

## Call for Proposals CLIMATE SECURITY RESPONSE The Pacific region (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)

Call Opens:	5 April 2024
Deadline for Submissions:	17 June 2024
Send Application package to:	<a href="mailto:WPHApplications@unwomen.org">WPHApplications@unwomen.org</a>

### 1. Objectives and Purpose of the Call for Proposals

The overall purpose of this call for proposals is to provide grants to local civil society organizations in the Pacific region (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu), focused on responses related to women's participation and leadership in the prevention of climate-related conflicts and injustice as well as in economic and political decision-making of women in climate security and climate justice. The call for proposals specifically contributes to WPHF's overall goal of contributing to peaceful and gender equal societies.

Initiatives should aim to reach those women and girls experiencing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those excluded due to geography, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age, migratory status, HIV status, among others and which is in alignment with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind.

### 2. Country Context Linked to Call for Proposals

Climate change is now impacting all corners of the world. Over 3.3 billion people are "highly vulnerable" to climate change, according to a recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Recognized as an increasing risk to security, climate change negatively impacts environmental systems resulting in secondary risks such as an increase in conflict, political instability, population displacements, poverty, and hunger, all of which have disproportionate effects on women and girls. In the face of rising temperatures and increasingly unpredictable weather, structural and gender inequalities are making women, girls and marginalized groups disproportionately vulnerable to the impacts of the global climate crisis, leaving them with fewer resources and opportunities to prevent, adapt, and recover. These issues are exacerbated in climate-induced crises, where economic loss, growing conflict, forced migration, and the lack of access to basic resources are heightening the risk of gender-based violence and putting the livelihoods of women and girls at stake.

**The Pacific Region (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu):** Climate change and natural disasters represent a growing threat to peace and security in the region. Chronic cyclones and droughts, rising sea levels, increasingly warmer weather and changing rainfall patterns are leading to growing food insecurity, scarcity of resources, and climate-induced population displacement, putting additional pressure on already economically weak communities. Growing climate insecurity increases risks of internal conflicts and threatens to exacerbate existing gender disparities. While the Pacific region has seen minimal progress in reducing women's poverty and achieving gender equality, there has been some improvement in recent years regarding the situation of women and girls, especially in the areas of ending

violence against women and in the development of gender responsive policies and programmes through increased research and data availability on gender. Women and girls in the Pacific remain disproportionately affected by climate change and natural disasters as they are likely to have less access to resources, information, and decision-making processes. Evidence also shows women and girls are at much higher risk of gender-based violence during disasters. Despite being at higher risk of facing climate injustice and insecurity, women are still significantly underrepresented in disaster preparedness and response processes.

Special attention will be provided to applications supporting women and girls multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those marginalized and excluded due to poverty, ethnicity, disability, age, geography, migratory status, HIV status, among others.

### 3. Scope (Location and Duration)

The WPHF will fund qualifying projects in **Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu** in the Pacific region.

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

CSOs can apply for a project duration of maximum 2 years (24 months)

### 4. Eligibility

#### 4.1. Who can apply and receive funding?

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, are eligible to apply. Organizations who are led by women who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, including due to ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age, displacement, and HIV status among others, are encouraged to apply. Organizations whose mandate focuses specifically on addressing climate security and climate justice are also encouraged to apply.

**Women's Rights or Feminist Organization:** The organization's must have gender equality and women's rights at the core of their official mission/vision statement. The organization's experience should clearly reflect addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights and 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

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

- International non-governmental organizations;
- 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 in our country to apply?**

**YES, for the lead applicant.** The lead applicant organization must have legal status with the competent national authority in the eligible country of project implementation and 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, or women or young women led civil society organizations are encouraged. Joint projects in partnership with other local women’s rights, young women-led, and civil society organizations which are led by marginalized groups including those who are forcibly displaced, living with disabilities, indigenous, and with diverse SOGIESC (sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics), among others, are also 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.

