



AFRICAN
WOMEN'S
DEVELOPMENT
FUND

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

World AIDS Day 2020



**THEME: HIV & AIDS, FEMINIST CARE,
MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING**

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Issues of mental health and emotional wellbeing are increasingly being discussed in African women's rights organisations and amongst communities of women as we break the many silence on mental health and offer care for both individuals and communities. Everybody can suffer mental and emotional wellbeing challenges, but living with HIV and AIDS can bring additional stresses, in particular as a result of stigma and discrimination. People living with HIV are twice as likely to have depression as [people who do not have HIV](#), and women living with HIV often face additional anxiety and depression that arises from the oppression women face. Some anti-retroviral drugs also have side effects that also increase anxiety and depression. With this reality, communities of women living with HIV/AIDS in Africa have worked over the years to provide [community-based models](#) of wellbeing and mutual care that continue to inspire thinking about ways to address mental and emotional health and wellbeing in accessible, affirming ways.

For World AIDS Day 2020, AWDF is awarding grants to African women's rights organisations and groups to support **activities that support mental health and emotional wellbeing for women living with HIV and AIDS.**

We encourage innovative projects that will involve women living with HIV and AIDS in their leadership, design and implementation, and work. We also prioritise activities that focus on women living in hard to reach areas and difficult circumstances.

We particularly welcome applications from **organisations of women living with HIV and AIDS, women's organisations working on improving the mental health of women, and from young women's groups.**

AWDF encourages innovation- so do send in your creative ideas! Projects may include activities that;

- Use technology, arts, culture and sports to create awareness and elevate voices of African women around HIV and AIDS and women's mental health and emotional wellbeing

- Create collective spaces for care that affirm and build the confidence of women living with HIV and AIDS to speak out about their mental and emotional health
- Increase the knowledge of women and young women living with HIV and AIDS to take positive measures to support emotional wellbeing and mental health
- Set the agenda for addressing the drivers causing mental health illnesses in women living with HIV and AIDS
- Educate key stakeholders and the community on the challenges faced by women living with HIV and AIDS in relation to their mental and emotional health
- Hold duty bearers accountable for addressing HIV and AIDS and mental health and emotional wellbeing issues
- Raise awareness of programme implementers and policy makers about the barriers in accessing mental health services by women and young women living with HIV and AIDS and other women managing mental health conditions

The current call is opened from **11th June to 13th July, 2020**. Applicants are to send in proposals with innovative and effective strategies to address issues around HIV and AIDS and mental health and emotional wellbeing for women living with HIV and AIDS.

About the World AIDS Day Grants

Every year on 1 December we commemorate World AIDS Day, as an act of solidarity with women living with HIV and AIDS, and an opportunity to remind duty bearers and society at large to keep the focus and momentum on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

AWDF instituted the World AIDS Day (WAD) grants programme to support women's rights organisations to actively participate in the global campaign and keep African women's priorities around HIV and AIDS on the African and global agenda. The programme seeks to support women's organisations to raise their voices and support the leadership of women living with HIV and AIDS.

The WAD programme provides a maximum grant of US\$2,000 to women's rights organisations. The activities must promote women's rights and involve women in planning and leadership of activities.

Please follow the application guidelines below. Note that the maximum amount of grant allowed is US\$2,000. Applicants must fit AWDF's general grantee guidelines (women-led, African women's rights organisations).

Eligibility Criteria

Applicant Organisation:

- Must have been in existence for at least 3 years
- Must be duly registered, at least with its local government structure
- Must be led by a woman and have a focus on Women's Rights
- Must have the needed organisational structures for effective implementation of the project
- Must have an appreciable financial management system to properly account for funds received
- Must be capable of reporting back on the outcomes of the project
- Must be highly recommended by a donor agency, a grantee or partner of AWDF, a well-known women's rights organisation or the local government office
- Must complete the necessary application forms
- Must have an annual budget of not more than \$100,000

Grant Size & Period

The grant size is a US\$2,000. Therefore, eligible projects should have a budget of not more than US\$2,000 to be supported by AWDF funds. The grant period will be for 4 months from the date of award.

How to Apply

Interested small sized women's rights organisations should send in their proposals using the required application guidelines to the AWDF secretariat via email to proposals@awdf.org; awdf@awdf.org; The applicant must also complete and include a financial management assessment form and an outcome form

NOTE: Please note that this is a very competitive process. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

- a. Name of Organisation
- b. Address (Postal and Physical)
- c. Telephone number
- d. E-mail address, and World Wide Web address (if any)
- e. Contact person's name and title
- f. Who completed this proposal? Please sign and date
- g. How did you learn about the African Women's Development Fund?

2. ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

- a. Is your organisation women-led? If Yes, what is the name of the head of your organisation? If No, **DO NOT APPLY**
- b. Is your organisation a women's rights organisation? Do you identify as feminist? (please explain). If No, **DO NOT APPLY**
- c. What are your organisation's main goals?
- d. When was your organisation formed?
- e. Who started your organisation and why?
- f. Is your organisation local, national, sub – regional, or regional?
- g. Who are the main beneficiaries of your organisation's activities?

3. Activities and / or programs

- a. What are your organisation's key programme areas?
- b. Describe your organisation's present activities and /or programs

4. Structure

- a. State number of board members, staff, volunteers and members if any. How many are women for each category?

Category	Total Number	Female	Male
Board			
staff			
Volunteers (If any)			

5. Finance

- a. What is your annual operating budget for the last 3 years (please indicate the total amount raised each year)?

Funds raised for 2018, 2019 and 2020	
Year	Amount in US Dollars
2018	
2019	
2020	

- b. Who are your donors for the current year, 2020? Please list your donors below:

6. Grant Request Information

- a. What activities do you plan to conduct on World AIDS Day with funds from the African Women's Development Fund? Please tell us specifically and clearly what activities the grant will be used for.
- b. How much money are you applying for?
- c. What are the key messages that you will use for the World AIDS Day activity?
- d. What are the objectives of the activity?
- e. What are the expected outcomes – what do you hope to achieve?
- f. Who do you plan to involve directly (direct beneficiaries)? How will they benefit?
- g. How many people do you expect to reach indirectly through the project (indirect beneficiaries)? How will they benefit?
- h. Where will the project take place? Name of Community or Town
- i. Provide a detailed budget for the project, if you have prepared the budget using your local currency; please include the US dollar equivalent. Please use the AWDF budget template provided.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 4 PAGES

NOTE:

- Please attach a reference letter from one of your donors, an AWDF grantee, a well-known national women's rights organisation or a government agency.
- You also must complete a financial management form and an outcome form
- Please send your audit report for 2019 or your signed and dated financial statement for 2019

- If you are awarded a grant, you will be expected to send in a report of your activities that contain concrete outcome(s) of the activities implemented.

Applications are due by 13th July, 2020

Applications should be submitted by email to:

The Grants Administrator, The African Women's Development Fund

Email: proposals@awdf.org; awdf@awdf.org

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