Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund
A United Nations & Civil Society Partnership

Call for Proposals – Climate Security
PHILIPPINES

Call Opens:	09 November 2026
Deadline for Submissions:	31 December 2026
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1. Objectives and Purpose of the Call for Proposals

The overall purpose of this call for proposals is to provide grants to local women and young women led organizations and civil society organizations in the Philippines that strengthen women's leadership and participation in gender-responsive humanitarian preparedness, response, and recovery efforts in the context of climate insecurity and climate injustice, and that enhance social cohesion, peacebuilding, and the economic empowerment of women and young women in relation to climate security and climate justice. The call for proposals specifically contributes to WPHF's overall goal of contributing to peaceful, safe, and equal societies.

Initiatives should aim to reach those women and girls experiencing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those excluded due to geographical location, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age, migratory status, HIV status, among others and which is in alignment with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind.

2. Country Context Linked to Call for Proposals

The Philippines is highly exposed to climate and disaster risks including tropical cyclones, flooding, droughts, landslides, and other climate-related hazards that contribute to displacement, loss of livelihoods, and humanitarian needs. The 2026 World Risk Report ranked the Philippines as the first among 193 countries in the World Risk Index underscoring the country's exposure and vulnerability to disasters. These risks are further heightened by the 2026-2027 EL Nino, which the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) estimated as the harbinger of prolonged dry conditions, drought, water stress and immense impacts on agriculture and food security to the different parts of the country such as in Mindanao. In fragile and conflict-affected areas such as the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), climate-related stresses intersect with existing drivers of conflict, insecurity, and social exclusion. As competition over natural resources and economic pressures intensifies, climate change acts as a threat multiplier, exacerbating vulnerabilities and amplifying risks to social cohesion and sustainable peace. Women and girls, particularly those in displaced, rural and conflict-affected communities, face differentiated impacts and are disproportionately affected by these overlapping challenges due to persistent gender inequalities, limited access to resources and decision-making, and heightened exposure to gender-based violence during crises and displacement and increased care burdens during poly-crisis.

Addressing these overlapping risks is anchored in the Philippine National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS 2022-2023), which advances women's empowerment and meaningful participation alongside protection and prevention supported by the mainstreaming and localization of WPS. In BARMM, these commitments are also contextualized through the Bangsamoro Regional Action

Plan on Women, Peace and Security (BARMM-RAPWPS 2023-2028). Both national and sub-national plans recognized climate security as an emerging WPS issue. At the same time, women play a critical role in strengthening community resilience, leading local responses to crises, advancing peacebuilding efforts, and promoting sustainable solutions to climate-related challenges. Indigenous peoples including indigenous women also play critical roles in climate adaptation, natural resource management, and peacebuilding, building on their local knowledge systems and culturally sensitive approaches. Recognizing the importance of women's leadership, this Call for Proposals aims to support local women-led and women's rights organizations to advance women's meaningful participation in climate security, climate justice, improve access to conflict sensitive, peace promoting and gender responsive disaster risk reduction and anticipatory action, humanitarian action, strengthen peacebuilding initiatives contributing to social cohesion, and decision-making processes at the community and local levels.

3. Scope (Location and Duration)

The WPHF will fund qualifying projects in PHILIPPINES only.

Multi-country projects, or projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.
CSOs can apply for a project duration of maximum **2 years (24 months)**

4. Eligibility

4.1. Who can apply and receive funding?

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 also led by women who face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination are encouraged to apply, including displaced persons, LGBTQI+, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, etc. Organizations whose mandate focuses specifically on addressing climate security and climate justice are especially encouraged to apply.

Women's Rights or Feminist Organization: The organizations must have gender equality and women's rights at the core of their official mission/vision statement. The organization's experience should clearly reflect addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women's rights and aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, and work to transform these.

Women-Led Organization: must be headed by a woman as director/head of organization.

Youth Focused Organization: To be considered "youth focused", the organization's core mission/vision must focus on supporting the social, economic and political participation of young women and young men and addressing multiple/ intersecting forms of discrimination against young women and men. WPHF will provide specific attention to youth focused organizations supporting young women, advancing gender equality and peacebuilding.

Young Women Led Organization: must be headed by a young person aged between 18 - 29 years old who serves as director/head of organization.

