



Annual Project Narrative Progress Report

WPHF Global Learning Hub (L-HUB)

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<p>Project Description: In 2020, WPHF launched its Global Community of Practice (CoP) to enhance the institutional development and networking among WPHF current and previous CSO partners. Capacity development is a crosscutting strategy applied through all WPHF outcomes and activities that are supported by WPHF. In 2021, WPHF established the Global Learning Hub (L-HUB), building and expanding the CoP to offer different types of training, exchange, peer learning and mentoring opportunities to a broader scope of CSOs, through leveraging partnerships with new donors and partners.</p>	<p>Total Approved Budget (2022-2023) : \$ 980,723</p> <p>Total budget transferred during the reporting period: \$ 419,474 (as of 31 Dec 2022)</p> <p>Project Start Date: January 1, 2022 Project End Date: December 31, 2023 Total Duration (in months): 24 months</p>
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<p>WPHF indicator the Project is reporting on: N/A</p>	

Summary

This report covers the results achieved by Global Learning Hub (L-HUB)¹ of the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF). The WPHF Global Learning Hub is hosted by UN Women's Peace and Security and Resilience team. In 2022, the L-HUB designed and executed a wide range of capacity building, peer exchange and peer learning initiatives for civil society partners, further realizing its mandate to serve as a global hub of knowledge for women's rights organizations working on issues of women, peace and security and humanitarian action (WPS-HA) worldwide.

Through these interactive sessions and the companion resources produced and made accessible in the L-HUB digital platform and channels, CSO partners have enhanced their competences in data collection, digital security, research, anti-corruption, youth mainstreaming, advocacy, resource mobilization, feminist peace processes, climate change resilience, conflict-related sexual violence and coalition building, among others. According to WPHF 2022 CSO Survey, 82% of WPHF CSO partners reported using new knowledge and skills acquired through the WPHF L-Hub initiatives.

A total of 33 training and knowledge exchange webinars were conducted involving 918 participants² from 245 unique civil society organizations (CSOs) and their co-implementing partners from 31 countries. This is an increase of 307 participants from 2021 showing how the L-HUB's scope has expanded to engage WPHF Rapid Response Window CSO partners and WPHF Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs)' Window recipients in specific activities. WPHF also featured 21 CSO partners and 17 external panelists to share their expertise in the webinars, whose themes were chosen according to the CSOs' priorities identified in the WPHF 2021 Annual Survey³. In addition, the CSOs' feedback was collected after each session, allowing WPHF to adjust the webinars' planning to fit best the CSOs' needs.

2022 L-HUB by the numbers		
33 CB webinars, peer exchanges (PE), knowledge cafés	918 CSO participants from 31 countries (245 unique CSOs)	2,417 Visits on the L-HUB Digital Platform
74.5% of CSOs find CB webinars/PE useful to their work	20 Women leaders highlighted through the 1 st and 2 nd Peer Learning Awards (10 CSOs working in tandems)	2 Mentoring projects selected through the Forced Displacement Mentorship Scheme (4 CSOs working in tandems)

In addition, the L-HUB has supported the generation of long-term relationships through peer learning and mentoring initiatives: 1) Peer Learning Awards: 10 local CSOs were provided small grants to develop peer learning projects through the 2021 CSO Peer Learning Awards. Four of these CSOs had never been supported by WPHF proving that the L-HUB's span reached beyond WPHF CSO partners. These peer learning projects deepened the skills of 106 CSOs' members in project management, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), strategic planning, gender, resource mobilization, media engagement, digital communications and advocacy. The CSO leaders noted that the new connections and competencies gained through the peer learning made them stronger organizations able to create positive change in their communities and among youth. These ten CSOs have engaged at least 128,967 people through their joint activities to combat gender-based violence (GBV), and foster women's participation in climate-related decision making, disaster response and humanitarian action. Building on the 2021 Awards' experience,

¹ <https://wphfund.org/wphfund-community/>

² Includes representatives who have attended multiple sessions.

³ Annual CSO Survey on WPHF Global Learning Hub Initiatives (2021): <https://wphfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Annual-CSO-Survey-on-WPHF-Global-Learning-Hub-Initiatives-2021.pdf>

WPHF launched the 2022 CSO Peer Learning Awards⁴⁵ and selected ten women and their CSOs to develop peer learning projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Haiti, Mali, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu from 2023. Several CSOs connected for the first time thanks to the launch of the 2022 awards and the opportunity to design joint projects, including two CSOs based in DRC and Mali, this tandem will make the first cross-country partnership supported through the L-HUB. 2) Mentorship Scheme: In 2022, the L-HUB launched an innovative targeted call for proposals that mobilized 12 displaced-women focused CSOs in Yemen to design joint projects and selected two of these projects which will start in 2023. The L-HUB also surveyed mentoring needs of CSOs working with displaced women in Colombia and provided training sessions on fundraising strategies, creative approaches to empower conflict-affected women and research skills for impactful women’s rights’ activism in partnership with [Germany’s Action Network on Forced Displacement](#).

Lastly, in 2022, the L-HUB engaged three organizations that had already provided pro-bono support in 2021 (Women Have Wings, Dell Technologies and CARE International), secured new partnerships with Germany Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and ESD Global, and mobilized several UN entities and NGOs as trainers and facilitators. These partnerships contribute to enhance the range, quality and diversity of the L-HUB initiatives and resources.

