

## 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, Peace, Security and Humanitarian Action**

***Call Opens: 13 October 2022***

***Deadline for Submissions: 10 November 2022 (4 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 700 CSOs and is present in 28 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 Learning Hub \(L-HUB\)](#) fostering a dynamic and collaborative online space for its civil society partners to connect with each other, share best practices, and deepen their skills. The 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, in 2021, the WPHF recognized the excellent work of 10 women and young women peacebuilders and humanitarians, and [awarded small grants 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.

Building on their innovative partnership initiated between WHW and WPHF and the CSOs' demand and interest in learning opportunities<sup>2</sup>, WPHF aims to continue supporting peer learning between tandems of female CSO representatives working on women, peace, security and humanitarian action.

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<sup>1</sup> A tandem refers to a pair of two persons and is composed of two women aged of at least 18 years old. Each woman needs to be related to /represent a local CSO working on WPSHA. In total 10 women working or collaborating with 10 CSOs received an award in 2021.

<sup>2</sup> As shown by the CSOs' recommendations in the [WPHF CSO Survey 2021 on the L-Hub initiatives](#).

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

The call for proposals has two main objectives:

- Amplify the voices, promote the work, and recognize the leadership of ten women working or collaborating with a local CSO working on women, peace, security, and humanitarian action (WPSHA).
- Foster peer learning, networking, and solidarity between ten local CSOs working on WPSHA.

#### a) Honorary awards

The WPHF will recognize the efforts of 10 women CSOs' representatives working on WPSHA (5 tandems of two CSO representatives). The honorary awards will be a recognition of how these 10 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.** Young women aged between 18 and 29 years old are encouraged to apply / be suggested by their CSO. 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 \$8,000 grant to develop a peer learning project based on trust and solidarity. A peer learning project 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 be led by one active WPHF CSO grantee<sup>3</sup> based in Ethiopia, Haiti<sup>4</sup>, Liberia, Mali, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu** who will be the lead applicant and manage the grant.

The lead CSO may partner with an active or past WPHF grantee<sup>5</sup> or a local women's rights organization working on WPSHA that has never been supported by WPHF and based in one of the following countries: Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, D.R.C, Ethiopia, Fiji, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Moldova, Nigeria, Palau, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Sudan, Tonga, Uganda, Ukraine, Vanuatu, and Yemen.

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<sup>3</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 30 January 2023 to be able to receive the grant.

<sup>4</sup> For Haiti: CSO partners supported through WPHF Earthquake Emergency Response are eligible to apply as leads or co-implementing partners. Haiti CSOs supported under the WPHF Spotlight Initiative and COVID-19 Emergency Response Window can only apply as co-implementing partners.

<sup>5</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 30 January 2023.

The peer learning projects are expected to involve 10 CSOs in total. **CSOs must be local women rights' organizations working on women, peace, security, and humanitarian action (WPSHA).** Youth rights and youth-led organizations working on WPSHA are encouraged to apply as leads or partners. In addition, 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 may 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 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 projects and how they collaborate to transfer skills and knowledge. 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 6 months.

#### **5. Location**

To diversify the geographic scope of awards' beneficiaries, in 2022, the grants will cover **peer learning activities in Ethiopia, Haiti, Liberia, Mali, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu**. Lead CSOs can only be from those countries<sup>6</sup> but could partner with local CSOs from Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, D.R.C, Ethiopia, Fiji, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Moldova, Nigeria, Palau, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Sudan, Tonga, Uganda, Ukraine, Vanuatu, and Yemen.

Cross-countries collaborations are possible if both CSOs within the tandem are based in two different countries, but the **activities must take place in activities in Ethiopia, Haiti, Liberia, Mali, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu.**

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

The WPHF will provide five grants of a maximum of 8,000 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?**

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<sup>6</sup> For Haiti: CSO partners supported through the Earthquake Crisis Call for proposals are eligible to apply as leads or partners. Haiti CSO partners supported by WPHF/Spotlight Initiative and the COVID-19 Emergency Response Window can only apply as partners.

Any woman that is working or collaborating with an active WPHF CSO partner<sup>7</sup> based in Ethiopia, Haiti<sup>8</sup>, Liberia, Mali, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, and her organization are eligible to apply as lead.

The second woman can be working or collaborating in an active or previous WPHF CSO partner or another local women's rights organization working on WPSHA that has never been supported by WPHF. Thus, the second organization can be an active or previous WPHF CSO partner or another local CSO working on WPSHA based in one of the following countries: Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, D.R.C, Ethiopia, Fiji, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Moldova, Nigeria, Palau, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Sudan, Tonga, Uganda, Ukraine, Vanuatu, and Yemen<sup>9</sup>.

Women working in youth-rights, youth led, grassroots and local community-based organizations working on WPSHA are encouraged to apply. Women working in international organizations and international organizations are not eligible.

**The women and their CSOs that received an award from WPHF and WHW in 2021 are not eligible to apply as partners nor leads.**

**7.2. Does the woman's CSO need to be a legally registered entity/organization to apply?**

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

**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?**

Two online information sessions will be organized by the WPHF Secretariat, one in English on 18 October (register [here](#)) and one in French on 19 October (register [here](#)).

The information session's recording will be made available in the call for proposal's webpage.

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

- The deadline for submission of proposals is **10 November 2023**.
- Applications will only be accepted in **English** and **French**.
- 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.

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<sup>8</sup> For Haiti, only CSO partners supported through the Earthquake Emergency Response are eligible to apply as leads or partners.

<sup>9</sup> See list of WPHF [CSO partners that are eligible to participate in CSO tandems as partners](#).

- Applicants 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:

- Women's profile and activism: The applicants' contribution to promoting gender equality, 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, peace, and crisis response issues.
- Woman and their CSOs' 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.
- Clear description of roles and responsibilities of each CSO.
- Budget does not exceed \$8,000.