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Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies

Research Query: Humanitarian Financing for National/Local Women's Organizations and Groups

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Introduction

Purpose of this document: Women around the world have lived experiences that are different from men, informed by norms that perpetuate gender inequality. This gender inequality in turn underpins multiple forms of violence that women and girls are exposed to across their lives. In humanitarian settings, certain types of violence against women and girls, (VAWG, also referred to as gender-based violence, or GBV) can increase. Women's rights organizations (WROs) and women-led organizations (WLOs) with expertise in addressing GBV are often best placed to identify and meet the needs of women and girls affected by GBV in their communities, as well as to undertake contextually relevant strategies to prevent GBV.

A recent report by OCHA and UNFPA underscores the positive outcomes that providing direct funding to WROs and WLOs can have.¹ However, the report also highlights the many challenges that WROs and WLOs continue to have in accessing funding. In 2024, only 1.3% of total humanitarian funding addressed gender-based violence² and 2025 has been a year which has seen further cuts to humanitarian aid funding, with WLOs bearing the brunt of this loss of funding³. This document was developed to identify potential sources of funding for local WROs and WLOs in order to support the scale-up of their work on GBV.

This list of donors is not exhaustive but serves as a starting point.

Methodology: This list of donors was identified using an on-line word search with a combination of the following words:

1. Humanitarian, humanitarian aid, emergencies, disaster, conflict, war,
2. Women, girls, women with disabilities, older women, women's rights, gender equality, gender-based violence,

¹ Ward, Jeanne. (2021). "Rapid Review of Recent Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Allocations Targeting GBV Prevention and Response in Humanitarian Action". Accessed on 21.02.24.

<https://cerf.un.org/sites/default/files/resources/CERF%20GBV%20Report.pdf>

² UN Women. (2025). At a breaking point: The impact of foreign aid cuts on women's organizations in humanitarian crises worldwide. <https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2025/05/at-a-breaking-point-the-impact-of-foreign-aid-cuts-on-womens-organizations-in-humanitarian-crises-worldwide> Accessed on 9.12.25

³ UN Women. (2025). Humanitarian funding cuts threaten women's rights: What's at stake and how to help. <https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/explainer/humanitarian-funding-cuts-threaten-womens-rights-whats-at-stake-and-how-to-help>

3. Fund, funders, funding, grants, philanthropy, philanthropist, foundation

Additionally, relevant websites with a list of donors were scanned to see if any supported the combination of word concepts below. Where websites had limited information, donors were contacted directly for additional requirements.

- [AWID funders list filtering the word 'violence'](#)
- [Bond funders list](#)
- [Girls Not Brides: Where can I get Funding?](#)
- [Global Fund for Women's List of fundraising resources](#)
- [COVID-19 related grants](#)

Women's organizations are encouraged to contact donors from these lists directly to gather additional information about funding parameters.⁴

For this latest revision of the research query paper the Helpdesk expert checked whether previously listed sources were still active, and has marked where this is not the case.

The information is organized according to the following categories, starting with donors that have the highest likelihood to fund women's organizations in emergency situations⁵:

1. *Financing focused on women in humanitarian settings:* This funding is available directly to local women's organizations. These donors are known to invest in programs related to women/GBV and humanitarian needs.
2. *Financing from multi-donor pooled humanitarian donors:* These are typically larger grants that require national organizations with a dedicated grant writer and financial reporting systems. It may be that smaller women's organizations can identify bigger organizations in their own country that receive funding from this pool to apply to be a sub-grantee.
3. *Financing focused on prevention or mitigation of violence:* These funding sources do not explicitly mention funding local groups in humanitarian settings. However, donors listed here could be approached by women's organizations to explore the potential for funding - as these organizations are strong supporters of prevention of and response to GBV.
4. *Financing focused on women and human rights:* Again, these funding sources do not explicitly mention funding local groups in humanitarian settings but can still be approached by women's organizations to open a dialogue on opportunities for support.
5. *Financing focused on women and displacement:* This funding source promotes the participation and leadership of displaced women and girls in socio-economic and political decision-making.
6. *Crowd Funding:* A short overview of Crowd Funding as an alternative option to formal fundraising.
7. *Cross-cutting or multi-sectoral focused funds:* This category indicates funding sources that have interest in GBV/VAWG plus its intersections with or connections to another thematic area, e.g. climate-related disasters.

⁴ A handbook on fundraising for women's organizations can be found [here](#). This document is more tailored to development settings but nevertheless has useful tips for humanitarian women's organizations.

⁵ This information was accessed in September 2020 and updated in 2021 and 2024. Eligibility and grant cycles may change annually.

1. Financing focused on women in humanitarian settings

1.1. The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

Type of project funded: This fund organizes Calls for Proposals with a geographical and thematic focus, to support local women's civil society organizations on a wide range of projects contributing to peacebuilding and humanitarian action. Local, community-based organizations are particularly encouraged to apply for new funding opportunities.

Location: Multiple countries

Eligibility: International, national, and local women-led, women's rights, feminist, or civil society organization with a proven track record collaborating with women and girls.

Grant size: The grant sizes vary depending on each call.

Application Procedures: Applicants must fill out an application form and email it to the person responsible.

Grant management: N/A

Closing date: Please check the website for open Call for Proposals.

Weblink: <https://wphfund.org/calls-for-proposals/>

1.2.1 Global Fund for Women - Crisis Grants

Type of project funded: Global Fund for Women's primary goal is to get resources to organizations led by women, girls, and trans people. The Fund supports organizations led by historically marginalized groups who are working to build strong, connected movements for gender equality and human rights. They trust women, girls, and trans people to know how best to solve the problems in their communities. As funders, their goal is to provide resources that strengthen the agency, participation, and power of local organizations working directly in their communities. They provide:

- **General support grants** which provide flexible non-profit funding support to meet their partners' needs including salaries, communications, and travel.
- **Crisis grants**, accessible to current and former partners, as well as other organizations that are responding to crises with an intersectional feminist lens, by invitation, to provide urgent funding to respond to natural disasters, climate crises, public health crises, or escalation in political violence. This includes short-term grants to address immediate needs such as food, shelter, and security, as well as multi-year grants to help communities rebuild while addressing the root causes of gender injustice and structural inequalities.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Grantees are feminist groups and feminist funds and must be based in a country outside the United States. They have a primary focus on advancing gender justice, with these goals clearly reflected in their activities. Please note that groups whose sole purpose is to generate income or to provide charity to individuals are not eligible. Applicants must embrace collective action. Global Fund does not accept requests from individuals and does not fund projects proposed by or for the benefit of individuals (including scholarships). Applicants need to be governed, directed, and led by historically marginalized communities. Historically marginalized communities include cisgender and transgender women and girls; gender diverse and nonconforming people; racial, religious, and ethnic minorities; young people; sex workers; disabled people; and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Applicants cannot be a government entity, political party of election campaign, or international organization proposing projects with local partners. Groups do not need to be registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to qualify for funding.

