

Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

Call for Proposals – The Philippines

Enhancing local women's civil society organizations' institutional capacities in the Philippines

Call Opens: 04 February 2022

Deadline for Submissions: 04 March 2022

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

Composed of representatives from donors, United Nations entities, and civil society organizations, the WPHF is a global pooled funding mechanism which aims to re-energize action and 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. It supports quality interventions designed to enhance the capacity of local women to prevent conflict, respond to crises and emergencies, and seize key peacebuilding opportunities.

The WPHF breaks silos between humanitarian, peace, security, and development finance by investing in enhancing women's engagement, leadership, and empowerment across all phases of crisis, peace and security, and development. It addresses structural funding gaps for women's participation in key phases of crisis, peace and security, and development by improving the timeliness, predictability, and flexibility of international assistance. Notably, it will ensure a timely investment in conflict prevention after receipt of early warning signals from women and will accelerate the dispersal of development assistance after successful peace negotiations. It recognizes that peace cannot be created nor sustained without investment in civil society organizations. Therefore, the WPHF invests in strengthening civil society organizations, particularly in grassroots women's organizations, with the required financial and technical support.

The overall goal of the WPHF's theory of change is to contribute to **peaceful and gender equal societies**. Achievement of this goal will require that women are empowered to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from conflict prevention, crisis response, peacebuilding, and recovery. Since its launch in 2016, WPHF has been supporting over 400 civil society organizations and is present in 25 countries or group of countries.

The WPHF is governed by a Funding Board at the global level, which is comprised of four UN entities (currently UN Women, UNDP, UNFPA and PBSO), four donor Member States (currently Germany, Australia, Norway and Sweden), as well as 4 Civil Society Organizations (currently Action Aid, Women Refugee Commission, Kvinna till Kvinna and the Feminist Humanitarian Network). UN Women acts as the WPHF's Technical Secretariat at the global level. UN Women also acts as Management Entity for civil society organizations where UN Women has a country presence.

2. About WPHF in the Philippines

In September 2021, a WPHF call for proposals was launched for CSOs on increasing women's participation in advocating for and ensuring accountability on the WPS agenda as well as on enhancing decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response.

In January 2022, a new Call for Proposals will be launched to support national and local women's rights organizations working on the implementation of the WPS agenda, through dedicated institutional capacity. This is to address the low turnout of application from grassroots women's group because they lack the necessary legal documents, primarily the Securities and Exchange Commission registration. Moreover, this intends to address organizational development-related capacity challenges in the areas of administration and governance, financial management, and the likes which are essential components of evaluations when applying for donor funding.

Given the contextual realities of local women's rights CSOs in the Philippines and to facilitate their legal registration, WPHF is launching this call for proposal to identify INGOs or NGOs legally registered and fund projects to support local women's rights organizations (in particular non-registered women's organizations) working on issues of peace and security to strengthen their institutional capacity and support them with the registration process and costs.

3. Purpose and Objectives

The overall purpose of this call is to identify and partner with a National, Regional or International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), to support local women's rights organizations working on women, peace, security, and humanitarian action (WPS-HA) in the registration process as legal entities in the Philippines, as well as other institutional strengthening activities such as resource mobilization and proposal writing to ensure continued sustainability of the organizations. Specifically, the objectives are to:

- Support non-registered women's rights organizations in the preparation for and registration process as legal entities to continue their work in WPS-HA
- Provide technical training and support on proposal writing and resource mobilization strategies to local women's rights organizations through both in-person workshops, meetings and virtual sessions.
- Provide technical training on financial management, strategic planning and development of anti-corruption plans and prevention of sexual harassment and abuse policies and mechanisms.

This call for proposals is aligned with WPHF Impact Area 1: Enabling Environment for WPS. Selected I/NGO will also document process, achievements, challenges, and successful approaches in strengthening local women's rights and led organizations in the Philippines.

4. Nature and Scope of the Call for Proposals

The WPHF will fund a qualifying national, regional or international NGO with preferably presence or experience working with local grassroots organizations in the Philippines to support local women's rights organizations, including non-registered and youth organizations, working on issues related to WPS-HA. Special attention will be provided to NGOs that have demonstrated experience in providing capacity building support to CSOs and grassroots organizations working on the implementation of the WPS agenda, and civil society strengthening. Special attention will also be provided to women-led and women's rights/feminist applicants¹ and to organisations that apply feminist and gender-sensitive methodologies.

¹ To be considered a "woman-led CSO," the organisation must be headed by a woman.

To be considered a "women's rights or feminist organisation," the organisation's official mission/visions statements must

5. Duration of Partnership

The partnership will be for up to 9 months and ends in December 2022.

6. Location

Institutional support will be provided to grantees situated across the Philippines. It is expected that the N/R/INGO will provide to beneficiary CSOs **remote support**, and **in-person support** adhering to the existing COVID-19 restrictions.

