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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 organizations 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. This document was developed to identify potential sources of funding for local women's organizations. 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, emergencies, disaster, conflict, war,
2. Women, girls, women with disabilities, older women, women's rights, gender equality, gender-based violence,
3. Funders, funding, grants.

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?](#)
- [COVID-19 related grants](#)

Women's organizations are encouraged to contact donors from this list directly to gather additional information about funding parameters.¹

The information is organized according to the following categories, starting with donors that have the highest

¹ A handbook on fundraising for women's organizations can be found [here](#): content/uploads/2015/09/2015-Fundraising-Handbook.pdf This document is more tailored to development settings but nevertheless has useful tips for humanitarian women's organizations.

likelihood to fund women's organizations in emergency situations²:

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. Crowd Funding: A short overview of Crowd Funding as an alternative option to formal fundraising.

1. Financing focused on women in humanitarian settings

1.1. The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

Type of project funded: This fund seeks local organizations and projects led by and working alongside girls in the Philippines that are high impact, innovative and contribute to: 1.) increasing women's participation in advocating for and ensuring accountability on the WPS agenda; and 2.) enhancing women's decision making in conflict prevention processes and response.

Location: Philippines

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. Please find further detail of eligibility criteria [here](#).

Grant size: USD 2,500- 30,000 (to provide institutional financing to civil society organizations working on peace processes and/ or peace agreements); USD 30,000-200,000 (to finance civil society organizations' activities advocating for and ensuring accountability on Women, Peace and Security commitments)

Application Procedures: Applicants must fill out an application form and [email](#) it to the person responsible.

Grant management: n/a

Closing date: Applications for the 2021 round of proposals closed in October. Please check the website for future opportunities.

Weblink: <https://wphfund.org/call-for-proposals-in-philippines/>

1.2 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. They support 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:

² This information was accessed in September 2020. Eligibility and grant cycles may change annually.

- **General support grants** which provide flexible non-profit funding support to meet their partners' needs including salaries, communications, and travel.
- **Crisis grants** which provide urgent funding to respond to natural disasters, climate crises, public health crises, or escalation in political violence
- **Travel or event grants** which are suspended due to COVID-19 but will return in time.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Grantees 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. **Please note that groups must be invited by Global Fund for Women to submit a crisis grant application. Due to limited funding and staff capacity, only groups that have previously received a grant from Global Fund for Women will be invited to submit a crisis grant proposal.**

Step 1: Register your organization by submitting an Organizational Profile.

Step 2: Submit a proposal for a General Support or Crisis Grant when your organization is invited. Both steps must be completed through the [online application site](#).

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- can email questions to: grantsinfo@globalfundforwomen.org

Weblink: <https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/grantmaking/>

1.3 Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

Type of project funded: Kvinna till Kvinna is a Swedish foundation that promotes women's rights in more than twenty war- and conflict-affected countries in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the South Caucasus. Supporting over 110 partner organizations – 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, women's equal participation, economic empowerment and women, peace, and security.

Location: Fourteen country offices in conflict-affected areas. Country offices are in Amman, Beirut, Belgrade, Bukavu, Erbil, Jerusalem, Kyiv, Kigali, Monrovia, Pristina, Sarajevo, Skopje, Tbilisi and Tunis.

Eligibility: email or call number 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

COVID-19: This review found no changes to funding linked to COVID-19.

1.4 Medica Mondiale Grants Programme

Type of project funded: 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;
- 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.

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

Eligibility: See above.

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

Application Procedures: Applications can be submitted in German, English or French using the grants application form and guidelines and the budget forms. 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 provides:

- **Grants that meet urgent needs:** This could include shelters for survivors of violence, health clinics, seed banks and water conservation projects.
- **Convening and movement building:** This could involve supporting activists and organizations to share learning to strengthen movement work.
- **Crisis response for Human Rights Defenders:** 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.
- **Advocacy and policy change:** This includes funding training, stipends, travel, translation, and childcare to enable women's participation in policymaking spaces.
- **In kind support:** This includes humanitarian aid such as medicines, health supplies, wheelchairs, and other necessities in contexts where they cannot be sourced locally.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Madre funds 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. They provide grants that meet urgent needs, such as shelters for survivors of violence, health clinics, seed banks and water conservation projects.

