

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE KOSOVO WOMEN'S FUND

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Application Deadline: 17 February 2023

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) is pleased to announce the Kosovo Women's Fund's (KWF's) eighteenth grant round. We invite member organizations to submit applications that will **contribute to furthering women's rights and gender equality**.

More specifically, **application** should demonstrate how organizations propose to contribute to realizing the Strategic Goals identified by KWN members in the KWN Strategy for 2023-2026, towards **supporting, protecting, and promoting the rights and interests of women and girls**; towards a rights-based approach; and towards supporting more sustainable changes.

KWN strongly encourages initiatives that involve advocacy on local and national levels. Advocacy can include meetings with officials, raising awareness about women's rights, policy-oriented research, proposing policy changes, and involving citizens in claiming their rights. Initiatives must aim to contribute to produce tangible and visible results (e.g., new legislation, new services, document violations of women's rights to healthcare, etc.). Please be aware that activities alone cannot be considered results of initiatives.

The types of activities eligible for financial support include: organize meetings with women and decision-makers, organize campaigns for advocacy and awareness raising, building the capacities of women and girls to advocate for their priorities, support women in meetings with policy-makers to influence changes in existing laws and regulations that concern them, policy-oriented research including reviewing curricula and learning materials and/or documentation of abuses of rights, proposing policy changes, public outreach on advocacy issues, networking/experience exchange related to furthering women's participation and human rights, trainings, roundtables/discussions, and other advocacy strategies.

The types of action that are ineligible include: actions concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences and congresses; actions concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses; purchasing of buildings or offices; purchasing of vehicles; purchasing of equipment (unless necessary for the successful execution of the project); and actions supporting political parties, groups and movements.

Implemented by:



In accordance with the KWN Strategy for 2023-2026, the types of initiatives that will be prioritized for funding will include:

Improve Gender Equality through enhancing the Rule of Law

- Involving women in advocating for improved access to quality healthcare, including taking actions to demand quality, affordable healthcare be provided and/or to report violations of women's right to healthcare;
- Collaborate with women to officially report abuses of their right to healthcare to the appropriate authorities (especially reproductive and maternal health), after raising their awareness about their rights;
- Utilize KWN's research [*Access to Healthcare in Kosovo*](#) and other data available on women's access to quality healthcare to inform advocacy and awareness raising.

Education that Transforms Gender Norms

- Advocating at municipal and national levels to raise the awareness of more officials about the need for more pre-schools and childcare centres;
- Advocating for the improvement of sexual education in schools, and/or in cooperation with the Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MEST);
- Monitoring pre-school institutions and childcare centres' quality of education provided in accordance with pre-school education legislation and advocating inclusion of teaching towards transforming traditional gender norms;
- Collaborating with MEST to revise and improve school curricula at different levels from a gender perspective to transform gender norms.

GRANT AWARDS, SIZE, TYPE AND DURATION

Funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina, as part of the initiative "Further Advancing Women's Rights in Kosovo II", KWN anticipates to distribute 15 grants in maximum amounts of €5,000 per grant, totalling €75,000.

Initiatives are expected to begin on 1 June 2023 and can last up to a maximum of six (6) months from the date of contract signature. KWN reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted, as well as to discuss with applicants allocating actions as needed within the aforementioned categories. Funding decisions will be made by KWF Grants Review Committee (GRC).

All organizations interested to apply under this call for proposals are strongly encouraged to participate in the orientation workshops organized by KWN before submit their applications:

- Workshop on Women's Right to Healthcare on 7 February 2023.
- Workshop on Improving Access to Quality and Gender Sensitive Education on 10 February 2023.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to apply, organizations must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Plan and implement activities in accordance with their own organizational strategy;
2. Undertake activities that contribute to the implementation of the KWN Strategy for 2023-2026, including programs on:
 - o Advancing gender equality through rule of law;
 - o Transforming gender norms through education
3. Be able to provide at least 10% of the budget total amount from another donor and/or self-contribution (e.g., documented volunteer work). This 10% contribution should be reflected in the budget proposal;
4. Have no staff members currently part of KWN's Board, or part of the GRC.

The GRC will prioritize funding for:

- Initiatives that involve advocacy, towards bringing about sustainable changes in supporting, protecting, or promoting women's rights and gender equality at municipal and/or national levels.
- Initiatives that aim to contribute to produce tangible and visible results (e.g., new legislation, new services, reports about cases of violation of women's rights to healthcare, monitored court cases, gender-transformative curricula, etc.)
- Initiatives that engage persons with different abilities, minority ethnic groups and marginalized persons.
- Organizations lacking other funding opportunities from different donors.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Applications may be submitted in Albanian, Serbian and English languages. The full application must be submitted electronically to the following email: grants@womensnetwork.org.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Application, using the KWN Application Form (Word format, attached and available at: https://womensnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/KWF_Application-Form.docx), and
2. Budget Proposal, using the KWN Form (Excel format, attached and available at: https://womensnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/KWF_Budget-Proposal-Form.xlsx).

Please note: all budgets must represent an allocation of costs (which means co-financing by another institution) and / or a non-financial contribution (meaning volunteer work, donations from businesses, community involvement) in the amount of 10% of the total budget proposal. This should be stated in the budget proposal. KWF will consider wage coverage and operating expenses in cases where the applicant has explained clearly how this will enable them to advance women's rights and / or gender equality.

Proposals submitted to KWN must be the original and sole work of the applicant organization. Plagiarism will result in disqualification of the application.

KWN will retain all materials and documents submitted by applicants. KWN will not use information presented by applicants for purposes other than review and will not provide this information to other persons or institutions, except when required either by Kosovo law or requested by donors.

Upon delivery of their application, applicants will receive a Confirmation of Receipt with an application number, signed by KWN staff.

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

Activity	Date
Call for Proposals issued	20 January 2023
Information & Workshop for members on Women's Right to Healthcare	7 February 2023
Information session & workshop for members on Improving Access to Quality and Gender Sensitive Education	10 February 2023
Deadline for submission of application	20 February 2023
Expected grant award announcement	Last week of May 2023
Orientation sessions, contract signature and the anticipated projects start date	1 June 2023

CONTACT INFORMATION

Request for Clarifications / Further Information: Applicants should submit their requests for clarifications by **16 February 2023 at 17:00**, via email to grants@womensnetwork.org.