1. Results and Progress Achieved

Outcome 1: Institutional development of local CSOs working on issues of women, peace and security, and humanitarian action in crisis settings is supported and long-term relationships between the CSOs are promoted

During the reporting period, the L-HUB mobilized both external and internal expertise to provide 33 training and knowledge exchange activities to at least 918 civil society participants in 31 countries, an increase of 307 participants from 2021. These sessions were designed based on CSOs’ priorities expressed



Photo 1 : DRC Ambassadors & LETSAI teams during their peer learning project in Nigeria (2021 CSO Awards)

in the [2021 Annual CSO Survey on WPHF Global Learning Hub](#). As a result, CSO partners have enhanced their knowledge in core organizational development topics such as gender-sensitive data collection, digital security, feminist research, anti-corruption, youth mainstreaming and resource mobilization, among others. They equally gained new knowledge on thematic topics such as feminist peace processes, gender inclusive aid and recovery, climate change resilience, among others.

⁴ The first call is for the peer learning awards, while the second is specifically for the L-HUB’s Mentorship Scheme.

⁵ <https://wphfund.org/women-have-wings-2022/>

CSO partners have also increased their practical skills through hearing the experiences of other organizations and projects on WPS-HA in the peer exchanges and Knowledge Cafes. Through these regular meetings, the L-HUB enabled 245 unique CSOs to communicate with each other and learn from different countries and approaches. According to post-webinar surveys, 74.5% of respondents found capacity building and exchange activities useful and relevant to their work. According to 2022 Annual CSO Survey, 82% of WPHF CSO partners also reported applying new knowledge and skills acquired through the WPHF L-Hub initiatives. This has remained consistent from 2021, demonstrating the usefulness and applicability of the L-HUB initiatives to local women's organizations in building their capacity.

The L-HUB also supported the development of long-term relationships between 10 local CSOs through the implementation of the 2021 CSO Peer Learning Awards. Four of these CSOs had never been supported by WPHF previously, showing that the L-HUB's scope has expanded beyond WPHF CSO partners. As a result of the peer learning awards, 106 CSO partners have deepened their skills in project management, monitoring and evaluation, strategic planning, gender equality, community mobilization, resource mobilization, media engagement, digital communications, advocacy and interacting with youth. The latter was a crosscutting component in all projects and all the CSOs declared that after the peer learning projects, they feel better prepared to support youth involvement in humanitarian actions and peacebuilding. All of the CSO leaders involved were very satisfied by the new connections made with their CSO peers and felt inspired and empowered, and they are planning to continue collaborating with their tandem in the next months. Overall, the ten CSOs have engaged approximately 128,967 people from DRC, Jordan, Nigeria and Palestine who were involved in peacebuilding, disaster prevention and humanitarian action and to combat gender-based violence and in Uganda where vulnerable groups (persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV, youth and women IDPs) were mobilized to participate in climate-related decision-making processes in conflict and crisis affected areas.

Finally, the L-HUB initiated its Mentorship Scheme, in partnership with the Action Network on Forced Displacement, aimed at fostering solidarity and collaborations between WPHF CSO partners focused on forced displacement and launched a call for peer learning projects in Yemen that engaged 12 CSOs and selected two peer learning projects aimed at strengthening the CSOs' strategic planning and organizational procedures to operate more efficiently in displacement-affected communities.

Output 1.1: Efficient, effective and timely management of the L-HUB is ensured to foster solidarity and mutual support among CSOs operating in crisis and conflict settings

Mentorship Scheme

The Mentorship Scheme is a L-HUB's initiative which aims at creating online and onsite training, peer learning and mentoring opportunities through partnering with [Germany's Action Network on Forced Displacement](#). 2022 was the first year of implementation of the Mentorship Scheme building capacity, networking opportunities and providing small grants to CSOs working with forcibly displaced women.

In March 2022, L-HUB conducted an online information session on the Mentorship Scheme's objectives in partnership with Germany's Action Network on Forced Displacement. An expertise mapping survey was also conducted with 11 members of the Action Network to explore options for the involvement of members in supporting CSOs partner capacity development. The results of the mapping highlighted that 82% of members showed interest in providing training in the political and socio-economic participation of displaced women and the participation of displaced women in conflict prevention and resolution. 91% also showed interest in mentoring a CSO tandem directly, although the majority were not able to commit for the next few months.

The L-HUB collaborated with two network members in the development of capacity building sessions on fundraising strategies, creative approaches to empower conflict-affected women and research skills for more impactful activism. These online sessions engaged 171 CSO participants from 101 CSOs⁶. In addition, WPHF L-HUB participated in the Conference of the Action Network on 6-7 September entitled “Feminist Leadership in Displacement: Transformation through Participation”. This hybrid event was an opportunity to connect with the network members, share progress about the Mentorship Scheme’s implementation and motivate more network members to take actively part in the training and mentoring of the CSOs.