Grant size: Average grant size is 15,000 USD.

Application Procedures: Global Fund for Women invites women's rights groups to apply for crisis grants to respond to the following crisis situations: Climate and natural disasters, public health crises, and Sudden and drastic increases in political violence. In the past, Global Fund for Women has given grants to organizations providing crisis response to infectious disease outbreaks, large-scale floods, and sudden, massive displacement of people due to political violence. As of 2025 the Fund has now shifted its decision-making model and approach for their grants from their staff to the movements they support and are no longer

accepting unsolicited grant applications. **So, groups/organizations must be invited by Global Fund for Women to submit a grant application.** Further information regarding the model and contact information can be found [here](#).

Grant management: At least three months for a decision on a general support grant proposal and at least three weeks on a travel or event proposal.

Closing date: Rolling basis.

Weblink: <https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/what-we-do/how-we-fund/>

1.3 Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

Type of project funded: Kvinna till Kvinna is a Swedish foundation that promotes women's rights in conflict-affected countries in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the South Caucasus. Supporting more than 100 partner organizations in 20 countries – because they believe women's rights activists know best what women and girls in their country need. Kvinna till Kvinna focuses on four key issues: gender-based violence, feminist peace, equal participation, economic gender justice and stronger movements.

Location: Nine country offices in conflict-affected areas. Country offices are in Amman, Beirut, Belgrade, Bukavu, Erbil, Kigali, Monrovia, Sarajevo and Skopje.

Eligibility: Kvinna till Kvinna has a careful internal mapping process to identify potential partners and assess fulfilment of partnership criteria and shared values. They do not generally consider spontaneous partnership applications. It is advised to start contact with the relevant country office or email or call contacts provided below.

Grant size: N/A

Application Procedures: Different regions and countries have different kinds of funding, and funding also changes from one program period to another. Applicants will have to approach country-level offices to learn about existing funding opportunities. On their webpage, there is a [messaging centre](#), where women's groups can choose which office to send enquiries to.

Grant management: N/A

Closing date: N/A

Weblink: <https://kvinnatillkvinna.org/about-us/who-we-are/>, Telephone: +46 8 588 891 00,

E-mail: info@kvinnatillkvinna.se

1.4 Medica Mondiale Grants Programme

Type of project funded: Projects that support women-led organizations working at the local, regional or national level to protect and promote the rights of women and girls affected by sexualized and gender based violence.

Location: Southeastern Europe, The African Great Lakes Region, Iraq, with a specific focus on Central Iraq, West Africa.

Eligibility: Organizations that:

- Are directed and led by women;
- Have the protection and promotion of women's rights as their primary mission;
- Work on issues related to combating and preventing sexualized and gender-based violence against women in war and conflict zones;
- Support women and girls regardless of their ethnicity, religion, political belief, sexual orientation, social status, or age;
- Work for social structural change to end violence against women;
- Actively include the perspectives of the women and girls they support;
- Work in collaboration with other human and women's rights movements;
- Are formally registered as non-governmental and non-profit organizations.

Grant size: 10,000 EUR - 15,000 EUR per year

Application Procedures: Applications can be submitted in German, English or French using Medica Mondiale's grants application format and guidelines and the budget formats. Only applications submitted in this [format](#) are considered. Applicants will be contacted within four weeks and final decisions may take up to 3 months.

Grant management: N/A

Closing date: Rolling basis

Weblink: <https://www.medicamondiale.org/en/what-we-do/grants-program.html>

1.5 MADRE

Type of project funded: MADRE is an international human rights organization focused on sustainable gender, racial, climate, and disability justice. It provides support to projects aimed at advancing women's human rights by meeting urgent needs in communities and building lasting solutions to crises, delivering sustainable gender, racial, climate, and disability justice, centering the leadership of women and girls in their own communities.

They support projects focused on:

- **Humanitarian aid and supplies:** Including shelter, medicine, wheelchairs, and other necessities.
- **Direct services:** This could include shelters for survivors of violence, health clinics, seed banks and water supply projects.
- **Strategy sharing and community organizing:** This could involve supporting activists and organizations to share learning to strengthen movement work, strategy sharing and community organizing.
- **Crisis support and legal aid for activists and Human Rights Defenders facing violence:** This includes emergency relocation and legal aid to organizations and activists under threat and requiring urgent assistance.
- **Skills and leadership development:** This includes training for organizations to build leadership capacity to advocate for long-term social change.
- **Basic organizational needs:** like stipends, travel, translation, and childcare.

Location: They are open to partnerships at global level. Previous partnerships have been established in countries like Myanmar, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Haiti, Cuba, Colombia, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Bolivia, the countries of former Yugoslavia, Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan, Brazil, Syria, Sudan, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Nepal, Korea, Philippines, the US-Mexico border, and Yemen.

Eligibility: MADRE provides trust-based grants to women- and girl-led groups that are often small, located in remote areas, and local organizations, networks and groups that are "under the radar" of other international funders and large aid organizations. They focus their partnerships on women-led organizations that prioritize the leadership of young women and girls, Indigenous women, Afro-descendant women, LGBTQI people, and people with disabilities.

Grant size: N/A

Application Procedures: MADRE does not hold open calls for grants or accept unsolicited grant applications. Their grantmaking model is based on direct partnerships with grassroots organizations after a direct identification and assessment process. If women's groups are interested to partner with MADRE or believe their organization could benefit from a MADRE grant, they are open to hearing from these groups.

Please contact grants@madre.org with information about your work.

Grant management: N/A

Closing date: Rolling basis

Weblink: <https://www.madre.org/>

1.6 Urgent Action Fund for Women

Type of project funded: UAFFW provides fast, flexible support to women, trans and non-binary activists so that they can respond to unexpected risks and opportunities, protect and care for themselves and one another, and nurture feminist movements that are creating a more just and equitable world.

