



**DIRECTORY OF
EMERGENCY/RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS:
Rest and Respite Programs
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1. Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme (AEDH)

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Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme ((AEDH) Working Together for Human Rights) Emergency Fund provides shelter and other support to HRDs in great danger.</p> <p>The Fund is, for example, used for emergency evacuation to/ shelter in Lyon and for temporary relocation of HRDs in their country/sub-region but can also be used for other responses such as providing HRDs with legal or medical assistance or other support in their country and/or region.</p> <p>Since its beginnings in 1999, 300 HRDs and their family members, totalling 700 people, have benefitted from this Fund.</p> <p>Furthermore, a new initiative has recently been created for an emergency temporary shelter program for Lyon and is aimed to commence in April 2012.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	Global (with a focus on Africa and Latin America)
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs (shelter is mostly for urgent protection needs) • Rest and Respite • Legal assistance • Medical assistance intervention with authorities in HRDs country or region origin
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>Identification of HRDs through local NGOs and international NGOs such as Amnesty International, Front Line, FIDH, Protection International, Human Rights Watch and Christian Aid.</p> <p>An application by email from the HRD or someone representing the HRD is required.</p> <p>A selection Board composed of AEDH members screens applications and assesses needs for shelter.</p>
Restrictions	N/A

2. Amnesty International (AI)

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Description of Urgent Funding Program	Through its 'Campaigns Program / Relief program' and Africa HRD Program at Amnesty International's (AI's) International Secretariat, AI provides shelter and financial assistance to a limited number of HRDs in Spain (main shelter program), The Netherlands (presently on an ad hoc basis and possibly in the future as partner in the Dutch shelter city program if funding is retained) and Benin (only a few places and mostly used for HRDs from francophone Africa)). AI first and foremost seeks to find solutions for HRDs in their country of origin or in the region.
Geographic Areas Covered	Global
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories (incl. WHRDs/LGBT) Beneficiaries also include: victims/survivors of human rights violations or abuses and their relatives
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite (Benin) • Urgent appeals • Emergency support • Preventive security measures incl. security training • Legal assistance
Fund Request Process and Response Time	AI HQ / International Secretariat Relief Coordinator and its Field Representations identify, screen and refer HRDs at risk to AI Spain which in turn provides shelter. Amnesty International, International Secretariat and its Relief Coordination team decides on the case.
Restrictions	N/A

3. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)

Contact Information	<p>Mailing address: Head Office Rue de Varembe 1, 2nd Floor 1202 Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand: Phone: +66 (0)2 653 2940-1 Fax: +66 (0)2 653 2942</p> <p>General e-mail: info@forum-asia.org Web source: www.forum-asia.org</p>
Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>FORUM-ASIA provides urgent assistance and protection to HRDs at risk (up to 4000 USD for temporary relocation).</p> <p>Relocation is planned together with member organizations and often to a neighbouring country so that the HRD can continue travelling back to their country of origin to continue their work.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	Asia
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories with special focus on WHRDs
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite • Trial observations • Legal assistance
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>Individual applications</p> <p>The applicant will need to demonstrate that other protection measures are inadequate.</p> <p>Only for members of FORUM Asia or partner organisations</p>
Restrictions	

4. Centre for Applied Human Rights (CAHR), University of York

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Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>The Centre for Applied Human Rights (CAHR) at the University of York hosts HRDs-at-risk who follow training and education programs and contribute to the activities of the centre. The program allows the HRDs to rest and seeks to build their capacity and give them tools they can use upon their return.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	Global
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite <p>Other CAHR activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA in Applied Human Rights • LLM in International Human Rights Law and Practice • Research programs generate collaboration across disciplines and among academics and practitioners in the following fields: human rights defenders, human rights and development, transitional justice, health and human rights, refugee law. PhD applications are invited in these and other related fields. • The Journal of Human Rights Practice (Oxford University Press) is based at the Centre. • Follow up with the HRDs regarding their activities after their return
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>Internal referrals by approximately 30 nominating civil society organizations of which many are in the field. Selection criteria: the HRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently undertakes significant human rights activities; • Has a clear, realistic and useful plan for what to achieve during the fellowship; • Has a clear, realistic and useful plan for what to achieve upon return home; • Would benefit from the human rights education CAHR can offer; • Provides a strategic benefit to CAHR
Restrictions	

