



**Women's Peace &
Humanitarian Fund** 

A United Nations & Civil Society Partnership



ABOUT WPHF

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About WPHF

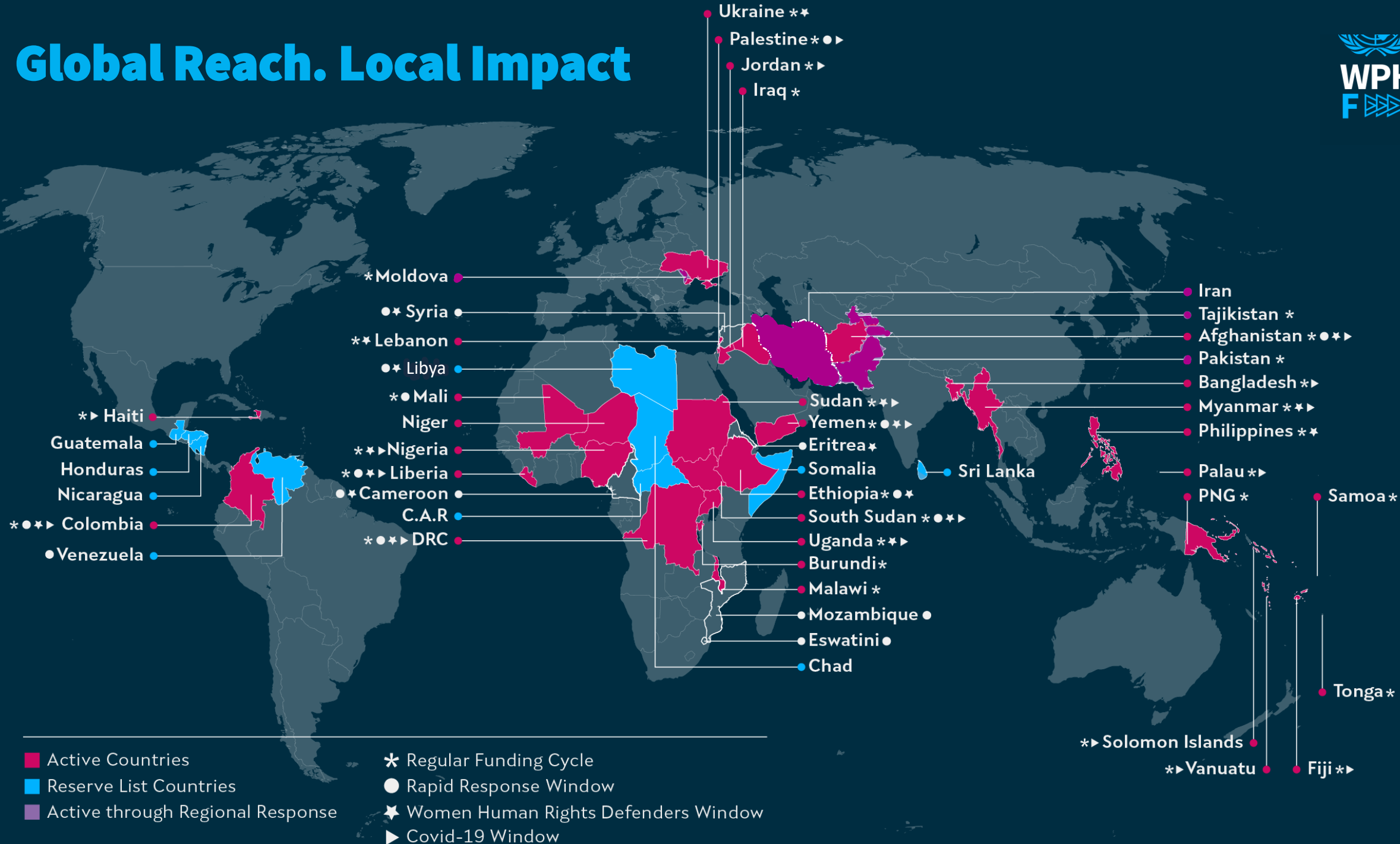


- Multi-partner Trust Fund established in 2016 - a global partnership between UN agencies, Member States and civil society
- Funds local, grassroots civil society organizations in conflict, post-conflict and humanitarian settings with average size of grants between 2,500 to 250,000 USD
- Supports local women-led and women's rights CSOs as well as women peacebuilders and women human rights defenders