- **Security Grants:** Available to activists whose safety and security is at risk. The grant amount is up to 8,000 USD for a total period of up to 3 months.
- **Opportunity Grants:** Support efforts focused on advocacy, awareness raising, influencing policy, and changing public discourse. The grant amount is up to 8,000 USD for a total period of up to 6 months.

Location: The fund makes grants to individual feminist activists, organizations, and movements in Canada,

Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East, the Balkans, the Caucasus, and the United States.

Eligibility: Applications must be led by women/trans people **and** women/trans people must be the primary decision-makers in the organization, group, or action. The proposed actions must promote the advancement of women's or trans human rights using nonviolent tactics or strategies. For the Security Grants, the specific event or situation your organization is responding to must have been unanticipated, and actions must happen quickly to be effective. Applicants must have the support of others involved in women's human rights or related fields, locally or globally.

Grant size: Applicants for Security Grants can request up to 8,000 USD for immediate needs (for use within 3 months). Applicants for Opportunity Grants can request up to 8,000 USD for activities that will be conducted within the subsequent 6 months.

Grant management: They accept grant applications in any language, 365 days per year. They will respond to requests within 24 hours; however, proposals in languages other than Arabic, English, Spanish, Russian, or French may require additional time for translation. The details of the application process can be found on the [UAF portal](#)

Application Procedures: see [Security Grant](#); [Opportunity Grant](#) and the [Grants Portal Manual](#)

Alternative Application Methods: download the Security Grant or Opportunity Grant application forms (in 3 languages) and submit via email to proposals@urgentactionfund.org. If women's groups require additional security in sending grant applications, they are advised to consider submitting their email application via an encrypted route such as hushmail.com or protonmail.com. To do so, women's groups must first create a free account and submit their application to urgentactionfund@hush.com or urgentact@protonmail.com. If groups have difficulty writing, typing, or accessing a computer, they may submit a request by voicemail or SMS text message: +1- 415-4WOMEN5 (+1- 415-496-6365).

Email: proposals@urgentactionfund.org

Closing date: Rolling basis.

Weblink: <https://urgentactionfund.org/our-grants/>

2. Financing from multi-donor pooled humanitarian donors

2.1 Country Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs)

Type of project funded: This is a multi-donor pooled humanitarian financing instrument intended to make funding directly available to humanitarian partners operating in countries affected by emergencies. The funds support the highest-priority projects of the best-placed responders (including international and national NGOs and UN agencies) through an inclusive and transparent process that supports priorities set out in [Humanitarian Response Plans](#) (HRPs). CBPFs are organized on a country level basis.

Location: Global. In 2025, CPBF received 703 million USD and launched allocations of 918 million USD. In 2025, there were 17 CBPFs and 4 regional funds.⁶ In contract with 2024, when the CBPF received contributions of 1.15 billion USD and allocated 940 million USD. Of the 2024 funds these were allocated to 720 partners in 16 countries and 3 regional funds to support 1,104 critical humanitarian projects.

Eligibility: National and local women's organizations and groups can access CBPF directly, provided they are registered as an NGO and participate in the cluster system, paying particular attention to the Protection Cluster, the GBV Sub Cluster and Child Sub Cluster, membership of which is a pre-requisite to apply for CBPFs. Women's organizations and groups may also access CBPFs indirectly through an intermediary such as another UN agency or INGO if they are selected as a sub-contractor or sub-grantee.

Grant size: Past grantees have received from 500,000 USD to 1.2 million USD ([see p.21 of the CBPF Global Guidelines for details of the funding allocation types](#)).

Application Procedures: Applications must be submitted through the CBPF Grant Management System (GMS).

⁶ Data accurate as of 22, December 2025. <https://cbpf.data.unocha.org/>

Grant management: CBPFs are established by the UN ERC when a new emergency occurs or when an existing humanitarian situation deteriorates. CBPFs are managed locally by the Resident Humanitarian Coordinator, with the support of OCHA and an Advisory Board.

Closing date: Start date for projects vary country to country. Please check the website for updates.

Weblink: <https://www.unocha.org/country-based-pooled-funds>

2.2 Global Innovation Fund (GIF)

Type of project funded: A pooled financing mechanism which invests in the development, testing, and scaling of innovations intended to improve the lives of poor and marginalized groups.

GIF recognizes that prevailing issues in the developing world, such as food insecurity and malnutrition, global health crises, and climate change and forced migration, disproportionately affect women and girls. The initiatives in GIF's Innovating for Gender Equality Fund seek to shift the harmful social structures and norms that perpetuate gender inequality in the developing world. At the core of GIF's approach is a focus on increasing the agency of women and girls.

Location: Global

Eligibility: The GIF welcomes applications from any type of organization working in any sector in any low or middle income country (LMIC)⁷. National and local women's organizations and groups can apply directly. The GIF considers applications that are:

- Focused on people living in poverty;
- Utilize novel approaches which are not commonplace;
- Improve upon alternative solutions;
- Are backed by evidence of potential impact;
- Can be widely applied in many different settings;
- Have the potential to scale up to reach millions of people;
- Are led by strong dynamic teams;
- Are ready for investment;
- Will generate new knowledge of what works;
- Have a clear role for the Global Innovation Fund.

Grant size: Disburses between 50,000 USD and 15 million USD in various forms of capital (equity, debt, grants, and others). They have three stages of development which they invest in pilot (up to \$230,000 USD), test and transition (up to \$2.3 million USD) and scale (up to \$15m USD).

Application Procedures: The GIF welcomes applications for funds on a continual basis. There are three stages to the application process: (i) Initial Application, (ii) Follow on call, (iii) Full Application and Due Diligence, and (iv) Decision Panel and (v.) Funding Agreement. This is a light-touch process for stages 1 and 2, with more information required should the GIF seek to enter into a funding agreement with the selected organization.

Grant management: This is a non-profit investment and innovation fund, with its headquarters in London and an office in Washington D.C., Nairobi and Singapore. GIF invests in the development, rigorous testing, and scaling up of new products, services, business processes, or policy reforms that are cost-effective compared to current practice and targeted at improving the lives of the world's poorest people. It is supported by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the United States Agency for International Development, the Omidyar Network, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Global Affairs Canada, the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade in Australia and the Department for Science and Technology in South Africa.

