

Global Security Fund Application: 2021/2022

All sections must be completed. Please keep the proposal under four pages (excl. budget), bullet points are acceptable, and send as a word document to Globalsecurityfund@mfat.govt.nz.

Project Title:	
Implementing Agency/Sponsor:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Bid amount: NZ\$ (<i>excl. NZ GST amounts</i>)	NZ\$ 60,226.85

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What is proposed? <i>Please keep this section to this page, and spell out acronyms at least once</i>	
Thematic focus area:	Gender-responsive peacekeeping and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in peacekeeping operations
Participating countries:	Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan, United Arab Emirates
Partner organisations:	Cairo International Centre for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCCPA). ¹
Project location/s:	Cairo, Egypt
Multi-year project: <i>If yes, provide details on phasing and anticipated annual costings.</i>	N/A
Start/End dates of the project: <i>Could these be influenced by someone else or are they concrete?</i>	June 2022 - December 2022

¹ CCCPA was established in 1994 under the auspices of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support peace efforts through "African solutions to African problems." CCCPA is an African Union center of excellence in training in peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and preventing radicalization and extremism leading to terrorism. Recent funders include the governments of Sweden and Japan.

Reimbursement for expenses or grant funding/upfront contribution towards expenses: <i>There must be a strong case for the latter.</i>	Upfront contribution towards expenses: funds are disbursed to UN agency (either UNDP or UN Women), which then disburses the funds to the CCCPA ahead of the project implementation.
Project Description and Objectives: <i>Briefly describe the key components of what is proposed, where, when, how and by whom. This section should provide a good understanding of the project.</i>	
This project seeks to advance the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda initiated by the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in 2000, through enhancing Arab countries' participation in peace operations and advancing gender-responsive peacekeeping. The CCCPA has proposed a project building on the successful Training of Trainers (ToT) course funded under the New Zealand Global Security Fund in 2018 and implemented by CCCPA in 2019 in association with UN Women. The 2018-19 project was directed at upskilling African peacekeeping trainers on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in peacekeeping operations, using CCCPA's expertise in the field of WPS and Peacekeeping, as the only civilian training center in the Arab region capable of delivering training courses in Arabic. The CCCPA is proposing to hold another training course that would constitute an evolution and expansion of the previous training by broadening the audience of the training from an African focus to focus on Arab male and female officials mandated to train/work in the field of UN Peacekeeping, and by broadening the contents of the training from focusing on the topic of Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, to covering the broader topic of Gender & Peacekeeping. This training would be delivered in Arabic for greatest impact. Additionally, to ensure the New Zealand element and experience is captured, should this application be approved, Post would reach out formally to the New Zealand Contingent Commander at the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai regarding the involvement of a female member of the New Zealand contingent in the programme to share her expertise and experiences in this area during the training. Post has already held informal discussions with the MFO, which was fully supportive of the initiative and has also alerted NZDF's gender officer in Wellington, who supports the project. NZDF Legal have been advised, which have promised to ensure that the officer is fully briefed on relevant UNSC provisions on gender, peace and security, assuming the GSF funding is secured. If for any reason due to logistical reasons a NZDF MFO presence would not be possible, as an alternative we propose Zooming a representative into the training from New Zealand. The MFO have confirmed support, so virtual attendance is not anticipated. The project will build on on-going efforts to build national Arab capacity to play meaningful, gender-sensitive roles in the field of peace support and peace keeping. This is particularly important in light of the Arab countries' significant efforts to enhance their participation in UN Peace Operations and contribute to increasing the protection of civilians, in particular women and girls in these settings.	

The project will demonstrate New Zealand and Egypt's commitment to advance the implementation of the WPS agenda, by tackling the issue of gender and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in peacekeeping operations.

Context:

UN peacekeepers are deployed to restore and help create the conditions for sustainable peace. Both the WPS agenda and the UN Secretary General's Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) Initiative shed light on the critical role of female peacekeepers in achieving operational effectiveness in dangerous environments around the world. Similarly, gender-responsive peacekeeping has been highlighted as a key priority given the need to consider women's vulnerabilities in these settings, including their exposure to risks of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).

Significant efforts are underway in the UN to prevent and eliminate SEA in peacekeeping operations. In 2012, the UN launched its zero-tolerance policy, urging all Member States deploying peacekeepers to hold perpetrators accountable. UN Security Council resolution 2272 (2016) demands the replacement of contingents from countries failing to hold perpetrators accountable for sexual exploitation/abuse. In 2017, the Secretary-General developed a new strategy to achieve measurable improvements in the prevention and response to SEA. These efforts underscore the importance and significance of enhancing training and capacity building activities for military, police and civilian professionals deployed to UN peacekeeping or peace support missions.

Key Outcomes and Deliverables: *Identify 1) the expected specific and measureable outcomes of the project 2) how the proposal fits with the three objectives of the GSF (refer to the GSF Guidelines for further detail) and 3) if MFAT, the relevant priority deliverables of the Strategic Framework.*

The project will seek to achieve the above objectives by building capacities (training) of 10 (both male and female) Arab participants and raising awareness of the centrality of the WPS agenda to efforts aimed at preventing conflict, keeping and sustaining peace.

