

THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF WOMEN FUND TANZANIA (WFT TRUST)

CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROMOTION OF WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN TANZANIA 2026

The Registered Trustees of Women Fund Tanzania (WFT Trust) is the first national feminist Fund in the country and the only funding support mechanism, started by women, for women, girls, and children. The Fund seeks to achieve lasting feminist gains by addressing the root causes of unequal power relations, including gender-based inequalities, and other oppressive systems, attitudes, and social norms in various fields. We do this through funding women's rights organisations, girls', and children's rights organisations and movement(s), and other social justice movements to be able to amplify voices and organise for collective transformative action to achieve progressive social change with agency.

WFT-T, in collaboration with Msichana Initiative and Cuso International, through the support of Global Affairs Canada, is implementing a 5-year project named Renewed Women's Voices and Leadership Project (RWVL- T), which aims to support local women's rights organizations (WROs) and young feminist-led organizations (YFOs) working towards the rights of women and girls. In Tanzania, the first RWVL Program was implemented in 2019-2024 with a core aim of emphasizing capacity-building and policy advocacy to enhance empowerment for women and girls.

Currently under the Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership Project (RWVL-T) Project (2025- 2030) is working towards achieving the following key project outcomes;

- Enhanced organizational sustainability of local WROs and YFOs organizations to deliver their gender equality (GE) mandates
- Strengthened programming and advocacy of WROs / YFOs to advance gender equality and empower women and girls
- Increased effectiveness of sub-national, national, regional, and global women's rights platforms, networks, and alliances to affect policy, legal, and social change.

Who can apply

WFT Trust and Msichana Initiative Organization (MIO) is accepting applications from Women's rights and young-feminist led organisations, and community-based organisations, working on the feminist agenda, while championing the rights of women and girls. Applications are accepted from organisations that are based and operating in Tanzania. For more information, kindly visit our websites: <https://wftrust.or.tz> and <https://msichana.or.tz>

Key thematic areas for funding in 2026 are:

- 1. Strengthening Women and Young Feminists Participation in Leadership and decision making-** addressing existing and emerging issues that prevent women and young feminists to fully participate in leadership and decision making processes including challenging systems and structures, norms and traditions as well as negative perceptions and the power dynamics that prevent women and young feminists from assuming leadership roles in decision making positions in their communities, corporates, and other public spaces of service.
- 2. Violence against women, girls, and young feminists** –with a focus on addressing sexual corruption/sexortion, femicide (killing of women and girls based on gender), online gender-based violence (cyberbullying), mental health-related violence on women, girls, young feminists, especially those affected by constraining cultural violence and discourses in rural and urban communities. This also includes educational justice and rights - disrupting cultural and institutional inequalities that prevent women, girls, and young feminists from equal and full participation in education, including rape culture, teen pregnancies, child marriage, and initiatives to support girls' re-entry into formal school systems.
- 3. Movement Building and Strengthening** – Interventions that promote growth and deepening of feminist based movements which adopts intersectional, intergenerational and inclusive approaches in accelerating transformative and feminist changes within the women's, young feminists' and children movement(s), and between these movements and other social movements including those working on advancing disability rights, children's rights, reproductive health rights, and environmental justice for collective interventions and actions towards advancing feminist outcomes in transforming negative cultural attitudes, social norms, and public discourses as well as policy and legal frameworks which perpetuates these ills at different levels.
- 4. Economic Justice and Sustainability** – breaking policy and cultural barriers that limit women, girls, and young feminists' effective economic participation and prevent them from benefiting from broader economic sectors such as oil, gas, and extractives. This also includes engagement in broader policy strategies aimed at promoting women, girls', and young feminists' voices and participation in gender budgeting initiatives, and financial inclusion services in different sectors.
- 5. Environmental justice and gender** – addressing policies, laws, and cultural challenges facing women and young girls in exercising their voice and agency, including addressing adverse effects of environmental degradation with a particular focus on climate change and land rights for women, girls, and young feminists across Tanzania.
- 6. Promotion of Reproductive Health Rights** – Applications are open for interventions that promote rights based and feminist focused approaches that address reproductive rights and for social movement(s) building that enhance the capacity of key actors to advocate for issues denying women, adolescent girls' and young feminists access to relevant and gender sensitive information, reproductive health rights including but not limited to services, informed decision making, agency, participation and enabling them to

implement strategies to enhance access to marginalised groups including disability and select others.

