

Seville, April 30th, 2025

To the Member States of the United Nations
and the various stakeholders
to the 4th International Conference
on Financing for Development

Subject: Defend gender equality by strengthening sustainable funding for feminist organizations: the example of the FSOF, the support fund established by France

In two months from today, the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) will be held in Seville (June 30th - July 3rd). This event, and the long process leading up to it, are critical for the future of our societies in many ways.

With this letter, we want to highlight an issue that has become all the more crucial in the current context of violent and coordinated attacks on gender equality.

We call on the Member States of the United Nations and all stakeholders to the conference to adopt two resolute positions: not to go backwards on gender equality, and to rebuild a financial architecture that supports the achievement of gender equality within an acceptable time frame.

First of all, not going backwards means that the states that usually defend gender equality must assert their position, use all their diplomatic influence, and refuse to sacrifice gender equality as a bargaining chip in the negotiations. States that have not mobilized on the subject in recent years must realize the seriousness of the moment and commit openly. Silence and inaction are no longer an option. As for the states leading the attacks on gender equality, we firmly call on them to cease their formal or informal, explicit or covert actions, and to comply with the principles set forth in the preamble to the UN Charter.

Secondly, we need to work collectively to close the huge funding gap that continues to keep women, girls and LGBTQIA+ people in situations of vulnerability. Back in 2023, UN Women estimated that, at the current rate of progress, it would take almost 300 years to achieve gender equality. All stakeholders - governments, multilateral organizations and banks, private foundations, etc. - must contribute to this effort immediately.

In line with the “[common ask framework](#)” established in early 2025 by a variety of feminist organizations and funds, we emphasize that it is crucial to integrate a gender lens into all dimensions of financing for development, including through gender-sensitive budgets.

Within five years, it is essential to invest a minimum of 20% of overall allocable bilateral assistance in initiatives that have gender equality as the principal objective, of which 10% must go directly to women’s rights organizations, networks and funds.

Most of the 268 associations signing this letter, based in 61 countries, have received direct or indirect funding from the support fund for feminist organizations (FSOF) launched by the French government in 2020. So far, this mechanism has reached over 1,400 formal and informal associations in 75 countries.

The FSOF has recently been subject to budget cuts, in a context of the collapse of global ODA. French civil society organizations are campaigning for the fund to at least be restored to its original level in the medium term. Alongside their civil society partners all over the world and the French public authorities, they are working to make the mechanism even fairer and more efficient, focusing on key issues such as, flexibility, localization of aid, and decolonial approaches.

The FSOF is one example among others. This type of mechanism, dedicated to support feminist organizations, must be strengthened and replicated on a larger scale. This could be an inspiration for the European Union, in particular.

However, comparable initiatives, despite being fairly recent, are on the verge of disappearing. It is precisely because our ecosystem needs multiple initiatives working toward the same goal that many organizations, with no connection to the FSOF, have also endorsed this letter.

The organizations signing this letter will carry these demands throughout the process leading up to Seville. It is now up to all other stakeholders to listen and to take swift and massive action against attacks on gender equality.

The Madrid conference on “Financing Feminist Futures” in October 2025 will then be an opportunity to consolidate the monitoring mechanism on these issues.

We look forward to discussing this subject.

Yours sincerely,

268 signatory organizations and networks in 61 countries:

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Abalamban	Bangladesh
ABEPAD	Mauritania
ABOYA	Senegal
Actions Concrètes pour un Réel Développement (ACoRD ONG)	Benin
Actions pour la Réinsertion Sociale de la Femme "ARSF"	the Democratic Republic of the Congo
ADDAD	Guinea
Africa Future Mindes - AFUMI	Benin
Afrique Arc-En-Ciel Guinée	Guinea
AFRO-Benin	Benin
Agir pour la Santé Sexuelle en Guinée	Guinea
Akahata - Equipo de trabajo en sexualidades y géneros	Argentina
Alfec	Ivory Coast
Alliance for Conflict Transformation (ACT)	Cambodia
Alliance des Femmes Battantes	Benin
Alliance Globale pour la Protection de l'Enfant et de la Femme (AGPEF Togo)	Togo
AMAFF	Morocco

