



## Funding Resources for Women's Rights Organizations in the Middle East and North Africa



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Organization	Contact Info	Funding Region	Themes and Issues	Application Process
<b>African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)</b>	25, Yiyiwa Street, Abelenkpe, Accra.PMB CT Cantonments, Accra Ghana <b>Tel:</b> 233-21780476 <b>Fax:</b> 233-21782502 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:grants@awdf.org">grants@awdf.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.awdf.org">www.awdf.org</a>	Africa-wide	Women's human rights; political participation; peace building; health, reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS; economic empowerment	See website for application guidelines; applications accepted throughout the year
<b>American Friends Service Committee</b>	1501 Cherry St, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1403 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2122417030 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:afscinfo@afsc.org">afscinfo@afsc.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.afsc.org">www.afsc.org</a>	Select MENA	General	See website for application guidelines
<b>Arab Human Rights Fund</b>	An-Nakheel Building 8th floor, Bahrain Str, Caracas District, Beirut, Lebanon <b>Tel:</b> 961-1342900 <b>Fax:</b> 961-1341900 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:grantees@ahrfund.org">grantees@ahrfund.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.ahrfund.org">www.ahrfund.org</a>	22 member states of the Arab League, and activist working from exile	Innovative ideas, campaigns and methodologies with a human rights angle. Projects should have a long-term, sustainable impact. "Start-ups" are welcome to apply.	See website for application guidelines; applications accepted once annually per country

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<b>Arab Women's Fund</b>	4a Maadi Star Towers, 26th Floor, Apt. 8, Corniche el-Maadi, Cairo, Egypt Egypt and US <b>Tel:</b> 20-106126083 <b>Fax:</b> 20-225272372 <b>Email:</b> info@arabwomensfund.org <b>Website:</b> www.arabwomensfund.org	Arab region	Women's rights; support women's agendas for social change and justice, raising women's visibility in the press, politics, and culture.	See website for application guidelines
<b>Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice</b>	116 East 16th St, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2125298021 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2129823321 <b>Email:</b> info@astraeafoundation.org <b>Website:</b> www.astraeafoundation.org	Global	Support to lesbian-led, LGTBI and progressive organizations working on women and LGTBI human rights.	See website for application guidelines and deadlines
<b>Australian Agency for International Development (Ausaid)</b>	62 Northbourne Avenue GPO Box 887 Canberra City, ACT 2601, Australia <b>Tel:</b> 61-262064000 <b>Fax:</b> 61-262064880 <b>Email:</b> infoausaid@ausaid.gov.au <b>Website:</b> www.ausaid.gov.au	North Africa, Middle East	Human rights	See website for application guidelines

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<b>Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)</b>	Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, Corporate Communications, L'Esplanade Laurier, 10th Floor, West Tower, 300 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0R5 <b>Tel:</b> 1-6139572400 <b>Fax:</b> 1-6139989071 <b>Email:</b> info@tbs-sct.gc.ca <b>Website:</b> www.acdi-cida.gc.ca	Global	Democratic governance and the rights and equality of women.	See website for application guidelines
<b>Channel Foundation - Women's Leadership Scholarship (WLS) Program</b>	603 Stewart St, Suite 415, Seattle, WA 98101 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2066215447 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2066212664 <b>Email:</b> info@nativeleaders.org <b>Website:</b> www.nativeleaders.org	Global	Scholarship program supports non-doctoral graduate education in human rights, sustainable development, and public health. WLS supports study, research, and leadership training. 4-8 scholarships of up to \$25,000 per academic year are granted each year.	See website for application guidelines and deadlines.
<b>Chrest Foundation</b>	130 East John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-9729994514 <b>Email:</b> administrator@chrestfoundation.org <b>Website:</b> www.chrestfoundation.org	Turkey	Engagement, cultural understanding and dialogue, and women's rights	See website for application guidelines
<b>Dutch Government</b>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Postal Address: PO Box 20061, 2500 EB The Hague, The Netherlands <b>Tel:</b> 31-703486486 <b>Fax:</b> 31-703484848 <b>Email:</b> dsi-my@minbuza.nl <b>Website:</b> www.minbuza.nl		Poverty Reduction, humanitarian aid, human and social development, human rights (this includes a section on gender and women's rights).	See website for application guidelines

