



Who We Are

The **Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund** (WPHF) is a global partnership designed to accelerate action and support for women's participation, leadership and empowerment in humanitarian response and peace and security settings. WPHF mobilizes critical financing for local women-led and women's rights organizations to prevent conflict and sexual and gender-based

violence, respond to crises and emergencies, and seize key peacebuilding opportunities. Since its launch in 2016, WPHF has established itself as a highly relevant and credible multi-partner trust fund, channeling urgently-needed funds to local and grassroots civil-society organizations working on women, peace and security and humanitarian action around the world.



Financing women peacebuilders and first-responders on the front lines.

A Global Challenge

Humanitarian crises and threats to peace and security are realities in every region of the world, and are increasingly urgent in nature and scale. Women play critical roles as first responders and peacebuilders in fragile settings. They mediate disputes, diffuse tensions, transform and save lives in the hardest to reach places.

Despite this, their work is consistently underfunded and often goes unrecognized. More than two decades after UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security (2000) established women's right to full participation in peace and security decision-making, women's participation remains minimal, and financial resources fall far short of political commitments. Funds often fail to reach the most vulnerable—

including women's organizations on the front lines. Of the total bilateral aid targeting fragile countries from 2016–2017, only USD 82 million was channeled directly to local women's organizations—accounting for a meager 0.2 per cent of total bilateral aid.¹

An unquestionable evidence base has emerged over the past decade demonstrating that women's meaningful participation expands the reach and impact of humanitarian aid, accelerates economic recovery, advances gender equality, prevents radicalization and results in more sustainable peace.

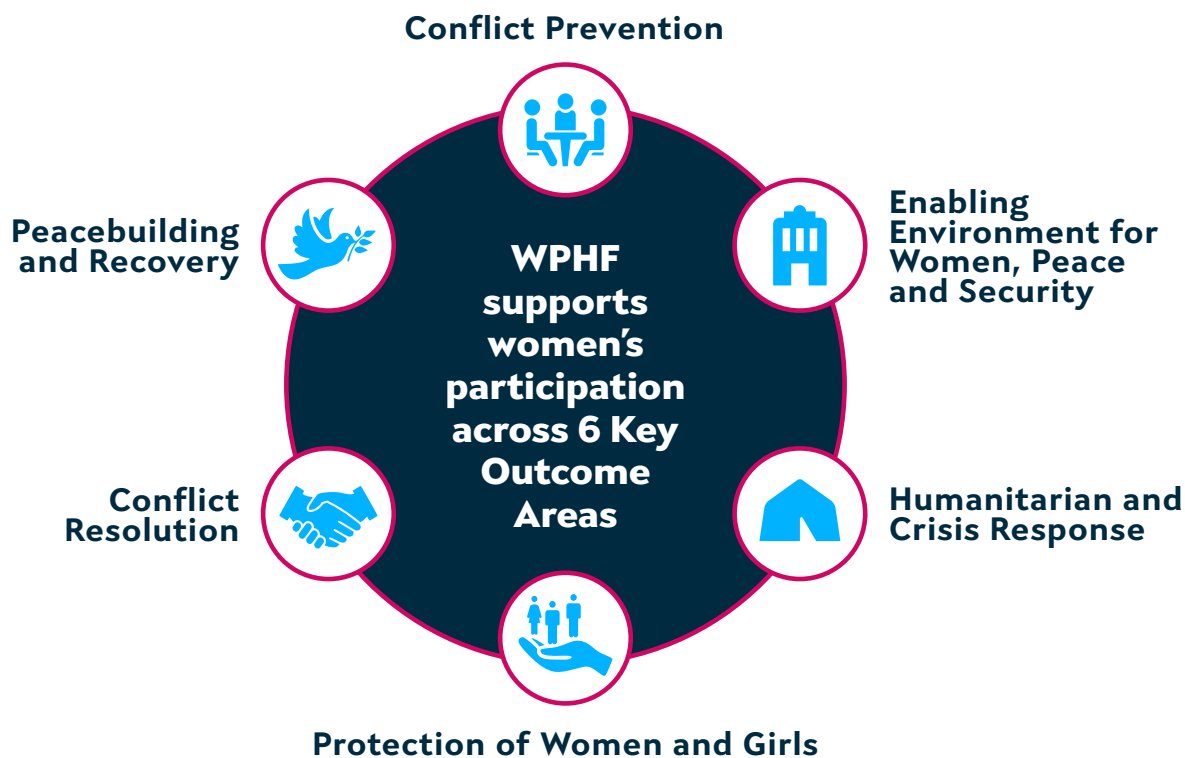
The world cannot wait to invest in women on the front lines of crises.



As COVID-19 continues to ravage communities across the globe, the need to support women's organizations in settings of conflict and crises is more urgent than ever.