Closing date: Rolling applications accepted: [Apply for Funding](#)

Weblink: <https://globalinnovation.fund>

⁷ As defined by the OECD: <https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/dac-list-of-oda-recipients.html>

2.3 Start Fund

Type of project funded: Provides funding to respond to under-the-radar, small to medium crises, when there are spikes in chronic humanitarian crises, and to act in anticipation of impending crises, filling a critical gap in the humanitarian aid system. The Start Fund focuses on three types of humanitarian needs:

- Underfunded small to medium-scale crises
- Forecasts of impending crises
- Spikes in chronic humanitarian crises.

Funding is disbursed within 72 hours after members raise a crisis alert.

Location: Members' network

Eligibility: Only Start Network members can access the fund. Projects are chosen by local communities, made up of staff from members of the Start Network and commence within 72 hours of an alert. Start Network is one of the fastest, collectively owned, early response mechanisms globally. Applications for membership of the Start Network are currently closed. However, the Start Network is developing a new form of membership to enable a wider range of organizations to join. They are in the process of developing a decentralized network of regional and national hubs. The first national Start Fund was launched in Bangladesh in April 2017, to allow national and local NGOs to access funding collectively managed by members. Plans are underway to launch more national Start Funds in DRC, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, and the Philippines.

Grant size: Up to 300,000 GBP per member agency for any emergency. A total of 9 million GBP is disbursed on an annual basis.

Application Procedures: Any member of the Start Network can raise an alert. An Allocation Committee then meets to decide whether to activate the fund. If the fund is activated, Project Selection Committees are convened. Funds are dispersed within 24 hours of the Project Selection Committee's decision. Project implementation should begin within seven days and completed within 45 days of a funding decision. Reports need to be submitted within 60 days of funds being transferred. Further information can be found in the [Start Fund Handbook](#). For inquiries, please contact startfund@startprogrammes.org

Grant management: The Start Fund is owned and managed by Start Network's members, which comprise both international and national NGOs. The Start Fund is supported by the governments of the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, Jersey, and the IKEA Foundation.

Closing date: At any point that a member raises an alert. No firm closing date.

Weblink: <https://startnetwork.org/start-fund>

2.4 Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)

Type of project funded: WPHF mobilizes and channels flexible and quality funding and capacity support to women peacebuilders, humanitarians and human rights defenders working at the forefront of Women Peace Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA) issues across the globe. WPHF aims to increase funding for women's participation, leadership and empowerment in humanitarian response and peacebuilding and protect women and girls' human rights. Since its creation, the WPHF has mobilized over \$240 million and funded and supported the capacity of over 1,460 local women's organizations in 46 countries. **Location:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, CAR, Chad, Colombia, the DRC, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, The Pacific: Fiji, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine and Yemen.

Eligibility: To apply for the Regular Funding Cycle, the women's organization and group must be based in one of the eligible countries listed. In addition to the regular funding cycle WPHF also has a Rapid Response Window on Women and Peace Processes and Implementation of Peace Agreements as well as a specific Funding Window for Women Human Rights Defenders.

Grant size: Programmatic funding ranges from \$30,000 USD to \$250,000 USD

Application Procedures: Regular Funding Cycle: Calls for proposals and specific requirements can be found [here](#).

Grant management: Global Funding Board – The Funding Board is composed of four UN entities, four civil society organizations and the four largest donors. Current Funding Board members include UNHCR, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN Women, the UN Peacebuilding Support Office, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Cordaid, She's the First, Reach Out Cameroon, Women for Women International, Politics4Her, Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Norway. The Funding Board decides on a global list of eligible countries and prioritizes countries for fund allocation. **Global Technical Secretariat** – The Global Technical Secretariat reviews proposals to ensure projects meet eligibility criteria and if approved monitors progress through projects reports and field visits. **National Steering Committee** – Prepares and issues a call for proposals.

Closing date: Rolling basis and based on calls. Organizations have 20 working days to submit proposals after a call for proposals.

Weblink: <http://wphfund.org>

3. Financing focused on prevention or mitigation of violence

3.1 International Nonviolence Training Fund (INTF)

Type of project: The International Nonviolence Training Fund (INTF) of the A. J. Muste Institute funds projects that promote the principles and practice of nonviolent social change. Nonviolent trainings seek to help people develop and improve the skills they need to combat systemic injustice through organized, principled, nonviolent action.

Location: Worldwide

Eligibility: Projects eligible for support include:

- Those which prepare participants for specific nonviolent actions or campaigns;
- Those which build capacity and leadership among people engaged in nonviolent struggles;
- Those geared to "training the trainers," in order to expand and multiply nonviolence training
- Throughout a targeted community. Preference is given to projects involving trainers from the local area or region in cases where trainers are available, groups which are community-based and have less access to funding from other sources. The INTF takes seriously the gender balance within the training team for the projected participants.

The INTF does not fund:

- Trainings which are geared primarily toward resolving conflicts between individuals, building life skills or job skills, or achieving personal empowerment or economic independence.
- Conflict resolution or violence reduction programs which do not directly promote activism for social justice.
- Scholarships or other funding for people to travel abroad to attend courses or training sessions.
- Trainings with budgets over 50,000 USD, or organizations with annual budgets over 500,000 USD.

Grant size: The maximum grant amount is 4,000 USD.

Application Procedures: Follow the INTF [Grant Application Instructions](#) to apply for an INTF grant. Fill out the [INTF Grant Application Form](#). Email the completed form (preferably in MS Word, Open/ Libre Office, or RTF format) with all required attachments to intf@ajmuste.org with the subject line "INTF" followed by the name of your group. See:

<https://ajmuste.org/sites/default/files/attach/INTF%20Grant%20Guidelines.pdf>

Grant management: If the applicant's proposal is selected, the applicant should expect a call or email from one of their grant researchers with any questions they might have.

Closing date: The [deadlines](#) for proposals are the first Friday in March, September and December.

Weblink: <https://ajmuste.org>

3.2 Amplify Change

Type of project funded: Amplify Change supports civil society organizations through grants, organizational

strengthening and knowledge for advocacy. The [five areas of focus](#) for Amplify Change are:

- Eliminating gender-based violence, including sexual violence and female genital mutilation;
- Advocating for safe abortion choices and addressing the causes of unsafe abortion including decriminalization of abortion;
- Challenging stigma, discrimination, attitudes, and laws that undermine human rights, including on grounds of gender or sexual orientation of LGBTI individuals;
- Improving sexual health of young people and girls, including comprehensive sexuality education, and menstrual health;
- Increasing access to sexual and reproductive health services for socially and economically marginalized and vulnerable groups. Through this priority Amplify Change seeks to fund campaigns to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of people living with disabilities.