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<b>Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights</b>	C/O EMHRN Vestergrade 16, 2nd Floor, DK-1456 Copenhagen K Denmark <b>Tel:</b> 45-32641712 <b>Fax:</b> 45-32641702 <b>Email:</b> asc@euromedrights.net <b>Website:</b> www.emhrf.org	Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Palestine and Israel.	Human rights defenders at risk and human rights activities, in particular sensitive and innovative projects carried out by small organizations or groups that do not have the capacities to approach the main donors or fall outside mainstream donors categories.	See website for application guidelines and deadlines (twice a year for non-urgent applications)
<b>European Commission- EuropeAid Cooperation Office</b>	European Commission, EuropeAid Co-operation Office, B - 1049 Brussels, Belgium <b>Tel:</b> 32-022991111 <b>Email:</b> europeaid- info@ec.europa.eu <b>Website:</b> www.ec.europa.eu/europeaid	Global	Tackles universal issues: poverty, hunger, environment, human rights, health, education, climate change. Gender Equality is a priority of the EU development policy and actions. The Investing in people thematic programme entails a component specifically supporting gender. Other actions are specifically funded or mainstreamed in the wide range of geographic and thematic programmes of EuropeAid.	See website for applications : ec.europa.eu/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl
<b>Fondation pro victimis</b>	Rue St-Ours 5, 1205 Geneve Switzerland <b>Tel:</b> 41-227814262 <b>Fax:</b> 41-227814261 <b>Email:</b> contact@provictimis.org <b>Website:</b> www.provictimis.org	Global, MENA Region - Algeria & Morocco	Livelihood (rural autonomy, social infrastructure), public health (water and sanitation, disability, disease), social issues (issues affecting women, forsaken children).	See website for application guidelines.
<b>Ford Foundation - Cairo office</b>	PO Box: 2344, Cairo Egypt <b>Tel:</b> 20-227952121 <b>Fax:</b> 20-227954018 <b>Email:</b> ford- cairo@fordfound.org <b>Website:</b> www.fordfound.org	MENA	Economic development, community and resource development, human rights, governance and civil society, education, sexuality, religion, media, arts and culture.	See website for application guidelines

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<b>Fund for Global Human Rights</b>	1634 I Street NW Suite 1001, Washington DC 20006 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2023477488 Ext. 202 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2027838499 <b>Email:</b> info@globalhumanrights.org <b>Website:</b> www.globalhumanrights.org	Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia	Human rights	See website for application guidelines; applications accepted once annually per country
<b>Global Fund for Women (GFW)</b>	1375 Sutter Street, Suite #400 San Francisco, CA 94109 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-4152027640 <b>Fax:</b> 1-4152028604 <b>Email:</b> mena@globalfundforwomen.org <b>Website:</b> www.globalfundforwomen.org	MENA	Women's human rights (health and reproductive rights, economic empowerment, civic and political participation, building peace, promoting education and literacy)	See website for application details; open and rolling process; grants awarded quarterly
<b>Global Greengrants Fund</b>	2840 Wilderness Place, Suite A Boulder, CO 80301 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-3039399866 <b>Fax:</b> 1-3039399867 <b>Email:</b> info@greengrants.org <b>Website:</b> www.greengrants.org	Global	Environment	Does not accept unsolicited proposals or applications
<b>Grassroots International</b>	179 Boylston St, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02130, USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-6175241400 <b>Email:</b> info@grassrootsonline.org <b>Website:</b> www.grassrootsonline.org	Middle East, Africa	Human rights, movement building, resource rights, rethinking aid, sustainable livelihoods	Does not accept unsolicited proposals or applications

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<b>GTZ - German Technical Cooperation - Gender Project</b>	32 bis, rue Jbel Ayachi, Agdal, Rabat-Maroc B.P. 433, 10 000 Rabat R.P Morocco <b>Tel:</b> 212-37675263 <b>Fax:</b> 212-37675273 <b>Email:</b> projet@gtz.genre.ma <b>Website:</b> www.gtz.de/de/weltweit/ maghreb-nahe- osten/marokko/6501.htm		Gender mainstreaming in development policies and programmes	See website for application guidelines
<b>Heinrich Böll Foundation - Arab Middle East Office</b>	Christian Sterzing, Tal az- Zaatar St. 6, Ramallah, P.O. Box 2018, Ramallah - Palestine <b>Tel:</b> 972-22961121 <b>Fax:</b> 972-22961122 <b>Email:</b> info@boell-ameo.org <b>Website:</b> www.boell- ameo.org	Palestine, Egypt, Jordan	Democratic Participation, Media, Gender Democracy, Sustainable Development, Dialogue and Conflict Prevention	See website for application guidelines
<b>Heinrich Böll Foundation - Middle East Office</b>	Layla Al-Zubaidi, 266, rue Gouraud, P.O. Box 175510, Gemmayze, Beirut, Lebanon <b>Tel:</b> 961-1562926 <b>Fax:</b> 961-1562978 <b>Email:</b> boell@terra.net.lb <b>Website:</b> www.boell- meo.org	Middle East	Statehood and Participation, Power and Identity, War and Peace, and Sustainable Development	See website for application guidelines
<b>Hivos</b>	PO Box 85565, 2508 CG The Hague, The Netherlands <b>Tel:</b> 31-0703765500 <b>Fax:</b> 31-0703624600 <b>Email:</b> info@hivos.nl <b>Website:</b> www.hivos.nl	Iran, Iraq, Syria, Organizations working regionally in West Asia	Sustainable Production, Financial Services, Human Rights & Democratisation, Gender, Women & Development (VAW, SRR, leadership and movement building, accountability to women's rights) HIV/AIDS, Arts & Culture, ICT & Media	Proposals are accepted via the website www.hivos.org