The following are **NOT** eligible to apply for a grant from the WPHF:

- International non-governmental organizations;
- Government agencies or institutions;
- UN agencies or UN Country Teams;
- Private individuals;
- Private sector entities;

- Universities, Think Tanks or Education or Research Institutions

4.2. Do we need to be legally registered as an organization in our country to apply?
YES, for the lead applicant. 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.

NO for co-implementing or consortium partners. Co-implementing partners are not required to provide legal registration, only the lead applicant organization.

4.3. Can we apply in partnership or consortium with other organizations?
YES. Joint projects with other local women's rights, youth focused, or women or young women led civil society organizations are encouraged. Joint projects in partnership with other local women's rights, young women-led, and civil society organizations which are led by marginalized groups including those who are forcibly displaced, LGBTQI+, living with disabilities, indigenous, etc. are also encouraged.

For joint projects, only the lead organization is required to meet the eligibility criteria. For joint projects, the roles and responsibilities of each organization must be clearly detailed within the application template.

4.4. May we apply for funding for an ongoing or existing initiative or project?
YES. The WPHF accepts proposals for ongoing projects funded by other donors. However, the specific value added to the contribution should be clearly outlined.

4.5. Does my organization have to contribute to the project budget?
NO. Civil society organizations are not required to contribute to the budget.

4.6. Can we use artificial intelligence (AI) to write our proposals?
Civil society organizations are encouraged to write in their own voice. WPHF does not evaluate proposals based on the quality of the writing, but rather the content and alignment to the call for proposals. Please also be aware of the risks in using AI, including identifying information being public, data security, generic information, etc. Proposals which are plagiarized will be excluded.

5. Type of Funding Available

Under this call for proposals, WPHF is accepting applications for both institutional/core funding and programmatic funding. An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit one application for institutional funding, AND/OR 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 stream as noted in Section 6.**

Institutional Funding: (USD $2,500 - $30,000) 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 focus on climate security and climate justice issues. Prospective applicants will also need to demonstrate how the current context affects	**AND/ OR**	**Programmatic Funding: (USD $30,000 - $200,000)** This funding stream will finance projects which aim specifically at funding programmatic activities aligned with the following impact area(s): ☑ **WPHF Impact Area 2: Enhanced access of women and girls in crisis and conflict settings to inclusive, gender-responsive and life-saving humanitarian response and services**

their institutional and financial capacities and how the funding would support them as an organization. It will finance a limited range of activities to support the development or strengthening of a CSO's institutional capacity. The purpose of this funding stream IS NOT to finance programmatic activities. Organizations who apply for institutional funding should have a mandate aligned to the objectives of the call for proposal	*In the context of this Call for Proposals, this includes activities that improve women's and girls' access to inclusive, gender-responsive and life-saving humanitarian response and services in the context of climate-related humanitarian crises and insecurity.* OR ☑ **WPHF Impact Area 4: Enhanced social cohesion, peacebuilding and economic empowerment of women and young women in crisis and conflict settings.** *In the context of this CfP, this includes activities that promote women's leadership and participation in green socio-economic recovery and political decision-making to reduce climate-related conflicts and injustice.*

Please read through the WPHF Impact and Indicator Tip Sheets for guidance on the impact focus and required indicators. (Section 10 below).

6. Application Package

Applicants are required to use only the WPHF templates provided. DO NOT submit photos or additional documents other than the ones listed.

☐ Institutional Funding Proposal Template (download)

AND/OR

☐ Programmatic Funding Proposal Template: Impact Area 2: Humanitarian and Crisis Response (download)

OR

☐ Programmatic Funding Proposal Template: Impact Area 4: Peacebuilding and Recovery (download)

AND

☐ Proof of valid legal registration or status of the lead organization (if you are in the process for renewal, please share proof)

6.1 How to Submit a Proposal

Online:

Applicants can submit online using the following link, including uploading the proposal template and registration certificate: **https://share.hsforms.com/1fg1YWP08TE-q5PV98rFhoActfxv.** Email submissions are not eligible.

Deadline: Application packages are to be received no later than 31 December 2026 by 11:59pm Geneva CET.

Please Note:

- Applications can be submitted in English. Only applications in these languages will be accepted.

- The proposal template is to be uploaded on the online form in .doc, or .docx format.
- Legal registration certificates must be uploaded on the online form in jpeg, doc., docx., or pdf format.
- Both proposal template and registration must be submitted on the online form. Missing documents from the application will not be considered.
- You may not make changes to your application after it is submitted.
- Proposal templates, including any annexes, cannot be altered. Incomplete applications, or use of different templates will not be considered.
- Upon submission, a message will automatically appear in your web browser. Please consider this as a confirmation of receipt. DO NOT resend your application. If a second application is submitted, only the first submission will be considered.

