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RAPID RESPONSE



Curated list of rapid response mechanisms providing timely support for activists, civil society organisations and small, informal civil society groups' response to attacks, sudden emergencies, crises or advocacy opportunities and to avoid and mitigate threats.





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ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

Welcome!

CIVICUS and the Building Responses Together Network are pleased to present this directory of funders and other support organisations that provide rapid response resources (financial and non-financial) for activists, civil society organisations, movements and small, informal civil society groups from around the world who are responding to urgent threats and unanticipated situations, crises and opportunities related to their organising, advocacy and activism.

This directory complements our efforts to reduce the barriers that these civil society actors face to access practical information on relevant donors and support opportunities. In 2021, we launched our first edition of the [Donor Finder](#), a separate directory that features progressive donors who provide resources for civil society, mostly for mid- to long-term activities and projects.

All the information included in this directory was provided and approved by the profiled organisations and reviewed by our team to ensure, as far as possible, that it is accurate and up to date.

We would like to thank and knowledge the rapid response grantmaking mechanisms that contributed their time in this process and, in particular, we are grateful the members of the Building Responses Together Network for their invaluable input.

This is a living document that will continue to grow and evolve and will be reviewed and updated periodically. This directory is available in English, French and Spanish. Please check our website for updated versions.

If you are **not looking for rapid response resources**, but instead need support for regular activities and projects for civic action, we invite you to check out the [Donor Finder](#) directory.

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Please note that this directory is not inclusive of all existing rapid response funders. Contact us if you would like to suggest other initiatives that may be eligible for inclusion: csresourcing@civicus.org



HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY

- 1** This directory is organised in alphabetical order by the donor or support mechanism's name. To verify if a profiled donor aligns with your needs and situation, review their profile carefully: read the brief description of their work, check what countries or regions they support and pay close attention to the type of support provided (both financial and non-financial), target groups and thematic categories (or areas of work) supported, as well as how they receive funding and support requests and their average response time.
- 2** Skim through the various profiles and once you **spot a mechanism that provides the type of resources and support you need**, use their contact information and visit their websites to explore in more detail how you could apply for support.
- 3** The last section of this document lists **additional directories featuring rapid response donors**. We invite you to check those links to look for further support options.
- 4** Remember to share this directory with others who may find it useful.
- 5** If you have suggestions of rapid response opportunities that you would like us to feature in upcoming editions, or if you have ways of improving this directory, please email us at csresourcing@civicus.org



GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

NOTE: The definitions provided in this section are not broad definitions of the terms. They are in the context of rapid response resourcing for civic action and are meant to clarify our understanding of key terms used throughout the document.

Average response time: the estimated amount of time between the request for support and the provision of such support by the coordinating organisation, or at least the receipt of a final response on the possibility of providing the requested support.

Awards: a prize or a mark of recognition given in honour of an achievement to organisations and individuals that meet certain criteria or stand out for their work.

Consortium: a grouping of organisations that jointly participate in the design and delivery of a particular objective. In this directory, consortium refers to a group of organisations that set up and manage a rapid response initiative through joint or complementary mechanisms or funds.

Coordinating entity: the organisation in charge of administering the rapid response mechanism or fund.

Core/flexible funding: “core funding” is financial support that allows organisations to cover their basic “core” organisational and administrative costs, which are not linked to the implementation of specific projects. This includes, for example, rent, training, institutional strengthening and non-staff salaries. “Flexible funding” often refers to the above, but also to funding that can be allocated with flexibility to project activities, as long as it is used towards an agreed mission and outcome.

Eligible costs: all types of expenses that qualify for financial assistance by a given support mechanism or fund.

Fellowships: short-term resourcing opportunities usually given for study, research or professional development. In this directory, fellowships are mostly offered to those engaged in promoting social justice, human rights and civic action.

Financial support: funding provided to enable the work of the individual, group or organisation.

Geographical coverage: the region, sub-region or countries eligible for support by each listed mechanism. Some mechanisms indicate that they provide support on a global scale. In these cases, we recommend you double check on their website to see whether your country is eligible for their support.

Informal networks or movements: forms of collective action (social, political and other) characterised by a lower level of coordination and being more spontaneous and transitory when compared to formally organised networks and movements.

Invitation-only applications (or “only by invitation”): funding/support proposals that are only accepted from individuals, organisations or groups invited to apply directly by the donor or through their advising partners. In these cases, the resources are not offered through open calls and unsolicited proposals are not accepted.

Non-rapid support: financial or non-financial support that is not granted expeditiously or as swiftly as needed in a case of emergency or urgency.



Open calls: invitations to submit proposals for funding, resources or other purposes that are open to any potentially interested eligible group. Some donors and support mechanisms issue “open calls” to identify and select new groups to resource and support. These calls are usually published online and list eligibility criteria as well as specific formats and deadlines for the submission.

Project/programme funding: financial support given for the implementation of a specific set of activities, projects or programmes and within a specific period of time. Project/programme funding may be more restricted than “flexible funding”.

Rapid response funding: financial support that is granted in a short period of time to support a rapid response to attacks, sudden emergencies, crises or advocacy opportunities, and to avoid and mitigate threats.

Registered organisations: organisations duly registered under the relevant legislation of the jurisdiction in which it is situated.

Seed funding: support offered to organisations in their startup phase or to an individual, organisation or group starting up a new programme, research project or developing a solution, among others.

