

Mapping of Financing Opportunities in the Europe and Central Asia Region for Gender-based Violence Programs Responding to Needs of Migrant and Refugee Women and Girls

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Introduction

The GBV AoR Helpdesk was approached to provide a report which maps out financing opportunities for UN agencies and partners working in the Europe and Central Asia Region (ECAR) to address gender-based violence (GBV), with a specific focus on high-income countries that are currently responding to migrant and refugee influxes. This report addresses the request by providing a list of organisations and grant making bodies who currently fund programmes which focus on migrant and refugee issues in ECAR, and on GBV. The report includes information about:

- Small and larger scale funders;
- Emergency funding and longer-term funding;
- The themes and types of projects funded;
- Funders who are available to support with the current COVID-19 crisis;
- Funders who support UN agencies and other organisations.

The report first provides a summary of findings in a table. For each funding source identified in the table, more detailed information is provided subsequently (in a hyperlink) about the description of project, location, eligibility, grant size, application procedures, closing date and weblink. Where information exists, grant management is also included.

The list of donors was identified using an on-line word search with a combination of the following words:

- 1. Migrant, refugee, asylum seeker, displaced people
- 2. Women, girls, women with disabilities, older women, women's rights, gender equality, gender-based violence, GBV, GBViE
- 3. Funders, funding, grants
- 4. Europe, Central Asia, ECAR

Additionally the following websites were scanned to see if they had relevant donors.

- Bond funders list: <u>https://www.bond.org.uk/hubs/funding-opportunities</u>
- Funds for NGOs: <u>https://www2.fundsforngos.org/</u>

This report focuses on funding which is currently open in the year 2020/2021. Notably, however, some funders have closed or paused their programmes due to COVID-19. This prevented some funding streams that are normally available online to be viewed. It is expected that some websites will reopen as funding streams normalize.

Overview Table

The table below provides a summary of the funders in alphabetical order, and is split into those to which UN agencies are eligible to apply and those which exclude UN agencies. The table provides hyperlinks to the funding details provided later in the document. Funders highlighted in red currently have funding open to support COVID-19 response.

	Funder	Timeframe/Deadline	Grant Size	Region	Requirements	Area of focus	Eligible Organisations
Fun	ding Opportunitie	es for Organisations - l	JN agencies elig	gible			
1	Council of Europe Development Bank. Migrant and Refugee Fund	Ongoing	EUR 0.5 - 3 million	EU Member States	Application form	Migrant and Refugees in EU Member States	Public/private legal entity, including UN Agencies, approved by a CEB member state.
2	Feminist Review Trust	3 deadlines a year	GBP 15,000	Global Including ECAR	Downloadable form and email	Feminist	Any, including UN agencies, excluding religious
3	Fund for Global Human Rights	Ongoing	Not Known	France and Spain	No unsolicited applications. Contact via website.	Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers	UK or US Charity, including UN agencies
4	Global Innovation Eund	Ongoing	GBP 30,000 -10 million	Global Including ECAR	Online application	Innovative approached to relieving poor	Any organisation including UN agencies
5	Ikea Eoundation	Ongoing	Varying amounts	Global including ECAR	No unsolicited proposals. Through partnerships.	Refugee settlement and emergencies	Any, including UN agency however need to be existing partner
6	National Lottery Community Eund	Ongoing	GBP 10,000- 100,000	UK	Online application	Vulnerable and marginalised communities in UK	Charities, non profit and statutory bodies including UN agencies
7	The EEA and Norway Grants	Ongoing	EUR 16,000 -1.5 million	Specific countries in Europe	Depends on country	Migrants, refugeed and asylum seekers, GBV GESI	Depends on fund and country, includes UN agencies
8	The Open Society Foundation	Ongoing	Previous projects up to USD 1.5million	Europe	Refer to website	Newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers	Formal or informal organisations or networks,

							includes UN agencies
9	The Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation	Ongoing Next deadline 30th June 2020	GBP20,000 - 80,000	UK and Switzerland	Online application	Refugee and asylum seekers fleeing conflict	Non- Profit NGO's, including UN agencies
10	Oak Foundation	Ongoing	Average award of USD 600,000	40 countries worldwide, including ECAR	Letter of enquiry/online form	Human rights, Issues affecting women	Non-profit including UN agencies
11	UNOCAH Country Based Pooled Fund (CBPF)	Ongoing	USD 11 million - 130million	Global including ECAR	CBPF Grant Management System (GMS)	Humanitarian relief	NGOs, INGO's, including UN agencies
Fur	nding Opportuniti	es for Organisations -	UN agencies no	t eligible			
12	AB Charitable Trust	31st July 2020	GBP 10,000- 20,000	UK	Online application	Migrant, refugee and asylum	UK Charities
13	European Commission	27th August, 2020	EUR 2,750,000	EU member states except UK and Denmark	Electronic Submission System	Human trafficking	NGO non-profit, not UN agencies
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14	Global Fund for Women	Ongoing	Average USD 15,000	Global Including ECAR	Online application	Women, LGBTQI	Local women organisations, not UN agencies
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Details of Specific Donors: UN-Eligible

