



AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

AWDF SOLIDARITY FUND

The AWDF Solidarity Fund is established to address some of the constraints African Women are faced with as they strive to create a changed world. To this end this fund will support African women to attend conferences, seminars and workshops, thereby providing valuable opportunity for networking, information sharing as well as advancing the women's movement. It will also respond to emergency issues such as women in conflict situation, disaster and famine.

Objectives

- To provide a space through which women groups can reach out to one another and share information, experiences and strategies.
- To strengthen the transfer of knowledge and competence to the region.
- To Contribute, share and exchange competence, practices, skills and knowledge between organisations.
- To invest in professional women and activists, who might contribute to significant long-term changes in the region.
- To give the African women voice and visibility at levels of decision making.

AWDF GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES

The AWDF funds local, national, sub-regional and regional organisations in Africa working towards women's empowerment. The AWDF is an institutional capacity-building and programme development fund, which aims to help build a culture of learning and partnerships within the African women's movement. In addition to raising money and awarding grants, the AWDF will attempt to strengthen the organisational capacities of its grantees.

The AWDF funds work in five thematic areas:

- Women's Human Rights
- Political Participation
- Peace Building
- Health, Reproductive Rights and HIV/Aids
- Economic Empowerment.

The AWDF will prioritise programs, which develop and promote women's leadership and advocacy across all these themes. These thematic areas have been chosen because they feature very highly on the agenda of the African women's movement.

Beneficiaries:

- Individual women attending conferences, workshops, seminar, who belong to an African women's organisation/group.
- Local, national, sub-regional or regional African women's organisations, from any part of Africa.
- Organisations/Groups in conflict situation, affected by famine and disaster.

What types of grants do we support?

- The AWDF will give travel grants **for conferences, seminars**, workshops etc.
- We will give emergency grant to women groups/organisations that are affected by war, famine, disaster etc.

Frequency of grant making

The AWDF will make grants in three cycles each year. Applications can be sent in at any time.

Size of grants

Organisations can apply for grants ranging from \$1000 - \$2500.

How to Apply

Contact Information

- Name of organisation
- Address
- Telephone and Fax number
- E-mail address, and World Wide Web site address (if any)
- Contact person's name and title
- Who completed this proposal? Please sign and date.
- How did you learn about the African Women's Development Fund?

Grant Request Information

1. How much money are you applying for?
2. For what purpose are you seeking a grant from the African Women's Development Fund? Please tell us specifically how this grant will be used. Provide a detailed budget for the project.
3. What are the expected benefits?
4. How will this grant enable your organisation to achieve its strategic objectives?

Please include the following information:

- a) A copy of your most recent annual report and financial statement
- b) Brochures/leaflets describing the work you do
- c) Relevant photographs, press clippings, posters, videos (if available)
- d) A letter of invitation from the conference organisers.
- e) Information about the conference.

Source of Funding

We get our money from international institutional donors, private foundations, sister funds and individual donors.

For further information, please contact:

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