



Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund

A United Nations & Civil Society Partnership



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Call for Proposals - Afghanistan

Agenda



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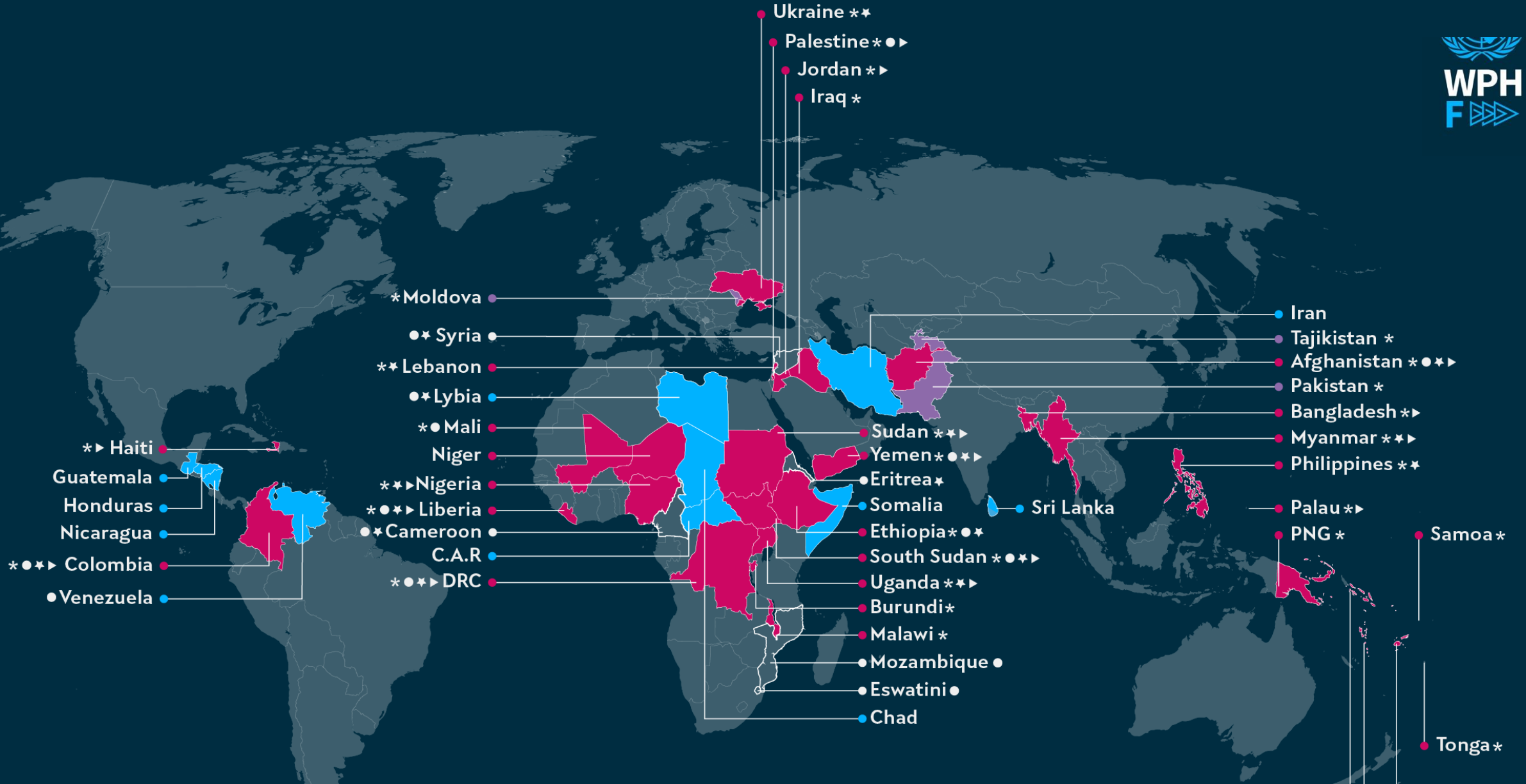
About the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)

- Multi-donor Trust Fund established in 2016 - a global partnership between UN agencies, Member States and civil society
- Funds local, grassroots women's civil society leaders, peacebuilders, WHRDs, and their organizations in conflict, post-conflict and humanitarian settings
- Grants ranging between 2,500 to 200,000 USD for a max of 24 months.
- Enable CSO partners to connect, strengthen their networks, share best practices, and develop their skills and capacity through a Global Learning Hub (L-Hub)