“Through referrals”: this indicates that to qualify to be considered for funding/support by a donor, the interested candidate must be referred, validated or recommended by entities or advisors trusted by that donor.

International institutions: in this document, these are understood as multilateral, international or global institutions such as the World Bank, the United Nations and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Unregistered organisations: organisations which are not registered under the relevant legislation of the jurisdiction in which they are situated.

Rolling basis applications: this indicates that the coordinating entities accept and review funding applications constantly, as they receive them, without imposing specific time-bound “calls” or hard deadlines.



LIST OF THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED BY DONORS IN THIS DIRECTORY



CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION

- Artivism
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Campaigning
- Civil society strengthening
- Civic participation
- Grassroots/community organising
- Leadership development
- Movement building
- Protest
- Security and protection
- Strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs)
- Strategic litigation
- Volunteering
- Youth activism



ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- Child and elder care
- Education
- Food security
- Health
- Water and sanitation



CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

- Access to information
- Citizen participation
- Digital rights and security
- Election and voting rights
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/
right to protest
- Media freedoms



SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Climate change
- Community development
- Economic justice
- Environmental justice
- Forced migration or displacement
- Local development
- Poverty
- Rural development/agriculture
- Social entrepreneurship



ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

- Children's rights
- Environmental rights
- Gender-based violence
- Human rights
- Indigenous people's rights
- Labour rights
- Land rights
- LGBTQI+ rights
- Rights of persons with disabilities
- Sexual and reproductive rights
- Women's rights



PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

- Corporate violence
- Democratic practices
- Dialogue and peacebuilding
- Good governance
- Judicial institutions
- Legislative institutions
- State violence
- Transparency and accountability



LIST OF TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED BY DONORS IN THIS DIRECTORY

	Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive rights		Grassroots groups working in rural and/or urban areas		Trade unions
	Artists and activists		Groups working on children's rights		Victims/survivors of human rights violations or abuses and their relatives
	Climate activists		Human rights defenders		Writers and bloggers
	Community leaders and organisers		Journalists, advocates of media freedoms and other media practitioners		Women human rights defenders
	Defenders of indigenous people's rights		Land rights defenders		Youth-led groups and youth activists
	Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees		LGBTQI+ activists		
	Disability rights groups, activists/ people/defenders with disabilities		Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists		
	Environmental human rights defenders		Religious, faith-based groups		
	Ethnic, religious or other minority groups		Sex workers		



AFRICANDEFENDERS (PAN-AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS NETWORK)

COORDINATING ENTITY: AFRICANDEFENDERS (PAN-AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS NETWORK)

ABOUT: AfricanDefenders is an umbrella network of five African sub-regional networks dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights defenders across the African continent. It is hosted by DefendDefenders and leads the African-based relocation programme called Ubuntu Hub City Initiatives. AfricanDefenders aims to share best practices, cross-pollinate protection expertise, establish rigorous reporting, track continental trends and deal with transregional protection issues, emergency relocations and resource shortfalls. It coordinates activities in the areas of protection, strengthening capacities of sub-regional networks and human rights defenders, and advocacy at continental and international level.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Africa



🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Artists and activists
- Climate activists
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders

✅ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Civil society strengthening
- Digital rights and security
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Security and protection
- Strategic litigation
- Youth activism

Note: AfricanDefenders supports all human rights defenders irrespective of the thematic area they are working on as long as it is done in a peaceful manner.

- LGBTQI+ activists
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists
- Trade unions
- Women human rights defenders
- Writers and bloggers
- Youth-led groups and youth activists

Note: Sex workers and religious, ethnic and faith-based groups qualify for support if they are defenders of the rights of these groups.

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Family support
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Personal development (short courses and language classes)
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Relocation
- Repatriation
- Rest and respite
- Safe housing >> p.10

**>> AfricanDefenders (Pan–African Human Rights Defenders Network) (continued)****Financial support provided (continued)**

- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Trial observations
- Wellbeing support

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Donated and discounted software and hardware
- Emergency appeals
- Fact finding
- Linking and learning opportunities

- Mentorship or internship placements
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- Needs assessment
- Pro bono expert or technical support
- Psychosocial support
- Risk assessment
- Security helpline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Support in social integration after relocation
- Tailored trainings
- Trainings
- Urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Awards

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Direct application via email, social media and emergency helpline
- Through referrals

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

48 hours for emergency protection support

CONTACTS:

www.africandefenders.org info@africandefenders.org

+256/390-202133 24/7 helpline for emergency protection support: +256/783-027611



CLAIM YOUR SPACE (CYS)

COORDINATING ENTITY: GLOBAL FOCUS

ABOUT: The purpose of Claim Your Space is to provide rapid financial support to civil society actors at risk due to restrictions to civic space, freedoms of expression, assembly and association. To receive support through CYS, applicants must be able to demonstrate a current or previous partnership with a Danish civil society organisation.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Sub-Saharan African countries, Palestine, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar.



THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Civic participation
- Corporate violence
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Security and protection
- State violence

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Artists and activists
- Climate activists
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Grassroots groups working in rural and/or urban areas
- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedoms and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists
- Trade unions
- Women human rights defenders
- Writers and bloggers
- Youth-led groups and youth activists

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Long-term medical care
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of experts
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Relocation
- Rest and respite
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)
- Trial observations
- Wellbeing support >> p.12



>> Claim Your Space (CYS) (continued)

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

One week

CONTACTS:

www.globalfokus.dk/pulje/claim-your-space



cys@globalfokus.dk



COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS (CPJ)

COORDINATING ENTITY: COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS (CPJ)

ABOUT: The Committee to Protect Journalists is an independent, non-profit organisation that promotes press freedom worldwide. We defend the right of journalists to report the news safely and without fear of reprisal.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation
- Secure transportation or evacuation on a limited, case-by-case basis
- Wellbeing support

THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Freedom of expression
- Media freedoms

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Journalists, advocates of media freedoms and other media practitioners

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Emergency appeals
- Legal support (for example, legal research, expert testimony and amicus curiae briefs)
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- One-on-one safety consultations with digital and physical safety experts

- Physical and digital safety workshops
- Risk assessment
- Urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Help to secure short-term fellowships

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Through referrals

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Response to priority emergency cases is given within 48 hours. For other cases, it should not take more than two weeks to provide an answer

CONTACTS:

www.cpj.org

www.cpj.org/emergency-response/how-to-get-help

emergencies@cpj.org



CRISIS RESPONSE FUND

COORDINATING ENTITY: CIVICUS

ABOUT: The CIVICUS Crisis Response Fund provides a way for civil society organisations facing civic space restrictions, particularly those related to freedom of association and assembly, to apply for funding for emergency advocacy actions. The Fund also provides small resiliency grants to forestall imminent threats. All grants have a maximum period of six months and are capped at US\$10,000 for individual organisations, while funding for coalitions and consortiums is capped between US\$10,000 – US\$20,000.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Artists and activists
- Climate activists
- Community leaders and organisers
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists

THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Artivism
- Campaigning
- Civil society strengthening
- Digital rights and security
- Election and voting rights
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Grassroots/community organising
- Protest
- Strategic litigation
- Youth activism

- Trade unions
- Women human rights defenders

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Litigation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of experts
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Linking and learning opportunities
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- Security helpline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Trainings
- Urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy

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>> Crisis Response Fund (continued)

**🌐 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID
SUPPORT PROVIDED:**

- Project/programme funding

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Through referrals

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

48-72 hours

CONTACTS:

www.civicus.org/index.php/what-we-do/defend/crisis-response-fund

crisis.response@civicus.org

+27/11-833-5959



DANISH EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (DERF)

COORDINATING ENTITY: CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEVELOPMENT (CISU) AND SAVE THE CHILDREN DENMARK

ABOUT: The Danish Emergency Relief Fund is an instrument to give small and medium size civil society organisations in Denmark access to rapid and flexible humanitarian funding to respond to crisis situations around the world. The objective of the DERF is to prevent the loss of life and escalation of suffering among people affected by an acute humanitarian crisis through localised humanitarian responses. The provision of funds is based on humanitarian principles and standards. DERF funding aims to enhance humanitarian responses in all the countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) and Development Assistance Committee (DAC) without pre-determined sectoral limitations.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



- Nutrition
- Protection
- Water and sanitation
- Security and protection

🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Vulnerable groups/people affected by humanitarian crises

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Needs assessments
- Participation in coordination mechanism
- Safety and security

✅ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Agriculture in emergencies
- Camp management
- Climate change
- Child and elder care
- Education
- Emergency shelter
- Food security
- Forced migration or displacement
- Health

- All activities supporting lifesaving in all the mentioned thematic areas/sectors

👉 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advisory support to applicants

👉 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Civil society organisations registered in Denmark and with no strategic partnership with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Open calls (published on a periodic basis)

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Decisions on applications are done within 21 days.

CONTACTS:



www.cisu.dk/derf



www.cisu.dk/derfnews#



derf@cisu.dk



+45/8612-0342



DEFENDDEFENDERS

COORDINATING ENTITY: DEFENDDEFENDERS

ABOUT: DefendDefenders supports Human Rights Defenders who are facing threats and/or risks as a result of their human rights work in the East and Horn of Africa. They offer both preventive interventions in forms of emergency support and response intervention to human rights defenders depending on the needs dictated by specific contexts of human rights work in the region.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

East and Horn of Africa: Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia (together with Somaliland), South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.



- Economic justice
- Environmental justice
- Forced migration or displacement
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Good governance
- Human rights
- Indigenous people's rights
- Judicial institutions
- Leadership development
- Legislative institutions
- LGBTQI+ rights
- Local development
- Media freedoms
- Movement building
- Poverty
- Protest
- Rights of persons with disabilities

✓ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Access to information
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Artivism
- Campaigning
- Civic participation
- Civil society strengthening
- Climate change
- Community development
- Corporate violence
- Democratic practices
- Dialogue and peacebuilding
- Digital rights and security

- Security and protection
- State violence
- Strategic litigation
- Transparency and accountability
- Women's rights
- Youth activism

Note: Our interventions are for human rights defenders working in these areas through peaceful means.

🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedoms and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Women human rights defenders >> p.18



>> DefendDefenders (continued)

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Equipment replacement
- Family support
- Fines (as a result of judgment)
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Long-term medical care
- Personal development on short courses and language classes
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of experts
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Relocation
- Repatriation
- Rest and respite
- Safe housing
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Trial observations
- Wellbeing support

🛡️ NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Donated and discounted software and hardware
- Emergency appeals
- Equipment
- Fact finding
- Hosting/shelter
- Linking and learning opportunities
- Medical care
- Mentorship or internship placement
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- Needs assessment
- Pro bono expert or technical support
- Psychosocial support
- Referrals to other protection service providers
- Risk assessment
- Security helpline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Social integration after relocation
- Solidarity visits
- Tailored trainings

- Trainings
- Urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy

🕒 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Awards
- Core/flexible funding
- Fellowships

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Through referrals

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

For emergency protection within 48 hours

CONTACTS:www.defenddefenders.orgprotection@defenddefenders.org

+256/783-027-611



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

COORDINATING ENTITY: FREEDOM HOUSE

ABOUT: The Emergency Assistance Program is a global program that provides short-term financial support to at-risk human rights defenders, civil society organisations and survivors of severe religious persecution on the basis of belief or non-belief.

