



CYCLE 27 PORTFOLIO BRIEF

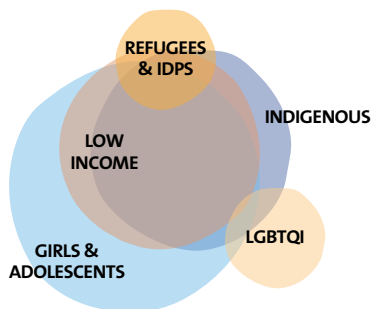
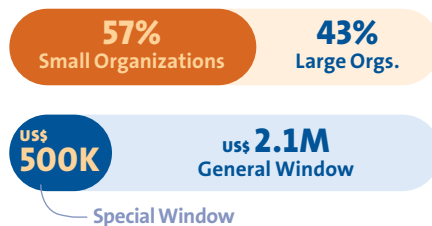
Americas & The Caribbean

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 the Americas and the Caribbean region. The overall grant portfolio of the UN Trust Fund for Cycle 27 comprises 49 initiatives with a total value of US\$ 20.2 million (as of December 2024).

7 Partners | **5** Countries | **4-year** Initiatives | **us\$2.6M** Total Investment

Women-Led, Rights-Based Organizations

Seven new initiatives from the Americas & the Caribbean region constitute 25% of the UN Trust Fund's new project portfolio, with almost 20% of the total budget, the majority allocated through small grants. Organizations awarded are all women-led, predominantly small (57%) and specialized in women's (57%), youth/girls' (29%) and human (14%) rights. Two out of seven are supported under the special funding window for crisis-affected women and girls.

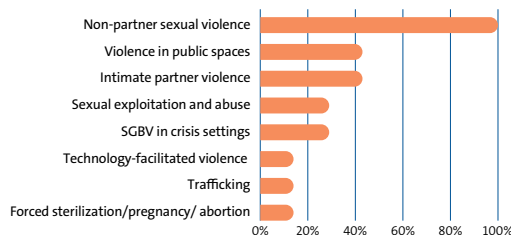


Underserved Youth at the Center

This regional portfolio has a strong focus on impoverished adolescents and young women, predominantly addressing violence against underserved communities such as indigenous, LGBTQI or those in remote or crisis-affected areas. Interventions uniquely combine attention to urban and rural contexts, addressing violence in public spaces and educational settings, while emphasizing the role of feminist collectives and women's organizations in reaching marginalized communities.

Community-Based & Collective Approaches to Prevent Sexual Violence

The initiatives focus on prevention and community-based approaches, combining direct support services with efforts to change discriminatory social norms and improve institutional responses. They address sexual violence affecting adolescent girls and often tackle multiple, intersecting forms of violence. Organizations prioritize building local leadership and resilience through various models, such as indigenous women "seed-planters" in Mexico, community-based advocacy centers in Guyana, and youth-led feminist collectives in Peru, while also addressing intersecting forms of discrimination.



2023 Call for Proposals

434 Applications
26 Countries
US\$ 238M 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 Americas & the Caribbean region represented 15% of total applications, with the largest number coming from Colombia, Mexico and Argentina. Almost one in five (19%) were received under the special window on violence against crisis-affected women and girls, and most were submitted by women-led organizations. Organizations requested US\$238 million to directly support 13 million women and girls in the region, with a focus on survivors of violence, adolescent girls, lowest-income groups, and women and girls experiencing racial discrimination. Top forms of violence targeted were intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and violence in public spaces and institutions, non-partner sexual violence and violence against girls.

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MEXICO

Infancia Común

In Mexico's Chiapas region, where 6.4 million women experienced sexual abuse before age 15, indigenous girls remain particularly vulnerable. This initiative will establish a prevention program in eight schools using innovative arts-based and experiential learning methods. Through a network of indigenous women "seed-planters" who will co-create culturally-appropriate prevention tools, and multi-level engagement with teachers and parents, it aims to create protective environments while strengthening girls' knowledge about bodily autonomy.

MEXICO

Centro de Investigaciones en Salud de Comitán AC

Addressing psychological and sexual violence against internally displaced indigenous women and girls in Chiapas, Mexico, this initiative will operate at three levels: creating safe dialogue spaces for survivors through feminist popular education, strengthening mental health services through culturally-appropriate protocols, and transforming community attitudes. With differentiated approaches for women (18-50) and adolescent girls (10-17), it will build protection networks while training health workers and civil protection services to provide trauma-informed care.

EL SALVADOR

Asociación Ameyalli

In El Salvador, where two-thirds of women experience sexual violence and patriarchal systems limit girls' access to justice, this initiative will empower adolescents and young women to challenge discriminatory practices in three departments. Through innovative play-based methodologies, it will create safe spaces where they can strengthen their mental health and understanding of their rights, while building their capacity as advocates. By training youth organizations and engaging teachers, it will foster sustainable, youth-led movements for gender equality.

PERU

Demus Estudio Para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer

Growing anti-rights movements in Peru's decision-making spaces are threatening gender equality advances. This initiative will respond by strengthening primary prevention strategies led by feminist collectives in three regions, with particular focus on LGBTQI women facing discrimination due to disability, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Through "artivism" and digital activism approaches, it aims to dismantle discriminatory social patterns while building evidence for policy change and creating spaces for intersectional advocacy.

VENEZUELA

Fundación Centro de Estudios de Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos

In Venezuela's Valles del Tuy region, 70% of poor households are led by women, with gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy rates soaring amidst economic crisis. This initiative will establish three safe spaces operated by trained community leaders, providing trauma counseling and legal support to adolescent girls and women. Through services and capacity building of health workers, police, and educators, it will strengthen local response while addressing harmful gender norms that perpetuate violence.

GUYANA

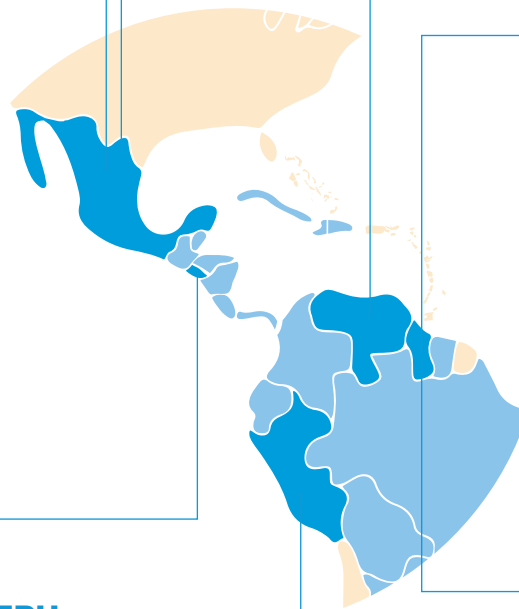
Help & Shelter

In Guyana's Berbice region, where 55% of women experience violence with limited access to support services, women from underserved communities face intersecting barriers including disability and economic dependency. This initiative will strengthen GBV response through trauma-informed counseling and comprehensive support services, while training health workers, police, and community leaders, reaching over 1,100 people. Through skills development programmes and economic empowerment, it will help women break free from cycles of abuse.

GUYANA

ChildLink Inc.

In Guyana's isolated indigenous regions, girls and women face high rates of sexual violence and exploitation, worsened by limited public services and harmful patriarchal norms that normalize abuse. This initiative will establish six community support centers, operated by trained indigenous women volunteers, prioritizing assistance to girls through trauma counseling and court support. Through multi-disciplinary teams and grassroots advocacy, it will build the first coordinated response system for these underserved regions, reaching over 5,000 people.



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.

