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NGO Forum Small Grants Facility

In September 2009, the sexual and reproductive health community convened in Berlin, at the NGO Forum, to reinforce and strengthen their commitment to the ICPD programme of action. The outcomes of the NGO Forum were articulated in: The [Berlin Call to Action](#), which outlines the main actions which donors and governments must take to honour the commitments to universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, made in the ICPD and the Millennium Development Goals. The second outcome document, the [Strategic Options for NGOs \(SONGS\)](#) outlines strategies and actions that civil society can take to help implement these commitments.

The NGO Forum aims to stimulate grassroots activism and to renew international commitments to SRHR and the ICPD programme of action. The [Berlin Call to Action](#) and [SONGS](#) are useful advocacy tools for NGOs. We know that there are few resources for advocacy at country level, but sometimes small amounts of money can make a large difference. The NGO Forum Small Grants Facility aims to provide small grants to civil society organizations to take forward the [Berlin Call to Action](#) and [SONGS](#). They will provide seed money for strategic and targeted activities as part of country led initiatives to promote the Berlin call to action and one or more of the MDGs, particularly MDG 5.

The grants will be \$10,000, or EUR 7,000. Plus a 10% contribution from the grantee. **CSOs from the south that participated in, or applied to participate** in the 2009 NGO Forum are eligible to apply.

Key principles of the NGO Forum Small Grants Facility

Objective:

Build the capacity of NGOs (Particularly from the South) to strategically engage with and take forward the [Berlin Call to Action](#), including sharing good practise and lessons learned

Each grant should link to one of the [SONGS](#) priority areas for NGO action:

- Monitor, evaluate and hold governments donors, financial institutions, multi lateral agencies and for profit health organizations accountable to commitments on SRHR for all
- Influence policy outcomes to ensure SRHR for all
- Strengthen partnerships, coalition building and harmonization of actions and strategies
- Strengthen civil society and constituency engagement and refine the role of NGOs in reporting SRHR for all
- Develop evidence –based advocacy messages and strengthen communications strategies to promote SRHR for all

Each grant should demonstrate:

- Relevance to country led advocacy for realizing the demands set out in the [Berlin Call to Action](#)

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- Have a clear expected advocacy outcome; including (1) a message and a request for change; (2) the names of political actors and decision makers to be targeted

Each grant can be for one of two thematic areas:

- Capacity building of national advocacy
- Advocacy targeted at national, regional or global events

Together these different advocacy campaigns will make an overall contribution to political and financial commitment for sexual and reproductive health and rights. They will contribute to upholding the commitments made in 1994 and renewed in 2009, and meeting the MDGs. Applications can be submitted in English, Spanish or French.

Download the application guidelines and form at: <http://www.globalngoforum.de/home/> Or email songsfund@ippf.org

The deadline for applications is **Midnight 3 June 2010**.