Grant size: n/a

Application Procedures: n/a

Grant management: n/a

Closing date: Rolling basis

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

COVID-19: MADRE continues to provide grants, with no change related to COVID-19 found by this review.

1.6 Urgent Action Fund for Women

Type of project funded: Rapid Response Grants offer quick, flexible funding to respond to security threats or unexpected advocacy opportunities experienced by women, transgender, or gender non-conforming, activists and human rights defenders.

Location: Middle East, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, the South Caucasus, and the following countries: Canada, Turkey, United States, and Russia.

Eligibility: Applications must be led by Women/Trans people – 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. The specific event or situation your organization is responding to must have been unanticipated, and actions must happen quickly to be effective. Actions must be implemented within 3-6 months of approval of an application. 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 maximum grant request can be up to \$8,000 USD. Once a grant has been approved, funds are usually delivered within 1 to 10 days.

Application Procedures: see [Security Grant](#); [Opportunity Grant](#)

Email: 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).

Closing date: Rolling basis.

Weblink: <https://urgentactionfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

COVID-19: Urgent Action Fund are adjusting their [grantmaking priorities](#) in response to feedback they received from the movements they work with on the ground. They encourage groups interested in applying for funding to keep in touch. Considering the COVID-19 crisis, they are prioritizing activities related to COVID-19 community response. This includes: community care/trauma related work; access for digital spaces and remote work/gatherings; feminist and intersectional public health

responses to COVID-19; online advocacy campaigns; COVID-19 awareness campaigns for communities without internet access; responses to anti-Asian xenophobia and violence; documentation of human rights abuses as a result of COVID-19; services-based work that must be done online such as mental health services, emergency kits etc., with priority given to services for women, LGBTQI communities and their families; supporting people with disabilities and those with heightened/ underlying health risks.

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).

Location: Global. In 2018, CBPF allocated more than \$792 million to 661 partners in seventeen countries to support 1,365 critical humanitarian projects. As of 2019, the CBPF consisted of \$946 million.

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.34 of the CERF Handbook](#)).

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

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](#).

Weblink: <https://www.unocha.org/our-work/humanitarian-financing/country-based-pooled-funds-cbpf>

COVID-19: COVID-19 is impacting the CBPF operations in multiple ways. The Humanitarian Financing Units (HFUs) remain committed to supporting humanitarian partners despite the challenges COVID-19 poses. To enable CBPFs to have the greatest possible impact on global efforts during the COVID-19 crisis, OCHA has adopted extraordinary measures to ensure CBPFs can continue to fund life-saving assistance. These measures can be found [here](#).

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.

Location: Global

Eligibility: The GIF welcomes applications from any type of organization working in any sector in any developing country. National and local women's organizations and groups can apply directly. The GIF considers applications that are:

- Focused on the poor;
- 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 to \$15 million in various forms of capital (equity, debt, grants, and others).

Application Procedures: The GIF welcomes applications for funds on a continual basis. There are three stages to the application process: (i) Initial Application, (ii) Full Application, and (iii) 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 innovation fund, with its headquarters in London and an office in Washington D.C. It is supported by the UK Department for International Development, the United States Agency for International Development, the Omidyar Network, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade in Australia and the Department for Science and Technology in South Africa.

Closing date: [Rolling applications accepted](#)

Weblink: <https://globalinnovation.fund>

COVID-19: GIF is devoting specific resources to new deals for COVID-19 related grantmaking.

2.3 Start Fund

Type of project funded: Provides funding to respond to underfunded small to medium crises, when there are spikes in chronic humanitarian crises, and to act in anticipation of impending crises.

Location: Member's 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 per member agency for any emergency. A total of £9 million 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.

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 British, Irish, Dutch, and Belgian governments and the European Commission.

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

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

COVID-19: Start Network launched a [Start Fund COVID-19](#) in April 2020 to respond to the emerging need for COVID-19-related humanitarian support that goes beyond the Start Fund's remit. To date it has responded to eighty-five alerts from sixty-nine countries. The Start Fund COVID-19 is currently

not open. If further funding is made available, Start Network members will be notified about the application procedure.