- Human rights defenders include individuals engaged in community organising or advocating for human rights such as, but not limited to, land, labour, women's, indigenous, LGBTQI+ rights and freedom of religion and belief. They also consider journalists, bloggers and union leaders to be human rights defenders.
- Civil society organisations can include formal NGOs, social movements, journalist associations, think tanks, networks, community-based organisations, student groups, LGBTQI+ organisations and labour unions. Civil society organisations do not need to be officially registered but must be able to show a history of activism.
- Support to survivors of religious persecution (on the basis of belief, non-belief, and/or religious identity).

On a yearly basis, the program supports more than 1,000 human rights defenders, civil society organisations and survivors of severe religious persecution with emergency assistance, urgent advocacy grants and preventive security projects.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



that they are doing as long as it is human rights work and they have been threatened because of it.

THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

The Emergency Assistance Program covers all the thematic areas listed in this directory and supports all human rights defenders and civil society organisations regardless of the work

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Artists and activists

- Climate activists
- Community leaders and organisers
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Ethnic, religious or other minority groups
- Grassroots groups working in rural and/or urban areas
- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedoms and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists
- Religious, faith-based groups
- Sex workers
- Trade unions
- Women human rights defenders
- Writers and bloggers
- Youth-led groups and youth activists >> p.20

**>> Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) (continued)****💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:**

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Fines (as a result of judgment)
- Legal fees and court costs
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of experts
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Relocation
- Rest and respite
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Trial observations
- Wellbeing support

👤 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Tailored trainings

📌 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Small, rapid response grants to at-risk civil society organisations to respond to changes in their threat landscape and to take advantage of time-bound opportunities for advocacy.
- Advocacy and opportunity: Advocacy and opportunity grants to give civil society organisations the resources to protect and expand their rights to organise, associate or assemble or to advance the rights and safety of LGBTQI+ communities.
- Resiliency: Security grants to support human rights civil society organisations in proactively preventing and mitigating the threats they face

to continue to work in high-risk environments, including support for holistic digital or physical security training.

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Networks
- Registered organisations
- Umbrella organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Through referrals

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

- For individual human rights defenders: 1-3 weeks
- For civil society organisations: 1-2 weeks

CONTACTS:

www.freedomhouse.org/programs/emergency-assistance-and-thematic-programs www.csolifeline.org www.dignitylgbti.org

info@csolifeline.org (regional email accounts are also available)



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AT RISK

COORDINATING ENTITY: WORLD ORGANISATION AGAINST TORTURE (OMCT)

ABOUT: In the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and of ProtectDefenders.eu, the European Union Human Rights Defenders Mechanism OMCT provides emergency material assistance to human rights defenders at risk working in the most difficult circumstances in any region of the world. The support can take multiple forms, including legal support, psychosocial support and rehabilitation, temporary relocation, physical and digital security and social assistance, to name a few. The goal is that human rights defenders are able to respond to imminent threats to their physical or psychological integrity due to their human rights work.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



Note: The thematic priorities listed above reflect, at best, the focuses of the programme, but the aim is to provide better protection to human rights defenders who are fighting for all the thematic areas mentioned in this directory.

☑ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Civil society strengthening
- Movement building
- Security and protection
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of expression
- Media freedoms
- Environmental rights
- Human rights
- Indigenous people's rights
- Women's rights

🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Artists and activists
- Climate activists
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities

- Environmental human rights defenders
- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists
- Women human rights defenders
- Writers and bloggers
- Youth-led groups and youth activists

Note: All the groups mentioned are eligible for support if they are facing threats which are directly related to their human rights work.

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation
- Secure equipment >> p.22

**>> Emergency Assistance to Human Rights Defenders at Risk (continued)****Financial support provided (continued)**

- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)
- Support to family members (for example, temporary relocation and psychosocial support)
- Wellbeing support

🔄 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Emergency appeals
- Fact finding
- Legal support (for example, legal research, expert

- testimony and amicus curiae briefs)
- Linking and learning opportunities
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- Needs assessment
- Tailored trainings
- Urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy

🛡️ ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Seed funding

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations

- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

The goal is to respond within 48 hours. In practice, it depends if the human rights defender has been referred by a trusted partner (which makes the verification process easier) or not. If all steps from the verification process are included – the preparation of the contract and relevant documents, consultation of partners and delivery of the payment – the process takes approximately one week or more.

