

Call for Proposals Ukraine Response

Call Opens:	12 th December 2022
Deadline for submission:	18 th January 2023
Send Application package to:	WPHFapplications@unwomen.org

1. Objectives and Purpose of the Call for Proposals

The overall purpose of this Call for Proposals is to provide grants to women and young women's civil society organizations in Ukraine that implement project activities in one of the following three impact areas and their respective target groups:

- ▶ **Impact Area 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response** - focused on enhancing the participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response. Projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women as appropriate.
- ▶ **Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls** – focused on enhancing the safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights. Projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women as appropriate.
- ▶ **Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding and Recovery of Forcibly Displaced Populations** – focused on improving the socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and young displaced by the war in the Ukraine¹. Projects should specifically target women and young women that are internally displaced in the Ukraine. Projects under this impact area will be part of the [Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement](#) (please see appendix 1 for further information).

All project activities aim to contribute to the overall goal of peaceful and gender equal societies, and are aligned to UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

Country Context Linked to Call for Proposals

Context for Impact Area 3 “Humanitarian”

The 2022 war in Ukraine is having a significant human rights and humanitarian impact on the civilian population, particularly on the lives and livelihoods of women and girls. Since the outbreak of war, millions of people across the country have been subject to months of intense attacks on their cities resulting in a lack of access to essential services such as food, water, health care, and education. Damage to medical facilities has compromised the access to maternal care for pregnant women and disruption to water supplies affects women and girls' ability to ensure adequate hygiene, including menstrual hygiene management. Mass destruction of civilian infrastructure has left hundreds of thousands of people across the Ukraine without their homes or livelihoods. The number of women-headed households without homes is increasing as men are conscripted but women remain largely excluded from humanitarian decision-making impacting their families. The deteriorating situation and upcoming harsh cold season is likely to increase needs for humanitarian assistance across the country.

¹ See Appendix 1 for additional guidance on this impact area.

Context for Impact Area 5 “Protection”

More than six months on from the outbreak of war in Ukraine, women and girls continue to face life-threatening protection risks. Although some GBV-specialized and protection focused services continue to operate in many locations across Ukraine, essential services are currently affected by significant funding and human resource limitations. Furthermore, mounting allegations continue to be reported of the increase in conflict-related sexual violence and other forms of gender-based violence being perpetrated against women and girls during the war, showcasing the urgency in addressing their protection needs and mental health.

Context for Impact Area 6 “Peacebuilding and Recovery of Forcibly Displaced Populations”

As of October 2022, the conflict in Ukraine has displaced 7 million people within the Ukraine². Many internally displaced people are unable to leave due to heightened security risks, destruction of bridges and roads, as well as lack of resources or information on where to find safety and accommodation. Displaced women and girls are important actors and change agents for the management and resolution of the conflict: Displacement increases the number of women-headed households and women shoulder the responsibility of ensuring their families’ economic survival and resilience with already strained resources. They also act as political activists and advocates to inform longer-term peace and security efforts, they promote social cohesion of their communities, and they demand access to more equitable social, economic and political decision-making mechanisms at home and abroad.

Projects under this impact area will be part of the [Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement](#) (please see appendix 1 for further information on the Funding Initiative).

2. Scope (Location and Duration)

The WPHF will fund qualifying projects with planned implementation of **all activities in Ukraine only**. Any geographical region in Ukraine is eligible for implementation.

The projects must focus on one country (**Ukraine**). Multi-country projects, or projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.

CSOs can apply for a maximum of **7 months for Impact Area 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response & Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls**

CSOs can apply for a maximum of **24 months for Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding and Recovery of Forcibly Displaced Populations**

CSOs can apply for a maximum of **12 months for Institutional Funding**.

3. Eligibility

4.1. Who can apply and receive funding?

International, 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 in forced displacement, are eligible to apply. Organizations led by displaced persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

Women’s Rights or Feminist Organization: The organization’s official mission/vision statement must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women’s rights. The organization must aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, and work to transform these.

² <https://www.unocha.org/ukraine>

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

Organizations led by a displaced person (refugee, IDP, returnee or asylum seeker): must be headed by a refugee or displaced person as director/head of organization.

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

- 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 to apply?

YES, for the lead applicant. The lead applicant organization 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 organizations, women or young women led civil society organizations are 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.