AMSOPT	Mali
Anecap	Chile
APASIC ONG	Benin
ASDAM (Association pour le développement des assistantes de maison, femmes et filles mères désœuvrées au Cameroon)	Cameroon
Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP)	India
Asociación Colectivo Unidad Color Rosa	Honduras
Asociación por los derechos de las mujeres (ADEM)	Argentina
Asociación trabajadoras del hogar	the Dominican Republic
Asso AKLALA Batik	Togo
Association de défense des droits des aides ménagères et domestiques en Mauritanie	Mauritania
Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc	Morocco
Association au Secours des Filles Mères (ASFM)	Cameroon
Association aucune grossesse en milieu scolaire	Burkina Faso
Association BIG MAMA	Togo
Association BIOWA	Benin
Association El Nada pour l'accueil et l'insertion des femmes en situation difficile	Morocco
Association Ennakhil	Morocco
Association de Lutte contre les Violences faites aux femmes et aux filles Cameroon	Cameroon
Association Femmes et Défis pour le Bien être (AFDB)	Burkina Faso
Association FIDA (Femmes Intéressées au Développement d'Antalaha)	Madagascar
Association JAIE	Benin
Association Mauritanienne pour la santé de la Mère et de l'enfant (AMSME)	Mauritania
Association Mauritanienne pour le Développement, Aide et Assistance Sociale (AMD2AS)	Mauritania
Association Nabta Maroc	Morocco
Association Oeulfeminin	Chad
Association pour l'Appui au Développement Rural (AADR)	Madagascar

Association pour la défense des droits des aides ménagères et domestiques ADDAD Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
Association pour l'émancipation des filles du centre ouest	Burkina Faso
Association pour les Droits et le Bien-être de la Femme (ADBEF)	Burkina Faso
Association pour les Droits et l'inclusion sociale des serveuses de bars et restaurants (ADISS-ONG)	Benin
Association Racine Féminine	Togo
Association sourires de Femmes	Cameroon
Association tunisienne des femmes démocrates	Tunisia
Association Vehivavy Mivoatra Liam-Pivoarana	Madagascar
ASTRADOMES	Costa Rica
ATRAHDOM	Guatemala
BATIK International	France
Beyond Beijing Committee	Nepal
Bonhishikha	Bangladesh
CARE France	France
Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir	Argentina
CEDAW Committee of Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago
Cellule Nigérienne des Jeunes filles leaders	Niger
Center for Reproductive Rights	Global
Centre d'Aide et de Lutte contre les Agressions Sexuelles au Benin (CALAS Benin)	Benin
Centre d'Aide et de Lutte contre les Violences faites aux Femmes (CALVIF)	Benin
Centre de Développement et de la Promotion de la Femme	Chad
Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy	Germany
Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS)	Bangladesh
Centro de Promoción de la Mujer Gregoria Apaza	Bolivia
Centrul FILIA	Romania
CeRADIS	Benin
Cercle des jeunes filles	Senegal
Ceylon Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs	Sri Lanka
Chaska asbl	Belgium
Chirapaq / Continental network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA)	North America, Central America, South America
Citoyennes pour la Promotion et Défense des Droits des Enfants, Femmes et Minorités (CPDEFM)	Senegal
Citoyenneté-Elles	Mali
Cœur De Sœurs	Ivory Coast
Closet de Sor Juana	Mexico
Club des Féministes de Macenta - CFM	Guinea

Club des Jeunes Filles Leaders de Guinée	Guinea
Colectiva Sorda Feministas Ecuador	Ecuador
Community Association for Vulnerable Persons (CAVP)	Cameroon
Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD)	Bangladesh
Confederación Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Trabajadoras del Hogar	Brazil
Conectando Derechos	Argentina
Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA)	Peru
Coopérative Communale des étuveuses de riz Ouesse (CCER)	Benin
Coopérative GALIDOLE	Benin
Coopérative OLA OLUWA	Benin
Coopérative de Prestation des Services Agricoles (CoPSA) GBENONKPO	Benin
Corporación Femm	Colombia
Corporación Miles	Chile
Courageous Sisters Ghana	Ghana
CRADEC	Cameroon
Dêkpêxo	Benin
Desculottées	France
Development Agenda for Girls and Women in Africa Network	Zimbabwe
Domésticas Unidas	USA
Dhaka Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DWCCI)	Bangladesh
ELLES Cameroon	Cameroon
Elles du Sahel	Belgium
Empow'Her	France
Enda Colombia	Colombia
End FGM European Network	Europe
ENVOL-Association Action Santé T Benin	Benin
Equipop	France, Senegal, Burkina Faso
Existimos	Ecuador
Ewing independent center for empowering women and children	Sri Lanka
Federación de Mujeres de Sucumbíos (FMS)	Ecuador
Federación Nacional de Trabajadoras y Trabajadores del Hogar Remunerados del Perú (Fentrahogarp)	Peru
Fédération pour la Promotion Féminine et Enfantine (FPFE)	Madagascar