CONTACTS:www.omct.org/en/what-we-do/human-rights-defendersgrants@omct.org



EMERGENCY FUND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

COORDINATING ENTITY: AGIR ENSEMBLE POUR LES DROITS HUMAINS

ABOUT: The Emergency Fund for Human Rights Defenders in danger has existed since 1999 and has supported more than 800 defenders. This fund offers assistance to human rights defenders from all around the world facing immediate danger because of their activities to promote and protect human rights.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global – especially French-speaking areas



THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Democratic practices
- Environmental rights
- Good governance
- Human rights
- Indigenous people's rights
- LGBTQI+ rights
- Women's rights

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Land rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Women human rights defenders

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation (only in the country of origin)

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Emergency appeals
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

10-12 days

CONTACTS:

www.agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org/en/__trashed-2 www.agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org/fr/notre-fonds-durgence

protectionddh@aedh.org



EMERGENCY GRANTS PROGRAMME

COORDINATING ENTITY: PROTECTDEFENDERS.EU

ABOUT: The Emergency Grants Programme ensures that human rights defenders can access and implement urgent security measures to protect themselves, their family and their work. The target group is human rights defenders (as understood in the United Nations Declaration) who are at risk because of their human rights work. All human rights defenders worldwide can apply, except those who come from the European Union countries. Furthermore, defenders facing immediate risk can contact ProtectDefenders.eu through the 24/7 emergency helpline.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global, except nationals of the European Union.



- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Land rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Women human rights defenders

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation
- Rest and respite
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation

THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

The Emergency Grants Programme supports all human rights defenders independently of their area of work in human rights, although it prioritises those operating in the most difficult contexts.

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders

- Securitising premises
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)
- Wellbeing support

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Donated and discounted software and hardware
- Emergency appeals
- Equipment
- Fact finding
- Pro bono expert or technical support
- Risk assessment
- Security helpline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Trainings
- Urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Core/flexible funding
- Project/programme funding
- Seed funding >> p.25

**>> Emergency Grants Programme (continued)****👤 WHO CAN APPLY:**

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Family members of human rights defenders at risk
- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements

- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Through referrals

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Not indicated

CONTACTS:

www.protectdefenders.eu



www.protectdefenders.eu/protecting-defenders



eg@protectdefenders.eu



EMERGENCY PROTECTION GRANTS

COORDINATING ENTITY: FRONT LINE DEFENDERS

ABOUT: Emergency Protection Grants can pay for measures to improve the security and protection of human right defenders and their organisations including, but not limited to:

- improving physical, digital and communication security;
- legal fees for human right defenders who are being judicially harassed;
- medical fees for human right defenders who have been attacked or have suffered a medical condition as a result of their peaceful activities;
- family assistance for imprisoned human rights defenders.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Land rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Women human rights defenders

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs

- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation
- Rest and respite (under a separate programme)
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Wellbeing support

Note: The emergency protection grants are up to a maximum of €7,500.

🚫 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Emergency appeals
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- Needs assessment
- Tailored trainings
- Trainings

☂️ ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Awards >> p.27

✅ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Digital rights and security
- Environmental rights
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Indigenous people's rights
- LGBTQI+ rights
- Security and protection
- Women's rights
- Youth activism

**>> Emergency Protection Grants (continued)****👤 WHO CAN APPLY:**

- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Not indicated

CONTACTS:

www.frontlinedefenders.org



www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/programme/protection-grants



LYON – SHELTER CITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

COORDINATING ENTITY: AGIR ENSEMBLE POUR LES DROITS HUMAINS

ABOUT: Lyon – Shelter City for Environmental Defenders is a temporary relocation programme offered to human rights defenders in danger or in need of respite or relocation, for up to six months, in the city of Lyon, France.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Climate change
- Environmental justice
- Human rights
- Indigenous people's rights
- Land rights
- Rural development/agriculture

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Climate activists
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedoms and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Hosting/shelter

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals

HOW TO APPLY:

- Open calls published twice per year: May/June and December/January

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

One month

CONTACTS:

www.agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org

www.agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org/en/lyon-shelter-city

relocalisation@aedh.org



MEDIA FREEDOM RAPID RESPONSE

COORDINATING ENTITY: FREE PRESS UNLIMITED

ABOUT: The Media Freedom Rapid Response (MFRR) tracks, monitors and reacts to violations of press and media freedom in Europe. The MFRR provides emergency legal and practical support, public advocacy, and information to protect journalists and media workers. The MFRR is organised by an alliance led by the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) including ARTICLE 19, the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), Free Press Unlimited (FPU), the Institute for Applied Informatics at the University of Leipzig (InfAI), International Press Institute (IPI) and CCI/Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa (OBCT).

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Europe, specifically, member states of the European Union and candidate countries (Albania, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey).



🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Relocation
- Rest and respite

✔ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Access to information
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Digital rights and security
- Freedom of expression
- Media freedoms
- Strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs)

- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Trial observations
- Wellbeing support

🔄 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Donated and discounted software and hardware
- Equipment
- Hosting/shelter
- Legal representation – civil
- Legal representation – criminal
- Legal services – non judicial
- Legal support (for example, legal research, expert testimony and amicus curiae briefs)
- Medical care
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- Psychosocial support
- Risk assessment
- Trainings >> p.30



>> Media Freedom Rapid Response (continued)

**🌐 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID
SUPPORT PROVIDED:**

- None

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Individuals
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Through referrals

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Not indicated

CONTACTS:

www.mfrr.eu

www.mfrr.eu/support

support@mfrr.eu

reportersrespond@freepressunlimited.org



RAPID RESPONSE FUND (RRF)

COORDINATING ENTITY: ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDERS NETWORK (EFN)

ABOUT: The Rapid Response Fund was established in 2018 to financially support groups trying to seize unexpected opportunities or respond to unanticipated crises with a potentially significant environmental outcome. Work can be undertaken anywhere in the world, but the applicant organisation must be based in the United Kingdom (which may entail organisations outside of the country working with a UK partner). The maximum request that can be made is £25,000. The funding for the RRF comes from a group of donors who have agreed to receive applications that have been screened and recommended by a group of reviewers. The donors then decide independently whether they wish to provide funding.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global. The work can be undertaken anywhere in the world, but the applicant organisation must be UK-based.



- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Grassroots/community organising
- Movement building
- Pollution (air/land/water)
- Protest
- Strategic litigation
- Youth activism

Note: Groups requesting support must be seizing unexpected opportunities or responding to unanticipated crises with a potentially significant environmental outcome. Applications to address funding crises specific to the applicant organisation are not accepted.

✓ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Access to information
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Biodiversity loss
- Campaigning
- Citizen participation
- Civil society strengthening
- Climate change
- Environmental justice
- Environmental rights

🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Climate activists
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Environmental activists
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Grassroots groups working in rural and/or urban areas
- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders
- Youth-led groups and youth activists

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Recruitment of relevant experts

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**>> Rapid Response Fund (RRF) (continued)****🌐 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:**

- None

🌐 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Applications are shared with participating funders within a working week of being received, provided they are recommended by the review panel. If funders choose to provide funding/support, this generally happens within one month of the application being shared.

CONTACTS:www.greenfunders.orgwww.greenfunders.org/rapid-response-fund-application-guidelinesinfo@greenfunders.org



RAPID RESPONSE GRANT (RRG)

COORDINATING ENTITY: URGENT ACTION FUND ASIA AND PACIFIC (UAF A&P)

ABOUT: Urgent Action Fund Asia and Pacific supports the resilience and resistance of movements led by women and non-binary activists in Asia and the Pacific by co-creating a safe environment for them to sustain their work and thrive. Guided by feminist values, individuals, organisations and their communities are provided with urgent grants and strategic support to strengthen their safety and wellbeing.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Asia and the Pacific



- LGBTQI+ activists
- Women human rights defenders

☑ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Movement building
- Security and protection
- Supporting safety and care structures for women and non-binary activists and defenders

🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Groups working on children's rights
- Land rights defenders

Note: Applies to all women and non-binary activists and defenders, including from minority and marginalised groups such as sex workers, trade unions, Indigenous groups and others.

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Long-term medical care
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings

- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation
- Rest and respite
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)
- Wellbeing support

🔄 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Linking and learning opportunities

🚫 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

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**>> Rapid Response Grant (RRG) (continued)****🕒 HOW TO APPLY:**

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

The acknowledgement of receipt of application is done within 48 hours. Grant decisions are made in two weeks.

CONTACTS:

www.uafanp.org grants@uafanp.org



REPORTERS RESPOND

COORDINATING ENTITY: FREE PRESS UNLIMITED (FPU)

ABOUT: Reporters Respond is an emergency response that provides direct assistance, legal support and safety advice to journalists and media outlets in distress, enabling them to resume their work as quickly as possible. This fund can support journalists and media organisations worldwide who are confronted with (online) harassment, intimidation, legal proceedings or violence because of their work.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Fines (as a result of judgment)
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of experts
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Relocation
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation

📌 THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs)
- Strategic litigation
- Access to information
- Digital rights and security
- Freedom of expression
- Media freedoms

🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners

- Securitising premises
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)

🚫 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Equipment
- Legal support (for example, legal research, expert testimony and amicus curiae briefs)
- Risk assessment
- Trainings

🚫 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals
- Registered organisations

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**>> Reporters Respond (continued)****🔗 HOW TO APPLY:**

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

48 to 72 hours on average. In urgent cases, support can be deployed in less than 24 hours.

CONTACTS:

 www.freepressunlimited.org/en

 www.freepressunlimited.org/en/projects/reporters-respond-emergency-and-legal-support

 reportersrespond@freepressunlimited.org



REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

COORDINATING ENTITY: REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

ABOUT: Reporters Without Borders' assistance desk aims at supporting journalists facing emergency situations and immediate threats related to their news-gathering work worldwide. It cannot be used to provide living support to journalists facing humanitarian and economical challenges on a long-term basis.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Access to information
- Human rights
- Media freedoms

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Emergency medical treatment

- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Relocation
- Rest and respite
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)
- Wellbeing support

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Equipment

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Within a working week

CONTACTS:



www.rsf.org



www.rsf.org/en/assistance-journalists-and-media#financial-support-1411



Assistance2@rsf.org



RISC – STRENGTHENING INITIATIVES TO RESCUE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN CONGO

COORDINATING ENTITY: AGIR ENSEMBLE POUR LES DROITS HUMAINS

ABOUT: RISC is a programme aiming to protect human rights defenders in danger and/or need of respite in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, especially in Northern Kivu, Southern Kivu, Maniema and Ituri. It is run by a consortium of three organisations: Agir ensemble pour les droits humains, SOS-Information Juridique Multisectorielle and Synergie Ukingo Wetu.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Democratic Republic of Congo, especially Maniema, Ituri, Northern Kivu and Southern Kivu



🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Human rights defenders
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Journalists, advocates of media freedoms and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Women human rights defenders
- Writers and bloggers

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation

✅ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Community development
- Democratic practices
- Education
- Election and voting rights
- Environmental rights
- Good governance
- Human rights
- Indigenous people's rights
- LGBTQI+ rights
- Women's rights

- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Psychosocial treatment
- Rest and respite
- Relocation (only in the Democratic Republic of Congo)

🚫 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Emergency appeals
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying

☂️ ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

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>> RISC - Strengthening initiatives to rescue human rights defenders in Congo (continued)

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis (through contact to SOS-Information Juridique Multisectorielle and Synergie Ukingo Wetu)

CONTACTS:



www.agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org



www.agir-ensemble-droits-humains.org/en/our-projects/risc



urgence@aedh.org



RORY PECK ASSISTANCE FUNDS

COORDINATING ENTITY: RORY PECK TRUST

ABOUT: The Rory Peck Assistance Funds provide financial grants to freelance journalists to help cover the costs of Hostile Environment and First Aid Training (HEFAT) training, trauma therapy, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical bills or equipment replacement when these costs are incurred as a result of their journalistic assignments.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Global



THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Access to information
- Freedom of expression
- Media freedoms

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Livelihood
- Long-term medical care
- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Wellbeing support

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Risk assessment
- Trainings

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Individuals

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Through referrals

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

2 weeks

CONTACTS:



www.rorypecktrust.org



info@rorypecktrust.org



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TOURNONS LA PAGE EMERGENCY FUND

COORDINATING ENTITY: TOURNONS LA PAGE

ABOUT: Tournons La Page's emergency fund supports members threatened or imprisoned for their activism. The Fund can be used for lawyers' fees, financial assistance for activists and their families, psychological support and, in extreme cases, local or regional relocation.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Africa. For now, the Fund covers 10 countries where members of Tournons La Page are located: Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Gabon, Guinea, Niger and Togo.



TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Relocation
- Rest and respite

THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Citizen participation
- Civil society strengthening
- Democratic practices
- Election and voting rights
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Good governance
- Human rights
- Strategic litigation
- Transparency and accountability
- Youth activism

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Emergency appeals
- Fact finding
- Legal representation - civil
- Legal representation - criminal
- Linking and learning opportunities
- National advocacy/campaigns/lobbying
- Trainings
- Urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

WHO CAN APPLY:

Organisations and individuals, but they must be members of Tournons La Page. To become a member of Tournons La Page, an individual or an organisation must join a local coalition or apply to create a new coalition with a collective of organisations. For more information, visit www.tournonslapage.org/en/le-mouvement#become-a-member. >> p.42

**>> Tournons La Page Emergency Fund (continued)****🔍 HOW TO APPLY:**

- Applications must be made through a national Tournons La Page coalition.

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

48 hours for emergencies, otherwise within a working week.

CONTACTS:

 www.tournonslapage.org/en

 contact@tournonslapage.org

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URGENT ACTION FUND – AFRICA

COORDINATING ENTITY: URGENT ACTION FUND – AFRICA

ABOUT: Urgent Action Fund-Africa (UAF-Africa) is a feminist, pan African fund registered in Nairobi, Kenya. Operating as a virtual organisation, the Fund has strategic presence in Africa’s five sub-regions: **East Africa:** Nairobi, Kenya; Kampala, Uganda; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; **North Africa:** Cairo, Egypt; **Central Africa:** Bujumbura, Burundi; Yaoundé, Cameroon; Southern Africa: Harare, Zimbabwe; and **West Africa:** Abuja, Nigeria; Dakar, Senegal.

Recognising the need to move resources rapidly on a continent where opportunities and threats arise and recede or even decline quickly, UAF-Africa established itself as a base for a rapid response grant-making mechanism.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Africa



THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Artivism
- Civic participation
- Civil society strengthening
- Climate change
- Digital rights and security
- Economic justice
- Environmental justice
- Freedom of peaceful assembly/right to protest
- Gender-based violence
- Grassroots/community organising

- Labour rights
- Land rights
- LGBTQI+ rights
- Movement building
- Rights of persons with disabilities
- Security and protection
- Sexual and reproductive rights
- Women’s rights

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Climate activists
- Grassroots groups working in rural and or urban areas

- Sex workers
- Women human rights defenders

Note: UAF-Africa focuses its support on womn. Our use of the term “womn” is an act of challenging and replacing traditional ideas of what and who a womn is and can be and the links of womn to a system of patriarchy where they are, in effect, subject to men or a sub-category of men. “Womn” for us includes lesbian, bisexual womn and trans womn. Further, womn includes those who are non-binarianed, identifying with neither gender.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Emergency medical treatment
- Legal fees and court costs
- Relocation
- Rest and respite
- Secure equipment
- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Wellbeing support

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>> Urgent Action Fund – Africa (continued)

🌐 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Advocacy with international institutions (for example, the United Nations)
- Linking and learning opportunities

🌐 ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

👤 WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis
- Special calls are opened sporadically, depending on needs and availability of funds

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

Support requests are acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt and resources wired out to successful grantees within 72 hours, after necessary due diligence has been conducted.

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URGENT ACTION FUND – LATIN AMERICA

COORDINATING ENTITY: URGENT ACTION FUND – LATIN AMERICA

ABOUT: This is a regional feminist fund for Latin America and the Caribbean. Recognising the key role played by women and gender non-conforming activists in the protection of their bodies, their communities and the environment, its mission is to contribute to the sustainability and strengthening of activists and their movements through fast and flexible support in the face of risk and opportunity.

