

## Call for Proposals

### **Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund and Women Have Wings CSO Peer Learning Awards: Recognizing the Contributions and Promoting Peer Learning between Civil Society Organizations Working on Women, Youth, Peace, and Humanitarian issues**

***Call Opens: 19 July 2021.***

***Deadline for Submissions: 31 August 2021 (6 weeks)***

#### **1. About the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)**

Composed of representatives from donors, United Nations entities, and civil society organizations (CSOs), the WPHF is a global pooled funding mechanism which aims to stimulate a significant increase in financing for women's participation, leadership, and empowerment in peace and security processes and humanitarian response. The WPHF is a flexible and rapid financing mechanism designed to enhance the capacity of local women to prevent conflict and respond to crises. The goal of the WPHF's theory of change is to contribute to peaceful and gender equal societies. Since its launch in 2016, WPHF has been supporting over 400 CSOs and is present in 25 countries.

In fulfillment of its mandate to serve as a global knowledge center for CSOs working on the front lines of crises, WPHF Secretariat in 2020 launched a [Global Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#) fostering a dynamic and collaborative online space for its civil society partners to connect with each other, share best practices, and deepen their skills. Expanding on the efforts of the CoP, the **WPHF Global Learning Hub (L-HUB)** aims to accelerate the synergies and strong relationships between women leaders to support their individual capacities and the institutional development of their organizations. One of the focus areas of the L-HUB is peer learning between CSOs sharing similar interests who will hugely benefit from each other's insights and mentoring.

#### **2. About Women Have Wings (WHW)**

[Women Have Wings](#) is a fund that has provided awards to women activists across the world since 2012. Through an innovative partnership with and the generous support of Women Have Wings, the WPHF will recognize the excellent work of 10 women - including young women - peacebuilders and humanitarians, and award small grants of 5,000 USD each to five tandems of women's organizations<sup>1</sup> working on women, youth, peace, and humanitarian issues to support peer learning among their organizations.

#### **3. Nature and scope of the call for proposals**

The call for proposals has two main objectives:

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<sup>1</sup> A tandem refers to a pair of two persons. Here, each tandem is composed of two women, including young women, aged of at least 18 years old. Each woman needs to be related to a CSO. In total 10 women, including young women, of 10 CSOs will receive the award.

- Amplify the voices, promote the work, and recognize the leadership of ten women - including young women - CSO representatives engaged in peace and crisis response, with a focus on youth and gender equality.
- Foster peer learning, networking, and solidarity between ten CSOs engaged in peace and crisis response with a focus on youth and gender equality.

a) Honorary awards

The WPHF will recognize the efforts of 10 women CSOs' representatives working towards peace and crisis response (5 tandems of two CSO representatives). The honorary awards will be a recognition of how these 10 women - including young women - engage in peacebuilding and/or crisis response in a remarkable way and how they contribute to their CSOs' mission and goals. **Each woman must be at least 18 years old and be related to one CSO** as staff member, volunteer, board member, etc. The profiles of the 10 women will be spotlighted in WPHF communication channels as part of WPHF [1,000 Women Leaders](#) campaign which aims at supporting 1,000 women leaders in 1,000 crisis-affected communities around the world by 2025 and amplify their voices.

b) Grants for peer learning

In addition, each tandem of CSOs will receive a \$5,000 grant to develop a peer learning relationship based on trust and solidarity. A peer learning relationship aims at exchanging experience and knowledge as well as supporting and collaborating with the other CSO to help it grow. Each tandem will elaborate an outline of their collaboration's goals and activities. The CSO representatives will be implementing these activities with their CSO, for the new skills and experience to benefit also the CSO's institutional capacity. This will be achieved by involving several members of the CSO in the peer learning activities or by ensuring that the CSO representative will transfer the new knowledge, approaches and practices gained during the process to additional CSO members/colleagues.

Each tandem will include at least one active WPHF CSO grantee<sup>2</sup> who will be the lead applicant and manage the grant, and at least one youth rights/led organization (the youth organization may be a current or past WPHF grantee).

The active WPHF grantee may partner with another active WPHF grantee, with a past WPHF grantee<sup>3</sup> or another CSO.

The peer learning relationships are expected to involve 10 CSOs in total, especially youth-led and youth-rights CSOs that build gender equality, peace and respond to crisis. Nevertheless, partnerships between women leaders across generational divides or involving CSOs that have different backgrounds and skills (e.g., between an organization of women with disabilities and a youth organization) are also encouraged.