Within these priorities Amplify Change supports cross-cutting themes of climate justice, pleasure-based sexual health and mental health that impact on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

They offer three grants for national organizations:

- [Opportunity grants](#) to support small and new organizations to support sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) advocacy at the local level.
- [Strengthening grants](#) to support and strengthen the work of small to medium civil society organizations, partnerships, and coalitions.
- [Network grants](#) for organizations registered in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia capable of convening and supporting multiple small-to-medium sized civil society organizations to build stronger, more inclusive, and resilient movements. In 2018, they introduced eligibility for Network grant funding to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) that are listed as a recipient country by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

Location: Almost all their grantees are based in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. They focus their grant funding on where the needs are greatest.

Eligibility: Amplify Change accepts proposals from civil society organizations who are:

- Located in, and implementing a project in, one of the Amplify Change eligible countries listed under each grant type.
- Working on advocacy aiming to achieve change in one of our outcome areas.
- Focusing on one or more of our sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) priority areas.

Amplify Change is currently supporting CSOs located in Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East. Amplify Change will consider applications from civil society actors - community groups, non-governmental organizations, indigenous groups, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, research institutes, social enterprise groups, public-private partnerships, communications and media groups and professional associations. Amplify Change **does not** provide financial support to:

- International non-governmental organizations (INGOs) based in high-income countries (HICs).
- UN agencies
- Individual activists or researchers
- Organizations seeking to deliver services unless they contribute to SRHR advocacy and movement building.
- Organizations in receipt of funding through their membership or connection to international federations or bodies outside of publicly accessible grants

Lead organizations must be registered in an Amplify Change eligible country. If you have questions about eligibility, find more information here: <https://amplifychange.org/faqs/>

Grant size:

- Opportunity Grant: 75,000 GBP for 1.5-3 years.
- Strengthening Grant: Up to 200,000 GBP for 2-3 years.
- Network Grant: 225,000 to 600,000 GBP for 2-3 years.
- Partnership Grant: 500,000 to 1.5 million GBP for 2-3 years.

Application Procedures: Can be submitted in French or English. You can find the [application guidance here](#). Organizations should apply online via the [grants portal](#). There are [instructions for how to register for the grant portal](#) provided and the registration process to use the portal can take up to three working days. The way to

apply for a grant depends on the type of grant applied for. Funding is available during time-limited application windows.

Grant management: Successful applicants must undertake due diligence and financial assessments.

Closing date: Depends on grant.

Weblink: <https://amplifychange.org/>

3.3 Foundation Pro Victims

Type of project funded: This foundation supports projects that focus on:

- Gender-based violence, with priority given to violence against women/girls and including sexual violence against men/boys, abuse and violence against minors, violence against LGBTIQ minorities and work with perpetrators of GBV;
- Support for the integration and autonomy of people living with a disability
- Fight against serious violations of fundamental rights against people made vulnerable due to a specific situation: crimes against humanity, genocide, torture, land grabbing, rights of ethnic minorities, human trafficking, modern slavery, natural disasters;

Within these priority themes they are inclined to award to projects which indicate they will:

- Provide medical, psychosocial, and economic rehabilitation for self-reconstruction;
- Provide prevention and education for change of mentality;
- Combat stigmatization;
- Build local capacity;
- Improve accessibility for people with a physical and/or mental disability;
- Combat the effects of diseases;
- Strengthen legislation and law enforcement;
- Fight against denial and impunity.

Location: The Foundation works in 14 priority countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Eritrea, Guatemala, Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda and Yemen.

Eligibility: National or international NGOs with recognized expertise, proven skills, and direct responsibility for the project; also with prior experience in international financing. They have a preference for applicants to be co-financed and to have an annual organizational budget of less than 10 million CHF.

Grant size: N/A

Application Procedures: Step one of the process is to submit an enquiry via the website or email using the [Project Identification Form](#). The form can be downloaded from their [website](#). The enquiry is then studied by the Secretariat who will either notify of refusal or invite a project funding application. This step usually takes between six to eight weeks. Applications can be submitted in English or French. The full application review process can take up to six months for an outcome. [Evaluation criteria](#) are also provided on the website.

Grant management: Created in Geneva in 1988, Pro Victims is a private foundation under Swiss public law. It consists of a Board of Trustees which sets the lines of intervention and decides on the allocation of funds, as well as a Secretariat which studies and analyzes the projects with a view to submitting them to the Board for approval and monitors funded projects.

Closing date: Rolling.

Weblink: <https://provictimis.org/projects-2/?lang=en>

3.4 Fonds pour les Femmes Congolaises (FFC)

Type of project funded: FFC's vision is to build a Democratic Republic of Congo where women have their rights to bodily integrity, economic justice and to participate at all levels in decisions that affect their lives and that of their communities. Programs include grant-making, capacity building, and women's movement building. Main areas of work include sexual and gender-based violence, sexual reproductive health and rights, political participation and female leadership, financial empowerment of women and girls, climate change and environmental protection, conflict management and transformation, gender and development.

Location: Democratic Republic of Congo

Eligibility: Grassroots women's organizations who aim to work on the following: women's empowerment, women's political participation, sexual violence, gender-based violence, conflict transformation and sexual and reproductive health, climate justice and environmental protection.

Grant size: Range between 1,000 – 5,000 USD.

Application Procedures: Calls for proposals are posted on their [website](#). To apply, the organization can send it through email: projects@ffcrdc.org and contact@ffcrdc.org or the organization can submit hard copies at offices in Kinshasa or Goma.

Grant management: An independent selection project committee reviews and select projects to be funded, and the program department conducts diagnosis on organizations which have not been funded by FFC before. The purpose of the diagnosis is to collect information about the viability, reliability and governance of organizations selected for a grant. To date the FFC has funded 683+ projects covering 14 provinces of DRC.

