



ABOUT THE FEMINIST HUMANITARIAN NETWORK

WHO WE ARE

The Feminist Humanitarian Network (FHN) is a global collective of feminist leaders working together to transform the humanitarian system into one that is guided by feminist principles.



OUR MEMBERS

Our Network is made up of a diverse range of grassroots and national women's rights organizations (WROs); national and regional women's networks; international NGOs, federations and organizations that are headquartered in the Global North; and individuals from around the world. Together we have expertise across a wide spectrum of service-provision and campaigning focus areas. We are mandated to maintain a minimum of 70% representation of WRO members working at grassroots and national levels in the Global South, and no more than 30% representation of international organizational members.

WHY OUR WORK IS CRITICAL

Whenever and wherever crises strike, women, girls, and gender-diverse people are disproportionately affected. Intersecting structural inequalities and injustices (themselves crises), such as racism, patriarchy, colonialism, and neoliberalism, drive and exacerbate the impacts of emergencies.

The current humanitarian system was developed within these structures and continues to be shaped by them, rendering it an instrument that serves to deepen inequalities and injustices.

WROs are often the first to respond during an emergency. Their work ensures ongoing access to essential gender specific services, yet their leadership is often excluded and their work underfunded. To ensure that their humanitarian efforts, and their roles providing critical services and driving the advancement of women's rights are not undermined in emergencies, it is critical to transform the global humanitarian system into one guided by feminist principles.

WHAT WE MEAN BY A FEMINIST HUMANITARIAN ECOSYSTEM



A feminist humanitarian system recognizes that there is no one-size-fits-all approach, and is committed to leaving nobody behind. The feminist principles that are critical to a feminist humanitarian system are: being committed to gender justice; upholding women's, girls' and gender-diverse people's rights; being intersectional, inclusive, holistic, collective, and collaborative; ensuring safety and safe spaces, accountability, self-reflection and transparency; and, critically, recognizing unequal power dynamics and taking action to address them and shift power where necessary.