Finally, two mentoring surveys were conducted with 18 CSOs working with displaced women in Yemen and Colombia to assess their priorities for training and peer learning⁷. Results revealed that 94.4% of CSOs are interested in developing a peer learning project with another organization working in forced displacement in crisis contexts. Building on these consultations, WPHF launched a targeted Call for Proposals (CfP) in Yemen in August 2022 to foster the institutional development and to conduct joint initiatives in tandems. The CfP encouraged several CSOs to work together for the first time in order to design their project’s proposal and overall, a total of 6 proposals involving 12 CSOs were received from eligible CSOs⁸ and two were selected. Implementation will begin in 2023. The projects will focus on strategic organizational planning for displaced women’s increased participation in peacebuilding and on developing the CSOs’ safeguarding and gender-sensitive bidding procedures.

Peer Learning Awards

In 2022, 10 women CSO leaders were supported to engage in peace and crisis response with a focus on youth and facilitated mutual capacity strengthening among them and their CSOs, in collaboration with Women Have Wings (WHW)⁹. The ten nominated women implemented five peer learning projects in tandem. All the projects, focused on youth, in DRC, Jordan, Nigeria, Palestine, and Uganda increased the capacities of 106 CSOs members (66.0% women, including staff, board members and volunteers) in management, M&E, strategic planning, gender and feminism concepts, community mobilization, resource



Photo 2 : NAGAT and Samia Al Badia CSO teams in Jordan (2021 CSO Peer Learning Awards)

⁶ Represents multiple participation as the same CSO representative can participate in several sessions.

⁷ CSOs focusing on forced displacement supported through WPHF’s Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement are eligible to apply for small grants to develop peer learning activities in tandem with another organization. Colombia, Nigeria, and Yemen were selected to implement the first round of the Mentorship Scheme peer learning activities. In Nigeria, the peer learning survey has been discussed with WPHF country focal point but the survey’s launch was postponed to 2023 at the request of the UN Women country office.

⁸ WPHF CSO partners could apply with another WPHF CSO partner or another CSO working with displaced women not supported by the WPHF.

⁹ The CSO Peer Learning Awards recognize the work of 10 women CSO leaders and support mutual capacity strengthening between their CSOs (5 tandems made of 2 CSOs each). Each CSO tandem must be led by one active WPHF CSO who can partner with a WPHF partner CSOs or other women’s rights organizations working in WPSHA who are not supported by WPHF, to expand the scope of the L-HUB initiatives beyond WPHF CSO partners. For more information on the women’s profiles: <https://wphfund.org/women-have-wings/>

mobilization, media engagement, digital communications, advocacy and interaction with youth. All CSO leaders were very satisfied by the peer learning collaboration, noting an improved knowledge and increased operational capacities to support more effectively peace and women's protection and expand their outreach in other geographic areas or with groups, especially youth, people with disabilities and refugee communities.

According to the peer learning reports, positive changes were observed by the CSOs at both individual and organizational levels:

"I learned how to deal with the challenges related to the work of women leaders. The strength and the power of my tandem colleague was of great importance to me in this area". (DRC)

"The collaboration expanded the reach of our organization. Our attention was drawn to be inclusive in all our planning and activities to be able to contribute to sustainable development." (Uganda)

"We acquired the most needed skills which will enable us to perform to our best and effectively assist oil project affected persons in monitoring and reporting of the impacts". (Uganda)

"The programme has made great impacts in our organization as it gave us an opportunity to engage meaningfully with peers from other CSOs...Some of our administrative staff had the opportunity to pair up with our tandem CSO staff to learn new human resources and operating systems which has contributed to improving our service delivery since after the peer learning activity. (Nigeria)

Regarding areas of improvement for future peer learning programming, all CSOs have recommended to increase the duration of the peer learning projects from 4 to 6 months and to increase the number of CSOs to benefit from the value of the collaborations, especially community-based organizations (CBOs).

Results of Peer Learning Awards

Overall, CSO tandem projects, reached approximately 128,967 people

- In the **DRC**, Soutien à la Femme Autochtone de Walungu (SFAW) mobilized 3747 youth in the 16 Days of Activism campaign on the elimination of gender-based violence, HIV/Aids prevention and promotion of the UNSCR 2250 on youth, peace and security.
- In **Jordan**, Toward a Better Tomorrow for Development and Empowerment (NAGAT) and Sama al Badia exchanged working tools and feminist approaches to work with volunteers and to mobilize girls with disabilities in their projects, and developed a short paper on feminism in humanitarian contexts. It is estimated that the project involved 800 members of the local communities.
- In **Nigeria**, DCR Ambassadors and Learning Through Skills Acquisition Initiative (LETSAI) trained each other on disaster risk reduction approaches and GBV in emergencies, and mobilized 120,000 youth to lead awareness raising activities on flood prevention and response¹⁰.
- In **Palestine**, the Psychosocial Counseling Center for Women (PSCCW) and Al-Manar Center led visits and meetings to reactivate the role of youth in grassroots institutions in 5 refugee camps, and developed a campaign to advocate against GBV and drug addiction with an approximate outreach of 4,200 people¹¹.

¹⁰ More information can be found [here](#).