Closing date: Varies from year to year. Can email for more info on anticipated funding cycles:

contact@ffcrdc.org

Weblink: <http://www.ffcrdc.org>

3.5 The International HIV/Aids Alliance Rapid Response Fund

*****Please note this Fund is currently closed indefinitely due to a funding shortfall. The information below relates to the previously available funding cycle and is included for information only.*****

Type of project funded: *The Rapid Response Fund helps organizations and individuals to tackle HIV-related human rights challenges, including stigma, discrimination and threats of violence.*

The fund helps in three ways:

- *Providing emergency financial grants to organizations;*
- *Supporting organizations to strengthen their capacity for emergency human rights response work;*
- *Documenting and sharing best practice, to help influence decisions by governments and donors.*

Location:

- *Caribbean: Haiti; Jamaica; Dominican Republic; Guyana; St Vincent and the Grenadines; Trinidad and Tobago*
- *East Africa: Ethiopia; Rwanda; South Sudan; Tanzania South*
- *East Asia: Cambodia; Vietnam*
- *Southern Africa: Angola*
- *West and Central Africa: Benin; Cameroon; Chad; Côte d'Ivoire; Gabon; Gambia; Ghana; Mali; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Togo*

Eligibility: *Civil society organizations that are led by, or work with, LGBT people or MSM. Organizations can apply to support individuals whose need is triggered by a new and unforeseen situation, and when the organization meets the following criteria:*

- *Threatens to significantly disrupt your organization's existing human rights work or;*
- *Your organization identifies a specific moment or opportunity to advance HIV-related human rights*
- *You have a realistic plan for meaningful change within 1-6 months*
- *Your organization is based in an eligible country*
- *Your organization is led by, or is working very closely with, one or more marginalized communities affected by HIV: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBT+) people; sex workers; and people who use drugs.*
- *Your organization has an annual income of less than 1 million USD.*
- *Your organization has implemented HIV-related human rights projects focused on marginalized communities in the last 12 months.*

Grant size: Up to 15,000 USD

Application Procedures: [Online Process](#).

Grant management: Not detailed.

Closing date: Not detailed.

Weblink: <https://frontlineaids.org/our-work-includes/rapid-response-fund/>

3.6 Mama Cash

Type of project funded: Mama Cash supports groups and initiatives that work from a feminist, women's, girls', trans and/or intersex rights perspective; are self-led by the women, girls, trans and/or intersex people themselves; promote the rights of these groups as their primary mission; push for structural and fundamental change; focus on issues that are under-addressed or contested.

They have 5 funds available:

- Radical Love Fund
- Resilience Fund
- Revolution Fund
- Solidarity Fund
- Spark Fund

More information is available here: <https://www.mamacash.org/what-we-do/grantmaking/>

Location: Global (except organizations based in USA or Canada cannot apply).

Eligibility: Mama Cash have very specific [eligibility criteria](#) that should be read carefully prior to making an application. Proposals must have the promotion of women's, girls', trans and/or intersex people's human rights as their primary mission, and not just as the focus of part of their programs. Priority is given to groups and initiatives that have an annual budget below 200,000 EUR.

Grant size Mama Cash's grant size ranges from approximately 5,000 EUR to 50,000 EUR per year. Their average grant size is between 20,000 EUR and 30,000 EUR per year. Mama Cash also accompany and support grantees to reflect on their areas of strength and weakness, to develop and improve influencing strategies, to scale up their work, and to make strategic decisions.

Application Procedures: In this link you can find detailed information about each grant as well as the indication of when a grant becomes available to apply: <https://www.mamacash.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Grant management: After applying, applicants may be asked more questions by Mama Cash advisors and then feedback is given on approval. Mama Cash keeps in close contact during grant period to provide support.

Closing date: Each fund has specific windows. For further information consult the Mama Cash fund [comparison chart](#) for funding windows and closing date confirmation.

Weblink: <https://www.mamacash.org>

3.7 The Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation

Type of project funded: This foundation supports projects which improve people's living standards and promote cultural understanding through performance and visual arts, supporting those affected by conflicts and violence, medical research, access to individual educational grants and school projects.

Location: Switzerland, the UK, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, Myanmar, Yemen, and Syria.

Eligibility: UK and Swiss registered civilian non-profit organizations working in the above stated countries. Further information is provided in the [conditions for grants](#).

Grant size: Website lists funds around 110,000 USD have been disbursed. Future funding cycle may vary but likely to be in this general range.

Application Procedures: There is an [online registration system](#) on their website that can be completed in German or English. **The [conflict and violence](#) category now only accepts applications by invitation.**

Grant management: Applicants will be notified within a week after the Foundation board has met to select successful proposals.

Closing date: Deadlines for applications are in March, June and November each year. For specific dates please consult the [deadline timetable](#).

Weblink: <https://www.johnsonstiftung.ch/eN/Applications/submitting-an-application/>

3.8 The Oak Foundation

Type of project funded: The Oak Foundation recognizes that unequal power relations are created and encouraged by legal, political, economic, and cultural systems, but also believes in their capacity to change. The Issues Affecting Women Programme supports women's efforts to create this change – to build, lead, and grow strong, vibrant, and influential movements in order to achieve equity and justice. The foundation envisions a world where women have the capacity, resources, and opportunity to be safe and free, and to enjoy their human rights. Under the IAWP The Oak Foundation funds projects which:

- Strengthen women's movements
- Resource and seed women's funds
- Focus on ending domestic violence
- Focus on stopping psychological violence
- Prevent trafficking and exploitation

They fund initiatives that target the root causes of issues; are replicable within a sector or across geographical locations; include plans for long-term sustainability; strive to collaborate with like-minded organizations; demonstrate good financial and organizational management; value the participation of people and communities.

Location: Balkans, Brazil, Central America, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The foundation also funds in Moldova, Bulgaria, the North Caucasus and (Jharkhand and West Bengal) India. They also have other [funding streams](#) not focused on women but that women's organization could apply for that cover a wider geographic area. Eligibility: They do not fund individuals, scholarships, religious organizations, or election campaigns. They support women's organizations and groups that:

- Adopt a rights-based approach to services and advocacy;
- Amplify women's power and agency as full and equal participants in society;
- Employ a holistic approach, taking into consideration various contexts and cultures and addressing root causes;
- Promote systemic change by strengthening legal frameworks and holding governments and institutions to account;
- Contribute to the broader women's movement by complementing individual and community action with networking and joint advocacy initiatives;
- Build evidence that contributes to best practices and catalyzes innovation; and
- Work to change behavior and attitudes to prevent violence.

Grant size: Past grantees listed on their website received a range from 25,000 USD to 10 million USD. In 2018 the Issues Affecting Women Program made twenty-three grants totaling 17.95 million USD.