Feminist Diplomacy Lab	Germany / Global
Femmes Artisanes de la Paix	the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Femmes d'Actions pour un Monde Meilleur (FAMM)	Benin
Femmes Entraide & Autonomie	France
Femme Forte Uganda	Uganda
Fenamutrah unfetrah	The Dominican Republic
Festival Sport Culture Développement FSCD ONG	the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Fetradomov Nicaragua	Nicaragua
FIDH	Global
Fundación Mujer & Mujer	Ecuador
Fundeps	Argentina
Fonds pour les Femmes en Méditerranée	France
Front pour l'Egalité et les Droits des Femmes	Tunisia
Fundación Arcoiris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual	Mexico
Geres	France
Girls Engaged in Medicine and other Sciences (GEMS)	Niger
GIRLxGIRL	Thailand
Global Citizen	USA
Global Women's Health, Rights and Empowerment Initiative (GWHREI)	Nigeria
Gouttes Rouges	Ivory Coast
Green The Environment	Bangladesh
Grupo Visión Nocturna	Uruguay
Hadas Cuidadoras de Antofagasta	Chile
Health Development Consultancy Services (HEDECS)	Cameroon
Hirondelle Club Togo	Togo
Hivos	the Netherlands
Initiatives des Jeunes pour le Bien-Etre de la Femme et de l'Enfant	Guinea
Initiative Pananetugri pour le Bien-être de la Femme (IPBF)	Burkina Faso
Initiatives pour un Développement Intégré Durable (IDID)	Benin
Initiatives pour la Protection des Droits des Femmes	Marrocco
Initiative pour la Santé de la Reproduction	Mauritania
Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir	Mexico
International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) - Africa Region	Kenya

Jeunes Filles Actrices de Développement (JFAD)	Benin
Kaani Assistance	the Democratic Republic of the Congo
KIMPAVITA	Senegal
La Colombe	Togo
La convergence pour le développement durable	Guinea
Lady Saving Group	Cambodia
Las Hijas de Pandora	Ecuador
La voix de la femme AMAZIGHE	Morocco
LEADAFRICAINES	Ivory Coast
Leap Girl Africa	Cameroon
Les Flambeaux	Benin
Ligue Nigérienne des Droits des Femmes	Niger
Ligue tchadienne des droits des femmes	Chad
MADE'L Corporation	Benin
Maison de la démocratie et des droits de l'homme	Guinea
Mali WOYE	Mali
Manodiversa	Bolivia
Marche Mondiale des femmes/Action Nationale du Burkina Faso (MMF/ANBF)	Burkina Faso
Matai Society	India
MenEngage Global Alliance	Global
Mouvement citoyen FEMIN-IN	Burkina Faso
Mouvement Femina Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
Movimiento de mujeres dominico-haitianas	the Dominican Republic
Mujer Ideal	Equatorial Guinea
Nabodigonto Nari Unnyan Sangstha (NNUS)	Bangladesh
NÈGÈS MAWON	Haiti
Network Empowerment for Young Generation Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone
Nosotr@s Connecticut/ Domestic Workers	USA
Oasis	USA
ONG Actuelles	Ivory Coast
ONG ALAFIA	Togo
ONG Appui aux Initiatives Locales (AIL)	Togo
ONG CPDEFM	Ivory Coast
ONG ECLOSION	Benin
ONG FAD	Niger
ONG GRAINES SÉNÉGAL	Senegal
ONG HÊRÊ	Ivory Coast
ONG LIBERTAS	Benin
ONG MILOGO	Ivory Coast