WPHF Key Numbers (Since 2016)

Number of Countries 44	Total Funds Mobilized \$ 186 million	Approved grants 733
CSOs Supported 1,215	CSOs financed by the UN for the first time 46.1%	WHRDs Supported 456
Projects implemented at local and sub-national levels 89%	CSOs led by a forcibly displaced person 24%	Direct Beneficiaries (cumulative) 4.5m (74% women & girls) Indirect Beneficiaries 31m

Global Reach. Local Impact



WPHF Governance

- Global Funding Board:
 - 4 donor Member States
(currently Germany, the United States, Austria and the United Kingdom)
 - 4 UN Entities
(currently UNFPA, UNHCR, UN Women and PBSO)
 - 4 Civil Society Organizations
(currently Kvinna till Kvinna, the Feminist Humanitarian Network, She's the First and Reach Out Cameroon)
- National Steering Committees (NSCs)
- Management Entity for CSOs (UN Country Offices)
- WPHF Global Secretariat



WPHF RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Contribute to more peaceful and gender equal societies



Impact Area 1: Enabling Environment for WPS

Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments



Impact Area 2: Conflict Prevention

Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response



Impact Area 3: Humanitarian & Crisis Response

Enhanced participation and leadership of women in humanitarian crisis planning and response



Impact Area 4: Conflict Resolution

Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements



Impact Area 5: Protection of Women & Girls

Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected



Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding & Recovery

Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts

Institutional Funding

Global Learning & Building Coalitions

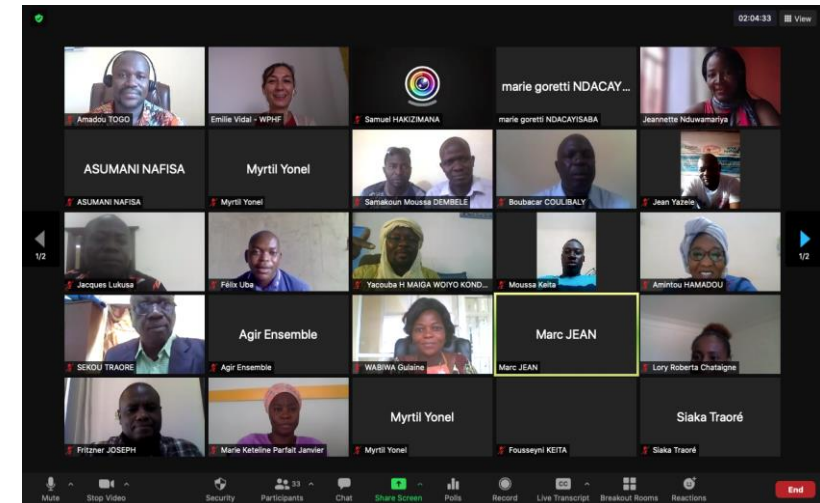
WPHF significantly contributes to local civil society organizations' increased participation in women peace and security and humanitarian processes

WPHF Global Learning Hub (L-HUB)

Building Community, Capacity & Knowledge Exchange for our Partners



- **Global Learning Hub (L-HUB)** established in April 2020 to support WPHF CSO partners at the local level working at the forefront of conflict and crisis.
- **Objectives:** to enable CSO partners from across the world to connect, strengthen their networks, share best practices, and develop their skills and capacity.
- **Key Initiatives:** the **Capacity Building Programme**, the **Peer Exchange Series**, the **Facebook Group** and **email monthly updates**.
- **Channels:** digital repository of resources, email list and email monthly updates, and safe Facebook Group.