Application Procedures: Oak Foundation has an invitation-only application process. Grant applications are initiated in three ways: i) direct invitation, ii) letter of enquiry, iii) request for proposals. Organizations that have not received a direct invitation from the Oak Foundation must first submit a letter of enquiry or concept note; promising applications are then invited to complete an application for funding. This process does not have a set period, but it can take from two months to more than a year from the submission of a concept note to final approval.

Grant management: Funding decisions are made by the Board of Trustees, either individually or as a group. While the Board of Trustees meets twice annually, grants are considered on a rolling basis throughout the calendar year.

Closing date: Rolling basis

Weblink: <http://www.oakfnd.org/issues-affecting-women.html>

4. Financing focused on women and human rights

4.1 Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)

WPHF mobilizes and channels flexible and quality funding and capacity support to women peacebuilders, humanitarians and human rights defenders working at the forefront of Women Peace Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA) issues across the globe. WPHF aims to increase funding for women's participation, leadership and empowerment in humanitarian response and peacebuilding and protect women and girls' human rights. Since its creation, the WPHF has mobilized over \$240 million and funded and supported the capacity of over 1,460 local women's organizations in 46 countries.

Location: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, CAR, Chad, Colombia, the DRC, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, The Pacific: Fiji, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine and Yemen.

Eligibility: To apply for the Regular Funding Cycle, the women's organization and group must be based in one of the eligible countries listed. In addition to the regular funding cycle WPHF also has a **Rapid Response Window on Women and Peace Processes and Implementation of Peace Agreements as well as a specific Funding Window for Women Human Rights Defenders.**

Grant size: Programmatic funding ranges from \$30,000 USD to \$250,000 USD

Application Procedures: Regular Funding Cycle: Calls for proposals and specific requirements can be found [here](#).

Grant management: Global Funding Board – The Funding Board is composed of four UN entities, four civil society organizations and the four largest donors. Current Funding Board members include UNHCR, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN Women, the UN Peacebuilding Support Office, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Cordaid, She's the First, Reach Out Cameroon, Women for Women International, Politics4Her, Germany, France, , the United Kingdom and Norway. The Funding Board decides on a global list of eligible countries and prioritizes countries for fund allocation. **Global Technical Secretariat** – The Global Technical Secretariat reviews proposals to ensure projects meet eligibility criteria and if approved monitors progress through projects reports and field visits. **National Steering Committee** – Prepares and issues a call for proposals.

Closing date: Rolling basis and based on calls. Organizations have 20 working days to submit proposals after a call for proposals.

Weblink: <http://wphfund.org>

4.2. Waterloo Foundation

Type of project funded: Waterloo Foundation funds programs under three thematic priorities: world development, environment and child development. Under World Development, the Foundation sets a priority on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), with issues that include improving access to and use of a range of modern contraceptive methods and wider reproductive services, financing in-country advocacy and accountability for increased funds to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), improving the commercial sector's role in delivering SRH, and supporting social enterprise to deliver SRH services. It also funds programs that improve the reach of successful evidence-based SRH initiatives and those that provide in-country capacity building to community-based organizations. There are two types of grant under the World Development priority: main grants and small grants. Main grants are given to large, established organizations working at a regional or national scale that can demonstrate the sustained impact of their programs. Small grants are given to smaller organizations who deliver projects on a more localized scale.

Location: Global

Eligibility: – Applicants should be:

- A charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales; the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR); or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.
- A charity with a formal constitution and an income of less than £5,000
- A social enterprise or not-for-profit organization
- A Community Interest Company
- A Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO)

- An NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) based outside of the UK
- A University / Academic Institution

Before applying for funding, check the specific program application guideline pages for any exceptions. If you are a charitable organization based outside the UK, you'll need to ensure that you have followed the correct registration procedure for the country you are operating in and are eligible to receive funding from a UK organization.

Grant size: 100,000 GBP over 2-3 years

Geographical focus: The principal focus of the World Development program is to provide support for the least economically developed countries in the world. However, they also prioritize supporting organizations which operate in countries that are secure and politically stable, and therefore state that they are unlikely to provide support to conflict-affected regions ranked in the top 10 of the [Fragile States Index Rankings](#).

Application Procedures: Applicants should provide a one-page (one-inch margin, 11-point font) overview of the organization and how it fits in with Waterloo Foundation's priorities related to SRH. Please find detailed guidance on the application [here](#). [Main SRHR grant guidance](#) and [small SRHR grant guidance](#).

Grant management: N/A

Closing date: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Weblink: <https://waterloofoundation.org.uk/worlddevelopment/>

4.3. Open Society Foundation

Type of project funded: The Open Society Foundation works to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. In pursuit of this mission, they work on a wide variety of issues both geographically and thematically. National and regional foundations affiliated with Open Society also focus on the open society issues and concerns most relevant in their countries or regions.

Open Society awards grants to organizations, which can include movements, coalitions, networks, collectives, and even informal groups. These organizations are mostly identified by the OSF's own program staff, and they support a wide range of activities, from small project grants to general operating support that cover the day-to-day costs of operations up to maximum one-third of any organization's budget.

Location: Global

Eligibility: They can provide funding directly to formally established organizations around the world as well as to informal organizations or networks through intermediaries (fiscal sponsors, fiscal agents). Each program within the Open Society Foundation has its own strategy and process for selecting grantees. Organizations or individuals whose values, goals, and work align with said strategies should inquire with the relevant program to see whether there is a fit.

Grant size: N/A

Application Procedures: The process for applying for grants varies by grant and/or fellowship program. Some use requests for proposals (RFPs), others invite letters of inquiry (LOIs) or concept papers, and certain others accept proposals by invitation only. Given that each program has specific grant-making processes, it is best to inquire with that program to explore fit and process. Any questions can be directed to:

osfellows@opensocietyfoundations.org

Grant management: Open Society can provide both project and general support. When appropriate, the Open Society Foundation seeks to provide grantees with flexibility on how to use the funds where appropriate, including but not limited to widespread support.

Closing date: Variable according to program window.

Weblink: <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants>

4.4 Fund for Global Human Rights

Type of project funded: The Fund for Global Human Rights currently invests in and supports organizations and movements focused on equality and social justice. It hosts the [Legal Empowerment Fund \(LEF\)](#) which was in partnership with Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Namati, and the International Development and Research Centre to support the growing legal empowerment movement

and close the global justice gap. LEF offers long-term core funding to grassroots activists and organizations who are supporting their communities to tackle systemic injustices and advocate for expanded protections under the law. They make grants to local, national, and regional non-profit, human rights organizations based in the countries where they have grant programs (see below). They focus on legal empowerment, climate justice, LGBTQ rights, building civil power, women's rights, migrants' rights, and children and youth rights.