1. Council of Europe Development Bank

Description of Fund: The CEB's principal activity consists of granting loans to borrowers in any of its 41 member states to partially finance economically and socially viable projects that promote social cohesion. The Bank can also provide guarantees, grants and interest rates subsidies through fiduciary accounts. This includes the Migrant and Refugee Fund (MRF) which was established in 2015 in response to the surge of arrivals in Europe at the time. It supports CEB member states in accommodating migrants and refugees who arrive on their territories. The fund also supports CEB member states in integrating this population. All projects funded by the MRF must comply with the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter. CEB is also providing loans and support to organisations in relation to COVID-19.

Location: EU Member States

Eligibility: Governments, local/regional authorities, public/private financial institutions or any other public/private legal entity approved by a CEB member state.

Grant size: EUR 500,00-3 million

Application Procedures: Submit an application. Guidelines can be found on website. **Closing date:** Ongoing

Weblink: https://coebank.org/en/project-financing/how-access-ceb-financing/

2. Feminist Review Trust

Description of Fund: This trust focuses on funding for lesbian and transgender rights; violence against women and girls; disabled women and girls; refugee women and girls. The Trust typically funds academic research, but will support other projects such as refugee camps in Europe, support for migrant women and GBV. They support 'hard to fund' projects, 'pump priming' activities, interventionist projects, training and development, one off events, dissemination and core funding.

Location: Global including Europe and ECAR

Eligibility: Any Feminist organisation (not religious)

Grant size: Up to GBP 15,000

Application Procedures: Download form off website and send to <u>administrator@feminist-review-trust.com</u>

Grant management: Decisions about awards are made by the trustees who meet three times each year. They may occasionally decide about applications outside this time frame but only in exceptional circumstances. Applications are read and typically about one third will be shortlisted. These shortlisted applications are read in detail by all the trustees and are also sent to a panel of external referees. Applicant references may be contacted at this stage. Following the trustees meeting the applicant will be notified of the trustees' decision.

Closing date: Ongoing, check website for deadlines

Weblink: http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/guidelines/

3. Fund for Global Human Rights

Description of Fund: The Fund for Global Human Rights works with local organisations with ambitious goals and cutting-edge solutions. Funded groups operate in more than 20 countries, with a focus on those experiencing high rates of poverty, recovering from war, or building democratic governments. The fund supports projects in Spain and France working to protect migrants and asylum seekers arriving in those countries.

Location: France and Spain

Eligibility: All funded groups must meet the requirements of a charitable organisation, as defined by United States and United Kingdom law.

Grant size: Not Known

Application Procedures: The fund currently does not hold open calls for proposals. Contact info@globalhumanrights.org

Grant management: Before an organisation receives a grant from the fund, it undergoes a stringent review of its financial health, capacity, and community reputation. Current grantees are reviewed twice a year for these measures, as well as for progress towards strategic goals. Investigations will take place if there are any concern about the misuse of funds, safeguarding incident, or potential corruption.

Closing date: Ongoing

Weblink: https://globalhumanrights.org/en_gb/about/

4. Global Innovation Fund

Description of fund: The Global Innovation Fund is a non-profit innovation fund headquartered in London with an office in Washington D.C. that invests in the development, rigorous testing, and scaling of innovations targeted at improving the lives of the world's poorest people. The Global Innovation Fund (GIF) provides funding at 3 stages: pilot, test and scale – and is open to ideas from any sector and any country provided that the innovation targets those living on under \$5, or preferably, under \$2 a day. GIF has supported projects focussed on refugees, gender inequality and gender-based violence. GIF offers grants, loans and equity investments ranging from £30,000 to £10 million. Applicants are asked to indicate their preferred capital type and amount on their application. For-profit institutions requesting grants must give compelling rationale on why they are requesting grants rather than risk capital such as equity or debt, such as why the innovation can be considered as a public good that benefits society.