2.4 Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)

Type of project funded: Aims to increase funding for women's participation, leadership and empowerment in humanitarian response and peacebuilding. Since its creation, the WPHF has allocated \$10 million to 41 projects and 55 organizations in Burundi, Colombia, Jordan, Iraq and the Pacific Islands (Fiji, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu). Moving forward, the WPHF has launched a new campaign: *40 by 20 for Women: Investing in Women Working to Build Peace & respond to Crises*. This campaign aims to mobilize \$40 million by the end of 2020 to support women-led local, grassroots and community-based organizations in the 24 countries listed below.

Location: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, CAR, Colombia, the DRC, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Palestine, Pacific, Papua New Guinea, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine and Yemen.

Eligibility: To apply for the Primary Funding Cycle, the women's organization and group must be based in one of the eligible countries listed. To apply for the Rapid Response Window funding, the women's organization must be from an [ODA eligible country](#).

Application Procedures: WPHF offers three funding streams:

1. Primary Funding Cycle: Calls for proposals and specific requirements can be found [here](#).
2. Rapid Response Window (RRW) on Women's Participation in Peace Processes: The WPHF launched the RRW to address funding gaps related to women's participation in peace processes. The WPHF RRW provides financing for strategic and urgent initiatives that support the participation of women peacebuilders and women's civil society organizations in national, subnational, and international peace processes. The WPHF RRW has [two funding streams](#), one which offers direct support and one which offers short-term grants.
3. COVID-19 Emergency Response Window: The WPHF has opened a new window of funding for local women's organizations responding to COVID-19 in their communities. The COVID-19 Emergency Response Window offers support through [two funding streams](#), one which offers support to local CSOs working on Women, Peace and Security and humanitarian issues whose existence could be threatened by the COVID-19 crisis and one which offers programmatic support for local CSOs working to prevent and respond to COVID-19 and its gendered dimensions.

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 United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN Women, the UN Peacebuilding Support Office, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Cordaid, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, Asia Pacific Women's Alliance for Peace and Security, Canada, Spain, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. 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>

COVID-19: WPHF has launched a [COVID-19 Emergency Response Window](#) to support grassroots women's organizations respond to the global pandemic and to protect them if their continued existence is put at risk by the crisis. Please see **5.4** for more information.

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 the INTF include those preparing participants for specific nonviolent actions or campaigns, those building capacity and leadership among those engaged in nonviolent struggles, those geared to “training the trainers.” 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.

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

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.

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: December 4th 2020, March 5th 2021, September 3rd 2021.

Weblink: <https://ajmuste.org/apply/intf>

COVID-19: The A.J. Muste Institute continues to provide grants, with no change related to COVID-19 found by this review.

3.2 Social Justice Fund

Type of project funded: The Social Justice Fund of the A. J. Muste Institute supports efforts to:

- End the violence of borders and the criminalization of immigrants, shut down CBP and ICE;
- Abolish prisons and dismantle and redefine systems of policing and criminal justice;
- Confront institutionalized violence against racial, ethnic, gender-based, and LGBTQ communities;
- End to economic exploitation, class stratification, systemic poverty;
- Stop the war machine, end state sponsored terrorism, expose the dangers of nuclear power.

Location: United States only

Eligibility: The [Social Justice Fund](#) seeks proposals from:

- Projects with expense budgets under \$50,000;
- Grassroots organizations with annual incomes of less than \$500,000;
- Groups with limited access to more mainstream funding sources;
- Groups which have not received Social Justice Fund grants in at least two years;
- Groups with or without a fiscal sponsor (the fund only requires a fiscal sponsor if the group receiving the grant does not have its own bank account).

Grant size: Maximum grant size \$5,000

Application procedures: Applicants must fill in the online form that can be found [here](#).

Grant Management: Proposals will be confirmed in April 2022

Closing Date: 3:00pm (Eastern Time) on January 24th, 2022

Weblink: <https://ajmuste.org/programs#sjf>

COVID-19: The A.J. Muste Institute continues to provide grants, with no change related to COVID-19 found by this review.

3.3 Amplify Change

Type of project funded: The [five areas of focus](#) for Amplify Change are:

- Addressing gender-based violence, including sexual violence and female genital mutilation;
- 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 addressing child and early marriage;
- Increasing access to comprehensive reproductive health services for socially and economically marginalized and vulnerable groups.

