

A MOVEMENT FOR PEACE




**Women's Peace &
Humanitarian Fund** 

A United Nations & Civil Society Partnership

**PEACE
is**





DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE OF PEACE THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION

Eighty years ago, representatives from across the world came together to build a new promise for future generations—one rooted in equality, justice, and peace. Powered by hope, they laid the foundations for the United Nations Charter.

Today, as the world faces the highest number of violent conflicts since World War II and women's rights face unprecedented attacks, the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund is calling for bold, collective action to support the women leading peace from the heart of their communities: **not in theory, but in practice.**

Now more than ever, we need to be reminded that **peace is possible**. It is not a relic of the past. It is being built and sustained every day by those too often overlooked.

From the crowded halls of Mexico City in 1975 to the makeshift tents of Huairou in 1995, women from all walks of life came the cornerstone of peace and security. These weren't just moments of advocacy; they were powerful movements of strategy and

solidarity that reshaped multilateralism laid the foundation for today's global gender equality frameworks. That legacy now meets a defining moment:



1995

Beijing Declaration

30 years since the Beijing Declaration, where the world proudly proclaimed: "Women's rights are human rights."



2000

**UN Security Council
Resolution 1325**

25 years since UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which affirmed that women's full participation is essential to peace and security.



2016

WPHF Establishment

10 years of the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF), created to make these commitments real by delivering direct, flexible funding to women-led organizations in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

These milestones aren't just cause for celebration.

**THEY ARE AN URGENT CALL
TO ACTION.**

INTRODUCING THE WPHF **PEACE IS** GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

Peace Is a new campaign codesigned by the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF), together with its partners, to reinforce peace—not just as the absence of war, but as the **active presence of justice, accountability, feminist leadership, and collective action.**

Through strategic policy advocacy, storytelling rooted in grassroots realities, dynamic public engagement, and powerful global partnerships, the Peace Is campaign bridges historic milestones with the present.

The Peace Is campaign seeks to amplify and elevate the voices of those on the frontlines. From war zones and refugee camps to protest lines and peace tables, it is often women, alongside their communities and allies, who are advancing peace and shaping solutions where they are needed most. A poignant reminder that **peace begins with all of us.**

Peace Is serves as a global call to:

Celebrate the gains of **global gender equality frameworks** -1325+25, Beijing+30, and WPHF@10—while pushing forward the work still left undone

Amplify the voices of women building peace in the world's most difficult settings

Advance peace as a living, breathing, everyday act

Revitalize a multilateral, intergenerational, and an inclusive **peace movement**

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

WHAT DOES PEACE MEAN TO YOU?

Join WPHF and get engaged in the Peace Is campaign!

1 MAKE PEACE PERSONAL, VISUAL, AND SHAREABLE

Tell the world what peace means to you by posting on social media using our campaign hashtags: #PeaceIs, #MyPieceForPeace, and #PassThePeace. Your voice helps spark a global conversation and reminds us that #PeaceIsAllOfUs

2 JOIN A PEACE IS SUMMIT NEAR YOU

Be part of a global series of intergenerational dialogues hosted at leading academic institutions. These events bring together youth, students, peacebuilders, academics, policymakers, philanthropists, and changemakers to explore bold, inclusive solutions to crisis and conflict. The summits aim to bridge global commitments with lived experiences and activate a hopeful new public discourse, grounded in the voices of those most affected. Follow @wphfund to stay updated on upcoming dates and locations around the world.

3 SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN

Lend your time, resources, platform, or funding to help elevate women and communities on the front lines of conflict, amplifying their voices and expanding their impact. Every act of solidarity, no matter how small, brings us closer to a more just and peaceful world.

4 BRING PEACE IS TO YOUR SPACE

Host a dialogue, organize a campus or community event, or feature the campaign in your classroom or workplace, sparking conversations, inspiring action, and connecting people around a shared vision for peace.



WHO WE ARE

The United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) is the only UN funding mechanism exclusively dedicated to supporting local, grassroots women's civil society organizations on the frontlines of crisis and conflict. As a flexible and rapid financing instrument, WPHF delivers both programmatic and institutional support to women peacebuilders, humanitarians, and human rights defenders in fragile settings around the world.

WPHF was established in 2016 in response to years of persistent advocacy by global civil society to operationalize the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda—not through rhetoric, but by mobilizing flexible resources directly to the women most affected by crises and best positioned to build peace and drive recovery in their communities.

What makes WPHF unique is not only whom it funds but how it functions. Civil society organizations (CSOs) are not only recipients of funding; they are at the center of the Fund's decision-making structures:



At the global level, CSOs are represented on the WPHF **Funding Board**, alongside four UN entities and the Fund's four largest donors.



At the country level, CSOs help guide funding decisions through their participation in **National Steering Committees**, which select projects for support.

With this multilevel, decentralized governance model, WPHF demonstrates innovations within the UN System of a **more feminist approach to financing**: one that is flexible, accessible, inclusive, and accountable to the women and communities it serves. Central to this model is the expertise of CSOs, which informs not only WPHF's funding decisions but also its **capacity development and networking initiatives**. Through its Global Learning Hub (L-HUB), a space shaped by and for CSOs, WPHF facilitates peer learning, knowledge sharing, and professional development opportunities for all supported partners.

To turn this feminist model into impact, WPHF delivers resources through three targeted funding mechanisms designed to meet the urgent and long-term needs of local women's organizations:

THE RAPID RESPONSE WINDOW (RRW)

providing fast, targeted support for women's direct participation in peace and political processes, from high-level negotiations to community-led dialogues.

THE WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS (WHRDS) WINDOW

providing vital resources to protect and support women peacebuilders, humanitarian responders, and human rights activists in dangerous contexts, enabling them to continue their advocacy and activism in times of crisis.

THE REGULAR FUNDING CYCLE

providing flexible, institutional, and programmatic funding to local civil society organizations advancing women's leadership in peacebuilding, crisis response, and humanitarian action.



255 M

USD mobilized since WPHF inception



+1,600

women-led and women's rights organizations founded

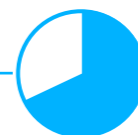


46

countries



nearly **50%**
of WPHF-supported organizations receive UN funding for the first time



69%
have successfully leveraged their funding to attract additional resources



+800

women peacebuilders supported to participate peace, politics, and advocacy processes worldwide

PEACE IS ALL OF US

United for the peace that we deserve

Through shared stories, collective voices, advocacy strategies, funding opportunities, on-the-ground projects, community events, and media engagement for the coming months, let's tell the world what Peace Is for every one of us.

#PeaceIs #PeaceIsAllofUs #MyPiece4Peace #WPHFund

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