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<b>International Development Research Center (IDRC) - Regional office MENA</b>	PO Box 14 Orman, Giza, Dokki, Cairo, Egypt Street address: 8 Ahmed Niseem Street, 8th floor Dokki, Cairo, Egypt <b>Tel:</b> 20-233367051/2/3/4/7 <b>Fax:</b> 20-233 36-7056 <b>Email:</b> info@idrc.ca <b>Website:</b> www.idrc.ca/cairo		Women's rights and citizenship	See website for application guidelines; applications accepted throughout the year
<b>Kvinna till Kvinna</b>	Slakthusplan 3, S-121 62 Johanneshov, Sweden <b>Tel:</b> 46-858888100 <b>Fax:</b> 46-858889101 <b>Email:</b> info@iktk.se <b>Website:</b> www.iktk.se/english/index.html	Select MENA	Women's rights	See website for application guidelines
<b>Mama Cash</b>	PO Box: 15686, 1001 ND Amsterdam, Netherlands <b>Tel:</b> 31-206893634 <b>Fax:</b> 31-206834647 <b>Email:</b> info@mamacash.nl <b>Website:</b> www.mamacash.nl	MENA	Women's rights	See website for application guidelines
<b>Mediterranean Women's Fund</b>	47 place du Millenaire, apt 74 - Montpellier 34000 France <b>Tel:</b> 33-612095809 <b>Email:</b> cbdlp@orange.fr, medwomensfund@orange.fr	Mediterranean Region	Women's rights, movement building, women's empowerment	Grants not available before mid 2009
<b>Middle East Partnership Initiative</b>	U.S. Department of State Harry S. Truman Building NEA/PI NEA Mailroom, Rm. 6258 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20520 USA <b>Email:</b> Nea-grants@state.gov <b>Website:</b> mepi.state.gov/mepi/	MENA	US President project with four reform areas: Political, economic, education, and women's empowerment.	See website for application guidelines

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<b>OSI - MENA</b>	400 West 59th St, New York, NY 10019, USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2125480600 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2125484619 <b>Website:</b> www.soros.org	MENA	Children & Youth, Economic Development, Education, Governance, Health, Human Rights, Law & Justice, Media, Arts & Culture, Women.	See website for application guidelines
<b>Oxfam - Quebec</b>	2330 Notre Dame West Street, suite 200, Montreal (QC) H3J 2Y2, CANADA <b>Tel:</b> 1-5149371614 <b>Fax:</b> 1-5149379452 <b>Email:</b> info@oxfam.qc.ca <b>Website:</b> www.oxfam.qc.ca/html_en/qui/faisons/secteurs_moyens.asp		Women and Economic Development; Literacy and Education; Food Security; Environment; Institutional Strengthening; Youth; Humanitarian Assistance.	See website for application guidelines
<b>Oxfam -Novib</b>	Mauritskade 9, PO Box: 30919, 2500 GX, The Hague, The Netherlands <b>Tel:</b> 31-703421947 <b>Fax:</b> 31-703614461 <b>Website:</b> www.oxfamnovib.nl	Eastern Europe, Central Asia and ME	Income and trade (right to a sustainable existence food and income security); Education for girls (right to basic social services); Living in safety (right to life and safety conflict reduction); Social and political participation (right to social and political participation); Rights and security for women (right to identity)	See website for application guidelines
<b>People in Need</b>	Czech / Iraq/ Jordan <b>Tel:</b> 420-777787950 <b>Email:</b> lucia.pavelova@peopleinneed.cz <b>Website:</b> www.clovekvtisni.cz	Select MENA (Iraq)	Provides relief aid and development assistance, capacity building training and community facilitation.	See website for application guidelines
<b>The Pluralism Fund</b>	136 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10016 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2128421957 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2128421998 <b>Email:</b> info@thepluralismfund.org <b>Website:</b> www.thepluralismfund.org	Middle East	Women's Rights	Does not accept unsolicited proposals



