Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

Background on the establishment of the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

Since 2000 and the adoption of UN Security Council resolution 1325, remarkable normative progress has been made at the global, regional, and national levels to further advance and operationalize the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda. There is also increasing recognition that placing women's agency at the center of the transition from crisis to sustainable development offers enormous potential for leveraging transformative change. Women's meaningful participation in peace processes increases the likelihood that peace agreements will be sustained. Women can play a critical role in conflict prevention (including for violent extremism and radicalization), and bridging divides across communities. Women's participation increases the reach and impact of humanitarian assistance. Research shows that women can greatly facilitate mediation efforts and peace negotiations by opening new avenues for dialogue between different factions.[1] Furthermore, women's active participation in economic re-vitalization makes peacebuilding and recovery efforts more sustainable.

Despite the evidence base, women's contributions continue to be undervalued, under-utilized and under-resourced. In 2012-2013 only 2 per cent of aid to the peace and security sector targeted gender equality as a principal objective.[2] Similarly, in 2014, only 20 per cent of humanitarian projects were coded as making a significant contribution to gender equality, while 65 per cent of funding reported through UN OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS) simply did not use the gender marker introduced five years ago. Further, humanitarian, peace and security, and development assistance funds continue to operate in silos. Each have different aims, follow different principles, operate over different funding cycles, and are aligned with different budget lines and rules managed by different actors.[3]

In order to address the financing gaps, create greater synergies between different sources of finance, and break the silos between humanitarian, peace and security, and development assistance, the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund was launched in February 2016 in New York.[4] The WPHF is a recommendation of the Global Study on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2015), of the Secretary General annual report on Women, Peace and Security (2015), and recommended by the UN Security Council in its resolution 2242 (2015).

As an instrument mainly aimed at funding local women's organizations, including in humanitarian settings, the WPHF is also a concrete response to the commitments of the World Humanitarian Summit (2016) in terms of establishing pooled funding mechanisms, localizing the humanitarian response, ensuring national ownership, as well as increasing investment in civil society organizations and in gender equality.

About the WPHF

Composed of representatives from donors, United Nations entities, and civil society organizations, the WPHF

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[1] Global Study on the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 1325, 2015
[2] OECD-DAC Gender Equality Network. "Financing Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)." March 2015
[3] Visioning the Future: Reporting the findings of the Future of Humanitarian Financing initiative and dialogue processes (2015).
[4] Previously the Global Acceleration Instrument on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action

is a global pooled funding mechanism which aims to re-energize action and 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 WPHF has three main functions:

First, it breaks silos between humanitarian, peace, security, and development financing by investing in enhancing women's engagement, leadership, and empowerment across all phases of crisis, peace and security, and development.

Second, it addresses structural funding gaps for women's participation in key phases of crisis, peace and security, and development by improving the timeliness, predictability and flexibility of international assistance. Notably, it will ensure a timely investment in conflict prevention after receipt of early warning signals from women and will accelerate the dispersal of development assistance after successful peace negotiations.

Third, it recognizes that peace cannot be created nor sustained without investment in civil society organizations. Therefore, the WPHF will improve the coordination and policy coherence of the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, by investing in strengthening civil society organizations, particularly in grassroots women's organizations, with the required financial and technical support, as well as supporting government and UN agencies.

The overall goal of the WPHF's theory of change is to achieve **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. The objective of the WPHF is in line with the *Jordanian National Action Plan (JONAP) for the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security* which aims to integrate a gender-based approach towards women's participation in prevention and protection processes during conflicts, as well as in peace building, and maintaining stability and sustainable security.

In Jordan, the WPHF's intervention contributes to two outcome areas (more information can be found in the Operations Manual, Section 4.1).

Under this second Call for Proposals for the WPHF in Jordan, the focus will be on Outcome Area 6 to contribute to the Government of Jordan's efforts to design and implement an integrated national planning process that will be vulnerability based and will include both humanitarian, resilience and sustainable development priorities.

