



**Women's Peace &
Humanitarian Fund** ➤➤➤

A United Nations & Civil Society Partnership



Online Information Session – 16 June 2025
Call for Proposals - Bangladesh

Agenda

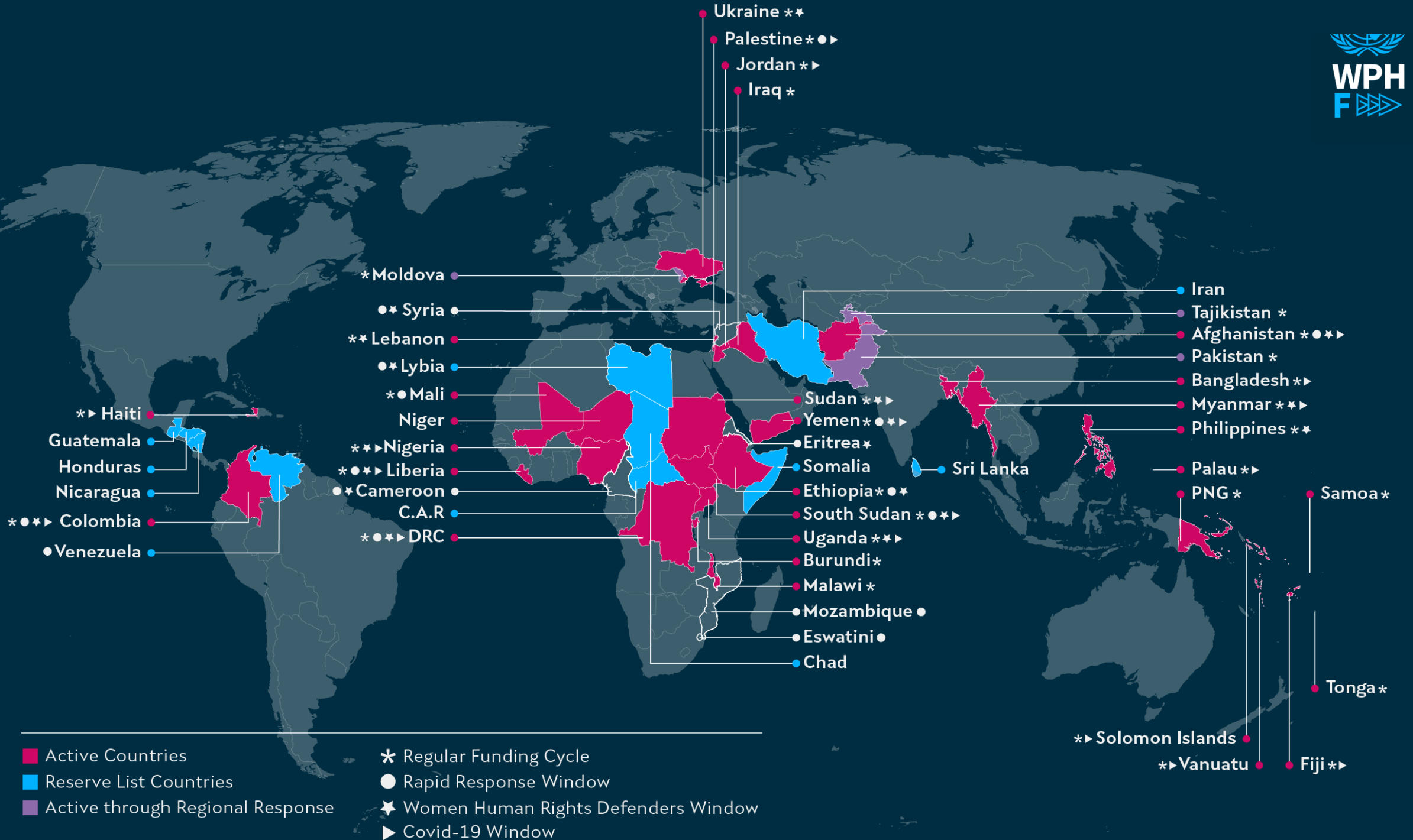
- **Part One** – About WPHF
- **Part Two** – Overview of Call for Proposals
- **Part Three** – Q&A



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 typically range 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 Key Numbers (Since 2016)

Country/Multi-country Allocations	Total Funds Mobilized
46	\$ 252 million
Approved grants	CSOs Supported
1,038	1,595 87% women's rights/led 9% youth focused/led
First-time UN-funded CSOs	Direct Beneficiaries (cumulative)
44.2%	5.6 M (74% women & girls)
	Indirect Beneficiaries
	59 M

WPHF Governance

- Global Funding Board:
 - 4 donor Member States
(currently Germany, Norway, France and the United Kingdom)
 - 4 UN Entities
(currently UNFPA, UNHCR, UN Women and PBSO)
 - 4 Civil Society Organizations
(currently Politics4Her, Women for Women International, She's the First and Reach Out Cameroon)
- National Steering Committees (NSCs)
- Management Entity for CSOs (UN Country Offices)
- WPHF Global Secretariat