Note: INGOs are encouraged to partner with at least one local women’s rights organization.

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 of 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. Type of Funding and Requirements

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 (for one of the three impact areas). 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: Stream 1 (USD \$5,000 - \$30,000)

Aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights/led organizations that have a specific focus on women and young women in forced displacement in their mission, that have project activities with women and young women who are forcibly displaced and/or that have displaced women and young women as staff members. Applicants will need to demonstrate how the current context affects 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. The project duration can be up to 7 months.

AND/OR apply for one the following three impact areas for programmatic funding:

Programmatic Funding: Stream 2 (small programmatic grants: USD \$30,000 - \$250,000 and large programmatic grants USD \$251,000 - \$500,000)

- Impact Area 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response:** Project activities that enhance participation and leadership of women in humanitarian planning and response. Under this impact area, projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women as appropriate. The project duration can be up to 7 months.

OR

- Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls:** Project activities that enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected. Under this impact area, projects can target all women and young women or specific sub-groups of women and young women as appropriate. The project duration can be up to 7 months.

OR

- Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding and Recovery (of forcibly displaced populations):** Project activities that improve socio-economic recovery and political participation of women and young displaced by the war in the Ukraine³. Under this impact area, projects should specifically target women and young women that are internally displaced in the Ukraine. The project duration can be up to 24 months. Projects under this impact area will be part of the [Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement](#) (please see appendix 1 for further information).

Please note that organizations can only apply once for programmatic funding in ONE of the three impact areas. Applications to more than one impact area will not be considered.

Please read through the WPHF Indicator Tip Sheets for guidance on the results framework (Section 8 below) and required indicators in the attached proposal template.

5. Application Package and Procedures

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

- WPHF Proposal Template (for Stream 1 or 2, no more than 10 pages, excluding Annex A and B)
- Results Framework (Proposal Template Annex: A)
- Project Budget (Proposal Template Annex: B)

AND

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

³ See Appendix 1 for additional guidance on this impact area.

Application packages should be emailed to WPHFapplications@unwomen.org with the subject line “WPHF CfP4-Ukraine” by 11:59 PM Geneva time on 18th January 2023

Please Note:

- Applications can be submitted in English or Ukrainian.
- Applications can be submitted in .doc and .docx
- Legal registration certificates can be submitted in jpeg, doc., docx., or pdf format.
- All documents should be submitted together as one package.
- You may not make changes to your application after it is submitted.
- Incomplete applications, or use of different templates will not be considered.
- Please DO NOT resend your application unless you do not receive a confirmation of receipt within three days.

6. Obtaining More Information about the Call for Proposals

An online information session will be organized with prospective applicants on the 10th January 2023 at 14:00 Kyiv time/13:00 (Geneva) by UN Women and the WPHF Secretariat.

To register your interest in the information session, please email wphf.cfp4@gmail.com by 8th January 2023.

An invitation with the session link will be provided prior to the information session. This session will also be recorded and uploaded to the WPHF website for prospective applicants who are unable to attend. This information session will be available in both Ukrainian and English.

Questions about this CfP can be sent to the UN Women Country office to wphf.cfp4@gmail.com. Please allow a minimum of 24 hours (one working day) for responses to any questions.

7. 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)
<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with the WPHF’s theory of change, particularly with respect to institutional capacity building. <input type="checkbox"/> Clear articulation of experience of organization and rationale how the current crisis affects their institutional and financial capacities <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of clear objectives and expected results and outputs focused on strengthening CSOs institutional capacity and how the organization will be sustained <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of risks and appropriate mitigation measures 	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with the WPHF’s theory of change, particularly with respect to a specific impact in its results framework. <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of clear objectives, results, and outputs, taking account of best practices of gender-responsive approaches. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring 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. Displaced women and girls must be the main beneficiaries of project activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and/or capacity development of local women’s organizations to deliver programme results. Joint projects are strongly encouraged. <input type="checkbox"/> Complementarity with other Funds and Programmes.
<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Budget is consistent across all documents and detailed per output in the result framework 	<p>Programme Management and Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic activity schedule and implementation strategy to achieve objectives within the time frame.

