

Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund Call for Proposal

Call for proposals Regular Funding Cycle

Call Opens: 10 March 2022

Deadline for Submissions: 21 May 2022 (9 weeks)

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 200 civil society organizations and is present in 20 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, UNHCR, UNFPA and PBSO), four donor Member States (currently Norway, Germany, Sweden and Australia), as well as 4 Civil Society Organizations (currently Feminist Humanitarian Network, Kvinna till Kvinna, Action Aid and Women's Refugee Commission).

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. Nature and scope of the Call for Proposals

The WPHF will fund qualifying projects in **SUDAN**. The projects must focus on **one** country. Multi-country projects will **NOT** be accepted.

The conflicts in Sudan centered on questions of power and wealth, governance, economic management, rule of law and the social legacy of decade of conflict and environmental mismanagement. Structural issues include displacement due to conflict, uncertain land tenure, poor security institutions and gender inequality. A peace agreement was concluded by the government and partners to the peace agreement, the Juba Peace Agreement 2020. However, Recent eruptions of violence at the beginning of 2021 pointed to the need to resolve underlying roots of conflict and managing intercommunal tensions peacefully.

Women and girls are disproportionately affected by the impact of the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crises in Sudan. Existing gender inequalities are further compounded by the breakdown of protection mechanisms, exclusion from essential services and economic structures and lack of recognition of women's roles. Gender based violence remains of grave concern, particularly in conflict affected areas and women-led organizations (including young women) are not systematically included in decision-making spaces, peace negotiations and peacebuilding.

Women and women's rights organizations have played a key role in the past and continue to be at the forefront for peace. With support from UN Women, women's groups and coalitions established "Track 2" to the peace process in 2020 and 2021, advocating for a gender peace process and gender responsive peace agreements. It is essential to ensure women's meaningful participation in peace negotiations and implementation while making sure that women and girls participate in and benefit from the recovery process (economical, political, and social processes).

The focus of this WPHF call for proposals will be on **promoting an enabling environment for WPS and conflict resolution**. Special attention will be provided to applications supporting women and girls multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those marginalized and excluded due to poverty, ethnicity, disability, age, geography, migratory status, HIV status, among others, which is in clear alignment with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind.

The proposal submitted must be aligned to the impact statements of the respective WPHF funding stream that the organization chooses to apply to:

Programmatic Funding Stream (select one of the below focus)

- WPHF Impact area 1:** *Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments*

OR

- WPHF Impact area 4:** *Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements*

AND/OR apply for institutional funding (Stream 1)

Institutional Funding Stream (WPHF impact area 1) to reinforce the institutional capacity of civil society organizations working on the implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Sudan.

Please read through the WPHF Tip Sheets for guidance on the result framework for Impact area 1 and 4 and institutional funding in Section 8 below.

3. Duration of Grants

All civil society organizations can apply for a maximum of 2-year grants.

4. Location

Projects should be implemented in the following location(s):

- Two Darfur states: South Darfur and North Darfur
- Blue Nile
- Gadaref
- Port Sudan

5. Funding streams and amounts

The WPHF will grant around 2Mio USD over two years to Sudan. The Call for proposals aims at responding to the needs of local women's organizations in fragile settings, with two (2) funding streams:

Funding stream 1: Institutional funding: from 2,500 USD to 30,000 USD

This funding stream will provide institutional funding to local civil society organizations working on gender specific issues in peace and security and humanitarian contexts, to ensure they are able to sustain themselves and to improve their impact. Prospective applicants will need to demonstrate how the current context affects their institutional and financial capacities and how the funding would support them as an organization. It will aim at financing a limited range of activities to support the development or strengthening of a CSO's institutional capacity. The purpose of this funding stream IS NOT to finance the delivery of a programmatic activity.

Funding stream 2: Programmatic funding: from 30,000 USD to 200,000 USD

This funding stream will finance projects which aim specifically to fund programmatic activities aligned with the WPHF Impact Area 1 and 4.

An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit one application for institutional funding AND/OR one application for programmatic funding. Organizations who apply for both institutional and programmatic funding need to submit two separate applications packages based on the related templates of each stream as noted in Section 7.1.

6. Eligibility, Application, and Selection Process

6.1. Who is eligible to apply and receive funding?

National and local women- led, women's rights, feminist, youth focused/led or civil society organizations with a proven track record working with women and girls, are eligible to apply. Grassroots and local community-based organizations are particularly encouraged to apply. Joint projects are allowed and encouraged.

To be considered a "Women's Rights or Feminist Organization," The organization's official mission/vision statement must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights. The organization must aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, and work to transform these.

"Women-led organization" must be headed by a woman as director/head of organization.

To be considered “Youth Focused Organization”, the organization's core mission/vision must focus on supporting the social, economic and political participation of young women and young men and addressing multiple/ intersecting forms of discrimination against young women and men. WPHF will provide specific attention to youth focused organizations supporting young women, advancing gender equality and peacebuilding.

“Young Women Led Organization” must be headed by a young person aged between 18 - 29 years old who serves as director/head of organization

Other CSOs must demonstrate experience in addressing violence against women and girls, gender inequalities and/or women’s rights.