1. UN Security Council (2019). Report of the Secretary-General on women peace and security (S/2019/800), para. 100. Data come from OECD.stat. Aid projects targeting gender equality and women's empowerment (CRS) (<https://stats.oecd.org>).

How We Work



Through its support of local civil-society organizations in fragile contexts, WPHF is breaking siloes to address the drivers and gendered impacts of conflict and humanitarian crisis worldwide.

Our Goal: More Peaceful and Gender-Equal Societies

Advancing the 2030 Agenda

WPHF is an innovative tool for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and localizing the global SDG commitments to national specificities of conflict-affected countries.



Localizing Humanitarian Response

WPHF is a sub-commitment of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, and a strategic tool for donors to implement their commitments under three work streams of the Grand Bargain's humanitarian financing reforms: Participant Revolution, Humanitarian-Development Nexus and Localization.

WPHF By the Numbers

Have Financed Projects in
25
Countries Worldwide

Over 200
Civil-society Organizations
Supported

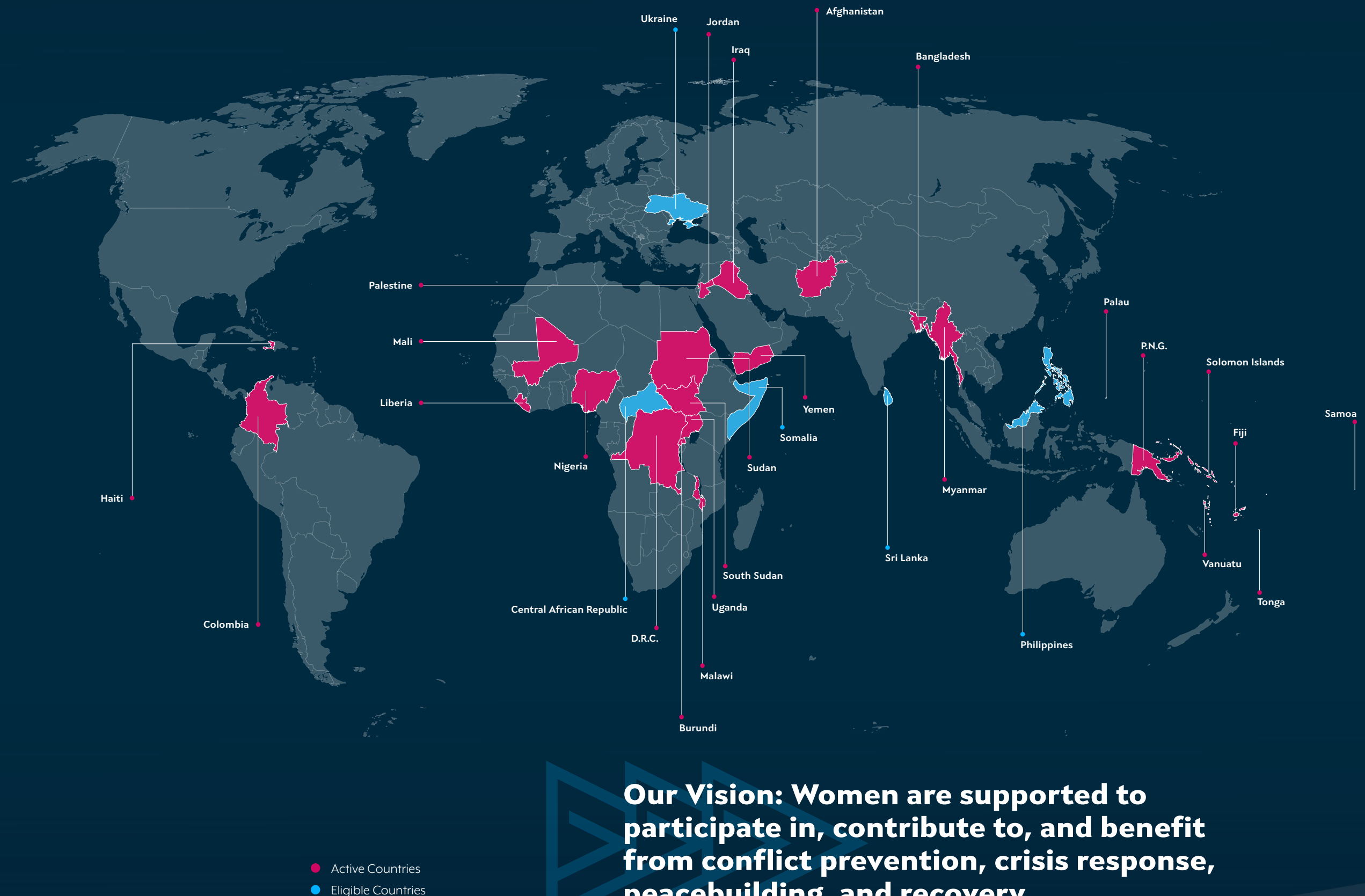
1.3M
people directly served
(of which **88%** are
women and girls)

3.5M
people indirectly served

\$49M USD
mobilized

12
Board Members
- 4 Government Donors
- 4 UN Agencies
- 4 INGOs

Global Reach. Local Impact.