5. Chinese Human Rights Defenders

Contact Information	Mailing address: Chinese Human Rights Defenders PO Box 1905 Washington, DC 20013 USA General e-mail: contact@chrdnet.com Web source: http://chrdnet.com
Description of Urgent Funding Program	CHRD supports HRDs in China through organizing trainings on international human rights instruments and protections for human rights defenders. CHRD operates a small emergency grants program which provides legal aid and emergency assistance to victims of human rights abuses.
Geographic Areas Covered	China
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection• Rest and respite• Advocacy and media outreach• Urgent appeals• Legal assistance• Capacity building
Fund Request Process and Response Time	
Restrictions	

6. Coalition for African Lesbians (CAL)

Contact Information	Mailing address: 22 Hoofd Street Old Historic Building Braampar Johannesburg, SA Phone: +27 11 4030 004 Fax +27 11 4030 175 E-mail: infa@cal.org.za Web source: www.cal.org.za
Description of Urgent Funding Program	CAL operates safe houses for WHRDs at risk and victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV).
Geographic Areas Covered	Africa
Types of Recipients	WHRD & LGBT
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection needs• Rest and respite• Monitoring visits• Grant/relief program• Fellowship program
Fund Request Process and Response Time	
Restrictions	

7. The Colombian Commission of Jurists (CCJ) (La Comisión de Juristas)

Contact Information	Address: Calle 41 n°. 20-25 Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Phone: (+57 1) 7 44 93 33 Fax: (+57 1) 7 43 26 43 Web source: www.coljuristas.org
Description of Urgent Funding Program	The CCJ is part of the Somos Defensores NGO coalition (see below) which provides temporary relocation and fellowships for Colombian HRDs at risk within Colombia and in the region.
Geographic Areas Covered	Columbia and Latin America
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories with a focus on protection of advocates and social leaders.
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection• Rest and respite• Legal assistance
Fund Request Process and Response Time	Individual applications
Restrictions	

8. Digital Defenders

Contact Information	<p>Mailing address: Hivos Attn. Digital Defenders Partnership P.O. Box 85565 2508 CG Den Haag The Netherlands</p> <p>General e-mail: ddp@hivos.org Web source: http://digitaldefenders.org</p>
Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>Digital Defenders Partnership supports projects which address digital emergency situations, regarding both network-related emergencies (internet and mobile) and user-related emergencies (bloggers, journalists, and human rights defenders), in internet repressive and transitional environments.</p> <p>Projects of individuals and organizations are eligible for support if they plan to work on directly mitigating digital emergencies or improving their digital security apparatus. Support may be direct support to replace equipment, secure hosting, VPN connections, providing personal legal protection, temporary support which is needed to mitigate a specific digital emergency situation, kick start the digital security or testing and research on a specific threat of internet critical users.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	Global
Types of Recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalists • Human rights defenders & organizations • Bloggers & related organizations • Media organizations
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve their digital security apparatus • Set up temporary helpdesks • Test and research specific threats • Implement safe infrastructure • Give security trainings • Temporary support which is needed to mitigate a specific digital emergency situation
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>The grantmaking process for emergency grants consists of the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential grantees can submit their proposal by completing the grant application form for emergency grants. • An initial assessment is made on the DDPs eligibility criteria. • The DDP secretariat will review and approve or reject the proposal. <p>The DDP secretariat will inform the potential grantee of the outcome. Process time of full proposal max. of 1 month.</p>
Restrictions	Note that support can only be awarded if it concerns a project in internet repressive and transitional countries.

9. The East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP)

Contact Information	<p>Mailing address: East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project Human Rights House Plot 1853 Lulume Rd Nsambya PO Box 70356 Kampala, Uganda</p> <p>Phone: +256-414-510263</p> <p>Secure contact form: https://forms.hush.com/eha Web source: www.defenddefenders.org</p>
Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>The EHAHRDP provides temporary shelter for HRDs as a very last resort before looking at other responses. EHAHRDP also operate fellowship programs at universities in Africa and outside Africa.</p> <p>EHAHRDP works closely with EU delegations and embassies of EU member states (such as The Netherlands) in Africa who fund part of their HRD support and relocation activities.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	<p>Africa (fellowships are in Africa and countries outside of Africa, such as the UK).</p>
Types of Recipients	<p>Open to all categories</p>
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite • Monitoring visits • Trial observation • Legal assistance • Medical assistance • Psychosocial counselling
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>The shelter is planned together with member organizations and often to a neighbouring country so that the HRD can continue travelling back to their country of origin and continue their work.</p>
Restrictions	

10. Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF)