¹¹ A TV episode was held as part of the raising awareness campaign:
<https://www.facebook.com/pnnnetwork/videos/1363089174192259>

- In **Uganda**, the National Association of Professional Environmentalists (NAPE) and the Oil Refinery Residents Association (ORRA) empowered 220 members of vulnerable communities (persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV, youth and women IDPs) to demand their land rights and participate in climate-related decision-making processes at local level.

Building on the 2021 awards' experience, a second CFP was launched for women peacebuilders and humanitarians for CSO partners in the Haiti, Liberia, Mali, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. A total of 20 proposals were received (involving 40 CSOs) and 10 tandems selected¹², with projects starting in 2023. For the first time, a cross-regional partnership between Mali and D.R.C will be supported through the L-HUB¹³. Some CSOs have already collaborated in the past and will use this grant to strengthen their relationship, while several CSOs have connected for the first time through this call for peer learning awards.

Output 1.2: Quality capacity building and knowledge exchange opportunities are provided to women's CSOs operating in crisis and conflict settings

A total of 33 webinars, peer exchanges and knowledge cafés were conducted involving 918 participants from 245 unique civil society organizations (CSOs) and their co-implementing partners from 31 countries, positioning the Global Learning Hub (L-HUB) as a dynamic space to connect women's rights organizations working on WPS-HA and enhance their capacity development.

Based on the results of the [2021 Annual CSO Survey on WPHF Global Learning Hub](#), a set of training webinars were designed, mobilizing several trainers and CSO partners and maintaining close relationship with WPHF country focal points to ensure complementarity of training plans between the global and national levels. In addition, CSO participants' feedback was collected after each activity allowing adjustments to the contents and planning of the webinars to fit best the CSOs' needs and demands. The capacity building and knowledge exchange activities engaged 918 representatives of lead CSOs and their co-implementing partners in 31 countries¹⁴. The webinar on digital security was open to the recipients of WPHF's Women Human Rights Defenders' window and 5 women human rights defenders from Colombia, DRC, Mali and Sudan enhanced their knowledge of digital safety issues. In addition to the CSOs participants, 282 representatives of the WPHF Secretariat, WPHF country focal points and the Rapid Response Window INGO partners attended the online webinars¹⁵

Capacity Building

The L-HUB conducted 25 online sessions - 14 capacity building webinars and 11 live Help Desks that provided orientation to CSOs on the L-HUB's activities, Digital Platform, and funding opportunities such as the Peer Learning Awards. These sessions engaged 724 CSO participants¹⁶ and covered topics such as gender-sensitive data collection, digital security, prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH), anti-corruption, youth mainstreaming in WPS-HA, and climate change integration in WPS-HA. Interpretation was provided in several languages or replicated the same session in different languages, enabling more CSOs from a growing number of countries (10 more from 2021) to benefit from the

¹² For more information on the selected tandems please see <https://wphfund.org/women-have-wings-2022/>

¹³ CSOs from Mali were only eligible as partner CSOs.

¹⁴ Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Cameroon, Colombia, DRC, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Moldova, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Ukraine, and Yemen.

¹⁵ Represents multiple participation.

¹⁶ Includes representatives who have attended multiple sessions.

trainings. It should also be noted that sometimes several CSO members attend the session from the same computer but are not registered or counted as participants.



Photo 3 : WPHF PSEAH Capacity Building Webinar in pro-bono partnership with CARE

The webinars featured experts from 5 CSO partners from Haiti, Malawi, Myanmar, Uganda, and Yemen, of which two were youth speakers. The L-HUB also mobilized 13 external trainers in relevant training areas from UN Women Headquarters and Uganda Country Office, UN Environment Programme (UNEP), CARE International, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) and Germany's Action Network on Forced Displacement. After each session, the webinar's documentation was shared with the CSO participants (training contents and webinar's recording) and, when relevant, companion documents were produced and translated in different languages to deepen the information and resources made available to the CSOs, for example, on digital security, coalition building measurement and the linkages between the WPS and the YPS agendas. A list of funding entities for women's rights organizations to support the CSOs' resource mobilization efforts was also mobilized. In some instances, WPHF country focal points have informed WPHF that the training materials have been used with their UN Women partners working on WPS beyond WPHF partners (at least in Ethiopia and PNG). Lastly, WPHF training webinars and knowledge exchanges are posted on WPHF YouTube channel and shared with the CSOs¹⁷. 526 YouTube views of these videos were registered in 2022 (an increase of 190 from 2021).

According to the post-webinar surveys, 77.3% of participants found capacity-building webinars useful and relevant to their work. Among the most useful topics, participants highlighted learning about the methodology of a policy brief to advocate for social change, how to write a funding proposal, the motivations of fraudulent behaviors, reacting to hacking and protecting intellectual property and M&E tools and measurement of indicators. Furthermore, 82.2% of respondents to the Annual CSO 2022 survey are actively using new knowledge and skills acquired. As noted by a participant in a webinar, "We are very happy to have the chance to strengthen our skills thanks to the quality of the exchanges and the documentation shared during the webinars". Another participant noted: "The L-Hub is a wide and useful educational address. The webinars that have been conducted all have been in accordance with the needs. We thank you for all your activities for women and for organizations that work for women. We hope that the activities will expand and continue as they are a strong support for women and human rights organizations of Afghanistan".

