



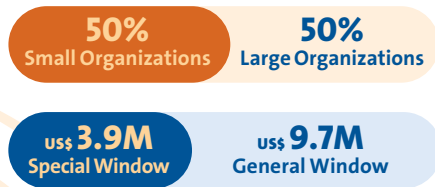
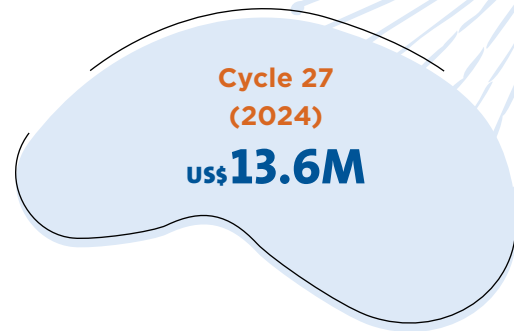
# CYCLE 27 PORTFOLIO BRIEF

## Selected Grants

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women’s Cycle 27 Call for Proposals, launched in December 2023, received a record-breaking 2,889 applications from 130 countries, requesting over US\$1.5 billion – an 80% increase from the previous year.

### Expanded Support

In response to the unprecedented demand, the UN Trust Fund has extended its selection process to cover two funding cycles (2024 and 2025). This dual-cycle approach addresses unmet demand and reduces administrative costs, while offering sustained support as civil society combats violence against marginalized women and girls amid compounding crises, shrinking resources, and increased backlash.



### Advancing Inclusion and Resilience

The 2023 Call for Proposals enhanced accessibility through multilingual webinars for applicants and simplified applications. Two funding windows – one addressing violence against marginalized women and girls, and the other focusing on crisis-affected women and girls - ensured relevant grantmaking. The UN Trust Fund expanded support towards the resilience of organizations and movements, including through increased core funds for small organizations and self-care provisions, while prioritizing geographic diversity for more equitable access across regions.