Our Vision: Women are supported to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from conflict prevention, crisis response, peacebuilding, and recovery.

Strategic Partnerships

WPHF and the **Spotlight Initiative** have partnered to channel rapid financing to women's organizations working to end violence against women and girls in peace and security and humanitarian contexts. This innovative partnership focuses on supporting women-led and women's rights organizations representing and working on behalf of groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, which is in clear alignment with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind.

WPHF + Spotlight Initiative Partnership



total investment: **USD 13** million in **8** countries: **D.R.C, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, Afghanistan, Papua New Guinea, Haiti.**

Driving Innovation. Building Community

Through its pro-bono partnership with **Dell Technologies**, WPHF has led the design and launch of an innovative global community of practice and knowledge management platform to serve the needs of its active civil-society partners. WPHF is leveraging the platform and emerging technologies to foster a dynamic online community of women peacebuilders and humanitarians across the globe - empowering them to connect with each other, collaborate, strengthen their networks, share best practices, facilitate dialogue, exchange knowledge and deepen their skills and capacity.

Learn more about WPHF's global community of practice at wphfund.org/wphfund-community



Supporting Women First Responders through a Global Pandemic

The COVID-19 global pandemic has presented grave new threats to the critical work and very existence of women civil-society organizations working on the front lines of crises, making WPHF's mandate to mobilize support and advocate for their efforts more urgent than ever before. Local women-led and women's rights organizations around the world are playing key roles in supporting efforts to respond to and stem the spread of COVID-19 in their communities and respond to gender-specific needs, yet their critical work in contexts of conflict and humanitarian crises continues to be dramatically under-resourced. It is against this backdrop that WPHF - in direct consultation with its board members, various UN entities and UN Women country offices - designed and launched the **WPHF COVID-19 Emergency Response Window** to rapidly channel dedicated programmatic and institutional financing to local women's organizations threatened by and working to respond to COVID-19 in their communities.

▶ WPHF has supported through its new emergency response window **42** local organizations in their COVID-19 response efforts in **18** countries on **5** continents around the world.

Learn more about WPHF's COVID-19 response at WPHFund.org/COVID-19



Championing Women's Participation in Peace Processes

Twenty years after the adoption of the landmark UN Security Council Resolution 1325, women remain significantly underrepresented in peace and transitional processes. Recognizing the limited progress made on accelerating women's meaningful participation in conflict resolution and mediation efforts worldwide - and after careful consultation with women peacebuilders, stakeholders and various UN and civil-society experts - WPHF has led the design and launch of a new **Rapid Response Window on Women's Participation in Peace Processes** (RRW).



The establishment of the rapid response window is a recommendation of the UN Secretary General in his 2019 annual report on women, peace and security.

- (f) **To support rapid response funds to advance the meaningful participation of women in peace processes, which includes financial support for travel, visas, childcare, translation and related expenses, in particular by providing resources to the new window in the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund;**
- (j) **United Nations entities are requested to identify resources in support of the meaningful participation of women in peace negotiations and the implementation of peace agreements, and the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund is called upon to consider opening a rapid response window that allows for such support for women to participate in peace negotiations and the implementation of peace agreements.²**

Through a combination of direct financial support and short-term grants, the RRW funds short term strategic timely initiatives from civil society to support the meaningful participation of women and civil-society organizations at all stages of peace processes. Support from the RRW is demand-driven and context-specific. Initiatives include activities to access peace processes, for example financing travel or language support, as well as to influence peace processes and their implementation, for example by organizing consultations and community engagement, or advocacy and campaigning events. The protection of women peacebuilders and human rights defenders, and the inclusion of women of diverse backgrounds, are considered as part of every initiative.

Learn More about WPHF's Rapid Response Window on Women's Participation in Peace Processes at wphfund.org/rrw

2. UNSG Report on WPS, October 2019, p. 37, https://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_2019_800.pdf.

Key Results: Local Actors Transforming Communities

Burundi

Supporting Women Mediators in Conflict Prevention and Economic Recovery Efforts

WPHF partners in Burundi have reinforced the role of women in building peace through conflict prevention and community dialogues. The nationwide network of women mediators has also been used as a support system for income generating activities, reinforcing the economic recovery of women as a further way to consolidate peace. WPHF partners' interventions have contributed to enhancing women's participation in conflict prevention by breaking silos and engaging women to lead and participate in mediation and community dialogues, economic recovery and peacebuilding.

