



**Women's Peace &  
Humanitarian Fund** 

A United Nations & Civil Society Partnership

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WAR~~ **INVEST IN WOMEN**   
**RESPOND TO CRISIS**  
**BUILD PEACE**

**THE WPHF**

**INVEST IN WOMEN**

**GLOBAL CAMPAIGN**



A smiling woman with a green headwrap and a vibrant orange dress with a geometric pattern of blue and red circles. She is standing in front of a red wall with some peeling paint. In the background, another person is partially visible, and there's a glimpse of an outdoor setting with a yellow structure.

## SCALING UP. MOVING FORWARD. INVESTING IN WOMEN ON THE FRONT LINES.

Together with its government, UN and civil society partners, WPHF is calling on the world to step up financial commitments to meet the critical needs and support the transformational impact of local women's organizations worldwide.

WPHF has launched the **INVEST-IN-WOMEN Global Campaign** to mobilize **USD 300 Million** to support and scale up the impact of local women's groups in fragile settings **by the end of 2025**.

This bold global financial commitment would accelerate the reach and support to more than **3,500 local women's organizations** working in conflict and crisis countries to directly transform the lives of approximately **13.5 million people**.

The United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) has launched its **INVEST-IN-WOMEN Global Campaign** to accelerate support, amplify the voices, unlock the power and scale up the impact of local women's organizations working to build peace and respond to crisis in the face of a rapidly evolving world.



# THE WPHF INVEST-IN-WOMEN HIGH LEVEL SUMMIT OCTOBER 2023

The **WPHF Invest-In-Women High Level Summit** will convene governments, civil society leaders, UN entities, celebrities, philanthropists and the private sector at UN Headquarters on the sidelines of the UNSC Open Debate on Women Peace and Security in October 2023. The summit will constitute a milestone moment and opportunity for UN Members States to announce ambitious new financial commitments to invest in the transformational power of women on the front lines.

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## WHO WE ARE

The **United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)** is a UN pooled funding mechanism accelerating programmatic and institutional support for local women's civil society leaders working in crisis settings worldwide. WPHF is supporting the capacity, amplifying the voices and advocating for local women peacebuilders, humanitarians and women human rights defenders. WPHF is addressing critical financing gaps for local women-led and women's rights organizations on the front lines, fostering coalition building, and breaking the silos across humanitarian-development-peace financing. Since its launch in 2016, WPHF has funded over **900 local and grassroots civil society organizations in 32 countries** around the world, with close to half of its CSO partners receiving UN funding for the first time. From 2016 to 2022, WPHF mobilized over **USD 136 million to support** women civil society leaders and their local organizations working to prevent conflict, respond to crises, end sexual and gender-based violence, build back better from COVID-19, and forge lasting peace in their communities.