Location: Global

Eligibility: Anyone may apply, including social enterprises, for-profit companies, non-profit organisations, government agencies, international organisations, and researchers in any country.

Grant size: GBP 30,000 to 10 million

Application Procedures: Initial online application submitted, next stage is an invite to submit full application, followed by due diligence and a panel.

Grant management: N/A

Closing date: ongoing

Weblink: https://www.globalinnovation.fund/

5. IKEA Foundation

Description of Fund: IKEA Foundation supports a wide range of programmes that help families afford a better everyday life and protect the planet. As well as programmes that help refugees and other displaced people become self reliant in their new communities. IKEA Foundation provides unrestricted core support to non-profit partners working in emergency situations.

Location: Global

Eligibility: NGO's, Government organisations and other organisations

Grant size: N/A

Application Procedures: No unsolicited proposals. Need an existing relationship. Has already worked with UN agencies.

Closing date: ongoing

Weblink: https://ikeafoundation.org/about/the-way-we-work/

6. National Lottery Community Fund

Description of Fund: The community fund support communities to thrive and programmes are divided across different regions in the UK. Previous projects have included a focus on refugee and migrants and gender-based violence. National Lottery currently has paused many programmes to focus on funding projects and organisations helping communities through the COVID-19 pandemic. Organisations struggling financially because of the impact of COVID-19 can apply for assistance.

Location: UK

Eligibility: Voluntary and community organisations, registered charity or charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), group of organisations, as long as they're led by a voluntary or community organisation, school, statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish or community council) not for profit company including companies limited by guarantee and Community Interest Companies with two or more directors.

Grant size: GBP 10-100,000

Application Procedures: Online application or email proposal

Closing date: ongoing

Weblink: *https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england#section-1*

7. The EEA and Norway Grants

Description of Fund: The EEA and Norway Grants are funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Grants have two goals – to contribute to a more equal Europe, both socially and economically – and to strengthen the relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway,

and the 15 beneficiary countries in Europe. Areas include migrant, refugee and asylum populations, gender inequality and gender-based violence, among others.

Location: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

Eligibility: This varies in each country and funding call.

Grant size: EUR 16,000-1.5 million

Application Procedures: EEA and Norway Grants are based on programmes. Every country includes several programmes, each funding a certain topic. Whenever funding in the programmes becomes available, official calls are published on www.eeagrants.org and on the websites of the relevant programme. The calls are generally open for two months and have a strict application deadline. It's important to remember that all project applications need to be submitted through these calls –spontaneous applications submitted via email, social media or phone are not accepted.

Grant management: Grants are managed by the local office.

Closing date: Ongoing. Sign up to newsletter for calls.

Weblink: https://eeagrants.org/

8. The Open Society Foundation

Description of Fund: The Open Society Foundation works to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. Since 2015, the Open Society Foundations have increased support for groups in Europe that work to ensure the safety of newly arrived migrants and refugees, and to ease the challenges of integration. **Location:** Europe

Eligibility: Formally established organisations around the world as well as informal organisations or networks through intermediaries (fiscal sponsors, fiscal agents).

Grant size: Not stated but projects up to \$1.5million on the website

Application Procedures: The process for applying for grants varies by program. Some use requests for proposals (RFPs), others invite letters of inquiry (LOIs) or concept papers, and certain others accept proposals by invitation only. Given that each program has specific grant-making processes, it is best to inquire with that particular program to explore fit and process.

Grant management: Open Society is able to provide both project and general support. The Open Society Foundation seeks to provide grantees with flexibility on how to use the funds where appropriate, including but not limited to general support.

Closing date: Ongoing

Weblink: https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/what-we-do/regions/europe

9. The Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation

Description of Fund: The Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation makes contributions to projects run by organisations from Switzerland and the UK that aim to improve people's living conditions and promote mutual cultural understanding through 1) Performing and visual arts; 2) Supporting persons affected by conflicts or violence; 3) Medical research; 4) Access to individual educational grants and school projects.

Location: Switzerland and UK who support refugee and asylum seekers

Eligibility: UK and Swiss registered civilian non-profit organisations

Grant size: Not stated. Previous projects between GBP20,000-80,000

Application Procedures: Online registration system that can be completed in German or English.

Grant management: Applicants will be notified within a week after the Foundation board has met to select successful proposals.

