Frequently asked questions about the Global Perspectives Facility

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1. What is the Global Perspectives Facility?
The Global Perspectives Facility supports civil society organisations and citizen initiatives that contribute to greater visibility, civic engagement and dialogue on women's rights and the rights of minorities within the context of international cooperation. The facility provides funding for projects that raise awareness of these issues in the Netherlands, link practical experiences to Dutch policy and contribute to the societal and political debate.

2. What does the facility aim to achieve?
The facility aims to contribute to greater societal and political awareness of women's rights and the rights of minorities within the context of international cooperation. It does this by raising the visibility of knowledge and experiences from different parts of the world, strengthening Parliament's knowledge base, and deepening dialogue among civil society organisations, the public, and policymakers.

3. What themes does the facility focus on?
The helpdesk focuses on five interrelated issues:

- Raising the visibility of international efforts to combat violence against women and support women's rights defenders.
- Strengthening the Women, Peace and Security agenda.
- Raising awareness of the rights of minorities.
- Linking practical experience at local level in partner countries with Dutch policymaking.
- Informing policymakers and engaging in dialogue with them, including members of parliament.

4. Which organisations and initiatives are eligible to apply?
The facility is intended for civil society organisations and citizen initiatives whose activities contribute to the objectives of the Global Perspectives Facility. Depending on the type of organisation or initiative and the nature of the project, they may apply via one of the two funding tracks. Organisations that are not members of Partos or Partin may also submit an application, provided they meet the conditions of the relevant funding track.

- **Track 1** is intended for civil society organisations in the Netherlands and in low- and middle-income countries that are active in development cooperation.
  Applications must meet the organisational criteria set out in the ORIA and the Partos 9001 standard.

- **Track 2** is intended for citizen initiatives working in the field of development cooperation that wish to contribute to greater social engagement and awareness through activities in the Netherlands.

5. What is the difference between the two tracks?
The facility comprises two complementary tracks:

- **Track 1 – Civil society organisations: Strategic policy advocacy and dialogue.** This track supports civil society organisations that wish to draw attention to women's rights and the rights of minorities within international cooperation through policy advocacy, lobbying, knowledge exchange and dialogue.
- **Track 2 – Citizen initiatives: Civic engagement and awareness.** This track supports citizen initiatives in the Netherlands that aim to bring these issues closer to people and society and contribute to greater knowledge, awareness and public support.

6. Can organisations from low- and middle-income countries submit an application?
Yes. Organisations from low- and middle-income countries can submit an application for Track 1, in partnership with a Dutch organisation. This allows practical experiences and perspectives to be linked to policy advocacy and dialogue in the Netherlands.

7. How much funding can I apply for?
This varies depending on the funding track:

- **Track 1:** civil society organisations can apply for up to € 300.000 for a project period of up to three years.
- **Track 2:** citizen initiatives can apply for approximately € 5.000 for activities over a period of twelve months.

8. Which activities are eligible?
There is scope for a range of activities that contribute to the facility's objectives. These include, for example, strategic policy advocacy and lobbying, knowledge-sharing sessions, the exchange of experiences, coalition-building, public events and activities aimed at raising public awareness.
It is important that the activities align with the facility's themes and objectives. Gender, climate and *Do No Harm* are also key areas of focus.

9. *What is meant by the key considerations of gender, climate and Do No Harm?*
When submitting and implementing a project, it is important to take gender, climate and the *Do No Harm* principle into account.

This means that, as an applicant, you should consider questions such as: What role do gender and climate play within my project? What positive or negative effects might the activities have? And how can I prevent people, communities or their environment from suffering unintended harm?

Not every project needs to focus on all three topics. However, we do expect you to assess which topics are relevant to your project and how you will take them into account. Preventing potential harm is always a key requirement in this regard.
The precise details of these considerations and what they mean for applicants will be announced when the facility opens.

10. When can I submit an application?
The Global Perspective Facility is expected to be officially launched in mid-February 2027. The first application rounds for both tracks will also begin at that time. Applicants will have approximately four weeks to submit a short project pitch once they have met the basic requirements:
Track 1: a project pitch of no more than two pages (two-pager).
Track 2: a project pitch of one page (one-pager).
Following an initial assessment and selection, it is expected that 10 to 15 candidates per track will be invited to the next stage. For Track 1, the selected organisations will develop their pitch into a full project proposal. For Track 2, selected initiatives will be invited to peer-to-peer sessions, where they will exchange experiences and learn from one another. These sessions will support them in further developing their project proposals.
View the roadmap for Track 1 and Track 2 for an overview of the various steps and the timetable.

11. How are applications assessed?
Applications are assessed against the conditions and criteria of the relevant funding track. An independent selection committee makes the final decisions on the award of funding based on an assessment of the full project proposals. Decisions on the first round of applications are expected in June 2027. Applicants will then be notified of the outcome.

12. When can projects start and when must they be completed?
There is one call for proposals for Track 1. Projects may last for a maximum of three years and, following approval, are expected to start from June 2027. For Track 2, several funding rounds are planned: in February 2027, December 2027 and subsequently in 2028 and 2029. Projects within this track have a duration of twelve months. All activities under the Global Perspective Facility must be completed by June 2030 at the latest. The facility will run until the end of 2030.

13. How are projects supported during implementation?
The Global Perspective Facility aims to be more than just a funding instrument. Partos also encourages knowledge-sharing and collaboration between the funded projects. For Track 2, peer-to-peer sessions form part of the application procedure. In addition, Partos organises an annual networking event for civil society. There, organisations and initiatives share results and experiences and explore how they can strengthen one another.