, religious leaders
- School management committee (SMC)
- Parent teacher association (PTA)

- Local youth club members
- Community based organization (CBOs)

6. How to submit an application for an Innovation Fund?

Application of innovative fund can be submitted through google drive after filling the required asked questions. Also, this can be submitted in the district's offices of Marie Stopes Nepal for those who have no access to internet.

In the normal situation, when there is no risk of COVID-19 infection and schools are reopened, the call for application can be submitted to the PEER educators or AFICs focal points of the respective schools.

7. Basic criteria for the selection of the application

- The application that will have innovative idea and approaches to reach-out to the targets groups mentioned above
- Organizations/ club / groups that are registered or not are welcomed to apply. However, registered youth organization will be given more priority.
- Organization working on SRHR or CSE (gender, violence, sexuality)
- Organization who can reach to adolescent of schools & community.
- Should submit all the document mentioned (Renewal certificate of organizations, list of executive team members, Banking Details)

8. How to know about the selection of Innovation Fund?

We will upload the name of selected organization/club through the Facebook page of Marie stopes Nepal and Rockets and space Facebook page. Also, the selected application will be approached for the further agreement process.

9. Timeline for the application and implementation of the innovation fund

9.1. Deadline of Innovation Fund: The application form needs to be submitted by 18th September ,11:59 pm sharp.

9.2. What is the amount of Innovation Fund?

Depending upon the concept and innovative ideas for the promotion of CSE at local level, the application can be submitted with the ranging from NPR. 50,000 – 100,000. Once the organization is selected and finalized, MSI will prepare a MOU with the selected organization to proceed further.

9.3. Deadline of the implementation of the activity

The application bidding organization will have 4 months for the implementation of the planned activities. The program is expected to close by the end of February.

9.4. Others required documents

- Renewal certificate of organizations.
- Tax Clearance letter
- List of executive team members
- Banking Details