Grant Application Windows:

1. MEDIUM-SCALE WINDOW

Projects under this Window should focus on initiatives for supporting women's, girls', and children's rights organisations to build/strengthen relevant conceptual and organisational capacities, and expertise for networking and knowledge sharing with the women's, girls', and young feminist movements.

- The grant period should be between 6 months and 1 year.
- Must aim at giving voice and visibility to women, young feminists, and girls on marginalised issues as stipulated in the call for a proposal
- The window is open to women and young feminists led initiatives at the local and national levels, which need funds for organisational strengthening, including building on an initial project or a new project that addresses the mentioned thematic focus areas on the call for proposal, as well as strengthening strategic alliances and networks in the women's and young feminists' movements at different levels

2. STRATEGIC WINDOW

The Strategic Window is meant for funding longer-term projects/interventions of up to 2 years in duration and for activities that target feminist movement/platform/coalition-building efforts. The window can also be used to support WROs and YFOs that are growing and need support with core funding to build institutional and organisational capacity. In particular, graduating middle window recipients and National level WROs (National level Women's Rights Organizations, Young Feminists Organizations with a potential for movement building that includes reach, agenda setting, and constituent base - building interventions) are more suited to this window because of their relative growth and mandate in movement or coalition/platform building work.

The grant in this window can also be sought to support cross-movement work within the various women, girls, and children's movements. Feminist WROs possessing relevant institutional capacity, expertise, networking, and local knowledge to work with other partners (both local and national) to strengthen women's movement-building strategies across sectors are encouraged to apply. Within this frame, we are accepting proposals aimed at initiating and scaling up interventions that promote collective/joint advocacy actions, cross-border platforms, collective networking, and learning within the various sectors of women and girls' and children's movement/s in the country.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Applicants should strive to reflect in their proposals the key guiding principles outlined below:

I. MISSION ALIGNED

Partners who share our aspiration of contributing towards the elimination of gender inequalities, discriminatory practices, and processes through capacity enhancement and women's and young feminist movement building, and whose work fits within our identified thematic areas.

II. CLARITY ON THE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE PROJECT

- The proposal should ensure a strong link between the problem to be addressed and the strategies and measurable results anticipated from the project
- The proposal should reflect multi-stakeholder participation (within the women's and young feminists movements as well as across other movements) in the formulation and implementation of forming/strengthening functional advocacy efforts, networks, coalitions, and platforms
- The proposal should use models that demonstrate sustainability, innovation, replicability, and scaling up potential
- Your proposals should include strategic use of local, regional, and international days as opportunities and platforms to amplify your projects like the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, International Day of the Girl Child, International Day of Rural Women, and other key moments which promote women's and girls' rights etc.

How to Apply:

Please visit Women Fund Tanzania Trust website (<https://wftrust.or.tz>) and Msichana Initiative (<https://msichana.or.tz>) to submit your grant application.

Application for these Grants will follow this process:

All applications must be submitted online through the Grants section on the Women Fund Tanzania Trust website. Applicants are required to click the "Apply" button under the Grants section and complete the online application form as instructed

Any enquiries should be made through mobile phone: **+255 753 912 130**

Please note:

No offer, payment, gift, consideration, or benefits of any kind, which constitutes or could be construed as an illegal or fraudulent practice, will be made, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement or reward for the success of an application.

The deadline for submission shall be on Wednesday, **April 6th, 2026 at 4:00 pm local time.**

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified before **31st June**