Closing date: Ongoing. Next deadline 30th June for Conflict and Violence **Weblink:** <u>https://www.johnsonstiftung.ch/en/the-foundation/about/</u>

10. Oak Foundation

Description of Fund: Oak Foundation is family-led and reflects the vision and values of its founders. In all its work Oak pursues rights-based approaches, gender equality and partnership with the organisations we fund. Oak support civil society as a pillar of democracy and justice and nurture innovation and visionary leadership within it. Oak believe that the best grant-making reflects both careful due diligence and the willingness to take risks. The six main programmes are: environment, prevent child sexual abuse, housing and homelessness, international human rights, issues affecting women and learning differences. In addition, trustees support causes that fall outside the remits of the other programmes through the Special Interest Programme.

Location: 40 countries worldwide, including Europe and Central Asia

Eligibility: Not-for-Profit. Oak Foundation has an invitation-only application process. The majority of awards are made to our long-standing partners or are invited to apply based on fieldwork and research.

Grant size: Not stated. Previous projects between USD 25,000 to USD 7 million, with an average award of USD 600,000

Application Procedures: Invitation-only application process. Will also accept unsolicited letters.

Closing date: Ongoing Weblink: <u>https://oakfnd.org/</u>

11. UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs)

Description of Fund: This is a multi-donor pooled humanitarian financing instrument intended to make funding directly available to humanitarian partners operating in countries affected by emergencies. The funds support the highest-priority projects of the best-placed responders (including international and national NGOs and UN agencies) through an inclusive and transparent process that supports priorities set out in Humanitarian Response Plans (HRPs). **Location:** Global including Europe and Central Asia

Eligibility: Funding from CBPFs is directly available to UN agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Red Cross/ Red Crescent organizations.

Grant size: USD 11-130 million

Application Procedures: Applications submitted through Grant Management System (GMS). **Grant management:** CBPFs are established by the UN ERC when a new emergency occurs or when an existing humanitarian situation deteriorates. CBPFs are managed locally by the Resident Humanitarian Coordinator, with the support of OCHA and an Advisory Board. **Closing date:** Start date for projects vary country to country.

Weblink: https://www.unocha.org/es/our-work/humanitarian-financing/country-based-pooled-funds-cbpf/cbpf-guidelines

Details of Specific Donors: I/NGOs Eligible, UN Non-Eligible

12. AB Charitable Trust

Description of Fund: The AB Charitable Trust works with charities who do any or all of the following: 1) Deliver services directly targeting migrant communities, and people who are refugees or seeking asylum; 2) Influence policy and / or counter negative narrative; 3) Strengthen the voluntary sector and support charities delivering work in this area. **Location:** UK

Eligibility: Work in one of the priority areas and be registered as a UK charity, delivering work in the UK. Have an annual income between £150k and £1.5m. Have operated for at least a year and be able to provide a full year's audited or independently examined accounts.

Grant size: GBP10,000-20,000

Application Procedures: Online application Closing date: 31st July 2020 Weblink: https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/about-us

13. European Commission, Joint Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings addressing the culture of impunity ISFP-2019-AG-THB

Description of Fund: The fund is focused on activities aiming at addressing the culture of impunity by involving law enforcement and other authorities, as well as civil society in: 1) developing initiatives to disrupt the financial business model of criminals (operational activities and methodologies) and address the trafficking chain via intensifying investigations, including intelligence-lead investigations, and prosecutions in the area of trafficking in human beings; 2) prevention initiatives, including demand reduction of trafficking via a multi-disciplinary approach.

Projects run from 2020-2022.

Location: All EU Member States, with the exception of the United Kingdom and Denmark **Eligibility:** Public bodies and non-profit making private entities can apply as lead applicants and co-applicants. The following are not eligible, neither as applicants nor as co-applicants: Union Agencies, natural persons, international organisation, profit making entities. In order to be eligible, applications: a) must be transnational, i.e. involve at least two eligible entities established in two different Member States participating in the ISF Police instrument; b) must request an EU contribution equal to or higher than EUR 250 000 and equal to or lower than EUR 500 000 Applications seeking lower or higher EU contributions will be rejected; c) must have an implementation period of maximum 24 months. Applications for projects scheduled to run for a longer period will be rejected. Activities must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Grant size: EUR 2,750,000

Application Procedures: Proposals must be submitted by the deadline indicated via the Electronic Submission System. Open calls are published on the calls for proposals page. Before submitting a proposal both the applicant and co-applicants must be registered via the Participant Register.