¹⁷ The videos are posted in private mode to ensure that no sensible information is widely disseminated. They are accessible only to those who have the link.

2022 Capacity Building Webinars (33 sessions)

- Live Help Desk special training quizzes, 15 February in English.
- Live Help Desk special training quizzes, 16 February, one in Arabic and one in Spanish.
- Live Help Desk special training quizzes, 17 February in English (Asia-Pacific time zone).
- Live Help Desk special training quizzes, 17 February in French.
- Measuring coalition building for women’s movements in crisis contexts, 14 June in English and 15 June in French. Featured CSO partners: J/P Haiti Relief Organization (JPHRO, Haiti) and Purple Innovation (Malawi).
- Integrating a climate lens in women’s organizations work in conflict and crisis settings, 22 June, with interpretation in 4 languages.
- Mixed Methods for Data Collection, 07 July in English and Arabic, and 14 July in French and Spanish.
- Creative Approaches for Conflict Affected Women’s Empowerment, 25 August 2022 with interpretation in 4 languages.
- Live Help Desk with focus on WPHF 1000 Women leaders’ campaign, 3 August, one in Arabic and one in English.
- Live Help Desk with focus on WPHF 1000 Women leaders’ campaign, 4 August, one in French and one in Spanish.
- Youth Participation for Inclusive Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Action, 28 September, with interpretation in 4 languages. Featured CSO speakers: CSO from Myanmar and SOS Foundation for Development (Yemen).
- CSO Peer Learning Awards Information Session, 18 October in English and 19 October in French.
- Risk Management with a Focus on Corruption and Fraud, 27 October, with interpretation in 4 languages.
- Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) in Women’s Organizations, 2 November, in English and Arabic, and 9 November in French and Spanish.
- Fundraising Strategies and Tips for Women’s Organizations in Crisis Contexts, 23 November, with interpretation in 4 languages. Featured CSO partner: Kyaka United Youth Deaf Association (KUYODA, Uganda).
- Leveraging Research Work for more Impactful Women Organizations’ Activism, 7 December in English, French and Spanish and 8 December in Arabic.
- Digital Safety and Security for Women’s Rights Organizations and Defenders, 14 December with interpretation in 4 languages.

Peer Exchanges and Knowledge Cafés

In 2022, a total of 8 Peer Exchange and Knowledge Café sessions were conducted featuring 15 CSO partners from 10 countries (Colombia, DRC, Iraq, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Syria, Uganda) and engaging 194 CSOs participants.¹⁸ The peer exchanges mobilized 5 facilitators from several UNW country offices and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict. The Peer Exchanges enhanced the transfer of approaches and knowledge among CSOs in areas such as feminist peace processes, women’s resilience to climate change, conflict-related sexual violence and coalition building with grassroots’ women groups to end VAWG. For the latter, the L-HUB piloted a new model of country-to-country peer exchanges reserved for WPHF-Spotlight Initiative CSO partners from two countries. These exchanges aim to provide a space for sharing and reflection on key strategies that can be applied in both countries. As the WPHF-Spotlight supported projects were phasing out in 2022, the country-to-country exchanges allowed to have an overview of the projects’ achievements and challenges. Two country-to-country peer exchanges were conducted, one between Uganda and Malawi CSO partners, and the second between Liberia and Nigeria CSO partners. The session’s small groups was appropriate for insightful exchanges on successful approaches to ensure the participation of women community-based groups in wider advocacy efforts to eliminate GBV. Summaries of these sessions were shared with all WPHF CSO partners allowing the larger L-HUB community to learn from the country-to-country peer exchanges. A participant in a peer exchange noted, *“We get inspired by women's organizations all over the world through this same Hub and their wonderful work”*.

¹⁸ Ibid.

Peer Exchanges in 2022

- Coalition Building on the Front Lines: Advocating for Women's Rights and EVAWG, 4 November
- Building Women's Resilience to Climate Change: Sustainable Practices from Colombia and Mali, 23 May in French and Spanish. Featured CSO partners: Association KILABO (Mali) and Asociación Flor de kinde Nariño (Colombia).
- Preventing and Responding to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Learning from Civil Society Experiences in DRC and Iraq, 21 July in English and French. Featured CSO partners: Fondation Femme Plus (FFP, DRC) and Iraqi Women Journalists Forum (IWJF, Iraq).
- Country to Country (Malawi and Uganda) Peer Exchange Brief Practicing Coalition Building with Grassroots Women's Groups to End VAWG, 3 November in English. Featured CSO partners: Uganda Women's Network (UWONET, Uganda) and the National Women's Lobby Group (NAWOLG, Malawi).
- Feminist Peace Processes in Action: Insights from Libya and Syria, 16 November, with interpretation in 4 languages. Featured CSO partners: Zenobia (Syria) and Together We Build It - TWBI (Libya).
- Country to Country (Liberia and Nigeria) Peer Exchange Brief Practicing Coalition Building with Grassroots Women's Groups to End Violence Against Women, 21 November in English. Featured CSO partners: Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa (Liberia) and Green Concern for Development (Nigeria).

Moreover, two CSOs from Palestine and Lebanon led two Knowledge Café sessions where they presented research pieces on gender inclusive aid and the rights of women with disabilities to social services in crisis-affected areas. According to the post peer exchange questionnaires, 62.2% of respondents found the peer exchange and knowledge café sessions relevant to their work and learned new best practices.