> **Outcome 6: The socio-economic recovery of women is promoted in post-conflict situations:** This can be realized by ensuring that women have the capacity and opportunity to meaningfully participate in recovery planning in order to guarantee that women's and girls' specific needs are met in conflict and post-conflict situations.

The WPHF's structure

The WPHF is governed by a Funding Board at the global level, which is comprised of four UN entities (UNFPA (Chair), UN Women, UNDP, PBSO), four donor Member States (Austria, Canada, Netherlands and Norway), as

well as Civil Society Organizations (ICAN, GPPAC, Women Enabled and the Transitional Justice Institute). The Funding Board decides on the country allocations.

At country level, a National Steering Committee manages the country allocation and decides on the projects to be funded by the WPHF. In Jordan, the National Steering Committee is composed of: UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Social Development, Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Embassy of Australia, Embassy of Canada, Embassy of Spain, Jordanian National Commission for Women, the Jordanian Women's Union, UNDP, UNFPA, and UN Women.

UN Women acts as the WPHF's Technical Secretariat at the global and country levels.

The 2019 Call for Proposals

In its 2nd funding cycle in 2019, the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund will fund qualifying projects in Jordan that contribute to **Outcome 6:** The socio-economic recovery of women is promoted in post-conflict situations. The outcome area can be realized by ensuring that women have the capacity and opportunity to meaningfully participate in vulnerability-based humanitarian and resilience planning in order to guarantee that women's and girls' specific needs are met in crisis, conflict and post-conflict situations.

Project proposals should be for no less than 100,000 USD and no more than 200,000 USD. The maximum project duration is 2 years.

Application and Selection Process

- **Who is eligible to receive funding?**
  Civil society organizations (CSOs) are eligible to apply: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in partnership with community-based organizations; Women's grassroots, local and community-based organizations registered with the Ministry of Social Development are encouraged to apply. Joint CSOs projects are allowed and encouraged. In cases where international and national NGOs are submitting proposals, the proposal must include a component of developing the capacities of the smaller organization.

- **Do I need to be a legally registered entity/organization to apply?**
  Yes. The Applicant Organizations must have legal status with the Ministry of Social Development, Government of Jordan. A proof of legal registration (or legal status) are a required attachment for any grant application. Applications without clear proof of legal status will be considered incomplete and will be withdrawn from the application process. Note that articles of incorporation are not proof of legal status.

- **May I submit more than one application?**
  No, organizations may not submit more than one application.

- **Can more organizations apply jointly?**
  Yes, joint projects are encouraged. For CSOs joint projects, only the lead organization is required to meet the eligibility criteria. The roles and responsibilities of each organization must be clearly detailed within the application. Proposals must clearly indicate which organization will take lead responsibility for project management and contractual obligations.

- **May I apply for funding for an ongoing initiative or project?**
  Yes, we will accept proposals for ongoing projects. However, the specific value added of the WPHF contribution should be clearly outlined.

- **Is there a recommended range for funding requests?**
  Project proposals should be for no less than 100,000 USD and no more than 200,000 USD.

- **What are the requirements for project design?**
  In Jordan projects must contribute to the following WPHF Outcome area
    - **Outcome 6: Peacebuilding and recovery investments which benefit women:** This can be realized by ensuring that women have the capacity and opportunity to meaningfully participate in recovery planning in order to guarantee that women's and girls' specific needs are met in conflict and post-conflict situations.

- **Can my project be altered after approval?**
  Yes, a project may be altered, however organizations must submit a revised project document to the Technical Secretariat for re-approval.

Where, when and how to apply?

- The deadline for submission is June 16, 2019. Applications received after that date will not be considered.

- Application packages can be emailed to: jordan.co@unwomen.org

- Please submit applications in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. No other formats will be accepted.

- Organizations will receive a confirmation of receipt of application through e-mail. If you do not receive the confirmation email within 48 hours, please contact the UN Women through the email shared above.

- Applications in Arabic and English languages will be accepted. Only applications in these languages will be accepted.

- UN Women will be able to provide some support to grant applicants and respond to queries related to the call. Please allow 48 hours for responses to any questions.

