

Call for Proposals Invitation Form

Programme Title: Integrated Security Fund Ukraine

Programme summary: As of February 2026, prosecution authorities have documented over 240,000 conflict-related offences, including more than 211,000 war crimes, with millions of victims and witnesses dispersed across the country and beyond, many outside the direct reach of justice institutions. Against this scale and fragmentation, the Coordination Centre for Victims and Witnesses within the Office of the Prosecutor General (CCVW OPG) and local units in regional prosecutors' offices need support to build structured outreach and communication mechanisms that enable consistent information-sharing, safe referrals, and sustained engagement with survivors across different channels and institutions.

This project will foster the implementation of a communication strategy for witnesses and survivors** of international crimes, to be introduced within the prosecution bodies in line with Ukraine's official Rule of Law Roadmap (Cabinet of Ministers [Resolution](#) No. 475r of 14 May 2025).

Max value of funding opportunity: (£) Up to £700,000

Expected grant start date: 01 October 2026

Expected grant end date: 31 March 2027

Could funding value be split into multiple awards? Yes ☐ No ☒

Region(s) and Sector(s): Ukraine

Contact: ISF Team/British Embassy Kyiv

*FCDO reserve the right to award to one or more organisation and the right to abandon this grant competition at any time without incurring costs.

**A note on language: In line with the language of Ukraine's Criminal Procedure Code, where this call refers to the formal name of CCVW OPG or its strategies the term 'victim' is used. Elsewhere we adopt the term 'survivors' in line with the Murad Code, noting that the terms 'victims' and 'survivors' can have different meanings in different settings and languages, and those who have experienced violence may prefer one term over the other, or neither.

A. Process and Timelines

This call for proposals is issued to non-profit organisations (NGOs/CSOs).

The British Embassy Kyiv invites proposals from non-profit organisations for project work under the Integrated Security Fund (ISF) Ukraine, for the period from 01 October 2026 to 31 March 2027.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **23:59 (Kyiv time) on 20 August 2026**.

This project will sit in the ISF Ukraine International Crimes Accountability (ICA) programme, one programme within a wider set of UK initiatives aiming to support criminal accountability for international crimes in Ukraine. The ICA programme primarily focuses on support to Ukraine's domestic accountability efforts.

This project aims to pilot and strengthen coordination models between the representatives of the CCVW OPG and its local units, prosecutors, local authorities, social services, NGOs, and other justice actors that enable consistent outreach, identification, and referral of survivors into support and justice pathways. The successful bidder will support the Centre to build coordinated, local-level partnerships that enable survivors to be reached and supported through multiple trusted

channels. Mechanisms should be established to ensure consistent outreach, communication, and referral pathways so survivors can safely access support across different institutions.

This initiative could target all 12 oblasts, where the Centre established regional offices OR as a pilot, this initiative could target a smaller number of oblasts of Ukraine out of the 12 testing local cooperation formats to create joined up pathways and identify opportunities for scalability of the approach. As witnesses and survivors are dispersed across Ukraine, with strong justification, bids will be considered for different oblasts across Ukraine. Bids should demonstrate how the pilot will anchor delivery through local partnerships, with a strong focus on community outreach capacity and sub granting/partnership models with local survivor-centred CSOs.

Project proposals should evidence the skills, experience and intended outputs needed to meet the following outcomes:

Pillar 1. Support to Coordination Centre for Victims and Witnesses within the Office of the Prosecutor General:

1. Increased trust in justice system by international crimes survivors and witnesses through timely access to clear information about their rights, procedure for participation in criminal proceedings and support mechanisms available.
2. Decreased stigmatisation of international crimes survivors through communication campaigns for the population and enhancing media literacy on survivor-centred approaches.
3. Core elements of the future Communication Strategy for victims and witnesses of international crimes are implemented including:
 - Ensuring the right of survivors and witnesses to accessible, clear, and timely information;
 - Minimizing risks of secondary victimization and ensuring safe, respectful, and trauma-informed communication;
 - Ensuring awareness of protection measures, available support mechanisms, and referral pathways;
 - Building trust in the justice system and support institutions through coordinated, transparent, and responsible communication;
 - Ensuring inter-institutional coordination in the field of communication and support for survivors and witnesses;
 - Ensuring safe information and engagement of survivors and witnesses in the documentation of war crimes and other international crimes;
 - Supporting the preservation of survivors' stories and promoting recognition of harm suffered.

Pillar 2. Support to the Local Units for Victims and Witnesses in Regional Prosecutors' Offices and local efforts:

1. Improved coordination at regional (oblast) level between the Local Units for Victims and Witnesses, prosecutors, pre-trial investigation authorities, courts, and partner organizations, with basic interaction protocols, shared communication frameworks, and information-sharing practices.
2. Increased survivor access to support and information, including legal, psychosocial, and social services, through more joined-up local responses.
3. Models of intersectoral cooperation are tested, with coordinated approaches to communication with survivors and witnesses of international crimes, providing an evidence base for scaling them nationally
4. Core elements of the future 'Communication Strategy for Victims and Witnesses of International Crimes' (see above) are implemented at regional level where relevant.

Only non-profit organisations are invited to send Proposals. This call for proposals is open for International Organisations (IOs), International non-governmental organisations (INGOs) and local civil society organisations (CSOs), consortium CSO applications will also be considered or as a primary grantee with identified local sub grantees.