7. Obtaining More Information about the Call for Proposals

An information session will be organized with prospective applicants on 19 November 2026, online. To register, please contact vanessavianca.pallarco@unwomen.org by 16 November 2026.

Questions about this CfP can be sent to gilbert.guevarra@unwomen.org or vanessavianca.pallarco@unwomen.org no later than 15 December 2026. Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for responses to any questions.

8. Evaluation Criteria

As you write your proposal, keep in mind that proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

Institutional Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 1)	Programmatic Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 2)
Project Objectives ☐ Organization's mandate is aligned with WPHF's theory of change and mission aligns with the WPHF impact area ☐ Clear rationale how the current crisis affects the organization's institutional and financial capacities ☐ Clear outputs and activities which contribute to strengthening CSOs institutional capacity and how the organization will be sustained ☐ Identification of risks and appropriate mitigation measures	**Project Objectives** ☐ Organization's mandate is aligned with WPHF's theory of change and overall project responds to the specific call for proposal and impact statement. ☐ Definition of clear expected results which respond to the current conflict/crisis with a women peace and security and/or humanitarian lens, and taking account of best practices of gender-responsive approaches ☐ Clear and realistic outputs and activities planned to accomplish the expected results, and achievable within the time frame ☐ Ensures meaningful participation of groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those marginalized and excluded due to poverty, ethnicity, disability, age, geography, migratory status, among others which are in clear alignment with Agenda 2030 of leaving no one behind.
Budget ☐ The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7.0%) ☐ The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account	**Programme Management and Monitoring** ☐ Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures ☐ Identification of relevant and appropriate feminist monitoring and evaluation approaches, including Do no Harm, and including management structure of the project
	Collaboration and National Ownership ☐ Promotion of national and local ownership and collaboration in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players.
	Budget ☐ The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7.0%)

	☐ The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account

9. Next Steps After Submission of Proposals to WPHF

After the closure of the call for proposals, the following will take place:

- Submitted proposals which are complete and received within the timeline will be screened for compliance based on the requirements of this call for proposals (longlisting)
- Longlisted proposals will undergo a technical evaluation by WPHF based on the evaluation criteria listed in Section 8 above. Those which score over 50/100 will be shortlisted.
- A Regional/National Steering Committee (R/NSC) will convene to review the shortlisted proposals and will select proposals based on the available funding. The NSC may also make recommendations on the revision of budgets of proposals.
- Only selected CSOs for funding will be contacted directly by email by the Participating United Nations Organization (PUNO) of the WPHF (UN Women Philippines).
- Please note that this process can take up to 4-5 months after the closure of the call for proposals.
- We encourage you to visit https://wphfund.org/calls-for-proposals/ for future funding opportunities.

10. Useful Resources

- The WPHF's website www.wphfund.org
- Impact and Indicator Tip Sheet Climate Security
- Impact and Indicator Tip Sheet Institutional Funding
- Results Based Management Capacity Building Webinar
- Project Design and Proposal Writing for Women-Led CSOs Working in Conflict and Crisis Contexts: Recording and PowerPoint Presentation

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

The WPHF is a global pooled funding mechanism which aims to stimulate a significant increase in financing for women's participation, leadership, and empowerment in peace and security processes and humanitarian response. The WPHF is a flexible and rapid financing mechanism. It supports quality interventions designed to enhance the capacity of local women to prevent conflict, respond to crises and emergencies, and seize key peacebuilding opportunities. The overall goal of the WPHF's theory of change is to contribute to **peaceful, safe, and equal societies**. Achievement of this goal will require that women are empowered to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from conflict prevention, crisis response, peacebuilding, and recovery. Since its launch in 2016, WPHF has been supporting over 1,900 civil society organizations and is present in 50 countries.

The WPHF is governed by a Global Steering Committee at the global level, which is comprised of four UN entities (currently UN Women, UNHCR, UNFPA and PBSO), four donor Member States (currently Germany, United Kingdom, Norway, and Italy), as well as 4 Civil Society Organizations (currently Politics4Her, Women for Women International, She's the First and Reach Out Cameroon).

At the country level, the final selection of shortlisted proposals will be undertaken by the National Steering Committee, which is comprised of UN agencies, civil society organizations, donor representatives and governments.