The project proposes training to be delivered by CCCPA, in Cairo, between June and December 2022. The training will take place over the course of 4 days and will cover the following topics relevant to UN peacekeeping mandates (1) WPS-Gender dimension and women empowerment, (2) Protection of Civilians, (3) UN Code of Conduct and Standards on the Prohibition of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), (4) Consequences of SEA, and Reporting SEA.

Specifically, the project will capitalize on CCCPA's regional expertise and network of partners to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Enhancing engagement of Arab components participating in UN Peacekeeping, which contributes to the first GSF objective to enhance New Zealand's security by supporting bilateral, regional and global initiatives that promote peace and stability.
2. Strengthening national Arab capacity in the area of gender in Peacekeeping, which contributes to the second GSF objective to improve the capabilities of

partner governments to respond to security threats that could impact regional and global stability.

3. Experience-sharing between the different Arab countries and New Zealand (through the participation of NZDF) on challenges and opportunities as it relates to the WPS agenda, which contributes to the third GSF objective to help strengthen bilateral relations and support New Zealand's participation in regional and global fora in relation to security goals or objectives.

Support for this project will contribute to the Ministry's strategic objectives in advancing and protecting the security and safety of New Zealand and New Zealanders in particular through contributing to NZ's participation in international military and peace support operations contributing to a more stable environment. It also aligns with MEA's Africa Strategy and is a priority project for MEA this year.

How will the project be reported on? *A GSF report is a minimum requirement. Additional reporting from agency or division, media?*

CCCPA will prepare the GSF Final Report Back which will be reviewed by CAI Post.

Consultation and existing support for the project: *Note who has been consulted (including the relevant Post or managers, and whether they agree), any existing GSF support, or support from other donors).*

The MEA Division has been consulted and supports this project. This project has been included as a possible deliverable for the CAI post as part of the 2022 Africa Strategy.

Post also has consulted with the Contingent Commander of the NZCON (Operation Farad) at the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai, who fully supports the initiative and has also alerted NZDF's gender officer in Wellington, who also supports the project. Several possible candidates have been identified from the incoming contingent (scheduled to arrive into Egypt in May 2022) who could participate in the project.

Risk Management: *Identify risks that needs to be addressed and how will they be managed i.e. timings, availability, overspending.*

1. Volatile exchange rates and changes in air ticket prices may result in extra savings or costs to the project. CCCPA will regularly update exchange rates and budget of activities in order to anticipate extra-/under-spending.

2. Delays in the implementation of project activities/time constraints. CCCPA will develop a detailed work-plan that will form the basis of monitoring progress in the implementation of the planned activities. CCCPA will also keep the New Zealand

Embassy in Cairo regularly informed of developments and any delays to take necessary action in due time.

3. Participation gender imbalance. CCCPA determines the selection criteria of participants prior to each training to ensure that participants are well suited/eligible to attend the training. CCCPA engages with nominating institutions to encourage larger female participation. In the case of this training, relevant male participants will also be required to attend.

4. The uncertainty of the length of the COVID-19 pandemic is making it difficult to plan the implementation of in-person training courses, workshops and conferences. CCCPA has the ability to switch to an online modality should it be unsafe to host activities in person. This is unlikely to happen, as most projects of this nature in Egypt have returned to in person training.

Cross-cutting issues: *Are there any relevant gender, human rights or security considerations?*

This project supports the rights of women and girls and their wider communities by increasing their security during peacekeeping operations, and increasing awareness about the differentiated needs of women in armed conflict settings. Women are involved in forming this training material and delivering it to ensure that it takes into account the experiences and approaches of both men and women. A thorough gender analysis underpins the course programme.

Detailed budget breakdown: *Outline of what GSF funding will contribute towards i.e. accommodation, venue hire, visa fees, insurance, flights. If MFAT/NZ agencies, please use MFAT travel/per diem rates). Do not include a contingency.*

- Air-tickets for 10 participants from different Arab countries: NZ\$ 11,887.29
- Accommodation and Meals for participants from different Arab countries: NZ\$ 13,137.94
- Equipment Rental (sound system, projector etc): NZ\$ 10,559.33
- Ground Transportation Costs: NZ\$ 1,093.63
- Conference Facilities and Related Costs for 4 days: NZ\$ 3,956.09
- Other costs: NZ\$ 13,481.04
- Management Fees/Overheads (10%): NZ\$ 5,411.53
- NZCON speaker costs: NZ\$ 700 (air-ticket NZ\$ 250 , 1 hotel night NZ\$ 250, translation NZ\$ 200)

Total: NZ\$ 60,226.85

*Participants will cover their own Egyptian visa and travel insurance costs.

If approved, the project owner is responsible for ensuring:

- the correct cost code and project number issued by the GSF Administrator, is used for all expenses and communication covered by the application;
- the funding is disbursed in accordance with MFAT policies;
- an activity completion report, including a full budget reconciliation, is submitted within six weeks of completion of the activity; and
- all invoices are forwarded to the GSF Administrator promptly, copying in the Manager.