7. Size of Grants and Funding Amount

Grants/project proposals should not exceed **\$250,000 USD** to deliver the aforementioned activities and support to local organizations until December 2022. This includes all costs related to travel and logistics, training initiatives and contribution to staff costs.

8. Eligibility, Application, and Selection Process

8.1. Who is Eligible to Apply?

National, Regional and International² Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) who have experience working with local CSOs in the Philippines and who have a proven track record working on women's rights, feminist and human rights based principles and demonstrated experience in institutional capacity building and knowledge on registration processes, are eligible to apply. CSO consortiums are also eligible.

The following are NOT eligible to apply:

- Government agencies or institutions;
- UN agencies or UN Country Teams;
- Private individuals;
- Private sector entities;

A proof of legal registration (or legal status) is a required attachment for any grant application. Applications without clear proof of legal status will be considered incomplete and will be withdrawn from the application process. Note that articles of incorporation are **not** proof of legal status.

8.2. Eligibility Criteria

NGOs who submit applications to this Call for Proposals will undergo a technical review based on the answers in the Proposal Template. Applicants should be able to demonstrate the following:

- Demonstrated technical expertise on institutional strengthening of civil society organizations, particularly in registration processes, proposal writing, resource mobilization, financial management, strategic planning and development of anti-corruption plans and prevention of sexual harassment and abuse policies and mechanisms.
- Experience and track record of working on programming and issues related to women, peace and security, and humanitarian action.

reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights. The organisation should aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, that perpetuate EVAWG and gender-based violence and work to transform these.

² Only if registered at the national level.

- Reach and access to youth and local women's rights organizations in the Philippines, including in remote areas and non-registered youth and local women's rights organizations
- Experience in financial management and reporting
- Experience in participatory and inclusive approaches in monitoring and evaluation.

Evaluation criteria are found in Section 9.2

8.3. Must applicants contribute to the project budget?

Applicants are not required to contribute to the budget.

8.4. Where do we obtain more information about the call?

An online information session will be organized with prospective applicants on February 15 at 3pm Manila time, 2022 by UN Women with WPHF Secretariat support. To register, please email: rosemarie.delacruz@unwomen.org and cc riza.torrado@unwomen.org

9. Where, When and How to apply for the Call for Proposals?

- The deadline for submission of proposals is **04 March 2022**. Applications received after that date will not be considered.
- Applications are accepted in **English**. Only applications in these languages will be accepted.
- You may not make changes to your application after it is submitted.
- Application packages should be emailed to riza.torrado@unwomen.org with the following subject line: **WPHF-I/NGO CFP**
- Applications can be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. No other formats will be accepted. Legal registration certificates can be submitted in jpeg, doc., docx., or pdf format. All documents should be submitted together as one package.
- The UN Women Country Office will aim to acknowledge receipt of application within three days of receipt. Please **DO NOT** resend your application unless you do not receive a confirm of receipt within three days.
- The UN Women Country Office will accept questions related to this proposal until **28 February 2022** Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for responses to any questions.

9.1. Required Components of the Application Package

Applicants are required to use the WPHF templates provided. Please note, incomplete applications or use of different templates will not be considered.

- WPHF Proposal Template (attached, no more than 10 pages, excluding Annex A and B)
- Results Framework (Proposal Template Annex: A)
- Project Budget (Proposal Template Annex: B)

AND

- Proof of valid legal registration

DO NOT submit photos or additional documents other than the ones listed.

9.2. Evaluation Criteria

A technical evaluation of proposals will be conducted, and proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Project design and objectives:

- Organization mandate and mission is aligned with WPHF's theory of change, particularly with respect to the objectives of this call for proposals
- Definition of clear objectives and expected results, taking account of best practices of participatory and inclusive approaches for capacity building.
- Clear demonstration of organization's technical experience in institutional capacity building and support to women's rights organizations working on WPS-HA to register legally as organizations and mobilize resources (including project design, development of strategic plans and risk management policies, set up of financial management systems and processes, anti-corruption plans and prevention of sexual harassment and abuse mechanisms, etc.).
- A clear capacity building plan and set of activities, including appropriate participatory approaches and modalities to building capacity and conducting training for CSO partners

Programme management and monitoring:

- Geographical reach and language capabilities to access remote and non-registered local WROs
- Realistic activity schedule and implementation strategy to achieve objectives within the time frame.
- Identification of relevant and appropriate monitoring and evaluation approaches based on the results framework and indicators
- Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures

Budget:

- Proposal budget falls within the funding limits of the Call for Proposals
- The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%).

10. Useful Resources

- The WPHF's website <https://wphfund.org/>
- The WPHF's page on the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office's Gateway: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/GAI00>
- The WPHF's Twitter account: [@wphfund](https://twitter.com/wphfund)
- [WPHF Monitoring and Evaluation Manual for Grantees](#)
- M&E and Results Based Management Terms. The OECD/DAC Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation available in English, French and Spanish. <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/29/21/2754804.pdf>