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Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders can give emergency financial assistance of up to 5,000 EUR to a HRD at risk or their family which could include assistance for temporary relocation. Grants typically range from EUR 1.000 to EUR 30.000 (the ceiling is EUR 40.000).</p> <p>The Foundation aims at providing financial support to regional, national and local human rights NGOs and institutes as well as individuals who promote, support, protect and monitor the observance of human rights in the South-Mediterranean region.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	MENA Region
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite • Advocacy and media outreach • Networking support and coordination • Legal assistance
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency grants are dealt with through a fast procedure • The applicant NGO or individual should send a short application in English, French or Arabic to: grants@euromedrights.net • The amount of funding requested may not exceed €5,000 • A decision will be rendered within a maximum of 10 days after the receipt of the request • In exceptional cases – essentially situations involving threats against the health or safety of the applicant – the decision may be made within a shorter time period • Priority will be given to requests which cannot be supported on an emergency basis by another national, regional or international organization • All requests, including those which are denied, receive a written reply. Even when an application is denied, the EMHRF may follow up if it can be determined that another institution is in a position to support the applicant's request
Restrictions	N/A

11. Front Line Defenders (Front Line)

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Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>Front Line provides shelter to HRDs in Ireland or through its security grant program (an emergency temporary relocation program).</p> <p>Since 2006, Frontline, the Irish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Irish Department of Justice have a dedicated humanitarian visa scheme for HRDs. The aim of the scheme is to provide a fast-track approach to processing applications by recognised HRDs to travel to Ireland for short stays (three months maximum) for the purpose of respite because of temporary risks. A high degree of confidentiality is maintained around the scheme and individual cases given the circumstances involved.</p> <p>Front Line first and foremost seeks to find solutions for HRDs in their country of origin or in the region.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	Global
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories (NGOs and individuals)
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rest and respite • Urgent appeals • Trial observation • Legal assistance • Medical assistance • Psychosocial counselling • Stress management • Emergency hotline • Grants/Relief programs
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>Front Line Protection Coordinators are in contact with HRDs, work on their cases and verify with contacts on the ground that HRDs are actively working in a non-violent way on human rights work and are at risk.</p> <p>Front Line asks HRDs to identify desired feasible locations and to arrange logistics and apply for humanitarian visas.</p>
Restrictions	N/A

12. International Cities of Refuge Network

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Description of Urgent Funding Program	The International Cities of Refuge Network is an association of cities around the world dedicated to the value of Freedom of Expression. ICORN provides writers with a safe place to stay and economic security for a standard term of two years.
Geographic Areas Covered	Global
Types of Recipients	Writers
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection needs• Rest and respite
Fund Request Process and Response Time	Individual applications. Selection by ICORN and Pen.
Restrictions	

13. Komnas Perempuan (Indonesia's National Commission on Violence against Women)

Contact Information	Address: National Commission on Violence Against Women (Komnas Perempuan) Jl. Latuharhari 4B. Jakarta. Indonesia. 10310 Phone: +62-21-3903963 Fax: +62-21-3903922 E-mail: redaksi@komnasperempuan.or.id Web source: www.komnasperempuan.or.id
Description of Urgent Funding Program	Provides temporary shelter for WHRDs at risk and victims of SGV through safe houses and plans to create a fellowship program for WHRDs
Geographic Areas Covered	Indonesia
Types of Recipients	WHRDs
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection needs• Rest and respite• Trial observation• Legal assistance• Psychosocial counselling• Stress management• Grants/Relief program
Fund Request Process and Response Time	
Restrictions	

14. The Lifeline Embattled NGO Assistance Fund

Contact Information	<p>E-mail: defending2012@gmail.com, enassistance@gmail.com</p> <p>Web source: http://www.freedomhouse.org/program/lifeline#.U9aR5_IdXOp</p>
Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>The Lifeline provides emergency financial assistance to at-risk civil society organizations, so that they may continue or resume their work, and supports targeted, time-bound advocacy campaigns to respond to threats or attacks on civil society.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	<p>Global</p>
Types of Recipients	<p>Civil society organizations (CSO), defined as a group of two or more activists, are eligible for support if it has come under attack as a result of its activities. They do not need to be officially registered but must be able to document their history of activism. The Lifeline supports a variety of CSOs, many of whom conduct advocacy, promote and protect human rights, and/or act in a watchdog capacity.</p>
Types of Support	<p>The Lifeline will support CSOs with small, short-term emergency grants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical expenses • Legal representation • Prison visits • Trial monitoring • Temporary relocation / Rest and Respite • Security Equipment replacement • Other urgent expenses <p>By definition, emergency assistance is finite and given to address a time-sensitive threat. An emergency may constitute the need for more than one type of assistance, i.e. medical and legal, or prison visits and equipment replacement.</p>
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>Applications may be submitted by a referrer on behalf of a CSO or by the CSO directly. Please provide as much detailed information as possible on why emergency aid is needed. The Lifeline receives applications via Martus, a secure database software, and via e-mail at enassistance@gmail.com. Lifeline strongly recommends the use of Martus or encrypted e-mail, such as PGP or Hushmail, and we can assist you in setting up secure methods for communication. Lifeline reviews all applications to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria and if the requested funds are justified. In this review, we need to verify independently the information provided by the applicant.</p>
Restrictions	<p>N/A</p>