WPHF in Lebanon

Since 2021, in Beirut, Tripoli, Koura, Akkar, Baalbeck, Zahle, West Bekaa, Rachaya, Saida, Tyre.

Total investment: USD 3.1 million

- **25 projects**, implemented by **29 local women's rights civil society organizations**.

1. First Call for Proposals (2021):

- Beirut Blast Response – Peacebuilding (Impact 6)
- 6 projects

2. Second Call for Proposals (2022):

- Peacebuilding (Impact 6) + Institutional Funding
- 8 projects

3. Third Call for Proposals (2023):

- Protection and Peacebuilding (Impacts 5 & 6) + Institutional Funding
- 11 projects

4. Fourth Call for Proposals (2024):

- Protection and Peacebuilding (Impacts 5 & 6) + Institutional Funding

Annex: WPHF Theory of Change

WPHF Impact	Contribute to more peaceful and gender equal societies					
TOC Statement	If (1) civil society organizations advocate for and ensure accountability on WPS commitments; and If (2) women meaningfully participate in decision-making processes related to conflict prevention, crisis response and the negotiation of peace in a quality manner; and If (3) humanitarian and crisis planning, frameworks and programming is more inclusive and gender responsive; and If (4) women are represented and take leadership roles in peace negotiations; and If (5) women's and girls' safety, security and mental health is protected; and If (6) women participate in and benefit from peacebuilding and recovery; and whereby there is a women's peace and humanitarian funding mechanism which aims to break silos between humanitarian, peace and security, human rights and development, addresses structural funding gaps for women's participation, and increases policy coherence is established; Then (7) societies will be more peaceful and gender equal; because (8) evidence shows that when civil society organizations are provided with quality ¹ and adequate funding to support women as drivers of peace, societies are more likely to be stable and inclusive, and peacebuilding settings are opportunities to address underlying gender inequality barriers					
Outcomes (CSO Impact Areas)	1. Enabling Environment for WPS	2. Conflict Prevention	3. Humanitarian & Crisis Response	4. Conflict Resolution	5. Protection of Women and Girls	6. Peacebuilding & Recovery
	Enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments	Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response	Enhanced participation and leadership of women in humanitarian crisis planning and response	Increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or implementation of peace agreements	Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected	Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts
TOC	If (1) civil society organizations are involved in the design, implementation and monitoring of WPS commitments and frameworks; and if these are adequately financed and monitored; then (2) implementation of WPS commitments will improve; because (3) civil society's involvement is key in ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.	If (1) women are actively participating in conflict prevention; and they are empowered to lead early warning and conflict prevention mechanisms; then (2) conflict prevention efforts will be more successful; because (3) evidence shows that women's involvement can improve both conflict prevention and response.	If (1) women's needs inform humanitarian planning and programming; and civil society organizations have the capacity and opportunity to integrate gender equality; then (2) humanitarian planning and programming will be gender inclusive and responsive, and promote women's empowerment; because (3) experience shows that explicit involvement of women in the design and implementation of humanitarian assistance facilitates meeting their needs.	If (1) women are involved as mediators and as stakeholders in conflict resolution; if gender expertise is made available, and if the capacity and influence of women to engage in the negotiation process is strengthened; then (2) peace agreements are more likely to be sustained; because (3) women's participation is proven to shift power dynamics towards peace, inclusiveness and equality.	If (1) there are mechanisms in place, informed by women's participation, to increase the physical security of women and girls; if perpetrators of SGBV are held to account; and if survivors are provided with comprehensive support; then (2) women and girls will be safer and their human rights respected; because (3) security, justice and support services reduce the likelihood of conflict-related crimes.	If (1) women participate in political processes, and benefit from peacebuilding and recovery efforts; and if these efforts and processes are gender-responsive; the (2) peace dividends will be more inclusive, security reforms will benefit all, and economic recovery and resilience will be accelerated because (3) including women in peacebuilding processes brings broader benefits to communities
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Thank You