It provides direct, timely and agile delivery of financing to feminist movements through rapid response grants that respond to situations of risk or threats that impact the security of women, trans and non-binary feminist activists, their collectives or organisations and take advantage of opportunities to advance or deter setbacks on women's rights. Additionally, strategic (non-rapid response) grants are provided to seek to promote creative and innovative proposals from women's organisations and groups that question the extractivist model and promote in an integrated way the protection of territories, common goods and the rights of women.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

Latin America and the Caribbean



- Rights of persons with disabilities
- Sexual and reproductive rights
- State violence
- Women's rights

TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Defenders of Indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees

THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

- Civil and political rights
- Environmental rights
- Gender-based violence
- Human rights
- Indigenous people's rights
- Land rights
- LGBTQI+ rights

- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- LGBTQI+ activists
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists
- Sex workers
- Women human rights defenders
- Women of African descent, peasant women
- Youth-led groups and youth activists

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Rapid response grants of up to US\$7,000, open 365 days a year, for actions that will be implemented between three and six months.

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- None

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Core/flexible funding >> p.46

**>> Urgent Action Fund – Latin America (continued)****👤 WHO CAN APPLY:**

- Actions must be implemented by women, trans and non-binary people, organisations or by mixed organisations led by women representing the variety of communities that will be impacted by the action.

❓ HOW TO APPLY:

- Open calls published on a periodic basis
- Through the SÍGUEME online platform
www.sigueme.fondoaccionurgente.org.co

🕒 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

For rapid response grants, requests are responded to within 10 business days, on average. For strategic grants, it can take over one month.

CONTACTS:

www.fondoaccionurgente.org.co Online Application System www.sigueme.fondoaccionurgente.org.co

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URGENT PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAMME

COORDINATING ENTITY: EURO-MEDITERRANEAN FOUNDATION OF SUPPORT TO HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS (EMHRF)

ABOUT: The EMHRF Urgent Protection Programme aims to protect the safety and preserve the activity of human rights defenders and NGOs at risk or facing challenges in terms of security, survival or capacity to act in the South Mediterranean region. Grants of approximately €5,000 are allocated to support threatened human rights defenders to access health care, cover relocation, basic needs and/or legal assistance/representation. NGOs can also access grants to overcome unexpected political and financial situations and/or maintain their existence and internal democratic processes.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:

MENA region (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Israel and Palestine)



reproductive health and rights

- Artists and activists
- Climate activists
- Defenders of indigenous people's rights
- Defenders of the rights of migrants and/or refugees
- Disability rights groups, activists/people/defenders with disabilities
- Environmental human rights defenders
- Ethnic, religious, or other minority groups
- Grassroots groups working in rural and/or urban areas
- Groups working on children's rights
- Human rights defenders
- Journalists, advocates of media freedom and other media practitioners
- Land rights defenders

✓ THEMATIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:

All actions and rights listed in this directory can be supported. The EMHRF does not necessarily prioritise certain areas or intervention groups. Its mandate is to protect and support the work of civil society actors who act peacefully, individually or in groups, to promote, protect and implement human rights in their universality, indivisibility and interdependence.

🎯 TARGET GROUPS SUPPORTED:

- Activists or groups focused on sexual and

- LGBTQI+ activists
- Persecuted, prosecuted and imprisoned activists
- Trade unions
- Women human rights defenders
- Writers and bloggers
- Youth-led groups and youth activists

💰 FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Appeal costs
- Bail funds
- Emergency medical treatment
- Fines (as a result of judgment)
- Legal fees and court costs
- Litigation
- Long-term medical care
- Payment for lawyers' criminal representation
- Payment for lawyers' civil representation
- Payment for lawyers' non-judicial proceedings
- Psychosocial treatment
- Recruitment of experts
- Recruitment of relevant experts
- Relocation
- Rest and respite
- Secure equipment >> p.48

**>> Urgent Protection Grant Programme (continued)****Financial support provided (continued)**

- Secure transportation/evacuation
- Securitising premises
- Subscription services (for example, malware protection and VPNs)
- Trial observations
- Wellbeing support

NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Tailored coaching, including practical guidance and advice to expand collaborations, referrals to strengthen solidarity and long-term protection, capacity development and funding.

ADDITIONAL NON-RAPID SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Core/flexible funding
- Seed funding
- Medium to longer term financial assistance to support local civil society initiatives addressing the human rights and the human rights defenders' situation at the local level. This type of support mainly covers core operating costs to enable initiatives to develop and sustain their human rights work.

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Alliances of organisations/consortia
- Individuals

- Informal networks or movements
- Registered organisations
- Unregistered organisations/groups

HOW TO APPLY:

- Accept applications on a rolling basis for the Urgent Protection Grant Programme
- Open calls published on a periodic basis (twice a year) for the Operational Grant Programme

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME:

- Within 48 hours for an initial response to an urgent protection application
- Within 10 days for an initial response to an operational support application

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Provided upon receipt of an email



LIST OF ADDITIONAL DIRECTORIES OF RAPID RESPONSE DONORS OR OPPORTUNITIES

Article 19: Directory of initiatives on the safety of journalists in Europe
www.article19.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/A19_MFRR-Directory-SoJ-Europe_FINAL_26-May.pdf

Environmental Defender Law Center: Resource directory for environmental defenders
www.edlc.org/our-work/providing-resources/resource-directory

Frontline Defenders: List of funding organisations for human rights defenders
www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/resource-publication/other-funding-organisations

Shelter City: List of resources for human rights defenders, including essential contacts, information, funds and tutorials
www.sheltercity.org/resources