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





■ Active Countries

■ Reserve List Countries

■ Active through Regional Response

* Regular Funding Cycle

● Rapid Response Window

★ Women Human Rights Defenders Window

▶ Covid-19 Window

- *▶ Haiti
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- *●★▶ Colombia
- Venezuela

- *Moldova
- ★ Syria
- ** Lebanon
- ★ Lybia
- *● Mali
- Niger
- **▶ Nigeria
- *●★▶ Liberia
- ★ Cameroon
- C.A.R
- *●★▶ DRC

- Ukraine **
- Palestine *●▶
- Jordan *▶
- Iraq *

- Sudan **▶
- Yemen *●★▶
- Eritrea *
- Somalia
- Ethiopia *●★
- South Sudan *●★▶
- Uganda **▶
- Burundi *
- Malawi *
- Mozambique ●
- Eswatini ●
- Chad

● Sri Lanka

- Iran
- Tajikistan *
- Afghanistan *●★▶
- Pakistan *
- Bangladesh *▶
- Myanmar **▶
- Philippines **

- Palau *▶
- PNG *
- Samoa *
- *▶ Solomon Islands
- *▶ Vanuatu
- Fiji *▶
- Tonga *

WPHF Funding Windows Overview



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Regular Funding Cycle

WPHF's **largest funding mechanism**, the Regular Funding Cycle, supports **local women's civil society organizations** by funding:

- Their **programmatic** work on women, peace and security and humanitarian action (max. USD 200,000), and
- Their organizations, through flexible **institutional** funding (max. USD 30,000)

Organizations can apply via country-based, time-bound Calls for Proposals.

2

Rapid Response Window for Women and Peace Processes

The Rapid Response Window (RRW) supports **women peacebuilders and women's rights civil society organizations** to enhance women's meaningful participation/influence in **formal peace processes** (Track 1 & 2) and the implementation of **peace agreements**, through:

- **Direct** logistical and/or technical **support** to individuals and CSOs (max. USD 25,000), and
- Small, **short-term grants** to CSOs for strategic and urgent interventions (max. USD 100,000)

Women peacebuilders and Women's rights CSOs can apply via a global application process on a rolling basis.

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Window for Women Human Rights Defenders

The WPHF Funding Window for Women Human Rights Defenders supports **individuals** from/working in crisis and conflict affected countries who work for the promotion of human rights and inclusive peace, via:

- Advocacy Support (Direct **logistical support**) to **influence** decision-making events, and
- Safety Net (Flexible **funding**) to cover **urgent safety and security** needs of at risk WHRDs (max. USD 10,000)

WHRDs - individual & delegations - can apply via a global application process on a rolling basis.

WPHF Key Numbers (Since 2016)

Country/Multi-country Allocations

44

Total Funds Mobilized

\$ 184.8 million

Approved grants

733

CSOs Supported

1215

90% women's rights/led
5% youth focused/led

First-time UN-funded CSOs

46.1%

Direct Beneficiaries (cumulative)

4.5 M (74% women & girls)

Indirect Beneficiaries

31 M

WPHF Theory of Change and 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 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



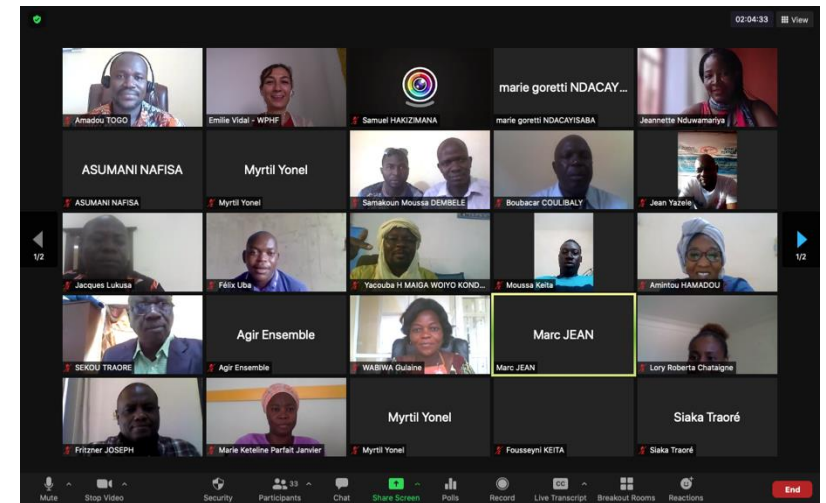
WPHF significantly contributes to local civil society organizations increased participation in women peace and security and humanitarian processes



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.





