

KASA! Cycle 51 Call for Proposal – Guidance

Background

Sexual and gender-based violence is a significantly widespread violation of women, girls and gender diverse persons in West Africa. Sexual violence significantly impacts individual health, safety and wellbeing as well as women's quality of life. Research shows that sexual violence is not only prevalent but also significantly underreported in Ghana, Senegal and Nigeria. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing inequalities and global economic decline continue to complicate response to sexual violence. Sexual violence/abuse refers to any sexual act or attempt to obtain a sexual act, or unwanted sexual comments or acts to traffic, that are directed against a person's sexuality using coercion by anyone, regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting, including at home and at work.

Reports show that there is a significant gap in legislation on sexual violence in Ghana, Senegal and Nigeria. This is compounded by the inadequate post rape and sexual violence care and support services to survivors of sexual violence in these focus countries. In Ghana, survivors face a lack of access to medical resources that allow for adequate post-rape care, and in Nigeria, with a population of about 200 million, and 50% of that being women, only 33 sexual assault referral centres exist. In Senegal, activists continue to bridge this gap, however, survivors of sexual violence are still without adequate access to care.

Who?

Are you a women's rights organisation working to address sexual violence in Ghana, Nigeria or Senegal? AWDF will consider applications from interested women-led organisations who have been registered for at least three years (before April 2020). **AWDF defines a woman-led organisation as an organisation whose Board Chair and Chief Executive/Director are both women or non-binary, and where at least 70% of the board and staff members of the organisation are women or non-binary.**

Where?

Are you a feminist or women's rights organisation in Ghana, Nigeria or Senegal working on sexual violence issues?

What?

The Kasa! Initiative seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

- Positive attitudes and behaviours towards women's bodily integrity promoted
- Improved responses to emergencies and adequate support provided to survivors/families
- Leadership by and higher profile of women's rights organisations at the forefront of ending sexual violence

- Increased awareness and action around cultural, religious, and social narratives on sexual violence by responsible stakeholders.
- Counter-narratives are established to counter existing attitudes and behaviours that perpetuate rape.
- Multi-agency/donor/private sector collaboration initiated with a commitment to programming over the next five years

Is your organisation's work contributing to the outcomes of the Kasa! Initiative in Ghana, Nigeria or Senegal? If so, AWDF invites you to submit an application in response to this call for applications.

When?

We will be open for applications on 28th March 2023. The deadline for submitting your applications is 12pm GMT on **25th April 2023**. We can only accept applications through our online portal which you can accessed [here](#)

What you need to know about the Kasa! Call for applications

1. Please **DO NOT** apply for the Kasa! grant if your organisation is not based in nor working in **Ghana, Nigeria or Senegal**
2. Organisations located in Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal, working on sexual violence can apply for both the Main grant and the Kasa! fund to work on different aspect of sexual violence or sexual violence and another theme.
3. For organisations in Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal who intend to apply for the Kasa! grant, please note that the Kasa! grant is specifically for work around sexual violence issues in Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal
4. For the Kasa! grant, you can apply for a grant of up to USD30,000 per year for two years if your 2022 confirmed income can support the yearly request.
5. For the Kasa! grant you can apply for grant up to a maximum of 2 years.
6. Please note that AWDF can provide funding to a maximum of 50% of an applicant organisation's confirmed income for 2022 per year. For example, if your confirmed income for 2022 was USD20,000, you can apply for a maximum of up to USD10,000 per year for two years making USD20,000 for two years.

If you are interested in applying, please read the Applicant Guidance Document as it contains essential information to help you through the process. If, after reading the applicant guidance document, you are interested in hearing more about the AWDF application process and would like to join one of our potential applicant Webinars, please register [here](#). The English applicants' webinar will be held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 10.00am GMT, and the French applicants' webinar will be held on Tuesday 4th April at 10.00am GMT.

To apply for a grant from AWDF please complete the application process [online](#)

Guidance for the online platform can be accessed [here](#).

[Our FAQ document can be found here](#)

Successful applicants will hear from us in August 2023