Peer learning activities include training - both CSOs' representatives attending a course, or one CSO's member providing training to the other CSO's team-, technical support, field visits, joint campaigns on a topic of common interest, etc. CSOs are encouraged to suggest collaboration activities that

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<sup>2</sup> An active WPHF grantee is a CSO who is implementing a project with funds from WPHF at the time of the call for proposals and which project will end after 20 October 2021 to be able to receive the grant.

<sup>3</sup> CSO that has led a project with WPHF funds and which project is closed at the time of the call for proposals or that will end before 20 October 2021.

contribute to mutual learning, capacity development and the growing of their organizations (e.g., in terms of visibility, outreach, influence and impact). Roles of each CSO in the peer learning should be clearly indicated in the proposal.

The WPHF secretariat and focal points will follow up with the CSOs' representatives to track progress and capture evidence from the peer learning relationships and how they collaborate to transfer skills and knowledge. The CSOs' representatives will share their peer learning plans in an introductory meeting with the CSOs and WPHF secretariat and focal points and the learnings of the collaborations will be presented in an online meeting at the end of the process.

#### **4. Duration of peer learnings**

Peer learning activities are to take place within a maximum of 4 months.

#### **5. Location**

The grants will cover peer learning activities in any of WPHF countries<sup>4</sup>. Cross-countries collaborations are possible if both CSOs within the tandem are based in different countries.

#### **6. Size of grants**

The WPHF will provide five grants of a maximum of 5,000 USD each. The funds will be managed by the lead CSO applicant.

#### **7. Eligibility, application, and selection process**

##### **7.1. Who is eligible to apply?**

Any active WPHF grantee<sup>5</sup> is eligible to apply as the lead.

The second CSO must be a national or local youth rights/led organization working towards peace and crisis response. This organization can also be an active or previous WPHF grantee but it is not mandatory.

If the lead CSO is simultaneously a youth rights/led organization and an active WPHF grantee, the second CSO can be any national and local women-led, women's rights, feminist, youth-led, youth rights organization, or another CSO working towards peace and crisis response.

Grassroots and local community-based organizations are encouraged to apply. International youth organizations are not eligible.

##### **7.2. Do I need to be a legally registered entity/organization to apply?**

Only the lead applicant needs to have a legal status or registration. The second CSO does not have to be legally registered.

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<sup>4</sup> Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, D.R.C, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pacific -Fiji, Palau, Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu-, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, and Yemen.

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### **7.3. Can more than two organizations apply jointly?**

No, only two CSOs can apply jointly. Proposals including more than two CSOs will be disqualified.

CSOs that have collaborated/partnered in the past are eligible, however proposals involving new partnerships will be prioritized to encourage new relationship building and learning opportunities.

### **7.4. Where do we obtain more information about the call for proposals?**

Online information sessions will be organized by WPHF secretariat on 4 August 2021. An invitation email to the informative sessions will be sent to WPHF grantees (past and active) through WPHF Community of Practice mailing list (ListServ).

## **8. Where, when, and how to apply for the call for proposals?**

- The deadline for submission of proposals is **31 August 2021**.
- Applications will only be accepted in **Arabic, English, French, and Spanish**.
- Applications should follow the proposal template and **should not exceed 6 pages** in total.
- Applications should be emailed to: [emilie.vidal@wphfund.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:emilie.vidal@wphfund.onmicrosoft.com)
- Applications can be submitted in .doc or .docx or .pdf. No other formats will be accepted.
- You will receive an acknowledgement receipt of the application. Please **DO NOT** resend your application unless you do not receive a confirm of receipt.

## **9. Evaluation criteria**

The following evaluation criteria will be considered:

- The applicants' contribution to promoting gender equality, youth, peace and/or crisis response issues and how they have clearly demonstrated that each representative of both CSO work and/or advocate for gender equality, youth, peace, and crisis response issues.
- Motivation for the peer learning relationship and expected benefits from the collaboration (for example, because the CSOs' representatives can leverage their differences to gain new ideas and approaches and/or because the CSOs are working on similar topics and/or because the peer learning will cover areas that will increase the impact of the CSOs).
- Clear description of the proposed actions and approaches, and which demonstrate how the CSOs' representatives will involve or/and facilitate knowledge sharing with their CSO colleagues to contribute to the strengthening of their organizations.