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WPHF Afghanistan Call for Proposals

WPHF's Impact Area 3 – : Humanitarian & Crisis Response

- ▶ Enhanced participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response.

WPHF's Impact Area 5 – Protection of Women and Girls:

- ▶ Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls and their human rights respected.

Through:

- ▶ Programmatic funding, with grants ranging from USD 30,000 to 200,000.
- ▶ Institutional funding, with grants ranging from USD 2,500 to 30,000.

An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit one application for institutional funding, AND/OR one application for programmatic funding (for one of the two impact areas). Applications to more than one impact area will not be considered.

Key Information:

- ▶ Deadline for submitting applications:

09 December 2024

- ▶ **Application package MUST include:**

- WPHF proposal template
- Proof of valid legal registration or status of lead organization

- ▶ Send application package to:

WPHFAPPLICATIONS@UNWOMEN.ORG

- ▶ Questions about this

CfP: **Submissions.GiHA@unwomen.org**

Key Documents



CALL FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENT: [ENGLISH](#), [DARI](#), [PASHTO](#)

TEMPLATES

▪ **IMPACT AREA 3 PROPOSAL TEMPLATE (DOWNLOAD):** [ENGLISH](#), [DARI](#), [PASHTO](#)

OR

▪ **IMPACT AREA 5 PROPOSAL TEMPLATE (DOWNLOAD):** [ENGLISH](#), [DARI](#), [PASHTO](#)

AND/OR

▪ **INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING PROPOSAL TEMPLATE (DOWNLOAD):** [ENGLISH](#), [DARI](#), [PASHTO](#)

Key Points to Remember When Preparing Your Application



- **Geographic scope:** Afghanistan. Multi-country projects, or projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.
- **Timeline:** CSOs can apply for a project duration of maximum 1 years (12 months).
- **Type of CSO eligible to apply:** National, regional 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.
- **Consortia/partnerships:** WPHF encourages partnerships between organizations. One CSO will apply as the main organization, while others will be implementing partners.
- **Legal registration:** Only the main applicant needs to submit proof of legal status in the country in which it was obtained.
- **Maximum budget:**
 - \$200,000 for programmatic funding.
 - \$30,000 for institutional funding.
- **Language of application:** English, Dari or Pashto.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

How can I ensure my application is strong?

- Ensure the proposal is **original** and not plagiarized.
- Follow **evaluation criteria** outlined in section 8 of the terms of the Call for Proposal.
- Submit **proof of legal status** for the main organization.
- Ensure all proposal sections are **complete**.
- Do **not exceed the maximum budget** for each type of funding.
- Ensure geographic scope is limited to **Afghanistan**.
- Project duration should not exceed **12 months**.
- Use the **correct proposal template** based on the impact and funding type requested.
 - For programmatic funding; requests for **more than one impact area will not be considered**.

Key Points to Remember After Applying



What to Expect During the Selection Process?

- **Longlisting and Shortlisting:** The first step in the selection process assesses whether your proposal meets the minimum criteria. Applicants who meet these requirements will move to the next stage for a technical review.
- **Selection by the National Steering Committee (NSC):** All shortlisted proposals are presented to the NSC, which will review and approve the project selection. Only selected CSOs will be notified by UN Women
- **Proposal and Budget Finalization:** UN Women will work with the selected CSOs to finalize their work plans and budgets.
- **Grants Awarded to Partners:** As the managing entity, UN Women will conduct a capacity assessment based on risk to initiate a partnership agreement with the selected CSOs.
 - *Please see section 9 of the Call for Proposal for full details.*

Useful Resources



- ▶ WPHF website: www.wphfund.org
- ▶ Impact and Indicator tipsheet: Impact Area 3: [English](#), [Dari](#), [Pashto](#)
- ▶ Impact and Indicator tipsheet: Impact Area 5: [English](#), [Dari](#), [Pashto](#)
- ▶ Impact and Indicator tipsheet: Institutional Funding: [English](#), [Dari](#), [Pashto](#)

Where can I access all the information about the call?

<https://wphfund.org/call-for-proposals-in-afghanistan-3/>

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Thank You