Knowledge Cafés in 2022

- Listening to Palestinian Women's Voices for a more effective humanitarian response led by Roles for social changes association (ADWAR), 15 December
- Leaving No One Behind and Enhancing Women's Rights to Social Services: Insights from Palestine, 21 September in Arabic. Featured CSO partner: the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA, Palestine).
- Towards More Gender Responsive Aid and Recovery: Beirut's Blast as a Case Study, 19 October in English and 28 November in French. Featured CSO partner: SEEDS for Legal Aid Initiatives (Lebanon).

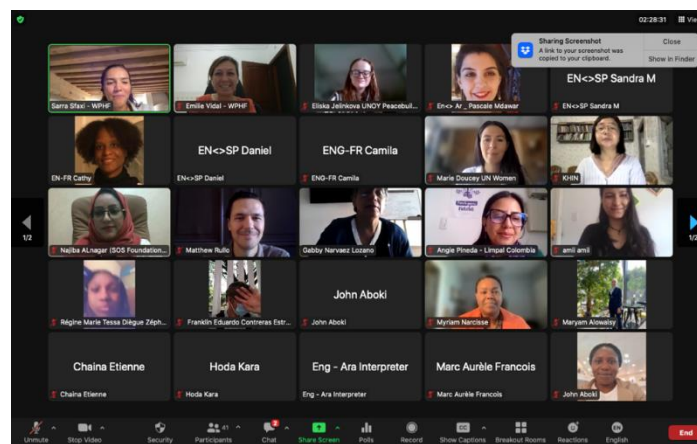


Photo 4: Capacity Building Webinar Youth Participation for Inclusive Peace and Humanitarian Action

WPHF L-HUB Digital Platform, Facebook Group and Email Updates

In 2022, a total of 176 key knowledge resources were disseminated on WPS-HA related topics in Arabic, English, French and Spanish on the L-HUB digital platform, which was designed in 2020 in pro-bono partnership with Dell Technologies. In addition, 11 original capacity building and knowledge exchange resources authored by WPHF were disseminated, and the recordings of the training webinars. The platform registered 2,417 visits in 2022 providing women's organizations with critical information and training resources on gender equality, conflict prevention and peacebuilding. According to the WPHF 2022

CSO Survey¹⁹, 25.2% of CSOs have accessed the L-HUB platform more than 5 times (representing an increase of 2.2% points from 2021).

Moreover, the WPHF L-HUB Facebook group²⁰ continued to be a successful tool to enhance knowledge exchange and solidarity among the CSO partners, reaching a total of 258 members at the end of the year, 105 new members from 2021. Among these 258 members, 154 unique CSOs²¹ are represented by 223 CSO leaders²² and an increased engagement has been noted as civil society leaders regularly posted videos, photos, and success stories with 293 posts, 138 comments, 1,363 reactions and 6,770 impressions.

The L-HUB disseminated training opportunities, events and resources through the Facebook group, including on National Action Plans, conflict analysis and sexual violence (from the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, the UN System Staff College and the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Global Affairs Canada, the Civil Society Working Group on WPS, etc.). Regular funding opportunities for resource mobilization were also shared for peacebuilders and humanitarian workers (from FRIDA, the UN Trust Fund, the Peacebuilding Support Office and the UN Democracy Fund, etc.)

The partnership with Dell Technologies also continued in 2022 with two Pro Bono workshops conducted²³ for CSOs. These workshops aimed to strengthen organizations in digital technology, data analysis, strategy development, operations, human resources, or finance. Two WPHF CSO partners were selected to receive technological training and support from Dell in April and December 2022. As a result, the Center for Civil Society Strengthening (CCSS) in Malawi has updated their digital communications' plan and improved the profiling and visibility of their mandate among donors and stakeholders

In collaboration with ESD Global (ESDG) Africa²⁴, training on empowerment through self-defense as a violence prevention strategy for women and vulnerable populations was also conducted in 2022. This kind of training was aligned with the WPHF CSO Annual Survey 2021 where CSOs identified self-defense and empowerment as a top priority. Two CSOs²⁵ from Mali and D.R.C enrolled in the ESDG free online and self-paced course "Empowerment Self-Defense: Core Skills" where they learned how to increase self-confidence, build personal awareness and safety, and recognize and address potentially dangerous situations with a focus on non-violent communication techniques and physical, emotional and psychological self-defense skills.

According to the WPHF 2022 CSO Survey, 86.5% of users were satisfied with their experience on the WPHF L-HUB Digital Platform and/or Facebook Group, highlighting that the information provided on the platform meets the CSOs' needs to carry their work. One survey respondent noted, "*I am satisfied because the information is quite clear and because of the availability of resources and information. The platform is friendly*", and "*The platform is well structured and easy to access*". Furthermore, through its email distribution list, WPHF sent regular updates about L-HUB activities and related materials, and highlighted knowledge resources produced by CSO partners. The L-HUB mailing list and the Facebook group members lists have been regularly revised to include new WPHF CSO partners and update contact persons as there is continuous staff turnover in all organizations.