Since 2016, WPHF partners in Burundi have transformed the lives of:



1,063,908

women and girl
direct beneficiaries



118,212

men and boy
direct beneficiaries



1,182,120

total of indirect
beneficiaries.

Colombia

Enhancing Women's Participation and Leadership in Peace Agreement Implementation and Post-conflict Economic Recovery

WPHF partners in Colombia have successfully enhanced the participation and influence of women in decision-making processes related to peace implementation with women's demands being integrated in local plans and women being elected. WPHF partners have strengthened women's reconciliation initiatives contributing to more peaceful coexistence at the local level, and economically empowered women in conflict-affected areas.

Since 2016, WPHF partners in Colombia have transformed the lives of:



7,848

women and girl
direct beneficiaries



2,231

men and boy
direct beneficiaries



12,000

total of indirect
beneficiaries.



D.R.C.

Ensuring Women and Girls Affected by Crisis Lead and Benefit from Relief and Response Efforts while the Socio-economic Recovery of Women is Promoted in Conflict Situations

WPHF partners in DRC have accelerated awareness on women's rights to participate in decision making and recovery opportunities. Partners have trained women and men on mediation and conflict prevention at the community level while their grassroots interventions have strengthened local women's groups and associations' capacity, established community-based savings and lending collectives, as well as developed skills in agropastoral activities and processing techniques.

Since 2016, WPHF partners in DRC have transformed the lives of:



15,564

women and girl
direct beneficiaries



4,535

men and boy
direct beneficiaries



285,263

total of indirect
beneficiaries.



Iraq

Strengthening the Implementation of NAP1325 and Engaging Women in Conflict Prevention

WPHF partners in Iraq have strengthened the capacities of national and local actors and developed tools to monitor and implement the Iraqi National Action Plan on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325). Their projects have enhanced awareness of the rights of women and their central roles in peace and security, contributing to and enabling an environment for women's meaningful participation in peacebuilding and decision-making. They trained women and established early-warning mechanisms across several governorates to enhance women's roles in conflict prevention.

Since 2016, WPHF partners in Iraq have transformed the lives of:



16,138

women and girl
direct beneficiaries



4,006

men and boy
direct beneficiaries



116,822

total of indirect
beneficiaries.



Jordan

Ensuring Gender-responsive Humanitarian Action and the Safety and Security of Women and Girl Syrian Refugees and Host Communities

WPHF partners in Jordan have ensured that crisis response planning and programming more effectively addresses the gender-specific needs, in particular sexual health and reproductive rights of women and girls through effective advocacy. In addition, their projects have increased awareness among vulnerable female students, both refugees and Jordanians, regarding the risks associated with early marriage. Syrian refugee women and vulnerable Jordanian women in communities of East Amman and Zarqa are more socio-economically empowered and are now running their own businesses, generating their own income, improving their financial conditions as well as effectively integrating within Jordanian society.

Since 2016, WPHF partners in Jordan have transformed the lives of:



8,423

women and girl
direct beneficiaries



108

men and boy
direct beneficiaries



16,709

total of indirect
beneficiaries.



The Pacific

Championing Women's Participation in Humanitarian Response and Protection against Sexual and Gender-based Violence

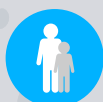
WPHF partners in the Pacific (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu and Palau) have secured women's participation in various decision-making processes related to disaster management in several provinces. In addition, their interventions, advocacy and trainings have resulted in the creation of local village protection committees and a quota that have proven instrumental to addressing the specific needs of women and girls in the contexts of humanitarian disaster. Our partners have led awareness-raising sessions on sexual and reproductive health and rights, facilitated access to clinical services for women in disaster-prone communities, trained women on preventive emergency responses and have actively engaged stakeholders to influence and integrate Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and gender-specific issues into community dialogues on climate change.

Since 2016, WPHF partners in the Pacific have transformed the lives of:



29,362

women and girl
direct beneficiaries



25,416

men and boy
direct beneficiaries



1,941,010

total of indirect
beneficiaries.

A Bold Vision Forward



Recognizing women's crucial roles as transformative agents of change.

As we prepare to celebrate and look beyond the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, against the backdrop of the deadliest global pandemic of our generation, the world is at a profound inflection point. Together, the United Nations, Donor Governments, and the Private Sector must take a collective step forward for women working on the front lines of crises. WPHF aims to invest in **1,000 Women Leaders** and their civil-society organizations working to build 1,000 more peaceful and resilient communities by the end of 2025. With your support, we can continue to mobilize

financing for women peacebuilders and first responders, amplify their voices, spotlight their impact, build their organizations' institutional capacity, foster the growth of their global movement, and advocate for their rights, recognition and influence around the world.

Join us.

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Learn more about the Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund at [WPHFund.org](https://www.wphfund.org)



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