TOOL 4: Gender equality assessment framework for potential partners

CATEGORY		YES	NO	N/A	NOTES
Decision-making	 Does gender equality and/or empowerment of women and girls feature in the organization's mission and/or the vision statement? (Confirm via website or request to see documentation). 				
	Does the organization specifically report on gender equality or women's empowerment in official documents (e.g. annual reports, donor reports, etc.)?				
	3. Does the organization have a corporate gender equality policy (i.e. an institutionally agreed/approved framing document with clear language on their commitment to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment)?				
	4. Does the organization take active measures to ensure the protection of women against physical/psychological violence, intimidation, and sexual harassment in the workplace? (Does it have a Prevention of Workplace Harassment Policy and/or Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Policy with personnel training?)				
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	6. Does the organization take active measures to ensure the protection of children and adolescents against physical/psychological violence, intimidation, and sexual harassment in research and programming activities? (Does the organization have a Child Safeguarding Policy?)				



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Leadership, capacity, and resources to promote gender equality	7. Is there a balance (ideally, 50/50) of women and men in leadership positions, especially in the upper echelons of the organization's hierarchy (e.g. executive senior management, board management)?				
	8. Does the organization have a qualified gender specialist, gender champion, gender focal point and/or another staff member whose main responsibility it is to mainstream gender equality into policy and/or programs?				
	9. Does the organization's budget, financial and annual reports feature budget lines explicitly associated with gender equality activities or results?				
Programming for gender equality	10. Does the organization regularly conduct sex- and gender-based gender assessments/landscape analyses prior to the development of projects?				
	11. Do the organization's programs/projects typically include gender responsive outcomes specifically related to gender equality?				
	12. Does the organization aim to: a) mainstream gender equality into its all of its programming, or b) have specific programs/projects focused on gender equality?				
Learning and knowledge management	13. Does the organization produce publications, case studies, communication material focused on gender equality? If so, are women, men, boys, girls, and those in vulnerable or marginalized populations portrayed without stereotypes? (Is consent obtained by those being photographed? How are women and girls portrayed? Are alternative gender power relations promoted (i.e. positive masculinities, non-traditional female roles etc.)?				
	14. Does the organization offer gender equality training to its staff or other opportunities to strengthen their knowledge of gender issues (e.g. attending women's conferences and networking events, etc.)?				



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External relations	15. Does the organization have partnerships or informal working relationships with women's rights organizations, gender equality experts and advocates, or members of the national women's machinery?				
Optional questions	16. Are there any economic, political, or social constraints that prevent the organization from pursuing gender equality objectives? What are they?				
	17. Does the organization's human resource policy contain any guidelines with explicit reference to gender equality (e.g. pay equity, parental leave, equitable recruitment practices, etc.)?				
	18. Have the staff in the organization expressed interested in learning, investigating, and addressing gender equality issues? If so, at what level (institutional, programs, donor requirements, etc.)?				