ONG OLA Africa	Benin
ONG SAHKAL	Chad
ORAF	Ivory Coast
Organisation Féministe MARIJÀN	Haiti
Organisation de secours aux handicapés de Guinée	Guinea
Phoenix Pride RDC	the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Planning familial France	France
Plataforma de Mujeres Igualdad	Ecuador
Plateforme Droits Humains	France
Polycom Girls Development Project	Kenya
Public and Private Development Center	Nigeria
Purnima	Bangladesh
Purple Royale: Trans Voices Amplified	Zimbabwe
Quartiers du Monde	France
QueeriséEs	France
QueerWorx	Lesotho
Rainbow Railroad	Canada, USA
Raise Your Voice CBO	Kenya
Red de Incidencia Internacional por los Derechos LGBTI+	Mexico
Red de Jóvenes para la Incidencia Política (INCIDEJOVEN)	Guatemala
Red de mujeres Empleadas del Hogar A.C.	Mexico
Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe - RSMLAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
Red Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos (RedLAC)	Latin America Region (Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Honduras, Paraguay, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico)
Red LB Bol	Bolivia
Red LESLAC - Red de Organizaciones de Lesbianas y Bisexuales de Latinoamerica y el Caribe	Latin America and the Caribbean
Red mujeres nicaraguense	Costa Rica
Rede Nacional de Mulheres Negras no Combate à Violência	Brazil
RedTraSex	Paraguay
RESCUE AND HOPE	Benin
Réseau d'Associations pour la Promotion des Droits de la Femme (RAPDFEM RDC)	the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Réseau des femmes ambassadrices et médiatrices des territoires pour la paix (REFAM-TP)	the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Réseau des Femmes et Développement	Togo
Réseau des Jeunes Femmes et Filles Leaders au Tchad (REJEFFT)	Chad
Réseau pour l'Intégration des Femmes des ONG et Associations Africaines (RIFONGA-Bénin)	Benin
Réseau Ivoirien des Jeunes contre le Sida	Ivory Coast
Réseau Paix et Sécurité pour les Femmes de l'Espace CEDEAO (REPSFECO Benin)	Benin
Restless Development	United Kingdom
ROAJELF -BURKINA	Burkina Faso
Sarah 7achak.maroc	Morocco
Sauti Ya Wanawake Pwani- Organisation(Women Voices Grassroot movement)	Kenya
Savie ASBL NGO LGBTQ DRC	the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Sendika Nasinalin'ny Mpiasa An-Trano Malagasy (SENAMAMA)	Madagascar
Senegal Action Feministe (SENAF)	Senegal
Sharbojonin Unnayon Shangastha (SUnS)	Bangladesh
Shustha Jibon (SJ)	Bangladesh
Sindicato de trabajadoras domésticas y de los programas de el Salvador	El Salvador
Sindicato de trabajadoras independientes del trabajo doméstico similares y a cuenta propia	Guatemala
Sindicato gremial de trabajadoras y trabajadores del servicio doméstico y similares (SINGRETRADS)	Panama
SIN.PE.CAF	Argentina
Sintracap La Serena	Chile
SITRADOM	Guatemala
Sourc'elles	France
SOS Africaines en Danger	France
Spectrum	France
Stella's Girls	USA, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia
Stop au Chat Noir	Ivory Coast
Taafé vision	Burkina Faso
The Accelerator for GBV Prevention	USA
Trans Arc En Ciel Guinée	Guinea
Uluntu Africa	Nigeria
Unidad sindical de mujeres activas (UMISIMAD/CNUS)	the Dominican Republic
Union Communale des Transformatrices de Manioc en Gari et ses dérivés de Ouessè (UCTMGO)	Benin
Union de l'action féministe	Morocco

Unión nacional de trabajadoras del hogar y afines UNTHA	Ecuador
United Funding and Development for Underage Mothers (UFDUM)	Liberia
Value Health Africa	Cameroon
Wagayway Equality	the Philippines
WarkhaTV-	Senegal
Women's Coalition Türkiye	Turkey
Women & Girls Capabilities & Empowerment Organization	Nigeria
Women EdTech	Benin, Togo
Women for Green Economy Movement Uganda	Uganda
Women's Health and Equal Rights Initiative (WHER)	Nigeria
WomenHope	Benin
Women Human Rights Defenders Hub	Kenya
Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition	Global
Women in Global Health Niger	Niger
Women in Nexus	Niger
Women's association Alga	Kyrgyzstan
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom UK (WILPF UK)	Royaume-Uni
World Vision Chad	Chad
WREPA	Kenya
WUNRN - Women's UN Report Network	Global
Yeewi association	Senegal
Yokoumi Togo	Togo
Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights	Canada
Youth for Road Safety	the Netherlands