



CYCLE 27 PORTFOLIO BRIEF

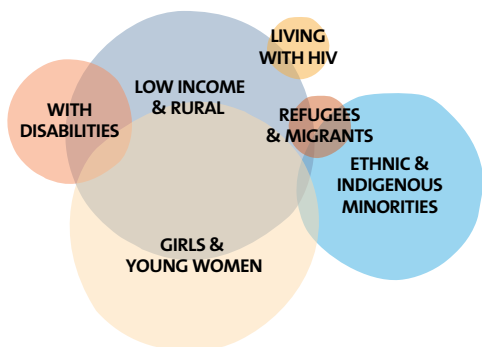
Asia & The Pacific

This regional brief presents the new partners and initiatives under the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women's Cycle 27 (2023) Call for Proposals in Asia and the Pacific. The overall grant portfolio of the UN Trust Fund in this region comprises 25 initiatives with a total value of US\$ 13.2 million (as of December 2024).

6 Partners
5 Countries
4-year Initiatives
us\$3.6M Total Investment

Specialized, Women-Led Organizations Invest for Change

The six new initiatives from Asia and the Pacific constitute 21% of the UN Trust Fund's new portfolio, with 26% of the total budget, allocated through large grants. All organizations awarded are women-led, four being women's rights organizations, one specialized on human rights and one organization of persons with disabilities. One of the initiatives is funded under the special window for crisis-affected women and girls.

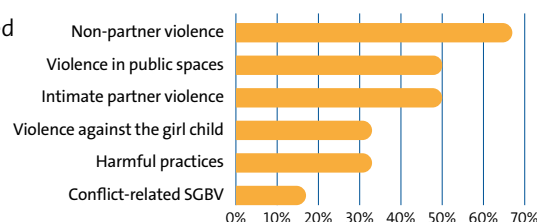


A Diverse and Inclusive Portfolio

This portfolio focuses on reaching women and girls facing intersecting vulnerabilities, who are often excluded from mainstream gender-based violence response services. The selected initiatives target diverse populations, including those facing economic marginalization, ethnic minority and indigenous status, sex workers, women living with HIV/AIDS, people with disabilities, and refugees. Half of the portfolio specifically targets young women and girls.

Localized Responses for Systemic Change

While each initiative addresses context-specific forms of violence - from conflict-related sexual violence in India to dowry violence in Nepal and intimate partner violence across all contexts, they all combine locally-rooted response mechanisms with work to transform institutional barriers, whether through training male advocates in Nepal, establishing provincial committees in the Solomon Islands, or connecting survivors to international accountability mechanisms for Burmese refugees.



2023 Call for Proposals

536
Applications

29
Countries

US\$ 280M
Requested

In December 2023, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women launched a global call for proposals inviting concept notes for initiatives addressing violence against women and girls (VAWG), receiving a record-breaking 2,889 applications.

Proposals from the Asia and the Pacific region represented 19% of total applications, with the largest number coming from Afghanistan, India and Nepal. One in four were received under the special window on violence against crisis-affected women and girls, and the majority were submitted by women- and/or constituent-led organizations. Organizations requested US\$280 million to directly support 125.6 million women and girls in the region, with a focus on survivors of violence, adolescent girls, lowest-income groups, and women and girls living with disabilities. Top forms of violence targeted were harmful practices, sexual harassment, violence in public spaces and institutions, and early marriage.

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NEPAL •

Nepal Disabled Women Association

In Nepal's Madhesh Province, women and girls with disabilities face nearly double the risk of gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence, yet remain excluded from support services. Through this initiative, a consortium of three organizations will pilot accessible gender-based violence response mechanisms in two districts - including specialized counseling, accessible complaint procedures, and sign language interpretation - while mobilizing community champions to transform attitudes and advocating with municipalities to institutionalize disability-inclusive service protocols.

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Tarangini Foundation

Across three Nepali districts where abduction-based forced marriage, dowry violence, and violence against indigenous women persist, this intervention will launch a dual approach to transformation. While establishing comprehensive survivor services - from counseling to livelihoods support - it will mobilize an unusual alliance: networks of trained male advocates working alongside frontline women activists to both shift community attitudes and engage with local authorities to encourage them to fulfill their protection mandates.

INDIA •

The Ara Trust

Following Myanmar's 2021 coup, over 60,000 people fled to India, with women and girls facing acute risks of sexual violence both at their country of origin and during displacement, compounded by their status as unprotected and unrecognized refugees. This intervention aims to transform this landscape in the states hosting the majority of refugees (Mizoram and Delhi) by building an integrated legal support system, training community advocates, and pioneering a first-of-its-kind initiative connecting survivors with UN mechanisms to document conflict-related sexual violence while strengthening local protection services.

• BANGLADESH

Women's Education for Advancement and Empowerment

In Bangladesh's Rangamati Hill District, Indigenous girls and young women (aged 10-25) face heightened vulnerability to gender-based violence, compounded by poor access to health services and limited knowledge of sexual and reproductive health rights. This initiative will establish community learning centers combining in-person and online platforms, while building local networks and capacity of traditional leaders and gatekeepers to improve essential services delivery and transform discriminatory practices in violence-free communities.

• SOLOMON ISLANDS

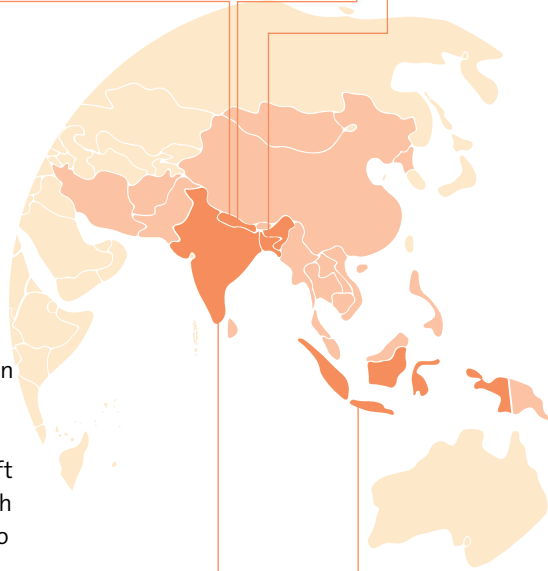
The Family Support Centre Trust Board

In the Solomon Islands, the stark urban-rural divide in gender-based violence services leaves most survivors in remote provinces without access to essential support. This initiative will institutionalize provincial committees across all nine provinces. A locally-rooted model combining counselors, school advocacy partnerships, and a community of practitioners network to strengthen referral systems while building sustainable local capacity for survivor support.

• INDONESIA

Women Solidarity for Humanity and Human Rights

In Indonesia, sex workers, women living with HIV, and gender-diverse individuals endure multiple layers of violence while struggling to access fragmented health and legal services. In partnership with two constituent-led organizations to ensure meaningful engagement of the affected populations, this initiative will bridge this gap by establishing integrated protocols in healthcare facilities, training service providers on inclusive care, and mobilizing community-based networks, while leveraging the momentum of Indonesia's new Sexual Violence Law to secure institutional change.



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.

