



# THE FEMINIST HUMANITARIAN NETWORK

## Who we are

The Feminist Humanitarian Network (FHN) is a global collective of feminist humanitarians working together to transform the humanitarian system into one that is guided by feminist principles. The FHN is composed of both grassroots and national women-led organizations in the Global South on the frontlines of humanitarian response, as well as international organizations and individuals.



Grassroots and national women's rights organizations (WROs) and women-led organizations (WLOs) working in the Global South to advance and protect the rights of women and other marginalized groups through organizing, advocacy, campaigning, and essential service delivery. WROs' and WLOs' deep understanding of their context and communities means their work is transformative and sustainable, cost-effective and efficient. Despite this, the voice, expertise and leadership of WROs and WLOs in humanitarian decision-making is too often ignored. Exclusive international practices prevail which undermine WROs' and WLOs' power and access to funding in the humanitarian system, threatening their ability to continue operating and to drive change.

## What we do

The Feminist Humanitarian Network enacts change through collective campaigning, advocacy, and learning to generate a feminist humanitarian system that is responsive, accountable and accessible to women and their organizations, in all their diversity - a system that challenges, rather than perpetuates structural inequalities. The FHN aims to create a feminist ecosystem in which grassroots and national feminist actors' leadership, expertise and efforts are recognized, resourced and upheld by our members who are international non-government organizations (INGOs), federations and organizations headquartered in the Global North, as well as by other INGOs, donors and UN bodies within the humanitarian system. The network works to ensure the experience and expertise of WROs and feminist movements are included at every level of humanitarian action in order to achieve gender justice and to transform the humanitarian system into one that is guided by feminist principles.



## Why our work is critical

Donors and other humanitarian actors have committed to advancing gender equality and supporting women's leadership, yet insufficient action has been taken. The 2022 ALNAP State of Humanitarian System report highlighted that relief reaches less than 50% of the people it targets, despite humanitarian funding doubling since 2012. Crises disproportionately impact women and girls. Climate change, food insecurity, financial instability, increasing conflicts, urbanization, and a growing population are all contributing to a rise in emergencies, which are affecting more marginalized people across the world than ever before. There is an urgent need to transform the humanitarian sector to a system guided by feminist principles, which is responsive to the needs and rights of marginalized groups, particularly women, girls and gender-diverse people by virtue of being designed and led by the communities the system seeks to benefit.

## Our impact

The FHN is led by the voice and expertise of women's rights organizations across the Global South, driving experience-based advocacy to enact an inclusive and feminist humanitarian system. The FHN's national and global advocacy has, over the past five years, led to the inclusion of WROs and WLOs in key humanitarian decision-making spaces, influencing more inclusive policies and practices and contributing to a sector which is led by grassroots feminist actors.