15. National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

Contact Information	<p>Mailing address: Fellowship Programs International Forum for Democratic Studies National Endowment for Democracy 1025 F Street NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20004 Phone: +1 202 378 9700 General E-mail: info@ned.org Proposal Inquiries: proposals@ned.org Web source: http://www.ned.org/grantseekers/ and http://www.ned.org/fellowships/reagan-fascell-democracy-fellows-program</p>
Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, a federally funded fellowship program, offers up to 18 five-month residential fellowships per year. The Fellows conduct research and writing on a topic related to democracy in their country of origin, exchange ideas and experiences with counterparts, and receive special support as human rights defenders at risk in their countries of origin. Space and budget permitting, the program also accepts emergency applications from at-risk HRDs on a rolling basis throughout the year.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	<p>Global</p>
Types of Recipients	<p>“Democrats at risk” In principle the fellowship is open to all categories of HRDs such as activists, journalists, lawyers and scholars who find themselves at risk of political persecution in their country of origin.</p>
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite • Transport to and from the program • Housing • Subsistence allowances • Health care • Research support
Fund Request Process and Response Time	<p>Individual HRDs cannot apply on their own. Referrals may come from staff of the NED or from partner organizations, including the NED’s core institutes plus other organizations assisting HRDs, such as Scholars at Risk Network, Scholar Rescue Fund, and Freedom House.</p>
Restrictions	<p>All of the projects supported by the NED are designed to strengthen or otherwise support the democratic development in a given country. We do not give grants for humanitarian support, relief work, or general economic development.</p>

16. Somos Defensores Program (We Are Defenders Program)

Contact Information	Address: Calle 19 No. 4-88 oficina 1202 Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Phone: +57 1 2814010 Web source: www.somosdefensores.org
Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>The Somos Defensores Program includes a coalition of NGO partners such as Benposta Nación de Muchachos; la Comisión Colombiana de Juristas, and la Asociación MINGA.</p> <p>HRDs can be temporary relocated within Colombia or the region. Through internships, the program provides support to advocates, defenders and social leaders who must leave the areas of risk to go to other cities or live abroad temporarily. It also provides regional support to humanitarian crises.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	Columbia and Latin America
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite
Fund Request Process and Response Time	Individual applications.
Restrictions	

17. Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Trust (SAHRDT)

Contact Information	<p>Mailing address: 1st Floor, President Place, 1 Hood Avenue / 148 Jan Smuts Avenue Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa 20001</p> <p>Web source: http://sahrdt.org</p>
Description of Urgent Funding Program	<p>The Trust promotes and protects the rights of HRDs by providing humanitarian assistance to HRDs and their families in danger through emergency grants, temporary relocation and other support.</p> <p>The Trust will have in place a WHRDs dedicated project as well as for other identified special groups such as prisoners, asylum seekers, refugees, gays and lesbians, and marginalized groups, taking into consideration their over vulnerability.</p>
Geographic Areas Covered	Southern Africa
Types of Recipients	Open to all categories
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite • Legal assistance • Psychosocial counselling • Capacity building • Preventive and protection tools for HRDs <p>The trust is meant to support HRDs in moments of distress. However, it also works in building the capacity of HRDs to work under oppressive regimes and in volatile situations, or to reduce risk.</p>
Fund Request Process and Response Time	Proactive identification and individual applications.
Restrictions	

18. Women's Rehabilitation Center (WOREC)

Contact Information	Address: Women's Rehabilitation Center (WOREC Nepal) Balkumari, Lalitpur, Nepal P.O. Box 13233, Sundhara Kathmandu Phone: +977-1-5006373, 5006374, 977-01-2123124 Fax: +977-1-5006271 E-mail: ics@worecnepal.org Web source: www.worecnepal.org
Description of Urgent Funding Program	WOREC provides safe houses/temporary shelter for WHRDs and victims of gender-based violence
Geographic Areas Covered	Nepal
Types of Recipients	WHRDs
Types of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection needs• Rest and respite• Trial observation• Legal assistance• Medical assistance• Psychosocial counselling
Fund Request Process and Response Time	
Restrictions	