



Call for Project Proposals: Supporting Community-Based Initiatives to Prevent Violent Extremism in Al-Muthana Governorate

Deadline for Submissions: October 10, 2025

Introduction

Al-Mesalla Organization for Human Resources Development, in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the National Committee for Preventing Violent Extremism in Iraq, invites local NGOs registered with the NGO Directorate to submit proposals for community-led initiatives aimed at operationalizing Al-Muthana local action plans to prevent violent extremism (PVE).

Available Funding

- Number of Grants: 2 per governorate
- Grant Amount: IQD 3,930,000 per selected initiative
- Each organization may apply for one grant only per governorate, and must maintain an active presence (i.e., an operational office) within Wasit.

Objectives of the Grant

- Prevent violent extremism at the community level.
- Contribute directly to the governorate-level PVE Action Plan in coordination with the relevant committee.
- Promote active leadership by women and youth in efforts to counter violent extremism.



- Build local capacity in peacebuilding and social cohesion.
- Generate lessons learned on effective community-based PVE approaches.
- Address and counter hate speech, sectarian rhetoric, discrimination, and incitement.
- Promote social inclusion and cohesion in the face of division and provocation.

How to Apply

Applications must be completed in two steps:

1. Fill out the online application form with details about your organization and proposed initiative: <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/EDbHM5Gq>
1. Submit the proposed budget using the official template provided to: grant@mesalla.org

Eligibility Criteria

- Be a locally registered NGO in Iraq.
- Have proven presence and operational capacity within Al-Muthana.
- Apply for only one grant in one governorate.
- Demonstrate experience in peacebuilding, youth engagement, women's empowerment, community development, or conflict resolution.
- Priority will be given to women- and youth-led organizations (minimum 40%).
- Be capable of responsible financial management and regular reporting.

Financial and Administrative Requirements

- Submit a certified financial report for 2024 (or the latest available fiscal year).
- Comply fully with Al-Mesalla's policies and procedures.
- Budget must not exceed IQD 3,930,000.
- No more than 20% of the total budget may be allocated to coordinators, facilitators, or trainers.



- Budgets must be detailed, realistic, and justified using the official template.

Thematic Focus Areas

1. **Capacity Building for Committee Members**

Develop and implement specialized, continuous training programs for committee members to ensure they remain aligned with updates from the Central Committee. This will enhance their effectiveness and operational performance.

2. **Enhancing Educational Staff Qualifications**

Launch a capacity-building initiative targeting art and physical education teachers, aiming to strengthen their role in channeling students' energy into constructive activities that foster well-rounded personal development.

3. **Raising Awareness of Digital Risks**

Organize interactive workshops, in collaboration with youth and sports forums, to educate young people on the dangers of online exploitation, hate speech, and other digital threats.

4. **Supporting Communities Affected by Climate Change**

Design and implement economic and social empowerment programs for families displaced by climate change. These programs should provide sustainable alternatives while preventing the exploitation of vulnerable populations.

5. **Promoting Public Awareness**

Produce and widely disseminate visual media content—including short films and video clips—to simplify and communicate the goals of the National Strategy to Combat Violent Extremism, ensuring the message reaches diverse segments of society.

Key Dates

- Applications open: September 29, 2025
- Submission deadline: October 10, 2025
- Implementation deadline: No later than November 30, 2025



- Late submissions will not be considered.

Selection Process

A joint evaluation committee will review applications based on:

- Relevance to PVE Action Plan (30%)
- Clarity and feasibility of design (25%)
- Impact and sustainability (20%)
- Organizational & financial capacity (15%)
- Gender/youth inclusion & conflict sensitivity (10%)

Final grantees will be notified by October 15, 2025.

Grantee Responsibilities

- Sign a grant agreement with AI-Mesalla.
- Fully comply with all grant-related policies and reporting requirements.

Contact

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