- UN Women, in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development and Jordanian National Commission for Women, will hold proposal development workshops with interested CSOs in Zarqa at Qodorate Charitable Society for Youth Empowerment on April 1, 2019, Amman at Safreyeh Society for social development/ Jabal Zhour on April 4, 2019, Karak at General Union of Voluntary Societies' Hall on April 9, 2019, Irbid at General Union of Voluntary Societies' Hall on April 11, 2019, Tafileh at Queen Zain Al Sharaf Society on April 28, 2019, Balqa at Mousa Al Saket Society on April 17, 2019 and Mu'an at General Union of Voluntary Societies' Hall on April 18, 2019. The workshops will provide an opportunity for CSOs to learn about preparing and submitting proposals to the WPHF.

- Changes to the application cannot be made after it is submitted.

Required Components of the Application Package

Please note, incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Project Document (attached, no more than 10 pages)
- Results Framework (see Project Document Annex: A)
- Project Budget (see Project Document Annex: B)
- Proof of legal registration or status

Evaluation Criteria

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

Programme management and monitoring	A capacity building plan is in place to deliver programme results	25
	Realistic results schedule - in general, projects should not last for more than 24 months.	
	The allocation of budget resources to monitor and evaluate project activities over time	
Budget	The project falls within the limits set by the national steering committee	25
	The project demonstrates its capacity to catalyse additional finance	
	The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account	
	The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%)	
Project design and objectives	Alignment with the WPHF's theory of change, particularly with respect to a specific outcome and indicator in its results framework (see matrix below)	25
	Definition of objectives and results, taking account of previous evaluations in the same area	
	Identification of a credible implementation strategy and sequential operation of activities	
	Partnership with, and capacity development of local women's organizations. Joint projects are strongly encouraged	
	Identification of risks and appropriate mitigation measures	
	Complementarity with other Funds and Programmes	
Viability and national ownership:	Promotion of national and local ownership in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players	25
	Implementation of partnership with national CSOs	
	Viability of the programme beyond the financing period and (where applicable), how to reproduce it and improve it over time	
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Useful Resources

- The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund's Operations Manual
- The WPHF's 2-pager
- The WPHF's website (www.wphfund.org)
- The WPHF's page on the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office's Gateway: http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/GAI00
- The WPHF's Twitter account: @wphfund
- 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
- M&E Standards and Guidelines. The United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) Standards for Evaluations, available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian http://www.uneval.org/papersandpubs/documentdetail.jsp?doc_id=22

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(WPHF)

Project Document
(Length – 7-10 pages)

I.   Prodoc Cover Page

Project Title:		PUNO[5]:
Project Contact: Name: Entity: Title: Email:		**Implementing Partner(s):**
		Country:
		Total Project Cost:

	WPHF's contribution[6]:
	Other contributions:
	Proposed Project Start Date:
	Proposed Project End Date:
	Total duration (in months)[7]:

WPHF's Outcome[8] the project is contributing to: The socio-economic recovery of women is promoted in post-conflict situations

WPHF's Outcome indicator[9] the project will be reporting on (please chose one of the two indicators below)
- **Labor force participation rate for persons aged 15+, by sex**
- **Proportion of informal employment in non agriculture employment, by sex**

PUNO(s)[10] and Implementing Partners	
Name of PUNO[11]	*Name of CSO[12]*
Name of PUNO Representative	*Name of CSO Representative*
Title	*Title*
Signature	*Signature*
Date & Seal	*Date & Seal*

II.   Executive Summary

The executive summary provides an overview of the project, how it will contribute to accelerating peace or humanitarian relief, the intended results and why they are important, and a description of the strategy for their

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[6] The WPHF set a minimum of $100 000 for projects, in line with UNDG's guidelines

[7] Maximum project duration is 3 years

[8] A project can only contribute to one Outcome

[9] The Outcome indicator is repeated from the WPHF's results framework

[10] Please add signature block for each PUNO receiving funds under this project.