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 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. They welcome applications from civil society groups that work in collaboration with UN agencies but Amplify Change does not provide financial support to UN agencies or government agencies. Lead organizations must be registered in an Amplify Change eligible country.

Grant size: Opportunity Grant: 40,000 Euros for 1 year. Strengthening grant: 40-100k Euros for 1 year. Network Grant: 150k- 550k Euros for two years.

Application Procedures: In French or English. Organizations should apply online via the [grants portal](#). The way to apply for a grant depends on the type of grant applied for. At present, all grant applications are closed.

Grant management: Successful applicants must undertake due diligence and financial assessments. This can take some time, despite best efforts.

Closing date: Depends on grant.

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

COVID-19: Amplify Change continues to provide funding during the COVID-19 response. Resources to support organizations to adapt their work in response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found [here](#).

3.4 Feminist Review Trust

Type of project funded: This trust focuses on funding for lesbian and transgender rights; violence against women and girls; disabled women and girls; refugee women and girls. The Trust typically funds academic research, but their website also shows evidence of funding women's needs (in a refugee camp in Greece in 2018) and including support for migrant women and GBV.

Location: Worldwide

Eligibility: UK and international civil society groups supporting women (e.g., local/national)

Grant size: up to £15,000

Application Procedures: The application form can be found on their [website](#).

Grant management: Decisions about Awards are made by the Trustees who meet three times each year. They may occasionally decide about applications outside this period but only in exceptional circumstances. Applications are read and typically about one third will be shortlisted. These shortlisted applications are read in detail by all the Trustees and are also sent to a panel of external referees. Applicant references may be contacted at this stage. Following the Trustees meeting the applicant, the applicant will be notified of the Trustees' decision.

Closing date: The deadlines for the three rounds of funding in 2021 were January, April, and September. More rounds of funding are expected for 2022.

Weblink: <http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/guidelines/>

COVID-19: The Feminist Review Trust continues to welcome applications during the COVID-19 crisis and recognizes that some successful applicants may need to adjust plans and reporting deadlines to reflect emerging COVID-19 related challenges.

3.5 Foundation Pro Victims

Type of project funded: This foundation supports projects that:

- Provide medical, psychosocial, and economic rehabilitation for self-reconstruction;
- Work with perpetrators of GBV;
- 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: These locations, though funding is not only restricted to these countries: Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Iraq, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Laos, Libya, Morocco, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone, CAR, Burundi.

Eligibility: National or international NGOs with recognized expertise, proven skills, and direct responsibility for the project; also with prior experience in international financing. Applicants need to be co-financed and to have an annual organizational budget of less than 1 million USD.

Grant size: n/a

Application Procedures: The form can be downloaded from their [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>

COVID-19: Foundation Pro Victims continues to fund organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This review found no change to grant procedures linked to COVID-19.

3.6 Fonds pour les Femmes Congolese (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 violence against women and gender-based violence, women's and girl's empowerment, HIV/AIDS and reproductive health, women's leadership and participation in decision making, 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 \$5000-\$7000

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.

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

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

COVID-19: FFC continues to fund organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This review found no change to grant procedures linked to COVID-19.

3.7 The International HIV/Aids Alliance Emergency Response Grant

Type of project funded: This alliance funds urgent situations where lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people (LGBT) and men who have sex with men (MSM) are facing stigma, discrimination and threats of violence that impact their access to HIV services

Location: Various countries in Africa, Latin American and the Caribbean.

Eligibility: Civil society organizations that are led by, or work with, LGBT people or MSM.

Organizations can apply to support individuals whose situation meets the criteria stated above

Grant size: Up to \$15,000

Application Procedures: [Online Process](#).

Grant management: Not detailed.

Closing date: Not detailed.

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

COVID-19: Frontline Aids launched the Elton John Aids Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Fund in 2020. Please see 5.3 for more information.

3.8 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.

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

Eligibility: Mama Cash have very specific [eligibility criteria](#) that should be carefully perused 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 euros.

Grant size Mama Cash's grant size ranges from €5.000 to €50.000 per year. Their average grant size is between €20.000 and €30.000 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: Mama Cash is currently not open for grant applications. In early 2022, Mama Cash will share the dates for the next application window.

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: In early 2022 Mamma Cash will share the dates for their next application window.

