



AFRICAN
WOMEN'S
DEVELOPMENT
FUND

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Main Grant Second Call 2020

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SECOND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - 2020

Is your organisation an African feminist or women's rights organisation with cutting edge ideas for advancing women's rights and creating systemic change? Is your organisation led and largely staffed by women, and registered on the African continent? If yes, then you can apply for this AWDF grant in one or more of the thematic areas listed below:

1. ECONOMIC SECURITY & JUSTICE

- Defending women's economic rights and justice including mobilising women in rural contexts, urban economies, and/or in non-traditional work
- Building ideas and models around women's economic futures
- Defending women's land, property and inheritance rights
- Securing women's housing rights, particularly in the context of urbanisation
- Advancing climate and environmental justice.

2. BODY & HEALTH RIGHTS

- Ending violence against women in all forms through prevention and/or response.
- Advancing the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls, including on issues of sexual orientation and reproductive choice
- Promoting women's emotional well-being and mental health
- Prevention and management of issues around women and HIV/AIDS
- Building awareness and feminist responses to the rise of non-communicable diseases (including cancers, diseases of lifestyle and nutrition).

3. LEADERSHIP, PARTICIPATION & PEACE

- Promoting women's leadership and meaningful participation in decision making, including building feminist leadership for social, political and economic change
- Advancing participation in governance and decision-making at all levels for a greater diversity of African women
- Defending civic operating space for women's rights organisations and defenders
- Promoting women's human security and peace in all contexts

4. POST-COVID 19 RESPONSE & ADVOCACY

The economic and social impacts of COVID19 are starkly gendered- a fact that is evident as we all manage the immediate health threats and economic and social crises caused by the pandemic, and as we plan for a post-COVID future. AWDF is seeking to support African women's organisations working to respond to COVID19 beyond immediate emergency service delivery operations- in particular those seeking to use this opportunity to support deeper change in our economic, social and political systems.

This includes

- Advocacy and knowledge production- on subjects including social and economic protection policies and provisions, health systems reform, violence against women response and prevention, rights around water and sanitation, surveillance and injustices around COVID-related policing and security measures affecting women.
- COVID19 related access to justice and violence response services for women.
- Economic resilience initiatives that include programming for deeper economic transformation and looks to tackle the root causes of women's specific economic vulnerabilities
- Emotional wellbeing initiatives arising out of COVID19 response

AWDF encourages applications for work that is led by and supports the leadership and concerns of women facing multiple discriminations (women with diverse abilities; women living with HIV and AIDS, young women, LBTQ communities, women sex workers, women in the rural areas and marginalised women in urban areas.

We will consider all geographies, as highlighted in the table below, but in this round, we are particularly interested in applications from North Africa, the Sahel and Francophone West Africa working on any of the themes in our strategy. Please note that organisations may request grants that represent a maximum of 50% of their total income in the last financial year or aggregate of the previous two years.

Theme	Duration	Geographical Scope	Maximum Amount/USD
Any of the thematic areas	2 years	Any African country	\$50,000 per year
Transnational/ Sub-regional and regional organising	One year	Initiatives on any theme being implemented in two or more African countries, including initiatives engaging sub-regional or regional mechanisms	\$100,000
Rights of women living with disability	One Year	Any African country	\$50,000
Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	One Year	Any African country especially Francophone West Africa	\$50,000
Movement building in Francophone West Africa including initiatives lead by and engaging young women.	One Year	Francophone West Africa	\$50,000
Post-COVID 19 Response	One Year	Any African country	\$50,000

How to Apply

Download and complete [application forms here](#)

We only accept one application per organisation/initiative for each call.

All other information about AWDF can be found on the website www.awdf.org.

Please send applications with supporting documents to the email address, proposals@awdf.org; or awdf@awdf.org

Please note that AWDF approves and announces grant awards twice a year in May and November. Applications to be considered for the November 2020 grantmaking cycle are to be received by 10th August 2020.

All applications received will be acknowledged. However due to the volume of applications, only successful applicants will be contacted.