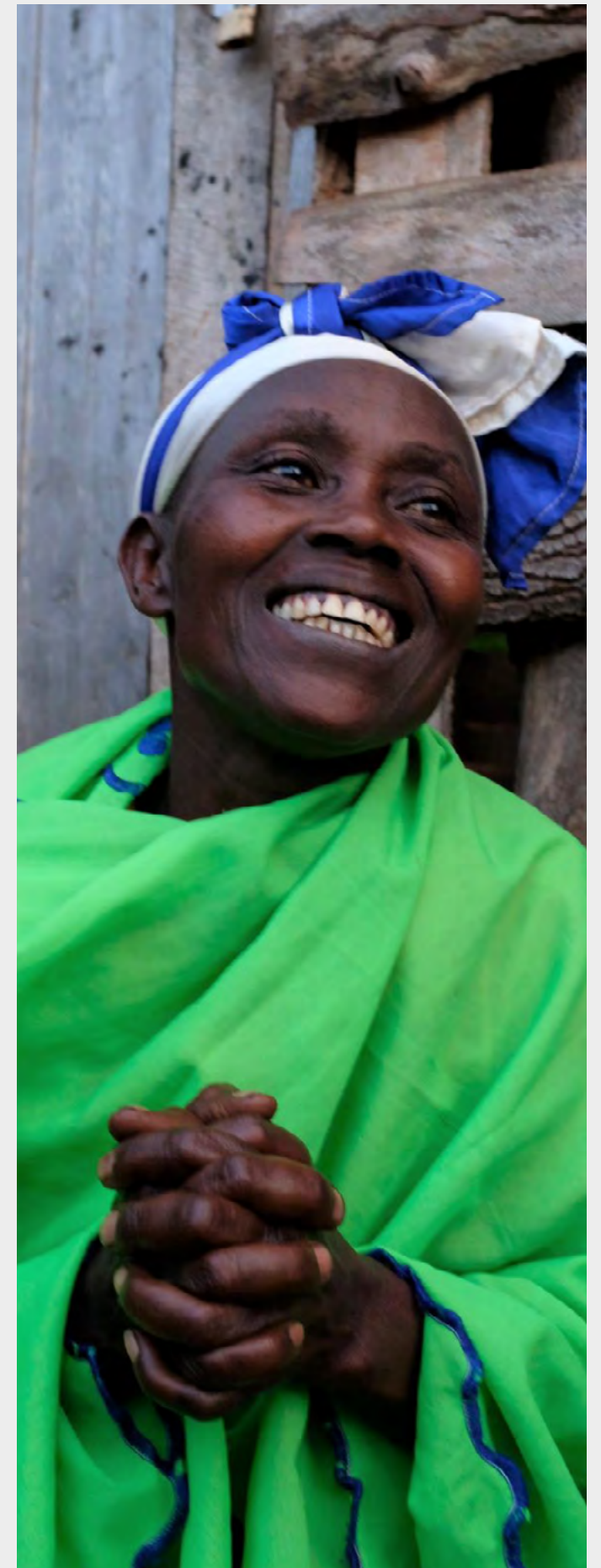
Building on the groundwork established as the world's foremost financing mechanism supporting frontline women's groups in fragile settings worldwide, WPHF is calling on UN Member States to scale up support for women working as the engines of peace and security and humanitarian response in their communities and their countries.



## A HISTORIC INFLECTION POINT

New or protracted conflicts, the rise of authoritarian regimes, humanitarian crises and global emergencies are posing grave and unprecedented threats to global security, development and human rights. The number of people forcibly displaced due to conflict, natural disaster, persecution and human rights violations is the highest the world has ever seen. Authoritarianism and threats to the fundamental rights of women, LGBTQ+ and other marginalized groups are on the rise with protracted conflicts and humanitarian emergencies exacerbated by the global climate crisis, food insecurity and violent extremism.

The world is at a historic inflection point and being called on to take bold and decisive action to support local, transformative, scalable, women-led solutions to build more peaceful, equal and resilient societies.





## WHY WOMEN? WHY LOCAL? WHY NOW?

Women are the engines of peacebuilding and humanitarian action in fragile settings around the world. Women civil society leaders have long been working at the forefront of local efforts to create innovative solutions that transform lives. Local women's organizations are deeply integrated into their communities, making them trusted authorities who are best placed to reach and work alongside the most marginalized populations. Women civil society leaders have the access, expertise, strategic partnerships and legitimacy to change the power dynamics and rebuild societies based on equality and inclusion post-conflict, effectively improve the quality and reach of humanitarian aid, respond to sexual and gender-based violence, prevent conflict and violent extremism, and so much more. Women and their local civil society organizations are instrumental to building more peaceful societies based on human rights, democratic values and gender equality. Despite this, financing for local women's organizations in crisis settings remains needlessly low.

The share of global development assistance for fragile or conflict-affected countries that ever reaches local women's organizations still stands at less than one per cent of total bilateral aid.

**WPHF is defining the contours of a concrete blueprint to achieve the UN Secretary General's goal to multiply by five the funding that goes to women's organizations by the end of 2030. WPHF is stepping up efforts to accelerate investment in the work of women civil society leaders who are yielding remarkable dividends towards a more peaceful, inclusive and gender-equal world.**

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**WPHF is building on its legacy of innovation and impact to unlock the power of women on the front lines. Together with our partners, we are adapting to meet the new realities of the evolving world and rising to the challenge to ensure local, frontline women's groups have the financing they need to build peace and respond to crisis.**

**Ghita El Khyari**

Head of the Secretariat

United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund





# 300 MILLION IN ACTION: OUR VISION TO ENHANCE SUPPORT FOR WOMEN ON THE FRONT LINES

WPHF will continue to finance women and their local organizations through three key funding mechanisms:

1

**Regular Funding Cycle**

provides institutional and programmatic funding to local civil society organizations to support their work on women, peace and security and humanitarian action

2

**Rapid Response Window for Women and Peace Processes**

addresses short-term strategic interventions aiming at ensuring or strengthening women’s meaningful participation in track 1 and track 2 peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements

3

**Funding Window for Women Human Rights Defenders**

supports the advocacy and the protection of women peacebuilders, humanitarian responders and human rights activists from crisis countries

## Our Goal: More Peaceful & Gender Equal Societies

WPHF is committed to financing projects of local women’s organizations across six key outcome areas contributing to inclusive and sustainable peace:



**OUTCOME 1:**  
Enabling Environment for Women, Peace and Security

To enhance the role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.



