



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
IMPLEMENTING VIEWS FROM FRONTLINE (VFL) 2019
AS
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

Application Deadline: 06/01/2019

1. Background

Views from Frontline (VFL) remains one of the largest global programmes which reviews and strengthens disaster risk reduction at the local level. GNDR launched this global monitoring initiative in [2009](#), involving over 500 organisations across 69 countries to lead a participatory local monitoring process measuring the progress of the Hyogo Framework for Action in strengthening community resilience. VFL was subsequently implemented worldwide again in [2011](#) and in [2013](#), and evolved into the *Frontline* programme in 2015. It has, to date, gathered the views of over 85,000 stakeholders across 129 countries.

VFL has been instrumental in initiating dialogues at the local level, raising awareness and deepening understanding of risks and resilience. ‘Local Partners stated “they understand their own communities better because of the *Frontline* programme” [VFL-19 The legacy of an organisation like GNDR helping local CSOs to understand their local communities better in relation to DRR should be seen as a great success’ (External Evaluation of the *Frontline* Project).

VFL processes have brought in key recommendations for the post-2015 DRR framework. These recommendations were subsequently used to inform GNDR’s report ‘Reality Check-Impact at the Frontline’, which served as GNDR’s key advocacy position leading up to and during the World Conference on DRR (WCDRR) in Sendai, Japan.

As mentioned by a UNISDR representative as part of the *Frontline* evaluation, “there is way more awareness of DRR than fifteen years ago – more of an interest at high level discussions where Sendai planning raised that awareness – GNDR has contributed in bringing community voices to those high level discussions”.

As a result of these recommendations and the joint advocacy from CSOs across the world, the Sendai Framework for DRR (SFDRR) specifically states the importance of including local actors in risk governance, and instructs states to invest in multi-stakeholder approaches.

1.1 Views from Frontline 2019

VFL 2019 will be implemented in 50 countries across Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean and Africa. It will capture the local perspectives on risk and resilience, but also monitor the extent to which local actors are included in resilience planning processes. It will establish a local baseline and local monitoring process to measure progress towards achieving an inclusive, ‘people-centered’ approach to resilience-building, as promoted within the SFDRR and associated frameworks. VFL 2019 will help the communities to reflect upon the threats and barriers to resilience. The analysis and trends shall help the communities to

develop their action plans towards building resilience. The outcome of the process will involve not only communities but also all the key stakeholders across levels, to understand the gaps between policies and practices at the local level.

The overall objective of the program is to strengthen the inclusion of, and systematic collaboration between governments, at risk people, and civil society in the design and implementation of DRR and resilience policies and practices.

The specific objectives are:

- Increased access to actionable, timely and disaggregated local data
- Increased capacities of local actors to engage in resilience actions
- Increased use of local data in resilience-building processes
- Increased engagement between different actors in resilience building processes

1.2 Objective of the Call for Application

Participatory Development Action Program (PDAP) is looking for Partner Organisations (POs) in each of the 50 countries to implement VFL 2019 in close collaboration with Participatory Development Action Program. The specific objective of this Call for Application is to identify these organisations.

2. Eligibility Criteria

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1. **Be a not-for-profit organisation with a national legal status of operation in the country.** This can include non-government organisations or grassroots organisations or, potentially, local government bodies such as municipalities, etc.

2. **Be a GNDR Member**

The applicant must be a GNDR member at the time of submitting the application. You can apply to become a member at <https://www.gndr.org/members/join-us>.

3. **Be entitled to accept funds from the NCO**

The applicant must have the competencies and capacities to manage the funds appropriately as per the conditions provided by the NCO.

4. **Have connections with other local civil society organisations and have access to the local stakeholders of the communities**

The PO must have access to local stakeholders in the communities to:

- Engage with the local communities and the local actors

5. **Have specific knowledge and experience to:**

- Work on developing the resilience of communities through specific interventions

6. **Have operational capacities to:**

- Work according to the agreed workplans, report deliverables, monitor the budgets and maintain operational effectiveness of the project.
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