

# PROTECTION RESOURCES FOR WHRDS AND OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFERS

## Emergency Funding and Grants as of March 2026

Funding Mechanism	Webpage	Email and/or Phone #	Grant Amount	Support Covered by Grant	Eligibility
<b>United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund Window (WPHF) for Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs)</b>	<a href="http://wphfund.org/">wphfund.org/</a> <a href="http://whrds-safety-net/">whrds-safety-net/</a>	<a href="mailto:wphfund@unwomen.org">wphfund@unwomen.org</a>	Up to US\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security and protection</li> <li>• Relocation</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Legal aid</li> <li>• Self-care (e.g., physical mental health support)</li> </ul>	WHRDs from or working in conflict- or crisis-affected countries
<b>ProtectDefenders.eu (European Union Human Rights Defenders Mechanism, EU HRD Mechanism))</b>	<a href="http://protectdefenders.eu/protecting-defenders/#emergency">protectdefenders.eu/protecting-defenders/#emergency</a>	<a href="mailto:contact@protectdefenders.eu">contact@protectdefenders.eu</a>	Up to €10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical security</li> <li>• Digital security</li> <li>• Relocation</li> <li>• Legal aid</li> <li>• Medical</li> </ul>	HRDs at high risk (global)
<b>Urgent Action Fund</b>	<a href="http://urgentactionfund.org/our-grants/security-grant/">urgentactionfund.org/our-grants/security-grant/</a>	<a href="mailto:apply@urgentactionfund.org">apply@urgentactionfund.org</a> <a href="#">Security Grant – Urgent Action Fund</a>	Up to US\$8,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities to respond to security threats</li> </ul>	Women, transgender, and non-binary activists (global)
<b>Defend Defenders</b>	<a href="http://defenddefenders.org/get-help-2/">defenddefenders.org/get-help-2/</a>	+256 707 020 0086	Emergency grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid assistance for HRDs</li> </ul>	HRDs in the East and Horn of Africa
<b>Front Line Defenders</b>	<a href="http://frontlinedefenders.org/en/programme/protection-grants">frontlinedefenders.org/en/programme/protection-grants</a>	+353 1 210 0489	Up to €7,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical security</li> <li>• Digital security</li> <li>• Legal aid</li> <li>• Medical</li> <li>• Family assistance</li> </ul>	HRDs at risk and their organizations

## Regional Urgent Action Funds

- **Africa:** [uaf-africa.org/](http://uaf-africa.org/) | [africa@urgentactionfund.org](mailto:africa@urgentactionfund.org)
- **Americas:** [sigueme.fondoaccionurgente.org.co/](http://sigueme.fondoaccionurgente.org.co/) | [info@fondoaccionurgente.org](mailto:info@fondoaccionurgente.org)
- **Asia:** [uafanp.org/](http://uafanp.org/) | [asia@urgentactionfund-asia.org](mailto:asia@urgentactionfund-asia.org)
- **Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders:** [emhrf.org/category/grants/](http://emhrf.org/category/grants/)
- Eligibility: At-risk HRDs, groups and organizations in or working on Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia.
- Eligible applicants can [apply for an urgent protection grant here](#).

## Digital and Physical Security Resources

- **Front Line Defenders:** [frontlinedefenders.org](http://frontlinedefenders.org) | [info@frontlinedefenders.org](mailto:info@frontlinedefenders.org)
- **Protection International:** [protectioninternational.org](http://protectioninternational.org)
- **Security in-a-Box:** [securityinabox.org/en](http://securityinabox.org/en)

## Emergency Hotlines

- **Access Now's Digital Security Helpline:** [accessnow.org/help](http://accessnow.org/help) (24/7) | [help@accessnow.org](mailto:help@accessnow.org)
- **Defend Defenders:** +256 707 020 0086  
(SOURCE: <https://defenddefenders.org/get-help-2/>)
- **Front Line Defenders:** +353 1 210 0489

## Protection Networks and Ecosystems

- [Protection Ecosystem Map](#)

## Resources on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda

- **UN Women, The Women, Peace and Security Agenda**
- **Security Council Member States' 2024 Statement of Shared Commitments on Women, Peace and Security**
- **Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, Women, Peace and Security Index**
- **NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, Women civil society at the UN Security Council (September–December 2025)**
- **UN Women, Facts and figures: Women, peace, and security**
- **Security Council Report, Women, Peace and Security**
- **Security Council Report, UN Documents for Women, Peace and Security**

## Comprehensive Resources, Guides and Manuals

- **OHCHR's information and annual reports on reprisals:** [ohchr.org/en/reprisals](http://ohchr.org/en/reprisals)
- **UN Women Women's Resilience to Disasters Knowledge Hub:** [wrd.unwomen.org/practice/resources](http://wrd.unwomen.org/practice/resources)
- **Protection International's Protection Manuals:** [protectioninternational.org/tools/protection-manuals/](http://protectioninternational.org/tools/protection-manuals/)
- **Collective Protection Resources for WHRDs (WPHF):** [wphfund.org/collective-protection-whrds](http://wphfund.org/collective-protection-whrds)
- **Gendering Documentation Manual (Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition):** [omct.org/files/2015/12/23505/whrd\\_ic\\_gendering\\_documentation\\_manual\\_1.pdf](http://omct.org/files/2015/12/23505/whrd_ic_gendering_documentation_manual_1.pdf)
- **Recognising and Protecting WHRDs: A Rough Guide to UN General Assembly Resolution 68/181 (International Service for Human Rights):** [ishr.ch/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/roughguide\\_unresolutionwhrds\\_0.pdf](http://ishr.ch/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/roughguide_unresolutionwhrds_0.pdf)

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