WPHF Funding Windows Overview



1

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

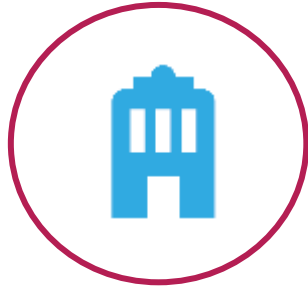
The WPHF Funding Window for Women Human Rights Defenders supports **individuals** from/working in crisis and conflict affected countries who work for the promotion of human rights and inclusive peace, via:

- 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 Theory of Change and Results Framework

Contribute to more peaceful and gender equal societies



**Impact Area 1:
Enabling
Environment
for WPS**



**Impact Area 2:
Conflict
Prevention**



**Impact Area 3:
Humanitarian &
Crisis Response**



**Impact Area 4:
Conflict
Resolution**



**Impact Area 5:
Protection of
Women & Girls**



**Impact Area 6:
Peacebuilding &
Recovery**

Institutional Funding

Global Learning & Building Coalitions

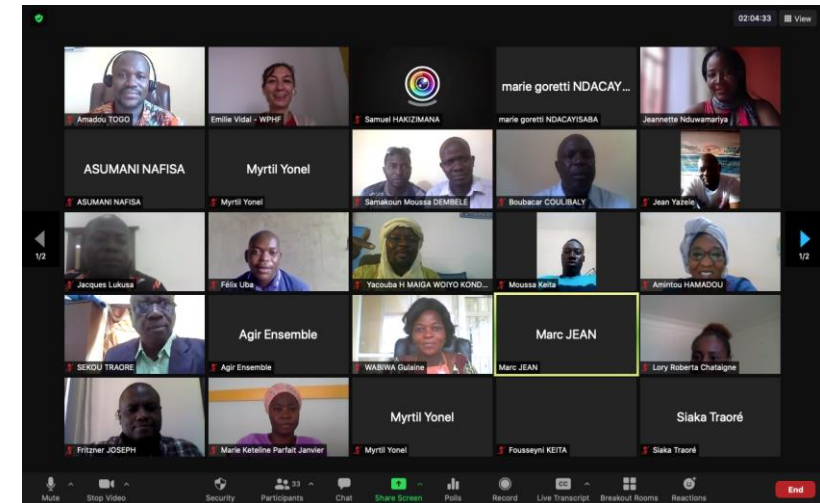
WPHF significantly contributes to local civil society organizations' increased participation in women peace and security and humanitarian processes

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.



A photograph of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a red headscarf with a black geometric pattern and a pink short-sleeved shirt. She is standing outdoors, looking slightly to her left with a gentle smile. Her hands are clasped in front of her. In the background, there is a hillside densely packed with small, simple houses, suggesting a slum or informal settlement. The sky is clear and blue.

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WPHF's Impact Area 2 – : Conflict Prevention

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

WPHF's Impact Area 6 – : Peacebuilding and Recovery

- ▶ Improved socioeconomic recovery and political participation of women and young women.

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: **27 July 2025**
- ▶ **Application package MUST include:**
 - ☑ WPHF proposal template
 - ☑ Proof of valid legal registration or status of lead organization

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.”

- ▶ Questions about this CFP: **ASHRAFUR.RAHMAN@UNWOMEN.ORG**

This Call for Proposals is linked to the **WPHF Women and Climate Security Initiative.**

- ✓ **Impact Area 2: Conflict Prevention** - Increased meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and response.

This includes 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

- ✓ **Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding & Recovery** - Improved socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and young women in peacebuilding contexts.

This includes 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

- ✓ **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.

Impact and Indicator tipsheet: Climate Security Initiative: [HERE](#)

Key Documents



Call for Proposal Document: [HERE](#)

Templates

- **Programmatic Funding Proposal Template (Outcome 2/6) (download):** [HERE](#)

AND/OR

- **Institutional Funding Proposal Template (download):** [HERE](#)

Key Points to Remember When Preparing Your Application



- **Geographic scope:** 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.
- **Timeline:** CSOs can apply for a project duration of maximum 2 years (24 months).
- **Type of CSO eligible to apply:** 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.
- **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

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 and ensure linkages to Women and Climate Security.
- 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 **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.
- Project duration should not exceed **24 months**.
- Use the **correct proposal template** based on the impact and funding type requested.
- **To be considered:** 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.

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: Climate Security Initiative: [HERE](#)
- ▶ Impact and Indicator tipsheet: Institutional Funding: [HERE](#)

Where can I access all the information about the call?

[Call for Proposal in Bangladesh - Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund](#)

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

A large group of women, likely from an African community, are gathered together, many wearing vibrant, patterned headwraps and traditional clothing. They are all smiling and clapping their hands, creating a sense of joy and celebration. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

Thank You!