Location: Global

Eligibility: They only accept applications from invited organizations.

Grant size: Not detailed on the website.

Application Procedures: They work on the basis of Calls for Expression of Interest by invitation only. The application site can be accessed [here](#) and requires a user and a code provided with the invitation to apply.

Grant management: N/A

Closing date: Based on call in the specific country of interest.

Weblink: <https://fundhumanrights.org/what-we-do/>

4.5 The Points Guy Airline Miles

Type of project funded: In previous years The Points Guy committed to donating five million miles within a year for local women's organizations and movements. This will cover the costs of flights for activists to ensure their voices can be heard by key decision-makers and they can raise awareness of their campaigns. The website currently indicates an interest in supporting equality, including for LGBTQI people and communities.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Women's Rights Organizations from the Global South.

Grant size: N/A

Application Procedures: Applications can be made through the [online form](#). Any questions can be directed to tpggivesback@thepointsguy.com

Grant Management: Following an application a member of The Points Guy will be in touch.

Closing Date: Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Weblink: <https://thepointsguy.com/giving-back/>

Follow this link to access the [online application form](#).

4.6 Abilis Foundation

Type of project funded: Abilis is a Program Support Organization that channels official development aid funding, granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, to persons with disabilities living in the Global South. It funds projects that are planned and implemented by persons with disabilities and aim to advance their human rights, participation, and independent living, with a special focus on improving the status of women and girls with disabilities in Africa and Asia. Abilis Foundation can fund: training, material production and dissemination on human rights of persons with disabilities, translation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into local languages, training on the Convention and related issues, basic education and vocational training, employment and income generation activities, independent living and participation, capacity building of organizations, projects supporting children, girls and women with disabilities.

Location: Ethiopia, Malawi, Myanmar, Mozambique, Nepal, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, Ukraine and Vietnam.

Eligibility: Abilis Foundation funds Disabled People's Organizations. On average, small project activities are implemented within 1–2 years and long-term projects that can take up to 2–3 years.

Grant size: On average, small project grant sizes vary between 3,500 EUR – 15,000 EUR, while the average grant size is 10,000 EUR. In addition, long-term projects may have a budget of tens of thousands of euros.

Application Procedures: To apply for funding please find your country on [the list here](#) and contact the country staff who will send you the application form and guidance.

Closing Date: N/A applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Weblink: <https://www.abilis.fi/tietoa-ty%C3%B6st%C3%A4mme?lang=en>

5. Financing focused on women and displacement

5.1 WPHF Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement

Type of project funded: The WPHF Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement promotes the participation and leadership of displaced women and girls in socio-economic and political decision-making. WPHF seeks to fund local civil society organizations and projects led by and working alongside forcibly displaced women through two primary funding streams:

- Programmatic funding: aligned with WPHF impact area 6.
- Institutional funding: aligned with WPHF impact area 1.

Location: Currently implemented in 10 countries (Colombia, Nigeria, Yemen, Bangladesh, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Moldova)

Eligibility:

- Programmatic funding: civil society organizations contributing to enhanced socio-economic recovery and the political participation of women and girls in peacebuilding.
- Institutional funding: local civil society organizations working with women and girls in forced displacement, aiming to reinforce the institutional capacity of their organizations.

Grant size:

- Programmatic funding from 30,000 USD to 500,000 USD
- Institutional funding from 2,500 USD to 30,000 USD

Application Procedures: The WPHF issues country-based calls for proposals that are published on the website.

Grant management: This Funding Initiative is part of WPHF's regular funding cycle and with an initial investment of 20.5 Million EUR by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Closing Date: Rolling-basis. Although, the funding window is currently closed as of the end of 2025.

Weblink: <https://wphfund.org/the-wphf-funding-window-on-forced-displacement/>

6. Crowd Funding Opportunities

Another fundraising option for women's organizations to consider is 'crowd funding.' Websites such as (1) [GlobalGiving.com](https://www.globalgiving.com), (2) [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com), (3) [Crowdfunder](https://www.crowdfunder.com) and (4) [JustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com) have been set up and have in some cases allowed women's organizations to raise funds of various amounts from the public, including from people living outside of the country. This method can rapidly activate cash if payment transfers between countries are viable. This grassroots option requires a compelling narrative, disseminated via the crowd funding website. Local or national women's organizations who have allies or offices in other countries (e.g., Global North), featuring members with vibrant social networks, can start a campaign. The amount successfully fundraised depends on those who can be reached through the social networks of those disseminating the crowd funding website. Amounts fundraised typically range within 5USD -10,000 USD, which can be useful for some groups. Higher amounts have also been fundraised as seen in the following example: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/end-impunity-justice-for-yezidi-women-and-girls/> (39,000 USD of 100,000 USD goal achieved).

7. New additions to this research query in 2025

In addition to the updated information above, the following additional potential funding sources have been identified. They are provided in simple list format for ease of access.

Philanthropic Funding Sources / Networks

[International Network of Women's Funds \(INWF\)](#)

[Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation](#)

[Madre](#)

[Prospera](#)

[Women Moving Millions](#)

[Women's Funding Network](#)

Foundations

[African Women's Development Fund](#)

[Arctic Indigenous Fund](#)

[Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice](#)

[Black Feminist Fund](#)

[Bulgarian Fund for Women](#)

[Calala \(Fondo de Mujeres\)](#)

[Canadian Women's Foundation \(CWF\)](#)

[Chanel Foundation](#)

[Collective Future Fund](#)

[Community Foundations of Canada \(CFC\)](#)

[Eliezah Foundation Initiative Uganda \(EFIUG\)](#)

[Equality Fund](#)

[FreeFrom](#)

[GenderFundrs Co lab](#)

[Global Fund for Women](#)

[Grata Fund](#)

[Hewlett Foundation](#)

[Imago Dei Fund](#)

[Kering Foundation](#)

[Rosa UK](#)

[Spotlight Initiative](#)

[The Big Give Women and Girls Match Fund](#)

[TIDES Foundation](#)

[Woman to Woman Fund: Rosa UK](#)

[Womanity Foundation](#)

[Women Win](#)

[Women's Power & Influence Fund \(through Forward Global\)](#)

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