Call for Interest for Civil Society Members

Global Steering Committee of the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) Term years: 2027-2029

Civil society members of the Global Steering Committee (GSC) of the United Nations **Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund** (WPHF) are seeking two international or regional civil society organizations to join the committee for the following **3-year term 2027-2029**.

WPHF is the only United Nations pooled financing mechanism dedicated exclusively to financing local women's organizations and women human rights defenders in crisis and conflict contexts.

Civil society members of the **WPHF Global Steering Committee** have a unique opportunity to contribute their experiences and insights to the work of the UN, support and improve UN decision-making and processes around 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 – particularly those based in the global majority regions - working on humanitarian response and nexus programming and/or Women, Peace and Security (WPS) at the regional or international level are especially encouraged. This includes LGBTIQ+ organizations, and organizations that are women's youth-led/focused, women's refugee-led/focused and disability-led/focused across Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific Islands, which are currently underrepresented.

Background

In line with the **WPHF Strategic Plan 2026-2029**, WPHF's overarching goal is to achieve inclusive and sustainable peace.

Since its establishment in 2016, WPHF has evolved into a trusted UN pooled fund with measurable reach and results. It has supported more than 1,800 women's organizations and over 1,000 women human rights defenders across 48 crisis-affected contexts, with nearly half of partner organizations receiving UN funding for the first time.

Currently active in 50 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. For more information regarding the WPHF and 2025 results, please read the **WPHF 2025 Annual Report.**

Responsibilities of civil society members of the WPHF GSC

WPHF is governed at the global level by the Global Steering Committee, 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 overall guidance.
The primary responsibility of a civil society member on the WPHF GSC is to provide guidance, oversight and make allocation decisions. This includes making country/regional based allocations for the Regular Funding Cycle (RFC) window for unearmarked funds, as well as general allocations to the Rapid Response Window (RRW) and Women Human Rights Defenders Window (WHRD) for unearmarked funds. The GSC approves all budgets for the funding windows and the WPHF Technical Secretariat.

The CSO GSC member is expected to:

- Participate in Working-level and High-level meetings of the WPHF Global Steering Committee (High-level meetings are held once a year and the Working-level meetings are held quarterly – on average – but can be up to 6-7 meetings per year in cases where ad hoc or emergency decision-making is required);
- Contribute to decision-making on the list of WPHF-eligible countries and on Fund's investments across all funding windows;
- Present the views of her/his network/organization regarding funding for civil society organizations engaged in WPS and humanitarian work during meetings;
- Disseminate information regarding calls for proposals by the WPHF;
- Generate support for WPHF from donors, Member States and other stakeholders for them to contribute to the Fund;
- Contribute to the visibility of WPHF through presentation in meetings, conferences, and other events as well as social media; and
- Consult with other CSOs to improve the work of the WPHF.

The ideal CSO candidate will bring:

- **Established regional/international reach**, with demonstrated experience working across crisis- or conflict-affected global majority context(s) and the ability to represent diverse civil society perspectives.
- **Proven expertise in Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and/or humanitarian response and nexus programming**, including conflict prevention, humanitarian assistance, protection of women and girls, peacebuilding, recovery, and women's economic empowerment.
- **Strong familiarity with UN Processes and technical language.**
- **Strong communication and public-engagement capacity**, including confidence presenting in meetings and conferences, contributing to expert dialogues, and promoting WPHF visibility through organizational networks and social media.

- **Organizational stability and availability**, with sufficient staff capacity and leadership commitment to participate in quarterly working-level meetings, annual high-level meetings, and ongoing consultation and dissemination activities throughout the 2027–2029 term.

More information about the role of the Global Steering Committee and the role of CSO GSC members in decision-making processes can be found in the **Operations Manual** and the **WPHF Terms of Reference.**

The term would begin on **1 January 2027** and end on **31 December 2029**. Please keep in mind the following before applying:

- ***This is a voluntary, unpaid role.*** *There is no salary, fee or honorarium.*
- ***Selected organizations cannot apply for or be a recipient of WPHF funding*** *during their GSC term.*
- *The working language of the WPHF GSC is* ***English.***
- ***The use of artificial intelligence tools****, including generative AI, automated writing assistants, and AI-powered content generators to fabricate or misrepresent an organization's experience is prohibited and will result in automatic disqualification.*

Process for Submitting Interest: Interested civil society organizations can self-nominate to join the WPHF Global Steering Committee as a civil society member by completing this **form**.

Deadline for submissions: Monday 23 November 2026
Submitted self-nominations will be reviewed by the current CSO GSC members. The selection process will consist of a review and shortlisting stage, followed by interviews with shortlisted candidates. Applicants are therefore kindly requested to ensure their availability for potential interviews during December 2026. The final selection is expected to be announced by the end of December 2026.

For questions regarding the application process, please write to **nsingh@womenforwomen.org**, a current CSO representative on the GSC.