Closing date: Next round is Thursday, 27 August, 2020

Weblink: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-

tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/isfp-2019-ag-

thb;freeTextSearchKeyword=;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programCod e=ISFP;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;callC ode=Default;sortQuery=openingDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSea rchTablePageState

14. Global Fund for Women- General Support Grants and Crisis Grants

Description of grant: Global Fund for Women's primary goal is to get resources to organisations led by women, girls, and trans people. They support organisations led by historically marginalized groups who are working to build strong, connected movements for gender equality and human rights. They trust women, girls, and trans people to know how best to solve the problems in their communities. As funders, their goal is to provide resources that strengthen the agency, participation, and power of local organisations working directly in their communities. They provide flexible, core-support grants for operating and program expenses, give multi-year grants as often as possible, and offer travel and event organising grants to

support knowledge-exchanges and convening. Global Fund for Women also provides immediate support to organisations who are first responders in times of natural and humanmade crises. Current priorities include support to women, girls, and trans people at risk of violence during and after conflict, including those who were forcefully displaced.

Location: Global including Europe and Central Asia

Eligibility: Grantees must be based in a country outside the United States. They have a primary focus on advancing women's equality and human rights, with these goals clearly reflected in its activities. Please note that groups whose sole purpose is to generate income or to provide charity to individuals are not eligible. Applicants need to be a group of women, girls, or trans people working together. They do not accept requests from individuals and do not fund projects proposed by or for the benefit of individuals (including scholarships). Applicants need to be governed, directed, and led by women, girls, or trans people, that is they must fill all or most of the leadership roles throughout the various decision-making levels of the group (including but not limited to the most senior decision-making levels). Groups do not need to be registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to qualify for funding. Women-focused projects within mixed-gender organizations may occasionally receive support from Global Fund for Women if they work with particularly marginalised groups: for example, women within groups of people with disabilities or women within LGBTQI organizations.

Grant size: Average grant size is 15,000 USD.

Application Procedures: Online application.

Step 1: Register your organization by submitting an Organizational Profile.

Step 2: Submit a proposal for a General Support or Crisis Grant when your organization is invited.

Grant management: At least three months for a decision on a general support grant proposal and at least three weeks on a travel or event proposal.

Closing date: Ongoing

Weblink: https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/grantmaking/

15. Pro Victimsis Foundation

Description of Fund: This foundation helps victims of natural or man-made disasters and contributes to the safeguarding of human dignity and the protection of vulnerable people. GBV, disability and human rights violations are the three priority areas. However, the Foundation does not fund 'emergency relief operations in the aftermath of a natural or man-made disaster' **Location:** Kyrgystan, Tajikistan in Central Asia. Not Europe.

Eligibility: National or international NGO's with recognised expertise, proven skills, and direct responsibility for the project; also with prior experience in international financing. Applicants needs to be co-financed and to have an annual organizational budget of less than \$1 million. **Grant size**: Not known

Application Procedures: Download application on website

Grant management: Created in Geneva in 1988, Pro Victimsis a private foundation under Swiss public law. It consists of a Board of Trustees which sets the lines of intervention and decides on the allocation of funds, as well as a Secretariat which studies and analyses the projects with a view to submitting them to the Board for approval and monitors funded projects. **Closing date:** Ongoing

Weblink: https://www.provictimis.org/?lang=en

16. UK Aid: The Small Charities Challenge Fund

Description of Fund: The Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF) is a funding opportunity for small UK-registered charities and not-for-profit organisations. SCCF project grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects of up to two years, for UK-registered organisations working towards addressing the <u>Global Goals</u> to improve the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised. This includes gender inequalities and migrant issues. Applications from organisations with strong links to the country in which their project operates are welcome.

COVID-19: Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the fund will be prioritising applications that can demonstrate that they are responding to longer term impacts of COVID-19. The fund remains open for applications addressing a wide range of <u>Global Goals</u> in a variety of contexts. However, all applicants must explain: how their project will address anticipated longer term impacts of the virus and outline how the risks of COVID-19 to project delivery could be mitigated as part of their application. Please refer to our <u>COVID-19 FAQs</u> page for further guidance.

Location: Global (Tajikistan is a priority country)

Eligibility: Open to UK-registered charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less. Organisations or downstream partners will also need to be registered in the country of delivery for applications to be eligible.

Grant size: up to GBP 50,000

Application Procedures: The application process is a one-staged process. All applications must be submitted online via the online portal.

Closing date: Ongoing. SCCF project grants are a rolling funding opportunity whereby applications are reviewed on a six-monthly basis and can be submitted at any stage. **Weblink:** <u>https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/sccf/</u>

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