

Guideline for CSE Innovative Fund

Introduction

MSI, with technical support from UNFPA, is implementing an Innovation Fund in six districts (Bajhang, Baitadi, Rukum East, Udaypur, Kapilvastu and Achham). This is part of the “Achieving Gender Equality through the Expansion of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)” funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and supported by UNFPA. The Innovation Fund aims at engaging and mobilising young people, both in and out of school, and promoting their understanding on the importance of CSE through an increased awareness on their sexuality, health and rights.

1. 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).

2. What is CSE Innovative 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) innovative 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, Rukum, Udaypur, Kapilvastu and Achham)

2.1. Objectives of the Innovative Fund

- Enhance leadership of the CSE Saathi and adolescents by engaging them into the community outreach activities on CSE through the innovative 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.

2.2. 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.

3. How to know about the Innovation Fund?

We will publish the announcement of Innovative fund through official Facebook page of **Marie stopes Nepal and its website, rocket and space Facebook page and its website**. (Link will be provided) Also, announcement will be made through local media/newspaper as per the need.

4. 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.

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

➤ **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

➤ **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)

5. How to submit application of Innovative 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.

6. 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)

7. How to know about the selection of Innovative Fund?

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

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

8.1. Deadline of Innovative Fund: 15 days from the date of call for application.

8.2. What is the amount of Innovative 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.

8.3. Deadline of the implementation of the activity

The application bidding organization will have about three months for the implementation of the planned activities. The program is expected to close by 31st November 2020

8.4. Others required documents

- Renewal certificate of organizations.
- List of executive team members

- Banking Details

Annex 1: Application Form of Innovation Fund

Name of School / youth club / Adolescent group	
Address	
Name of Focal teacher	
Name of CSE Saathi	
Name of Team members involved for project completion	
Name of the project	
Reach of the project	
Estimated Cost	

Describe your innovative idea about the CSE promotion / activity.

Please let us know how your idea about engaging female participants and mostly engaging with marginalized people like LGBTIs, and people with disability. Less than 500 words.

Please describe the methodology to implement this activity.

Mention three outcomes of this activity.

Mention required time duration for this activity.
Utilization of Budget