

United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

Syria Call for Proposals

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible for this Call for Proposals (CfP)?

A: One of the conditions for selection is that **the organization should be officially registered by the Syrian Ministry of Social Affairs or the Syrian Ministry of Labor, to operate in the Syrian Arab Republic.**

Q: What is this call for proposals focused on?

A: Under this call for proposals, WPHF is accepting applications for both institutional/core funding and programmatic funding.

Institutional Funding: Stream 1 (USD \$2,500 - \$30,000) Aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of women's rights/led organizations working on gender specific issues in peace and security and humanitarian contexts, to ensure they are able to sustain themselves and to improve their impact. 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.

Programmatic Funding: Stream 2 (USD \$30,000 - \$200,000) 4 This funding stream will finance projects which aim specifically to fund programmatic activities aligned with **one** of the following impact areas:

- Impact Area 3: Strengthening women's participation and leadership in planning and responding to humanitarian crisis
- Impact Area 5: Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected.

Please read through the **Indicator Tip Sheets** linked on the website for guidance on the result framework (Annex A) and required indicators in the proposal template.

Q: Would capacity building activities fit to the outcome of this CfP?

A: Capacity building activities can be included in the project if they are aligned with the CfP impact areas.

Q: Can our project focus be on women protection from violence?

A: yes, the proposed intervention can focus on women protection from Violence under area 5 "Enhanced safety, security and mental health of women and girls' and their human rights respected".

Q: What is the geographical focus?



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A: This call for proposals will fund qualifying projects in the Syrian governorates of: Aleppo, Lattakia, Hama, Tartous and Homs.

Q: How many projects will be supported per impact area?

A: there is no specific number of projects that would be supported per impact area. The total number of projects supported will depend on the budgets of each project and the total allocation amount available.

Q: Would the NGO have better chances if they apply alone or co applying with another organization?

A: Applying in partnership with another organization (s) is encouraged. However, this is not an evaluation criteria.

Q: If we are implementing a current project financed by WPHF, can we still apply to this one?

A: No, if you have a current grant by WPHF then you are not eligible to apply. WPHF can provide only one grant to an NGO (lead or co-implementer) at the same time.

Q: Is there a separate budget template that we must submit?

A: No, you should only use **the budget template (Annex B)** that exists in the proposal template. Any other budget document will not be considered.

Q: Can we engage co-applicants that are not registered?

A: Yes, co-applicants don't need to be registered, but they need to implement in the indicated geographical areas for this call for proposal.

Q: Are there specific criteria for distributing the budget according to the categories?

A: No, there are no specific criteria for budget allocation to the different UNDG categories. However, organizations should only add 7% as indirect cost. Also, the distribution and allocations of the budget must be logical and aligned with the proposed intervention.

Q: What should be included in the application package to ensure that our submission is accepted?

A: At this stage, organizations should only submit:

- ✓ WPHF Proposal Template (no more than 10 pages, excluding Annex A and B)
- ✓ Results Framework (Annex A in Proposal Template)
- ✓ Project Budget (Annex B in Proposal Template)
- ✓ Proof of valid legal registration or status of the lead organization (if you are in the process for renewal, please share proof)

Please note that you must **not** submit an excel budget breakdown with your application. Additional documents will be requested from the successful applicants after the selection process.

Q: Is it possible to share Questions after this session?

A: Your questions and inquiries can be sent to hauranieh@unfpa.org.

Q: What is the maximum amount for funding?



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A: the maximum amount for institutional funding (stream 1) is 30,000 USD, and the maximum amount for stream funding 2 is 200,000 USD.

Q: What is the maximum project duration?

A: Organizations can apply for funding for up to 2 years.

Q: Can we apply to both funding streams?

A: An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit one application for institutional funding AND/OR one application for programmatic funding. Organizations who apply for both institutional and programmatic funding need to submit two separate applications packages based on the related templates of each stream.

Q: With regards to institutional funding, what are examples of capacity strengthening?

A: The funding is for you to strengthen your internal institutional capacities or equipment. It is demand-driven but examples can be related to developing M&E frameworks, risk management strategies, PSEAH policies, fundraising capacity strengthening, among others. It is very important to demonstrate how the current context affects the institutional and financial capacities and how the funding will support the implementation of the WPS Agenda.

Q: Can we target men and boys as direct beneficiaries?

A: Yes, as long as you demonstrate how their targeting and inclusion will align with the project's impact, outcome and indicators.