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<b>The Sigrid Rausing Trust</b>	UK <b>Website:</b> www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org	Global	Human rights, women's rights, minority rights, environmental justice, social and economic rights	Does not accept unsolicited proposals
<b>The Sister Fund</b>	79 Fifth Ave, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10003 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2122604446 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2122604633 <b>Email:</b> info@sisterfund.org <b>Website:</b> www.sisterfund.org	Global	Faith and feminism initiatives	Does not accept unsolicited proposals
<b>SPARK: Celebrating Women Who Ignite Global Change</b>	2130 Fillmore Street, #243 San Francisco, CA 94115 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-4158298068 <b>Email:</b> info@sparksf.org <b>Website:</b> www.sparksf.org.	Global	Young women's rights, in 2008 focus areas are: environment, civic leadership and violence prevention.	See website for application guidelines
<b>Swedish Government (SIDA)</b>	Valhallavägen 199, 105 25 Stockholm Sweden <b>Tel:</b> 46-86985000 <b>Fax:</b> 46-8208864 <b>Email:</b> sida@sida.se <b>Website:</b> www.sida.se		Reducing poverty through economic growth, Education and health, Natural resources and the environment, Humanitarian aid and contributions to peace and security, Economic reforms, Research, Human rights and democracy.	See website for application guidelines
<b>The Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations – AGFUND</b>	P. O. Box 18371 Riyadh 11415, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia <b>Tel:</b> 966-144418888 <b>Fax:</b> 966-144412962 <b>Email:</b> info@agfund.org <b>Website:</b> www.agfund.org/	Global	Concerned with the support of sustainable human development efforts, targeting the neediest groups in the developing countries, particularly women and children, in cooperation with the organizations and institutions active in this field. 2008 focus: visual impairment.	See website for application guidelines
<b>Turkish Philanthropic Fund</b>	1036 Park Avenue, Suite 15A, New York, NY 10028 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2125993063 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2125992565 <b>Email:</b> info@tpfund.org <b>Website:</b> www.tpfund.org	Turkey	Empower girls and women through educational, financial and social resources.	See website for application guidelines

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<b>UNIFEM- Morocco</b>	Angle Avenue Moulay Hassan et Rue Moulay Ahmed Loukili, Casier ONU, Rabat-Chellah Morocco <b>Tel:</b> 212-61163743 <b>Fax:</b> 212-37661058 <b>Website:</b> www.unifem.org/	MENA	Reducing feminized poverty, ending violence against women, reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and girls, achieving gender equality in democratic governance in times of peace as well as war, the advancement of women's human rights.	See UNIFEM Office for Arab States, Turkey and North Africa pages on unifem website for relevant information and application guidelines.
<b>Urgent Action Fund - Africa</b>	P.O. Box 53841-00200, Nairobi, Kenya <b>Tel:</b> 254-202301740 <b>Fax:</b> 254-202301740 <b>Email:</b> info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke <b>Website:</b> www.urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke	Africa	Peace building, transitional justice, and rapid response grantmaking: providing small amounts of money in time-urgent situations to women's rights groups throughout Africa. Funding categories include: (i) interventions in situations of armed conflict, escalating violence or politically volatile environments; (ii) potentially precedent-setting legal or legislative action; (iii) protection of women human rights defenders who are threatened because of their activism.	See website for application guidelines; applications accepted and grants awarded throughout the year; UAF-A will respond within 72 hours either with an acknowledgement, decline or follow-up
<b>Urgent Action Fund for Women's Rights</b>	3100 Arapahoe Ave, Suite 201, Boulder, Colorado 80303 USA <b>Tel:</b> 303-4422388 <b>Fax:</b> 303-4422370 <b>Email:</b> urgentact@urgentactionfund.org <b>Website:</b> www.urgentactionfund.org	Global (except Africa)	Rapid response grantmaking: providing small amounts of money in time-urgent situations to women's rights groups globally. Funding categories include: (i) interventions in situations of armed conflict, escalating violence or politically volatile environments; (ii) potentially precedent-setting legal or legislative action; (iii) protection of women human rights defenders who are threatened because of their activism.	See website for application guidelines; applications accepted and grants awarded throughout the year; UAF will respond within 72 hours either with an acknowledgement, decline or follow-up

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<b>Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF)</b>	3 West 29th Street, Suite 1002, New York, NY 10001 USA <b>Tel:</b> 1-2122130622 <b>Fax:</b> 1-2122130684 <b>Email:</b> vgif@vgif.org <b>Website:</b> www.vgif.org	Global	Grants in low income countries to improve the lives of women and children through projects for educational activities, leadership training, community development, and advancement of international understanding and cooperation	See website for application guidelines and grant history; proposals received by Nov 1 and awarded in April the following year