

Technical Sheet

ISESCO Prize of Literacy and Non-formal Education (LNFE) for civil society organizations and NGOs

I. Context:

Despite the efforts invested by the Member States and the international community, most recent evaluations have shown that youth and adult illiteracy as well as non-schooling and dropping out among a group of children at school age constitute major challenges to the education systems of many Islamic countries. Such situation has a negative impact on the development of these countries in the present and in the future.

Being aware of this appalling situation, ISESCO has, within its new vision of literacy which is part of the international Post 2015 agenda for literacy, given a major importance to the promotion of best practices in youth and adult literacy and non-formal education (NFE) of unschooled and out-of-school children who are at school age.

In this regard, the Organization will, under its 2016-2018 Action Plan, continue to award its Prize for literacy through linking the praiseworthy literacy activities carried out by NGOs and civil society for the youth and adults with the commendable achievements in non-formal education for unschooled and out-of-school children.

This Prize is awarded on annual basis, alternately, to the Member States, following the three working languages of ISESCO (Arabic, English and French).

II. Objectives:

- Promoting literacy and non-formal education good practices, particularly those carried out by NGOs and civil society associations.

III. Expected results:

- Strengthening the Member States' capacities in developing literacy and non-formal education policies, strategies and plans;
- Providing annual support for pilot literacy and NFE experiences NGOs and civil society associations.

IV. Terms of participation:

Submissions should contain the following:

a. Literacy or NFE programme by NGOs or civil society associations

- Priority will be accorded to pilot and sustainable experiences in literacy or NFE;
- Previous significant and praiseworthy activities in literacy or NFE;
- Spreading Islamic teachings and values is appreciated.

b. Quantitative results

- Number of beneficiaries (learners in literacy of NFE centers, neo-literates, management and supervision staff);
- Educational materials for literacy/ teaching and post-literacy / product training (manuals, films, slides...);
- Longitudinal Statistics (Presentation of the evolution of actions over time).

c. Qualitative results

- Professional impact
- Socio-economic impact
- Cultural impact (language, religion, etc.)

d. Sensitization activities

Existence of a social mobilization strategy for support of the programme of literacy and extension of its activities to the following levels:

- Local;
- National;
- Regional.

e. Costs and funding sources

f. Existence of an evaluation strategy

- Internal
- External

g. Existence of a programming strategy in light of the evaluation process

NB: Please attach a copy of the action plan as well as illustrations of the main implemented actions.

Full name and contact details of two references

V. Presentation and selection of submissions:

- a. The competent party in the country which is in charge of contact with ISESCO will send the submission selected at the national level.
- b. ISESCO will set up a commission which will be in charge of selecting the winning literacy experience for which it will award the Prize on September, 8th 2016, in commemoration of the International Literacy Day;
- c. Submissions should be sent no later than 30 June 2016.
- d. The prize will not be awarded in case of invalid submissions.

VI. Prize:

A unique prize worth five thousand dollars (US\$5.000) along with a certificate of merit granted by ISESCO.

VII. Address:

Submissions should be sent by the competent party to the following address:

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