

Q&A on the Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund's Call for Proposal in Bangladesh

Please find below a collection of questions that have been asked during the public information session hosted by the UN Women Country Office in Bangladesh on 16th of June regarding the [WPHF Call for Proposals in Bangladesh](#) to support projects that enhance 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.

1. Q: Where can we download the application and budget templates?

A: The application templates can be downloaded from the WPHF website ([here](#)) and UN Women Bangladesh website ([here](#)).

2. Q: Who is eligible to apply for funding?

A: 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, diverse sexual orientation and gender identity, age, displacement, and HIV status among others, are encouraged to apply. **Organizations whose mandate focuses specifically on addressing climate security and climate justice are especially encouraged to apply.**

3. Q: What is the geographical scope of this Call for Proposals?

A: The WPHF will fund qualifying projects in Bangladesh with a geographical focus only in: Cox's Bazar (Teknaf, Ukhiya and Cox's Bazar Sadar sub-districts), Bandarban, Bhola, Chattagram, Comilla, Feni, Jamalpur, Khulna, Kurigram, Noakhali, Satkhira, Sirajganj, Sunamganj, and Sylhet. Multi-country projects, or projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.

4. Q: Can an organization apply for either all districts or only one district?

A: **For programmatic funding**, organizations may apply for one or multiple districts, as long as all proposed activities fall within the geographic scope outlined in the Call for Proposals (CfP).

For institutional funding, the organization must have an office located in at least one of the area's specified in the CfP's geographic scope.

5. Q: Can organizations from outside the mentioned districts apply?

A: **For programmatic funding**, organizations based outside the specified districts may apply, as long as their proposed project targets the geographical areas outlined in the Call for Proposals (CfP).

For institutional funding, organizations must have an office located within the geographical scope defined in the CfP.

6. Q: What are the budget thresholds?

A: Programmatic funding ranges from 30,000 USD to 200,000 USD. Institutional funding ranges from 2,500 USD to 30,000 USD.

7. Q: Can you give some examples of projects funded under the programmatic funding stream for Impact Area 2 (Conflict Prevention)?

A: Under this pillar, the expected impact is the: Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response. Please note, this Call for Proposal is linked to the WPHF Women and Climate Security Initiative, therefore applications should include 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. Please consult Indicator **Impact and Indicator tipsheet:** Climate Security Initiative: [HERE](#)

8. Q: Can you give some examples of projects funded under the programmatic funding stream for Impact Area 6 (Peacebuilding and Recovery)?

A: Under this pillar, the expected impact is the: Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and young women in peacebuilding contexts. . Please note, this Call for Proposal is linked to the WPHF Women and Climate Security Initiative, therefore applications should include 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. Please consult Indicator **Impact and Indicator tipsheet:** Climate Security Initiative: [HERE](#)

9. Q: Can you give some examples of funding supported under the institutional funding stream?

A: Institutional funding 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 justice issues.

10. Q: Can you apply for both programmatic and institutional funding?

A: Yes. An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit one application for institutional funding and 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 funding stream.

11. Q: Are organizations that are currently receiving WPHF funding eligible to apply?

A: If an organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partner) is receiving institutional funding from WPHF, you can apply for programmatic funding as part of this call for proposal. Likewise, if an organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partner) is currently receiving programmatic funding from WPHF, you are eligible to apply for institutional funding as part of this call for proposal.

Organizations (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) who are currently receiving programmatic and/or institutional funding from WPHF must ensure their current project will be closed prior to receiving funding as part of this call for proposal, i.e. organizations cannot be double funded. If a CSO has a Partnership Agreement with UN Women which is not funded by WPHF, you can apply.

12. Q: Can international organizations apply?

A: No. The following are NOT eligible to apply for a grant from the WPHF as part of this Call for Proposals: International non-governmental organizations, Government agencies or institutions, UN agencies or UN Country Teams, private individuals, private sector entities, universities, Think Tanks, and education or research Institutions.

13. Q: What is the minimum duration of the project?

A: There is no minimum duration for project implementation. CSOs can apply for a maximum of 24 months.

14. Q: Does my organization need to be legally registered?

A: Yes, 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.

15. Q: How many proposals will be selected as part of this Call for Proposal?

A: There is no fixed number of total grants awarded nor a maximum amount. The number of grants awarded will be decided by a National Steering Committee (composed of UN agencies, WPHF government donor representatives and civil society organizations) and is dependent on the total budget allocated for the Call for Proposals.

16. Q: Is there a minimum time period that the organization must be established for?

A: No, there is no minimum time period that organizations must be established for.

17. Q: Is a co-implementing partner mandatory as part of your project?

A: No, it is not a mandatory requirement to have a co-implementing partner as part of a project.

18. Q: What currency should the budget be submitted in — USD or BDT?

A: The budget should be submitted in USD only.

19. Q: Is it acceptable to cover host communities in addition to Rohingya refugees, for example in Cox's Bazar?

A: For Cox's Bazar, the proposal needs to be aligned with the strategic objectives of the Joint Response Plan (JRP). The JRP scope includes both refugees and host community members.

General information:

Q: Where can we download the application templates?

A: The application templates can be downloaded from the WPHF website ([here](#)) and UN Women Bangladesh website ([here](#)).

Q: What are the documents required to apply?

A: The application package MUST include:

- ✓ WPHF proposal template (institutional and/or programmatic)
- ✓ Proof of valid legal registration or status of lead organization (applications that do not include proof of legal registration will not be considered).

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGES IN ENGLISH CAN BE SUBMITTED IN TWO WAYS:

[Apply online](#)

OR BY EMAIL TO WPHFAPPLICATIONS@UNWOMEN.ORG WITH THE SUBJECT LINE “BANGLADESH CFP2.”

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 27 July 2025

Questions about this CfP can be sent to the UN Women Country office to ashrafur.rahman@unwomen.org. Please allow a minimum of 24 hours (one working day) for responses to any questions.