**OUTCOME 2:**  
Conflict Prevention

To increase meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response.



**OUTCOME 3:**  
Humanitarian and Crisis Response

To enhance participation and leadership of local women’s organizations in humanitarian planning and response.



**OUTCOME 4:**  
Conflict Resolution

To increase representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/ or implementation of peace agreements.



**OUTCOME 5:**  
Protection of Women and Girls

To enhance safety, security and mental health of women and girls’ and their human rights are respected.



**OUTCOME 6:**  
Peacebuilding and Recovery

To improve socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.



## WPHF reinforces support to local society organizations by incorporating institutional financing and capacity building across all six of its impact areas:



### Flexible and Institutional Financing

WPHF mainstreams institutional funding through all its outcomes, delivering quality core and flexible financing to local women-led and women's right organizations to safeguard their existence and strengthen their capacities to adapt in the face of evolving



### Global Learning and Coalition Building

Through its Global Learning Hub (L-HUB), WPHF harnesses technological innovation to invest in the capacity and coalition building, learning and knowledge exchange of local women's groups while connecting them to new resources and fostering a global community of expert civil society leaders.

While sustaining its commitment and support for local civil society projects aligned with its six outcome areas, WPHF will deepen and articulate new strategies exploring a range of additional crosscutting areas of focus, including:



### Climate Security

WPHF seeks to further invest in women-led initiatives aimed at climate change mitigation and adaptation as it relates to conflict prevention, humanitarian and crisis response, and socioeconomic recovery and peacebuilding.



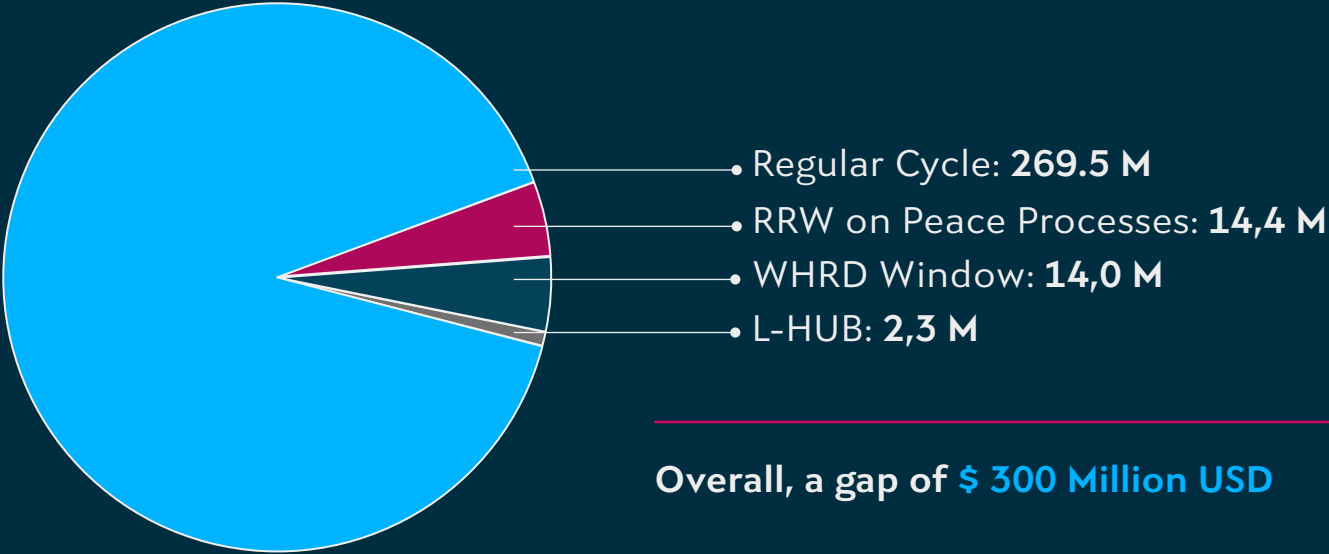
### Food Security

Promoting women and girls' agency, participation, leadership and decision-making in conflict prevention, crisis response and recovery is essential in the fight against food insecurity. WPHF aims to support women's instrumental work across the nexus of food security, sustainable peace, and gender equality.