¹⁹ WPHF 2022 CSO Survey is not available at this writing but will be made available in WPHF's website in 2023: <https://wphfund.org/wphfund-community/>

²⁰ The Facebook group is open to past and current WPHF CSO partners, Rapid Response Window INGO partners, UN Women country focal points and WPHF Secretariat's staff.

²¹ 149 lead CSO partners and 5 co-implementing partners.

²² Several staff members from a same CSO can be part of the Facebook group.

²³ More information on Dell Probono workshops on [Pro Bono | Dell USA](#)

²⁴ <https://esdglobalselfdefense.org/>

²⁵ ONG Kilabo from Mali and Ensemble pour la Promotion de la Femme et de la Famille EPF, Bukavu (DRC).

Expanding partnerships with the L-HUB

L-HUB partnerships contribute to enhancing the range, quality and diversity of the L-HUB initiatives and resources, showing that WPHF's L-HUB is perceived as a credible programme which attracts new donors and supporters to offer complementing long-term networking opportunities for local women CSOs. In 2022, WPHF continued three pro-bono partnerships from 2021 (Dell Technologies, Women Have Wings, and CARE) which involved training, resources for peer learning awards and support for the digital platform's maintenance. In addition, WPHF secured a new partnership with Germany Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development for the Mentorship Scheme and with ESD Global and mobilized 3 UN entities (UN Women on three occasions, UNEP and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict) and one NGO (UNOY) as trainers and facilitators. The L-HUB digital platform was also highlighted at the [Good Tech Fest](#) conference in Washington (USA) on 11 May, 2022 as a "Tech for Social Good Initiative" and an example of an innovative partnership between WPHF and a private sector entity (Dell Technologies).



Photo 5: L-HUB Partners in 2022

Output 1.3: Knowledge and visibility of lessons learned and best practices of women's CSOs operating in crisis and conflict settings is enhanced on the global stage

In 2022, a concept note for the L-HUB Global Convening Event was developed and efforts were pursued to mobilize donors and sponsors, in synergy with WPHF Partnerships and Private sector units. The L-HUB CSO Global Convening will gather women CSO leaders and peacebuilders to discuss their challenges and priorities in WPS-HA work and to increase their recognition as important stakeholders in high-level decision-making processes. The event will also be an opportunity to exchange perspectives, acknowledge the quality of CSOs' contributions to peacemaking and humanitarian relief and create synergies among women peacebuilders and humanitarian champions. Some donors have already shown interest, and WPHF will continue to explore resource mobilization opportunities leading up to the event in 2023.



Photo 6: Post promoting the L-HUB on WPHF Facebook account

2. Assessments and Knowledge Products by WPHF L-HUB

Eleven capacity building resources and knowledge products were produced and disseminated in 2022:

- Tip sheet on 'Ensuring Young Women and Men's Participation for more Inclusive Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Action'
- Resource on climate change, women, peace, and humanitarian action
- Tip Sheet on Creative Approaches to Empower Displaced Women and Conflict-Affected Communities
- Tip Sheet on Digital Safety and Security for Women's Rights Organizations and Defenders
- Peer Exchange infographics on key steps to coalition building and advocating for women's rights, advancing peace, ending violence against women and girls
- Peer Exchange Brief on Building Women's Resilience to Climate Change in Fragile Contexts (Colombia and Mali)
- Peer Exchange Brief on Responding to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (DRC and Iraq)
- Liberia and Nigeria Peer Exchange Brief on Practicing Coalition Building with Grassroots Women's Groups to EVAW
- Malawi and Uganda Peer Exchange Brief on Practicing Coalition Building with Grassroots Women's Groups to EVAWG
- Monitoring and Evaluation Tip Sheet: Measuring Coalition Building for Women's Movements
- WPHF Peer Exchange Brief Feminist Peace processes in Action: Insights from Libya and Syria.

3. Planned 2023 Priorities

In 2023, and subject to the availability of Funds, the L-HUB will prioritize the following:

- Continue providing high quality and accessible training and knowledge exchange online activities that respond to the CSOs' evolving needs and priorities across the humanitarian, development and peace nexus in a context of civil society space shrinking, heightening armed conflicts and climate crisis.

- Secure funding to organize a second CSO Global Women’s Forum to ensure continuity with the first WPHF [“Global Women's Forum for Peace and Humanitarian Action”](#) which was held in 2020, and to enable WPHF CSO partners to meet in person, discuss advocacy priorities to conduct their peace and humanitarian work, increase networking and promote and capitalize successful narratives and lessons learned on peace and crisis response.
- Building partnerships with government donors, INGOs, private sector and research entities to support the CSOs’ access to knowledge and capacity strengthening in creative and practical ways such as the Mentorship Scheme and to continue expanding the L-HUB’s reach beyond WPHF-supported CSOs.