Weblink: <https://www.mamacash.org/en/apply-for-a-grant-1>

COVID-19: Mama Cash has created the “Recovery and Resilience Fund” for grantee-partners to provide additional financial support to sustain their important work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is flexible and reflects the fast-changing challenges that grantee-partners face during the pandemic.

3.9 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.

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.

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

Closing date: Deadline applications for regular funding, 11th March 2022 and 1st July 2022.

Weblink: <https://www.johnsonstiftung.ch/en/applications/submitting-an-application/>

COVID-19: The Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation launched a special funding program “Culture Extra” to support its beneficiaries through specific COVID-19-related challenges.

3.10 The Oak Foundation

Type of project funded: The Oak Foundation funds 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: No eligibility criteria specified. They do not fund individuals, scholarships, religious organizations, or election campaigns.

Grant size: Past grantees listed on their website received a range from 200,000 to 1 million USD. In 2018 the Issues Affecting Women Program made twenty-three grants totaling USD 17.95 million. Other than unique circumstances or in the case of Zimbabwe, they do not provide grants under 25,000 USD.

Application Procedures: Organizations 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>

COVID-19: The Oak Foundation supports its grantees in [repurposing funds](#) where the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented planned activities from taking place.

3.11 ViiV Positive Action for Girls and Women: Momentum Grants

Type of project funded: Positive Action Momentum Grants fund projects focused on contributing to the needs of adolescent mothers living with HIV and their children.

Location: Angola, Botswana, eSwatini, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Eligibility: Community-based and non-governmental organizations.

Grant size: Community-based and non-governmental organizations will be eligible for grants of up to £100,000 per year over three years.

Application Procedures: Requests for proposals are open between 31st August 2020 (00.01 BST) and 2nd October 2020 (23:59 BST). All applications must be submitted through the [Cyber Grants Portal](#). You will need to register your profile to gain access even if you have been a previous Positive Action Grantee.

Grant management: Applications will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee. Dates for this review are likely to be provided following the request for proposals deadline.

Closing date: The application window for funding in 2021 ran from 3rd September to 22nd September. Please check the website for updates about application windows in 2022.

Weblink: <https://viihealthcare.com/en-gb/supporting-the-community/new-positive-action-strategy-and-funding/#tab-01481534504-3>

COVID-19: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ViiV Healthcare launched a COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Fund to support community-based organizations in their work to address COVID-19-related challenges faced by people living with or affected by HIV. Applications are now closed.

4. Financing focused on women and human rights

4.1. Waterloo Foundation

Type of project funded: Waterloo Foundation funds programmes that improve access to and use of a range of modern contraceptive methods and wider reproductive services. It funds programmes that finance 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 programmes that improve the reach of successful evidence-based SRH initiatives and those that provide in-country capacity building to community-based organizations.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Organizations must have a yearly income over £250,000. Applicants from outside the UK must send the contact details of a named person who can provide a reference for their work. This referee must satisfy one or more of the following characteristics:

- Works for an international NGO with offices in the UK;
- Works for an organization the Foundation has previously given a grant;
- Works for an organization with offices in the UK, which has been a current or former donor to your organization;
- Works for an academic institution, think tank or as an independent consultant who is based in the UK, and who has evaluated your organization.

Grant size: £100,000 over 2-3 years

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](#).

Grant management: n/a

Closing date: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Weblink:

<http://www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/WorldDevelopmentSexualandReproductiveHealth.html>

4.2. Peace First

Type of project funded: Peace First funds programmes led by young people (ages 13-25). While guidelines are available throughout the application process, Peace First trusts young people to design programmes that work for them.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Programmes must be led by young people (ages 13-25) and focus on addressing injustice in their community through compassion, courage, and collaborative leadership.

Grant size: \$250, digital tools, mentorship, and access to a global community of change makers

Application Procedures. Applicants must create an [account](#) with Peace First, where guidelines and application forms can be accessed.

Grant management: n/a

Closing date: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

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. Two on-going grant programs now are: [Latin America Program](#) (on-going); [Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa](#) (ongoing). The Open Society Foundation [website](#) explicitly mentions supporting social movements that advance the power of women, LGBTQI people, and gender non-conforming people.

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 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.

