

Terms of Reference

Technical Support to SAAF Grantee Partners on safety and security

1. Background

The Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF) is the only global fund focused exclusively on the right to safe abortion. We provide funding and support to organisations in low- and middle-income countries to work on abortion advocacy campaigns, research, attitude-transformation, and the provision of safe, high quality abortion care. We recognize that positive change happens when people and organisations work together to learn from each other and share ideas.

Our mission is to support a vibrant global movement that works towards increasing access to safe abortion. Technical capacity strengthening is key to SAAF's grant making mechanism in support of the abortion movement globally. SAAF grantee partners are supported with external and internal resources that strengthen implementation of SAAF-funded projects and enhances organisational capacities and leads to more sustainable organizations and movements.

2. About SAAF grantee partners

SAAF grantee partners range from community-based organisations to medium size national-level organisations. They mostly operate in restrictive legal settings where abortion services are severely restricted and they face the risk of harassment, arrest, and both digital and physical attacks. In most settings, they also face an increasingly organised opposition movement that threatens their work as human rights defenders. Our grantee partner organisations are at different levels of knowledge and experience regarding digital and physical security, and the proposed capacity building approach must take this diversity into account.

3. Purpose and scope of work

The overall purpose is to provide technical support to SAAF grantee partners to respond to their capacity needs in relation so digital and physical security. The technical support provided will strive to achieve the following.

- a) Grantee partners organisations can identify and understand the range of digital and physical threats they face.
- b) Organisations gain the skills to conduct risk assessments for both digital and physical security and develop effective mitigation strategies.
- c) Organisations gain the skills to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of their security measures, allowing for continuous improvement.

The selected provider will design and implement the capacity strengthening actions on safety and security, to achieve purpose described above. Responsibilities will include developing engaging and interactive content, proposing ideal capacity building approaches (in person, virtual or hybrid),



implementing the proposed approaches and reporting outcomes to SAAF. The selected provider will receive support from SAAF throughout the planning and implementation stages.

We aim to have three cohorts.

- **Cohort 1 (approximately 8-11 organisations):** grantee partners in Anglophone Africa, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Asia, to be conducted in English.
- **Cohort 2 (approximately 5-7 organisations):** grantee partners in francophone Africa, to be conducted in French.
- **Cohort 3 (approximately 5-7 organisation):** grantee partners in Latin America, to be conducted in Spanish.

We will accept proposals from providers that can either work with all cohorts in all three languages, two languages or proposals focusing only on one cohort and language. SAAF is open regarding methodologies, which can include trainings, coaching, mentorships, or any other approach. Support can be provided in face-to-face, remotely or in a hybrid manner.

For in-person methodologies, all logistics will be handled and paid by SAAF directly, kindly only quote for the service.

4. Submission of proposal and financial quote

The consultants interested in submitting their proposal should prepare a detailed proposal, with a clear explanation of the proposed methodologies, a workplan, and a detailed budget in USD.

- For cohort 1, the budget should not exceed \$24,000.
- For cohort 2, the budget should not exceed \$15,000.
- For cohort 3, the budget should not exceed \$15,000.

5. Timelines and submission of proposal

The implementation timeline for this is preferred to be between May to September 2023. Please **submit your proposal to info@saafund.org addressing it to “Phonsina” by 30th of January 2024.** Should you have any questions or require clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.