4. Indicator Based Performance Assessment

Results	Indicators	Progress Achieved against Targets	Reasons for Variance
Project Outcome Institutional development of local CSOs working on issues of women, peace and security, and humanitarian action in crisis settings is supported and long-term relationships between the CSOs are promoted.	1. Percentage of WPHF CoP members that report using new knowledge and skills from the capacity building and knowledge exchange opportunities Baseline: 0 Target: 75% by December 2023	According to WPHF 2022 CSO Survey, 82% of WPHF CSO partners reported using new knowledge and skills acquired through the WPHF capacity building programme. This has remained consistent from 2021, demonstrating the usefulness and applicability of the L-HUB initiatives to local women's organizations in building their capacity.	No variance
Output 1.1. Efficient, effective and timely management of the L-HUB is ensured to foster solidarity and mutual support among CSOs operating in crisis and conflict settings	1. Number of calls for proposals, application forms, and surveys on peer learning and mentoring needs online Baseline: 0 Target: 2 by December 2023	-2 CfPs launched (Peer Learning Awards in Yemen (August 2022) as part of the Mentorship Scheme, and multi-country CSO Peer Learning Awards in October 2022). -2 mentoring needs surveys conducted among forced-displacement focused CSOs in Yemen (May-June 2022) and Colombia (July-August 2022)	Exceeded targeted by 2
	2. Number of CSOs who have applied to peer learning and mentoring opportunities (by type of CSO ²⁶) Baseline: 0 Target: 10 CSO applicants (5 tandems) per each CfP	52 CSOs applied to peer learning and mentoring opportunities i) 12 CSO applicants (6 tandems) have applied to the CfP on Peer Learning in Yemen (3 women's rights/led, 1 women led, 1 youth focused/young women led and 1 other); ii) 40 CSOs (20 tandems) to the multi-country Peer Learning Awards 2022 (3 women's rights, 12 women's rights/led, 3 women's rights/youth led and 2 other).	Exceeded target by 42 CSOs for CfP1 and by 30 for CfP2
	3. Number and type of CSOs engaged in long term peer learning relationships in tandems Baseline: 0 Target: 12 CSOs (6 tandems) by December 2023.	14 CSOs from 6 countries selected for six-month peer learning relationships in 2022 and will start implementation in 2023. 10 CSOs (5 peer learning CSO tandems) in DRC, Haiti, Mali, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu for joint activities to enhance their partnership and capacity, through field visits, trainings, and advocacy actions. And 4 CSOs (2 mentoring CSO tandems) in Yemen (one will focus on strategic organizational planning for displaced women's increased participation in peacebuilding and one aims to develop the CSOs' safeguarding and gender-sensitive bidding procedures).	Exceeded target by 2. Peer learning relationships are a maximum of six months.

²⁶ Women's Rights/Led and Youth Focused/ Young Women Led

Results	Indicators	Progress Achieved against Targets	Reasons for Variance
	4. Number of mentors providing long-term support to CSO tandems developing peer learning relationships Baseline: 0 Target: 5 mentors by December 2023	0	No progress yet as the mentors' involvement is related to the development of the peer learning projects in the countries of WPHF's Funding initiative on Forced Displacement (pilot countries are Colombia, Nigeria and Yemen). It is expected to start involving mentors in 2023 once the projects' implementation will start.
Output 1.2. Quality capacity building and knowledge exchange opportunities are provided to women's CSOs operating in crisis and conflict settings	1. Number and type of capacity building and knowledge exchange opportunities provided Baseline: 0 Target: 8 per year	A total of 33 capacity building and knowledge exchange activities (25 capacity building webinars, 5 peer exchanges and 3 knowledge cafés) were provided online in 2022 in multiple languages building on the experience and modules developed in previous years, for at least one third of the webinars.	Exceeded target by 25. This is due to the fixed number of CB webinars being replicated every year, some webinars conducted in collaboration with the same trainers. In addition, new partnerships, for example with Germany's Action network on Forced Displacement, have allowed the L-HUB to design a substantial number of new webinars.
	2. Number of CSO representatives engaged in capacity building and knowledge exchange activities Baseline: 0 Target: 300 per year	918 CSO representatives ²⁷ from 245 unique civil society organizations (CSOs) and their co-implementing partners from 31 countries were engaged in capacity building and knowledge exchange activities in 2022.	Exceeded target by 618 CSO representatives
	3: Number of CSO representatives that have been featured as speakers or presenters in Capacity Building and Peer Exchange events Baseline: 0 Target: 8 per year	21 CSO representatives were featured as speakers and presenters in L-HUB learning events in 2022 (5 CSO representatives through capacity building webinars and 16 CSO representatives in peer exchanges).	Exceeded target by 13
Output 1.3. Knowledge and visibility of lessons learned and best practices of women's CSOs operating in crisis and conflict settings is	1. Number of participants in the WPHF L-HUB Global Convening (by type) Baseline: 0 Target: 60 in each global convening	Not Applicable for 2022	WPHF has focused on the event's conceptualization and donor outreach to mobilize funding to conduct the global convening in 2023.

²⁷ Includes representatives who have attended multiple sessions.

Results	Indicators	Progress Achieved against Targets	Reasons for Variance
enhanced on the global stage	2. Number of knowledge products produced resulting from the collaboration of the CSOs Baseline: 0 Target: 1 by December 2023	0	No progress as this result relates to the realization of the global convening which will be conducted in May 2023.
	3. Number and types of partners that have collaborated with the L-HUB (academia, INGO, etc.) Baseline: 0 Target: 3 by December 2023	0	No progress as this result relates to the realization of the global convening which will be conducted in May 2023.