Successful bids should clearly evidence project outputs linked to stated outcomes and should clearly identify how the change will be brought about. All proposals should make clear how they complement existing activities supported by other donors and international partners, and how work in the regions complements national level activity.

The indicative maximum funding for this project is £700,000. This may be in addition to co-funding and self-funding contributions. Projects must be implemented and all payments made by 31 March 2027. The Proposals should make clear how they will plan for an exit stage of the project and the transfer of capacity and capability building provided through the project lifetime. Proposals are encouraged to describe how their project could be further scaled up if additional funding became available.

B. Criteria for evaluating proposals

Proposals should be sent to the British Embassy Kyiv at Kyiv.Projects@fcdo.gov.uk by **23:59 (Kyiv time) on 20 August 2026**. In the subject line, please indicate “ICA Programme” and the name of the organisation. We aim to evaluate proposals by mid-September. Approved projects will commence in October 2026, earlier if feasible.

Questions and clarifications are accepted by email by 17:00 on 03 August. All questions and clarifications will be collected and published by 07 August. In the subject line, please indicate “Question re ICA Programme” and the name of the organisation.

The British Embassy Kyiv will carry out due diligence of potential grantees, including seeking references, as part of the selection process.

Call for proposals is competitive and only one selected project will receive funding. The Embassy reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant(s) of the grounds of such acceptance or rejection or provide feedback on unsuccessful proposals. If organizations are not contacted by 30 September, they have been unsuccessful in this round.

Criteria	Score
Fit to objectives – the extent to which the proposal addresses the issues	35
Quality of the project - how well defined and relevant the outcome is and how outputs will deliver this change; ability to leverage bigger funding would be an advantage.	25
Budget/value for money – All costs are clearly identified and structured in ABB; the value of the expected project outcomes, the level of funding requested and institutional contribution; budget represents Value for Money, including fair procurement practices, efficient use of resources, competitive/fair rates.	15

Demonstrable relevant experience – strong operational experience of working in Ukraine; evidence of the project team’s understanding of the issue and its regional context; experience working with proposed beneficiaries and stakeholders and the ability to manage and deliver a successful project, demonstrated through the organisation’s, its partners, and the core team’s experience to date in this area or closely related fields.	20
Conflict and Gender-sensitive approach, including understanding of and adherence to programme delivery and engagement with BE Kyiv, and alignment with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.	5
Overall Total	100

c. Format for Technical Proposal

The narrative part of the Proposal consists of two documents, both of which should be submitted:

1. The standard Project Proposal: the template is available as **Annex B**.
2. The Logical Framework: the suggested format is available as **Annex C**. It is also possible to provide the logical framework in an alternative similar format.

Suggested Length

The recommended page length: 10-15 pages (max 15). Please do try and keep to within that limit. Please use font size 12 and font type Arial.

Proposals should include:

- Delivery approach,
- How implementation will be carried out,
- Activities,
- Prioritisation of outputs,
- Expected results
- Identification of risks and proposed mitigation.
- M&E plans

Organisations should consider how their proposal aligns clearly with the stated outcomes of the project. Please include an indication of what KPIs might look like over the 6 months of delivery.

Please ensure that the proposal includes any relevant experience and successes of the organisation. Please also include if you have experience in managing FCDO funds. Please include details of the proposed team structure and capacity to deliver the project within the timeframe. It should be noted that the project may require registration with key beneficiaries. If already known, please set out the likely profiles of key individuals and composition of the management team. You may include this in a separate annex. Please ensure the proposal covers how the project will ensure benefits are sustained once the project funding ends.

The FCDO will expect regular meetings with the organisation and to be consulted on the strategic direction and prioritisation across the project. You may wish to set out your suggestions for close working and governance arrangements.

Successful proposals **must demonstrate Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)**

Category D (please see description of all GESI Categories in Annex A), i.e. The project team has conducted a gendered analysis. Findings from this gender analysis have informed the design of the project and to ensure the project does no harm. Gender equality is an important objective of the project, but not the principal reason for undertaking the project; the project has planned or provided significant contribution to furthering gender equality.

The Implementer must have robust safeguarding policies and implementation plans in place to ensure the protection of beneficiaries and to safeguard against sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment (SEAH).

All projects or activities **must align with the [Paris Agreement on Climate Change](#)** and assess climate and environmental impact and risks, taking steps to ensure that no environmental harm is done and, where relevant, support adaptation.

D. Format for Financial Proposal

The standard Activity Based Budget (ABB, MS Excel Spreadsheet) template is available in **Annex D**. We will not consider proposals submitted in other formats. Budgets must be Activity Based Budgets (ABB), **all costs should be indicative, in GBP (not Ukrainian Hryvna)**. FCDO suggests using [OANDA](#). The costs eligibility guidance can be found in **Annex E**.

Successful implementers should be able to receive project funding in GBP (UK pound sterling) and open a **GBP bank account for the project**.

All project management, project administration, and overhead costs should be detailed and combined are not expected to exceed 15% of total budget. Budgeting overheads as a flat percentage is not supported, and any such costs should be fully detailed in the budget. We are unable to fund academic courses or academic research, English language courses, the purchase of IT or other equipment over £1,000 per item will require prior approval of the Embassy, but such procurement should not constitute a significant part of the overall project budget.

E. Annexes

- A. GESI Marker Guidance
- B. Proposal Template
- C. Results Framework
- D. Project Activity Based Budget
- E. Programme Expenditure Eligible Cost Guidance