[11] In the case of a CSO submitting a proposal, the PUNO is the Management Entity

[12] In the case of a CSO submitting a proposal directly to the Steering Committee

achievement. Basic data includes: project duration, total budget, funding sources, partners, target beneficiaries, governance structure;

III.   Context and Situation Analysis

The context should provide an analysis of the broad political context – nature of conflict / emergency/ humanitarian situation. It should also contain an analysis of the situation of women/gender equality the Project aims at addressing

IV.   Rationale for WPHF's support

This section will provide an overview of other women, peace, security and humanitarian initiatives and projects and gaps at the national level and/or in the geographic area of the project. It will explain the added value the project and how it would complement other initiatives.

It will also contain the problem statement and how the Project intends so solve it (underlining added value of investing in women in order to accelerate peace). This section can build on documented evidence, lessons, and good practices of past initiatives in the country, region and locality.

It will explain how the requesting organization(s) has the knowledge/expertise/partnerships to successfully achieve results.

V.   Results and Resources Framework

This section describes the results to be achieved by the Project and the means of implementation (narrative).

The results will also be formulated in a results framework (using the same format in Annex A).

The Project's Outcome is repeated from the WPHF's Outcome(s) selected in the Country's allocation[13].

The Project's outputs can be repeated from the WPHF's results framework (indicative outputs indicators are also provided).

New indicators must be SMART and contribute to higher level of WPHF's Theory of Change. Key activities that are necessary to produce each output are also defined. Activities do not have indicators. In the "Means of Verification/Sources of Information" column, identify the methods and sources of information that will be used to measure performance against the indicators.

A Resource framework using UNDG's categories will also be included (See Annex B).

VI.   Partnerships

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[13] A project can only contribute to one Outcome.

This section will provide a partners' assessment detailing each partner's role, added value and capacities (UN entities, Government and Civil Society Organizations).

A particular attention will be given to explaining how partnerships and coalition building will help support local, grassroots and/or community women's or women's rights CSOs.

VII. Monitoring, reporting and management Arrangements

This section will describe the management arrangements, as well as monitoring, evaluation (if any), reporting and research activities (including the research projects) that will be developed through this Project, if any). This section will also include a risk analysis and proposed mitigation measures.

VIII. Sustainability

This section will describe how the results' sustainability will be ensured

Annex A: Results framework

Results	Indicators	Means of Verification/Sources of Information	Activities	Budget
Outcome [14]	Outcome indicator[15]			
Output 1.1[16]	**Output indicator(s)** **Baseline** **Target:**			
Output 1.2.				
Output 1.3.				

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[14] The Outcome will be selected from GAI's Results Matrix below

[15] The Outcome indicator will be selected from GAI's Results Matrix below

[16] Outputs are concrete deliverables. For example, an output could be the number of women trained to monitor early warning signals.

Annex B - Budget per category

UNDG Categories	Amount (US$)
1. Staff and other personnel costs	
2. Supplies, Commodities and Materials	
3. Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture, including Depreciation	
4. Contractual Services	
5. Travel	
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	
7. General Operating Expenses and Other Direct Costs	
Sub-total	
8. Indirect Support Costs *	
TOTAL	

The rate shall not exceed 7% of the total of categories 1-7. Note that PUNO/Implementing Partner - incurred direct project implementation costs should be charged to the relevant budget line, according to the PUNO/Implementing Partner s regulations, rules and procedures

The WPHF's Results Matrix

Impact: More peaceful and gender equal societies					
Impact Indicators	Baseline	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	Means of Verification
Percentage of women and girls that have experienced physical, psychological or sexual violence in the previous 12 months					SDG indicator
Proportion of positions (by sex) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service and judiciary) compared to national distributions					SDG indicator
Overall Indicator					
Proportion of WPHF funds allocated to promoting interlinkages between crisis, peace and security and development settings (either through policy collaboration, partnerships or pooled funding).					WPHF Reporting
Outcome 6: The socio-economic recovery of women is promoted in post-conflict situations					Financial Investment: Y1- $XX; Y2 - XX; Y3- XX
Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	Means of Verification
Labor force participation rate for persons aged 15+, by sex					ILO
Proportion of informal employment in non-agriculture employment, by sex					ILO
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments					SDG indicator