

Strategic grant

Our Strategic grants support sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) activism at a global or regional level to ensure this activism is coordinated with and represents the grassroots.

Strategic grants build partnerships within the international SRHR movement to support local civil society in need of extra help. The grants spark fresh activism and facilitate the sharing of expertise and experience across borders. In an increasingly connected world, regional or global institutions play a large role in shaping policies and social norms. These global policies and norms influence SRHR advocacy opportunities at national or local community levels.

We offer a small number of Strategic grants based on funding availability. Each grant is worth up to EUR2 million over 24 months. Please see the specific eligibility criteria listed in the sections below for each Network grant call.

Eligible countries

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Republic Of, Congo, The Democratic Republic of the, Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, The, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Rules and eligibility

Strategic Grants can be held by organisations based anywhere in the world. In the most recent funding round, over 50% of Strategic Grants went to organisations from the Global South.

Applicants must have a proven track record and capability in advocating for SRHR. They need to be able to work across multiple regions around the world.

The annual value of a Strategic grant cannot exceed 50% of the organisation's average annual expenditure over the past three years.

What are we looking for?

Specific guidance is provided in each call for proposals to the Strategic Grant.

Successful applications need to support:

- **Global policy-making:** by helping bring individuals and civil society organisations in the Global South to the attention of policy-makers within global or regional policy forums
- **Awareness:** enabling citizens and civil society to make the case for SRHR
- **Evidence generation:** contributing to the global body of evidence that shapes SRHR
- **Capacity building:** strengthening the effectiveness of local civil society organisations
- **Leadership development:** investing in the pipeline of new leaders, supporting and developing talented new leaders
- **Innovation:** increasing access to services for groups who are marginalised or discriminated against to demonstrate 'proof of concept' for wider adoption
- **Connections:** increasing partnerships between groups to build stronger SRHR movements

Application process

Applicants are required to submit an expression of interest with a basic outline of the proposed activities. These are reviewed by our Independent Technical Review Panel (TRP) and a shortlist of applicants is invited to submit a full proposal – also reviewed by our TRP.