## Cycle 27 Grants | 2024-2028

**28**

Initiatives

**US\$ 13.6M**

Total Investment

**24**

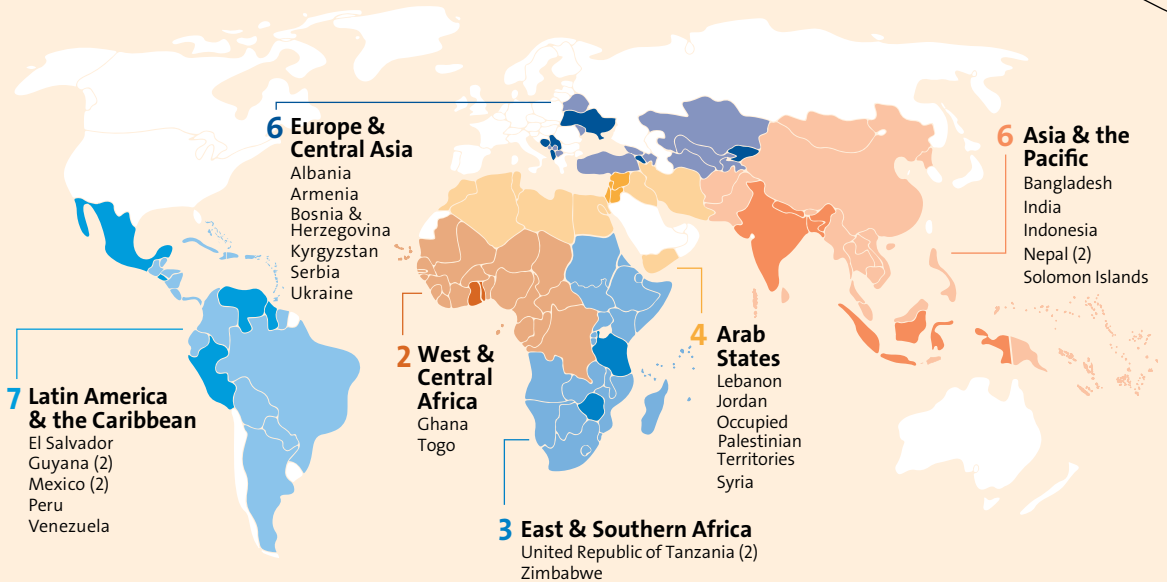
Countries & Territories

**4-year**

Initiatives

**US\$ 150K–1M**

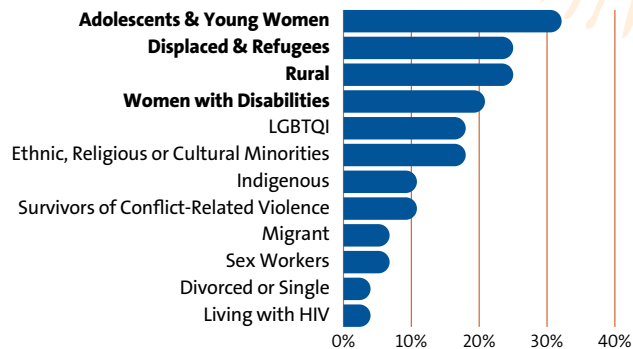
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# CYCLE 27 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## A Diverse and Inclusive Portfolio to Leave No Woman or Girl Behind

The new and diverse portfolio prioritizes underserved women and girls who face significant barriers to accessing vital information and services due to geographical, socioeconomic, and cultural intersecting factors. Nearly one-third of initiatives target girls, adolescents, and young women, recognizing their heightened age-related vulnerabilities. Displaced and refugee women, along with women in rural areas, are identified as key at-risk groups, followed by women and girls with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) women. By focusing on these often-overlooked populations, these interventions acknowledge the intersecting forms of discrimination and violence at play, making a crucial difference in the lives of the most marginalized women and girls.



Intimate Partner Violence  
Sexual Harassment  
Sexual Violence And Abuse  
Forced Marriage  
Electoral Violence  
Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

## Tailored Interventions for Context-Relevant Forms of Violence

From urban women in Jordan experiencing harassment on public transportation to indigenous communities in Guyana's hinterlands, adolescents facing early marriage in Nepal, or women confronted by electoral violence in Tanzania, the new portfolio tackles violence in diverse contexts. Some initiatives address overall gender-based violence escalation due to crises, anti-rights movements, or violent extremism, rather than focusing on specific types of violence.

### Common Trends

**COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH:** Initiatives combine strategies across UN Trust Fund outcome areas, addressing violence systemically. They focus on changing cultural norms that normalize violence and impunity, often through gender transformative approaches. Psychosocial support is the most common service, highlighting the importance of mental health. Legal and policy advocacy aims to enhance protection for women and girls.

**ADDRESSING INTERSECTIONALITY:** Partner strategies take into account factors like disability, ethnicity, and socio-economic status, examining how they intersect with gender and violence. By doing so, they create targeted responses that address unique needs and real-life challenges.

**FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY:** Initiatives prioritize capacity building of key actors, including service providers, local leaders, and women's collectives. They also promote community engagement through protection networks and safe spaces to ensure long-term impact.

**INTEGRATING ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT:** Recognizing the link between economic vulnerability and violence, several initiatives incorporate livelihood support and financial literacy training.

### Innovative Approaches

Interventions propose innovative approaches to gender justice through locally-led solutions with potential for scale, including:

- First-ever direct pathway connecting survivors of conflict-related sexual violence to UN accountability mechanisms for Burmese refugees in **INDIA**
- **SERBIA'S** first dedicated LGBTQI women's crisis hotline, filling a critical support gap
- Self-sustaining market-based one-stop support centers for survivors in **GHANA** through local philanthropy
- Violence survivors in **SYRIA**: from end beneficiaries to designers and leaders of their own prevention models
- Prevention reimaged by indigenous communities through 'artivism' and local seed-planter facilitators in **MEXICO**

## About the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, managed by UN Women on behalf of the UN system, is the only global, multilateral grant-giving mechanism exclusively dedicated to supporting efforts to prevent and end all forms of violence against women and girls.