**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.

**5. Type of Funding Available**

Under this call for proposals, WPHF is accepting applications for both institutional/core funding and programmatic funding. An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit one application for institutional funding, AND/OR one application for programmatic funding. **Organizations who apply for both institutional and programmatic funding need to submit two separate applications packages based on the related templates of each stream as noted in Section 6.**

<p><b>Institutional Funding: (USD \$2,500 - \$30,000)</b>  Aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women’s rights/led organizations working on climate security and climate justice issues in peace and security and humanitarian contexts, to ensure they are able to sustain themselves and to improve their impact. Prospective applicants will need to demonstrate that the organization’s mandate, mission or past activities includes a focus on climate security and climate</p>	<p><b>AND/OR</b></p>	<p><b>Programmatic Funding: (USD \$30,000 - \$200,000)</b>  This funding stream will finance projects which aim specifically to fund programmatic activities aligned with the following impact area(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>WPHF Impact area 2:</b> Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response</li> </ul>
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<p>justice issues. They also need to demonstrate how the current context affects their institutional and financial capacities and how the funding would support them as an organization. It will finance a limited range of activities to support the development or strengthening of a CSO's institutional capacity. The purpose of this funding stream <u>IS NOT</u> to finance programmatic activities.</p> <p>Organizations who apply for institutional funding should have a mandate aligned to the objectives of the call for proposal.</p>		<p>In the context of this Call for Proposals, this means activities that promote women's leadership and participation to inform decision-making processes and responses related to the prevention of climate-related conflicts and injustice.</p> <p><b><u>OR</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>WPHF Impact area 6: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and young women in peacebuilding contexts</b></p> <p>In the context of this Call for Proposals, this means activities that promote women's leadership and participation in green socio-economic recovery and political decision-making to reduce climate-related conflicts and injustice.</p>
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Please read through the WPHF Impact and Indicator Tip Sheets for guidance on the impact focus and required indicators. (Section 10 below)

**6. Application Package and Procedures**

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

- [WPHF Proposal Template for Institutional Funding](#) (download)

**AND/OR**

- [WPHF Proposal Template Impact 2](#) (download), **OR**
- [WPHF Proposal Template Impact 6](#) (download)

**AND**

- Proof of valid legal registration or status of the lead organization (if you are in the process for renewal, please share proof)

**Submission: Application packages should be emailed to [WPHFapplications@unwomen.org](mailto:WPHFapplications@unwomen.org) by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> of June by 11:59pm Geneva CET.**

**Please Note:**

- Applications can ONLY be submitted in English.
- Applications can be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format.
- 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.
- Proposal templates, including any annexes cannot be altered. 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.

## 7. Obtaining More Information about the Call for Proposals

An information session will be organized with prospective applicants on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. To register, please email [lanieta.tokalauvere@unwomen.org](mailto:lanieta.tokalauvere@unwomen.org) by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Questions about this CfP can be sent to [lanieta.tokalauvere@unwomen.org](mailto:lanieta.tokalauvere@unwomen.org) no later than June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for responses to any questions.

## 8. Evaluation Criteria

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

Institutional Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 1)	Programmatic Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 2)
<p><b>Project Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Organization’s mandate is aligned with WPHF’s theory of change as per the CfP</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clear rationale how the current crisis affects the organization’s institutional and financial capacities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clear outputs and activities which contribute to strengthening CSOs institutional capacity and how the organization will be sustained</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of risks and appropriate mitigation measures</li> </ul>	<p><b>Project Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Organization’s mandate is aligned with WPHF’s theory of change and overall project responds to the specific call for proposal and impact statement.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of clear expected results the project aims to achieve and intervention approach, taking account of best practices of gender-responsive approaches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clear and realistic outputs and activities planned to accomplish the expected results, and achievable within the time frame</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensures 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7.0%)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account</li> </ul>	<p><b>Programme Management and Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of relevant and appropriate feminist monitoring and evaluation approaches, including Do no Harm, and including management structure of the project</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Sustainability and National Ownership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of national and local ownership and collaboration in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability of the programme beyond the financing period and (where applicable), how to reproduce it and improve it over time.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7.0%)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account</li> </ul>

## 9. Next Steps After Submission of Proposals to WPHF

After the close of the call for proposals, the following will take place:

- ▶ Submitted proposals which are complete and received within the timeline will be screened for compliance based on the requirements of this call for proposals (longlisting)
- ▶ Longlisted proposals will undergo a technical evaluation by WPHF based on the evaluation criteria listed in Section 8 above. Those which score over 50/100 will be shortlisted.
- ▶ A Regional/National Steering Committee (R/NSC) will convene to review the shortlisted proposals and will select proposals based on the available funding. The NSC may also make recommendations on the revision of budgets of proposals.
- ▶ Only selected CSOs for funding will be contacted directly by email by the UN country Management Entity of the WPHF (UN Women or UNFPA).
- ▶ Please note that this process can take up to 4-5 months after the closure of the call for proposals.
- ▶ We encourage you to visit <https://wphfund.org/calls-for-proposals/> for future funding opportunities.