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#fags>

COVID-19: The Open Society Foundation is continuing to provide grants throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

4.4 Fund for Global Human Rights

Type of project funded: The Fund makes 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: Their programs are currently in Morocco, Tunisia, India, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Burundi, Thailand, the Philippines, and Burma.

Eligibility: They do not support stand-alone conferences, individuals, businesses, scholarships, fundraising events, university-based research, government agencies, micro-credit programs, construction of roads, bridges, buildings, wells or medical facilities, or activities directly or indirectly intended to support candidates for political office. They also do not provide grants for service delivery development projects unless they are part of a broader human rights program.

Grant size: For regular grants, 5,000-30,000 USD; the size of emergency grants is not detailed on the website.

Application Procedures: When it first starts funding in a country, the Fund disseminates an open call for proposals for rights-groups based in that country. As the grants program for a country matures, the Fund renews support to most grantees and relies on the expert knowledge of their staff and a network of informal advisors, including current grantees, to find and fund additional organizations with the greatest need and most potential. To that end, the Fund does not accept unsolicited grant proposals for *regular* funding. However, through an Emergency Fund, they have greater flexibility to make grants outside of the regular funding cycle.

Grant management: n/a

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

Weblink: <https://globalhumanrights.org/grants/>

COVID-19: The Fund for Global Human Rights is continuing to provide grants throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

4.5 The Points Guy Airline Miles

Type of project funded: The Points Guy has committed to donating five million miles in the next 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.

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](#).

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

Closing Date: n/a applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Weblink:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHIIY99fKGF8pNp1C5ODNC7hk92Ls31UCfzDQ128PxnDWvg/viewform>

COVID-19: The Points Guy continue to fund airline miles throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

4.6 Abilis Foundation

Type of project funded: 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: Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam, Tajikistan, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Somalia, Somaliland, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Ukraine, Kosovo, Palestine, Syrian Refugees.

Eligibility: Abilis Foundation funds Disabled People's Organizations. Projects should not run for more than 12 months.

Grant size: n/a

Application Procedures: Application forms can be obtained from the [Abilis Headquarters](#) in Finland.

Closing Date: n/a applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Weblink: <https://www.abilis.fi/en/applying/>

COVID-19: The Abilis Foundation continues to fund grants throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. COVID-19-related funding

5.1 COVID-19 Young Leaders Fund (CYLF)

Type of project funded: The Young Leaders Fund supports projects focused on the SDGs with clear connections to combatting COVID-19. Protecting victims of domestic violence during lockdown is a key focus of the fund.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Not-for-profit, impacting more than five hundred people directly, a-political, operational (ready to start within 3 weeks of the application submission), founded and/or managed by young leaders (aged approximately 18-35).

Grant size: USD 2,500- 10,000

Application Procedures: Proposals must be submitted through the [official application form](#) and include a Business Plan, a Budget Plan, documentation verifying the legal status of the initiative, contact details for two references, images/ video to document the initiative's impact to date.

Grant management: Applications will be reviewed and awarded within three weeks of submission.

Closing Date: 31st August 2020 (please check the website for future opportunities)

Weblink: <https://www.oneyoungworld.com/covid-19-young-leaders-fund/information-for-applicants>

5.2 The Global Resilience Fund

Type of project funded: The Global Resilience Fund supports girls and young activists to respond to and continue working through the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants are fully flexible, and no specific themes are mentioned on the website.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Registered and unregistered community organizations, informal collectives led by girls, young women, trans and intersex youth with incomes of less than 50,000USD per year. Priority is given to applications from girls and young women with disabilities, girls, and young women of color, LGBTQIA2S youth, afro-descendant, indigenous and immigrant girls and young women, those living in urban slum areas, rural areas, refugee camps, occupied territories and conflict affected settings. Applicants must have previously received funding by one of the organizations listed [here](#).

Grant size: 5,000 USD

Application Procedures: Please check website for information as opportunities arise.

Grant Management: Grants are fully flexible to support the work of grantees as they define it.

Closing Date: Please check the website for future opportunities.

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

6. Crowd Funding Opportunities

Another fundraising option for women's organizations to consider is 'crowd funding.' Websites such as (1) globalgiving.com or (2) GoFundMe.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/> (30,000 of 100,000 USD goal achieved)

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