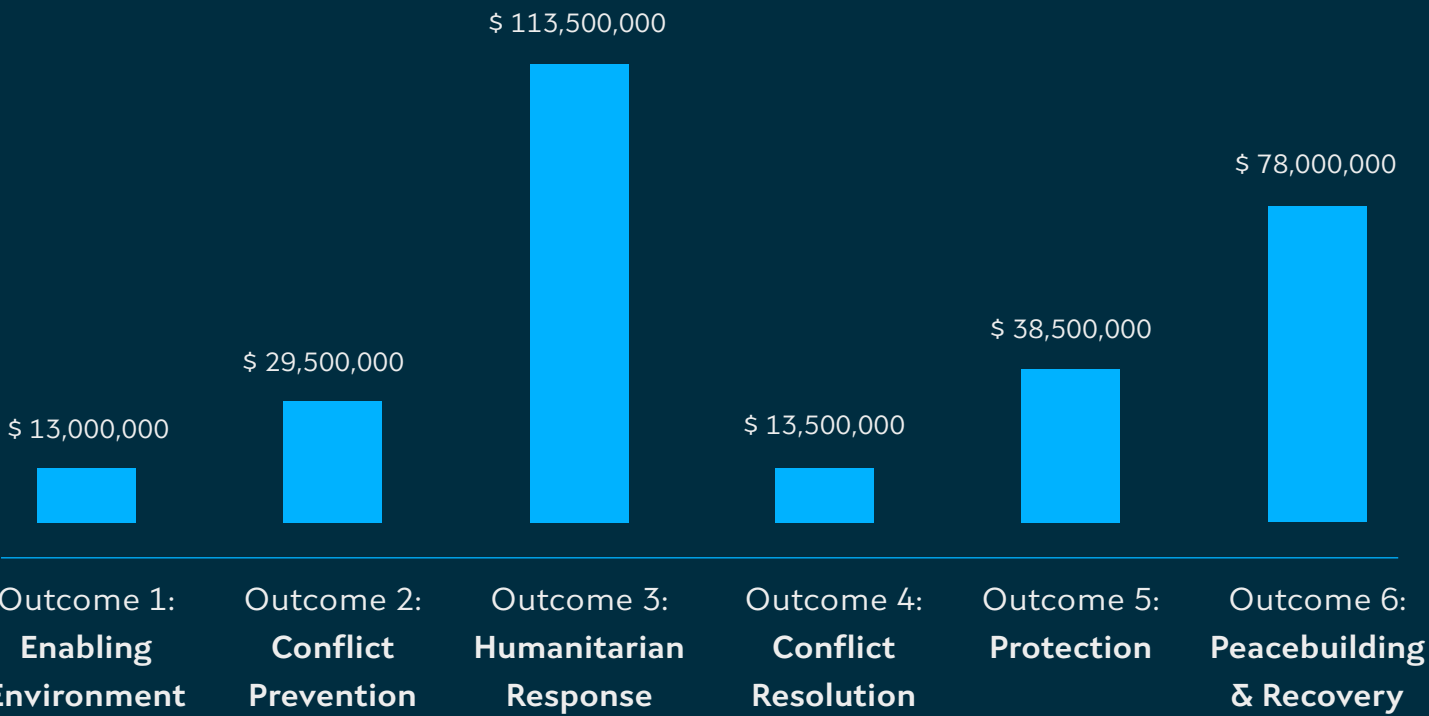




WPHF Funding Gaps 2023-2025



WPHF Funding Gaps 2023-2025 (per Outcome)



When women peacebuilders, humanitarians and human rights defenders are adequately financed, their impact is exponential.





# JOIN US

Join WPHF today and take your place in the global movement to **accelerate** support, **amplify** the voices, **unlock** the power and **scale up** the impact of frontline women's groups across the globe.

Follow @wphfund to stay engaged and find out more about the WPHF Invest-In-Women Global Campaign at [WPHFund.org/InvestInWomen](https://WPHFund.org/InvestInWomen)

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