## 10. Useful Resources

- The WPHF's website [www.wphfund.org](http://www.wphfund.org)
- [Impact and Indicator Tip Sheet Institutional Funding](#)
- [Impact and Indicator Tip Sheet Climate Security Initiative](#)
- [Results Based Management Capacity Building Webinar](#)

### 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 1,000 civil society organizations and is present in 44 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 Austria, United Kingdom, Germany, and the United States), as well as 4 Civil Society Organizations (currently Feminist Humanitarian Network, Kvinna till Kvinna, She's the First and Reach Out Cameroon).

At the country level, the final selection of shortlisted proposals will be undertaken by a National Steering Committee, which is comprised of UN agencies, civil society organizations, donor representatives and governments.

## Appendix: Activity examples for programmatic funding

Activity examples for programmatic funding for each impact area are shared in the table below. The list is non-exhaustive, and civil society organizations are encouraged to make additional suggestions that are in line with the objectives and the impact areas of this Call for Proposals. Please read through the WPHF Impact and Indicator Tip Sheets for guidance on the impact focus and required indicators (Section 10).

<b>Impact Area 2: Conflict Prevention</b> <b>Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response</b>	<b>Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding &amp; Recovery</b> <b>Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and young women in peacebuilding contexts</b>
<p>This means activities that promote women’s leadership and participation to inform decision-making processes and responses related to the prevention of climate-related conflicts and injustice.</p> <p>Interventions can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Activities which establish and/or strengthen early warning and response systems, mechanisms or committees to better identify and monitor climate-related conflicts or injustice, their risks, prevent them from happening, and enhance social cohesion.</li> <li>▶ Activities that promote women’s meaningful participation in the prevention of climate-related conflicts and injustice (e.g Women-led advocacy campaigns and information sessions to raise awareness of climate security and climate justice and which are linked to conflict prevention).</li> <li>▶ Activities to enhance coordination between civil society organizations and community-based organizations to identify women and girls’ needs for more gender-responsive conflict prevention interventions to respond to climate insecurity and injustice.</li> <li>▶ Activities to strengthen the capacities of women mediators to actively participate in decision-making bodies, community committees or other spaces, focused on the prevention of climate-related conflicts and injustice.</li> <li>▶ Activities which promote the inclusion of gender provisions in climate security and climate justice decisions and strategies (e.g. by including GBV, sexual assault and trafficking as climate-related security risks, or inclusion of gender perspectives in disaster risk reduction decisions).</li> <li>▶ Provision of local climate justice services such as legal advice for land-related disputes or other</li> </ul>	<p>This means activities that promote women’s leadership and participation in socio-economic recovery and political decision-making to reduce climate-related conflicts and injustice.</p> <p>Interventions can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Activities which address the risks and needs of forcibly displaced women and girl’s due to climate insecurity such as climate-related extreme events and natural disasters.</li> <li>▶ Activities which increase the economic empowerment and leadership of women, including indigenous activists, that advocate for land conservation, climate justice and land rights.</li> <li>▶ Activities which strengthen women’s political participation in the analysis and decision-making on natural resource management in contexts of resource scarcity and environmental degradation driven by climate insecurity and climate injustice.</li> <li>▶ Activities which include environmental/agricultural and climate-smart livelihoods initiatives to empower women and girls to address climate related conflicts and injustice (e.g. food and water security or addressing and mitigating the impacts of environmental degradation).</li> <li>▶ Women-led advocacy campaigns and information sessions on the importance of women’s participation in decision-making on climate security or climate justice initiatives which are linked to peacebuilding and recovery.</li> <li>▶ Development of policy briefs/media/research that is produced on women’s participation in climate security and climate justice actions.</li> <li>▶ Activities which support the capacity strengthening or technical assistance to women’s rights/led organizations in advocacy</li> </ul>

<p>climate related disputes to support affected women and girls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Activities which support the capacity strengthening and training of women's right organizations and women leaders to build their skills in climate dialogues, on the prevention of climate driven natural resource-related disputes affecting their communities.</li></ul>	<p>and leadership in climate security and climate justice in peacebuilding contexts.</p>
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