

Call for Proposals Ukraine Response

Call Opens:	16 th of June 2023
Deadline for submission:	28 th of July 2023
Send Application package to:	WPHFapplications@unwomen.org

1. Objectives and Purpose of the Call for Proposals

The overall purpose of this Call for Proposals is to provide grants to women and young women's civil society organizations in Ukraine that implement project activities in one of the following two impact areas and their respective target groups:

- ▶ **Impact Area 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response** - focused on enhancing the participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response. Projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women, as appropriate.
- ▶ **Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls** – focused on enhancing the safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights. Projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women, as appropriate.

All project activities aim to contribute to the overall goal of peaceful and gender equal societies, and are aligned to UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

Country Context Linked to Call for Proposals

Context for Impact Area 3 "Humanitarian"

The 2022 war in Ukraine is having a significant human rights and humanitarian impact on the civilian population, particularly on the lives and livelihoods of women and girls. Since the outbreak of war, millions of people across the country have been subject to months of intense attacks on their cities resulting in a lack of access to essential services such as food, water, health care, and education. Damage to medical facilities has compromised the access to maternal care for pregnant women and disruption to water supplies affects women and girls' ability to ensure adequate hygiene, including menstrual hygiene management. Mass destruction of civilian infrastructure has left hundreds of thousands of people across the Ukraine without their homes or livelihoods. The number of women-headed households without homes is increasing as men are conscripted but women remain largely excluded from humanitarian decision-making impacting their families. The deteriorating situation and upcoming harsh cold season is likely to increase needs for humanitarian assistance across the country.

Context for Impact Area 5 "Protection"

More than a year from the outbreak of war in Ukraine, women and girls continue to face life-threatening protection risks. Although some GBV-specialized and protection focused services continue to operate in many locations across Ukraine, essential services are currently affected by significant funding and human resource limitations. Furthermore, mounting allegations continue to be reported of the increase in conflict-related sexual violence and other forms of gender-based violence being perpetrated against women and girls during the war, showcasing the urgency in addressing their protection needs and mental health.

2. Scope (Location and Duration)

The WPHF will fund qualifying projects with planned implementation of **all activities in Ukraine only**. Any geographical region in Ukraine is eligible for implementation.

Multi-country projects, or projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.

CSOs can apply for a maximum of 12 months.

3. Eligibility

4.1. Who can apply and receive funding?

International, National, regional or local/grassroots women or young women led, women's rights, youth rights, feminist, or civil society organizations with a proven track record working with women, young women and girls in forced displacement, are eligible to apply. Organizations led by displaced persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

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.

Youth Focused Organization: To be considered "youth focused", 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

Organizations led by a displaced person (refugee, IDP, returnee or asylum seeker): must be headed by a refugee or displaced person as director/head of organization.

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

- Government agencies or institutions;
- UN agencies or UN Country Teams;
- Private individuals;
- Private sector entities;
- Universities, Think Tanks or Education or Research Institutions

4.2. Do we need to be legally registered as an organization to apply?

YES, for the lead applicant. The lead applicant organization must submit proof of legal registration with the application package. Note that articles of incorporation are not proof of legal status.

NO for co-implementing or consortium partners. Co-implementing partners are not required to provide legal registration, only the lead applicant organization.

4.3. Can we apply in partnership or consortium with other organizations?

YES. Joint projects with other local women’s rights, youth focused organizations, women or young women led civil society organizations 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 template.

Note: INGOs are encouraged to partner with at least one local women’s rights organization.

4.4. May we apply for funding for an ongoing or existing initiative or project?

YES. The WPHF accepts proposals for ongoing projects funded by other donors. However, the specific value added of the contribution should be clearly outlined.

4.5. Does my organization have to contribute to the project budget?

NO. Civil society organizations are not required to contribute to the budget.

4. Type of Funding and Requirements

Under this Call for Proposals, WPHF is accepting applications for programmatic funding only.

Please note that organizations can only apply to ONE of the two impact areas. Applications to more than one impact area will not be considered.

Programmatic Funding: Stream 2 - \$30,000 - \$500,000)

- Impact Area 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response:** Project activities that enhance participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response. Under this impact area, projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women as appropriate. The project duration can be up to 12 months.

OR

- Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls:** Project activities that enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls’ and their human rights respected. Under this impact area, projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women as appropriate. The project duration can be up to 12 months.

Please read through the WPHF Indicator Tip Sheets for guidance on the results framework (Section 8 below) and required indicators in the attached proposal template.

5. Application Package and Procedures

Applicants are required to use only the WPHF templates provided for the relevant stream. DO NOT submit photos or additional documents other than the ones listed.

- WPHF Proposal Template (for Stream 2, 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)

Application packages should be emailed to WPHFapplications@unwomen.org with the subject line “**WPHF CfP5-Ukraine**” by 28th of July 2023.

Please Note:

- Applications can be submitted in English or Ukrainian.
- Applications can be submitted in .doc and .docx
- Legal registration certificates can be submitted in jpeg, doc., docx., or pdf format.
- All documents should be submitted together as one package.
- You may not make changes to your application after it is submitted.
- Incomplete applications, or use of different templates will not be considered.
- Please DO NOT resend your application unless you do not receive a confirmation of receipt within three days.

6. Obtaining More Information about the Call for Proposals

An online information session will be organized with prospective applicants. To express your interest in the information session, please email wphf.cfp4@gmail.com by 30th of June 2023 with the request. An invitation with the session link will be provided prior to the information session. This session will also be recorded and uploaded to the WPHF website for prospective applicants who are unable to attend. This information session will be available in both Ukrainian and English.

Questions about this CfP can be sent to the UN Women Country office to wphf.cfp4@gmail.com. Please allow a minimum of 24 hours (one working day) for responses to any questions.

7. Evaluation Criteria

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

Programmatic Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 2)

Project Objectives:

- Organization's mandate and project is aligned 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. Displaced women and girls must be the main beneficiaries of project activities.
- Partnership and/or capacity development of local women's organizations 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
- Clear and realistic activities planned and described to accomplish the results, including innovative approaches and achievable within the timeframe
- Identification of relevant and appropriate monitoring and evaluation approaches based on the results framework and do no harm approaches

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.

Budget

- 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

8. Useful Resources

- The WPHF's website www.wphfund.org
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls](#)
- [Results Based Management Capacity Building Webinar](#)
- 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>

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

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. 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 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 900 civil society organizations and is present in 41 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, Italy and the United States), as well as 4 Civil Society Organizations (currently Feminist Humanitarian Network, Kvinna till Kvinna, Action Aid and Women's Refugee Commission). A Regional Steering Committee will select projects from the list of proposals shortlisted through this Call for Proposal, following the project evaluations by WPHF.