The following are NOT eligible to apply for a grant from the WPHF:

- International organizations
- Organizations proposing a multi-country intervention;
- Organizations proposing an intervention in a country different from the eligible country;
- Lead-organizations that are not legally registered in the country/territory of implementation;
- Government agencies or institutions;
- UN agencies or UN Country Teams;
- Private individuals;
- Private sector entities;
- Universities and Education institutions

6.2. Do I need to be a legally registered entity/organization to apply?

The lead applicant organization must have legal status with the competent national authority in the eligible country of project implementation. Organizations that are not registered in the country of implementation may apply in partnership with a locally registered implementing partner as the lead applicant.

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.

Only the lead partner has to provide their legal registration. Implementing partners that are part of a joint proposal, do not have to be legally registered but have to be civil society organizations (non-profit and non-governmental).

6.3. Can my project cover several countries?

No, projects can only be implemented in one single country. Multi-country proposals are not eligible.

6.4. May I submit more than one application?

No, organizations (either as lead or implementing partner) may not submit more than one application per funding stream. If an organization appears in more than one application in the same funding stream, only one project may be considered as eligible.

6.5. Can more organizations apply jointly?

Yes, joint projects are encouraged. For joint projects, only the lead organization is required to meet the eligibility criteria.

For joint projects, the roles and responsibilities of each organization must be clearly detailed within the application in the appropriate section in the proposal template. Proposals must clearly indicate which organization will take lead responsibility for project management and contractual obligations.

6.6. May I apply for funding for an ongoing initiative or project?

Yes, the WPHF accepts proposals for ongoing projects. However, the specific value added of the contribution should be clearly outlined.

6.7. What are the requirements for project design?

For this Call for Proposal, the project(s) must contribute to the following WPHF Impact areas as outlined in Section 3.

Impact area 1 for Programmatic Funding: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments

Required Impact Indicators (select at least 1):

- 1.1. Number/Percentage of supported CSOs involved in NAP1325 design, budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation
- 1.2. Number/types of propositions by civil society that are included into policy documents

OR

Impact area 4 for Programmatic Funding: Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements

Required Impact Indicators (select at least 2):

- 4.1. Number of women that participate in formal and informal peace processes or negotiations
- 4.2. Existence of gender responsive elements/provisions in peace agreements, dialogues, and/or decision-making processes
- 4.3 Types of strategies used/implemented to participate in and contribute to the peace process and/or implementation of a peace agreement

AND/OR

Impact area 1 for Institutional Funding: Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments

Required impact indicators (select at least two):

- 1.1. Average number of months organization can be sustained as a result of institutional funding
- 1.2 Number/Percentage of staff retained as a result of institutional funding
- 1.3. Development of risk management and/or contingency plans or strategies for organization
- 1.4. Types (and number) of adaptive strategies, tools or systems adopted by organization for continuity of operations

Please note that all projects are required to include the following reach indicators:

- *Number of people directly benefiting from the response (by sex, age group, or other variables)*
- *Number of people indirectly benefiting from the response*
- *AND develop 1-2 additional indicators for each outcome that captures the change of your project*

Please refer to the indicator tip sheets in Section 8 for additional information.

6.8. Must applicants contribute to the project budget?

Civil society organizations are not required to contribute to the budget.

6.9 Where do we obtain more information about the call?

An information session will be organized with prospective applicants on 24. March 2022 organized by UN Women with WPHF Secretariat support. To register, please email: 20 March 2022

7. Where, when and how to apply for the Call for Proposals?

- The deadline for submission of proposals is **21 May 2022**. Applications received after that date will not be considered.
- Applications are accepted in English and Arabic. 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 cfp.Sudan@unwomen.org
- 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 a 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 be able to provide some limited support to grant applicants. Please note, that questions contained in this guidance note will be responded to. Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for responses to any questions.

7.1. 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 or status of the lead organization (if you are in the process for renewal, please share proof)

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

7.2. Evaluation Criteria

As you write your application, please keep in mind that proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

Stream 1: Institutional Funding

Project objectives:

- Alignment with the WPHF's theory of change, particularly with respect to a specific outcome in the results framework (Impact Area 1)
- Clear articulation of experience of organization and rationale how the current crisis affects their institutional and financial capacities
- Definition of clear objectives and expected results and outputs focused on strengthening CSOs institutional capacity and how the organization will be sustained
- Identification of risks and appropriate mitigation measures

Budget:

- Budget is consistent across all documents and detailed per output in the result framework
- The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%)
- The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account

Stream 2: Programmatic Funding

Project design and objectives:

- Alignment with the WPHF's theory of change, particularly with respect to a specific impact in its results framework.
- Definition of clear objectives, results, and outputs, taking account of best practices of gender-responsive approaches.
- Ensuring meaningful participation of groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those marginalized and excluded due to poverty, ethnicity, disability, age, geography, migratory status, among others which are in clear alignment with Agenda 2030 of leaving no one behind.
- Partnership and capacity development of local women's organizations and/or a clear capacity building plan for CSO partners in place to deliver programme results. Joint projects are strongly encouraged.
- Complementarity with other Funds and Programmes.

Programme management and monitoring:

- Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures
- 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

Budget:

- The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account.

- The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%).

Sustainability and national ownership:

- Promotion of national and local ownership in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players.
- Sustainability of the programme beyond the financing period and (where applicable), how to reproduce it and improve it over time.

8. Useful Resources

- The WPHF's website www.wphfund.org
- [Indicator Tip Sheet Impact Area 1 \(Programmatic Funding\)](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet Impact Area 4 \(Programmatic Funding\)](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet for Institutional Funding](#)
- [Results Based Management Capacity Building Webinar](#)
- The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund's [Operations Manual](#)
- 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)
- 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>