Institutional Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 1)	Programmatic Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%) <input type="checkbox"/> The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of relevant and appropriate monitoring and evaluation approaches based on the results framework and indicators
	<p>Sustainability and National Ownership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of national and local ownership in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players. <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability of the programme beyond the financing period and (where applicable), how to reproduce it and improve it over time.
	<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Budget is consistent across all documents and detailed per output in the result framework <input type="checkbox"/> The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%) <input type="checkbox"/> The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account

8. Useful Resources

- The WPHF's website www.wphfund.org
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 3: Humanitarian and Crisis Response](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 5: Protection of Women and Girls](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding and Recovery in Forced Displacement](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet: Impact Area 1: Institutional Funding](#)
- [Results Based Management Capacity Building Webinar](#)
- M&E and Results Based Management Terms. The OECD/DAC Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation available in English, French and Spanish. <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/29/21/2754804.pdf>

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 and gender 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 600 civil society organizations and is present in 27 countries or group of countries.

The WPHF is governed by a Funding Board at the global level, which is comprised of four UN entities (currently UN Women, UNHCR, UNFPA and PBSO), four donor Member States (currently Norway, Germany, Sweden and Australia), as well as 4 Civil Society Organizations (currently Feminist Humanitarian Network, Kvinna till Kvinna, Action Aid and Women's Refugee Commission). A Regional Steering Committee will select projects from the list of proposals shortlisted through this Call for Proposal, following the project evaluations by WPHF.

Appendix 1: Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement

Projects funded under **Impact Area 6: Peacebuilding and Recovery of Forcibly Displaced populations** will be part of the [Funding Initiative on Forced Displacement](#) that is managed by the United Nations Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund and linked to Germany’s [Action Network on Forced Displacement](#).

The [Action Network on Forced Displacement](#) – Women as Agents of Change was established in October 2020 by Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It aims to increase the visibility of women and girls by giving them a voice as actors in situations of forced displacement and strengthening their rights as well as their economic and social participation. The Action Network brings together women and girls as well as men and boys who are actively engaged with displaced women and girls. This includes decision-makers from political, economic and social spheres, activists, and displaced women and girls themselves who are implementing projects in crisis and conflict settings. The Action Network aims to identify effective good practices for strengthening women’s leadership and economic participation and improving psychosocial health of displaced women and girls. Members of the Action Network convene regularly to discuss good practices and develop recommendations for policymakers, civil society and local actors to inform policy processes.

This list of suggested topics for projects is based on priorities identified by the members of the [Action Network on Forced Displacement](#). The list is non-exhaustive, and **grantees are encouraged to make additional suggestions** that are in line with the objectives of this Call for Proposals.

Themes	Suggestions from the Action Network
Women and young women’s leadership and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Support displaced women and young women’s access to local government and local power structures <input type="checkbox"/> Hold government accountable to promote gender equality and the rights of displaced women and girls in their legal and policy frameworks <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate leadership trainings for displaced women and girls <input type="checkbox"/> Address the lack of security for women activists, local organizations and advocates working on forced displacement <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure women’s access to justice incl. access to legal services and advice and promote a gender lens in justice processes
Women and young women’s socio-economic empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate displaced women and young women’s access to financial services, banking services and credit <input type="checkbox"/> Support displaced women’s and young women’s access to economic resources and jobs <input type="checkbox"/> Provide displaced women and young women that have business projects with counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Secure displaced women’s and young women’s economic rights <input type="checkbox"/> Support displaced women’s, young women and girls’ access to vocational training in their host communities and in refugee or IDP camps or settlements <input type="checkbox"/> Promote displaced women’s and young women’s entrepreneurship and business development through access to digital devices and tools as well as access to the internet <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing job security of displaced women and young women experiencing conflicts and new threats (such as COVID-19) <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent abuse, exploitation and human trafficking of displaced women and young women through socio-economic empowerment measures
Women’s and young women’s networking, experiences sharing, and integration in host communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Promote the integration and networking of displaced women and young women in their host communities <input type="checkbox"/> Promote changes in social norms of displaced women, young women and girls as well as of host communities – e.g. by promoting empathy and support through shared success stories. <input type="checkbox"/> Promote displaced women’s, young women’s and girls’ experience-sharing and social cohesion as a group and with host communities <input type="checkbox"/> Make voices and stories of displaced women, young women and girls as well as host communities heard <input type="checkbox"/> Help grassroots initiatives working with displaced women, young women and girls establish partnerships between each other as well as with international women’s organizations