



Call for Interest for Civil Society Member  
Funding Board of the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)  
Term years: 2025-2027

Civil society members of the Funding Board of the [United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund](#) (WPHF) are seeking two international or regional civil society organizations to join the Board for the following three-year term 2025-2027.

WPHF is a global pooled funding mechanism which aims to re-energize action and stimulate a significant increase in financing for women's participation, leadership, and empowerment in peace and security processes and humanitarian response. WPHF's funding is exclusively directed at civil society organizations.

Civil society members of the [WPHF Funding Board](#) have a unique opportunity to contribute with their experiences and insights to the work of a UN entity, support and improve the financing of women at the forefront of conflict and crisis, and participate in expert and high-level dialogues on the work of WPHF.

Self-nominations from organizations working on humanitarian response and nexus programming and/or Women, Peace and Security at the regional or international level (particularly southern-led) are especially encouraged. This includes LGBTQ+ organizations, and organizations that are women's youth-led/focused, women's refugee-led/focused and disability-led/focused, which are currently underrepresented.

In line with the [WPHF Strategic Plan 2023-2025](#), WPHF's [overarching goal](#) is to achieve inclusive and sustainable peace. The accomplishment of this goal will require that women are empowered to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from conflict prevention, crisis response, peacebuilding, and recovery. Results in these areas constitute the outcomes of WPHF's theory of change. The specific outcomes for the 2023-2025 period are:

1. **Enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitments:** enhanced role of civil society organizations in advocating for and ensuring accountability on WPS commitments.
2. **Conflict prevention:** increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response.
3. **Humanitarian and crisis response:** enhanced participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response.
4. **Conflict resolution:** increased representation and leadership of women in formal and informal peace processes and/or the implementation of peace agreements.
5. **Protection of women and girls:** enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls and their human rights respected.
6. **Peacebuilding and recovery:** improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding contexts.

Since its launch in 2016 until 2024, WPHF mobilized almost **204 million USD**, reaching over **4,8 million people** (74% of which were women and girls) and supporting **1330 civil society organizations**. Over **62%** of the civil society organizations supported are local organizations, and **44%** of which have

received UN funding for the first time – supporting women who reach remote areas where services are often disrupted or non-existent.

Currently active in **44** conflict and crisis-affected countries across the globe, WPHF provides flexible and quality financing to local women-led and women’s rights organizations and individual defenders building peace and responding to crises through three funding windows: (1) the Regular Funding Cycle, (2) the Rapid Response Window on women’s participation in peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements, and (3) the Window Women Human Rights Defenders for the protection and participation of women human rights defenders in/from crisis and conflict settings. For more information regarding the WPHF and 2023 results, please read the WPHF 2023 [Annual Report](#).

### **Responsibilities of civil society members of the WPHF Board**

WPHF is governed by the Funding Board at the global level, which is comprised of four UN entities, four donor Member States, and four civil society organizations, all of which have equal responsibility and authority in decision-making and guidance.

The primary responsibility of a civil society member on the WPHF Board is to contribute to decision-making on priority countries, general policies and direction of the Fund, as well as to support its promotion and fundraising efforts. This is achieved through:

- Participation in expert level and principal level meetings of the WPHF Global Funding Board (The principal level meetings are held once a year and the expert level meetings are held quarterly – on the average);
- Contribution to decision-making on list of WPHF eligible countries and on Fund’s investments across all funding windows
- Presentation of the views of her/his network/organization regarding funding for civil society organizations engaged in WPS and humanitarian work during meetings.
- Dissemination of information regarding calls for proposals by the WPHF;
- Generation of support for WPHF from donors, Member States and other stakeholders for them to contribute to the Fund;
- Contribution to the visibility of WPHF through presentation in meetings, conferences, and other events as well as social media; and
- Consultation with other CSOs to improve the work of the WPHF.

More information about the role of the Global Funding Board and the role of CSO board members in decision-making processes can be found in the [WPHF Operations Manual](#).

The term would begin on 1 January 2025 and end on 31 December 2027.

### **Process for Submitting Interest:**

Interested civil society organizations can self-nominate to join the WPHF Funding Board as a civil society member by completing this [form](#). Please note that the working language in the funding board is English.

### **Deadline for submissions: 12 November 2024**

Submitted self-nominations will be reviewed by the current CSO board members. Their final selection will likely be announced by mid-December 2024.

For questions regarding the application process, please write to [wphf.cso.boardmember@gmail.com](mailto:wphf.cso.boardmember@gmail.com)