



FIMI
INTERNATIONAL
INDIGENOUS
WOMEN'S FORUM

Ayni Fund Call 2023

Guide for proposals and application





Call open until February 28th

The International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI) is delighted to announce that FIMI's Ayni Fund invites all Indigenous Women's organizations to submit your proposal to the Ayni Fund Call 2023.

We would like to thank all organizations in advance for your efforts to participate in this process.

FIMI's Ayni Fund will carefully consider proposals from all organizations, just as we take care to comply with all the relevant procedures and standards for the funds entrusted to us.



I. INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S FORUM (FIMI)

The International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI) is a global mechanism that brings together Indigenous Women leaders, activists and human rights defenders from Asia, Africa, America, the Arctic and the Pacific. FIMI has four strategic programs: Advocacy and Political Participation, Research and Knowledge Sharing, Capacity Building, and the Indigenous Women's Fund-Ayni. All of FIMI's programs work together to strengthen the Indigenous Women's movement and eliminate discrimination against Indigenous Women.

II. THE AYNİ FUND

FIMI's Ayni Fund co-invests technical and financial resources together with Indigenous Women's Organizations and Indigenous Women led organizations, to develop conditions and provide opportunities that support the full exercise of their individual and collective human rights. This philanthropic arm of FIMI facilitates positive changes in the Indigenous Communities with Indigenous Women as driving actors, promotes their interaction and advocacy in broader movements, strengthens their organizational processes and also the construction of their leadership and economic autonomy.

The FIMI Ayni Fund focuses on supporting groups, associations, organizations and networks of Indigenous Women committed to improving their livelihoods and environment, defending their human rights in their communities, and at the national, regional and international levels. The Ayni Fund provides funding, materials, and technical resources to Indigenous Women Organizations, and facilitates exchanges between organizations.

The Ayni Fund recognizes that their knowledge, practices, cosmovision, and culture contribute to the effective fulfilment of their individual and collective rights, and facilitate access to decision-making spaces. Their voices, initiatives, and participation constitute essential components of the social transformation processes in favor of equality and an inclusive approach to civic participation. To reach a more diverse set of Indigenous Women organizations around the world, the Ayni Fund, operates through three types of grant making mechanisms: open public calls, direct calls by invitation, and re-granting¹.

This guide covers all the steps to follow to submit an application to the Ayni Fund Call 2023, which is open until **February 28, 2023**.

¹ Regranting is an intermediate mechanism providing larger grants to regional organizations that in turn gives smaller grants to national and local organizations



III. PRIORITY TOPICS

The Ayni Fund works on all the issues that the Indigenous Women and movements participating in the in the processes facilitated by FIMI, identified as priorities. These include the following:

1. Economic Empowerment of Indigenous Women

Includes processes that improve the well-being and economic conditions of Indigenous Women, their families and their communities. Production of agro-ecological food, food sovereignty through sustainable agriculture systems and indigenous food systems, traditional agriculture practices and skills, product marketing (commercialization), facilitating innovation and strengthening value chains, technical advice for micro-enterprises and Indigenous Women production initiatives, taking into account Indigenous Women's knowledge and practices, including arts and crafts.

2. Rights to Land and Territorial Resources

Support for plans and strategies of Indigenous communities, access and control of Indigenous lands, territories and resources in ways that contribute to sustainable ecosystems and livelihoods; the promotion, preservation and documentation of Indigenous Knowledge and practices; advocacy efforts to promote governments recognition of Indigenous rights over lands, territories and resources and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

3. Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Covers the development of effective strategies, based on Indigenous values and practices, for biodiversity conservation, watershed management, climate change mitigation, and use of renewable energy. It also includes promotion, integration, and documentation of knowledge and practices of Indigenous Women for the reduction and prevention of risk related to natural disasters, as well as learning and exchange between peoples.

4. Prevention and Elimination of all forms of Violence, including Sexual and Gender-based Violence against Indigenous Women and Girls

Support for the prevention of all forms of discrimination and violence against Indigenous Women; sexual and gender-based violence, involving refugees, land and territorial conflicts, militarism, and violence due to displacement; prevention of environmental, spiritual, political and cultural violence; processes for the healing of Indigenous Women survivors of sexual and other types of violence; and promoting collective care with respect to spirituality, Indigenous values and principles. It also includes promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

5. Political Participation and Advocacy

Advocacy for the management and defense of changes in legal and political frameworks; approval of new laws; promoting the participation of Indigenous Women in all areas of social and political leadership and decision-making (local, national and international) and the achievement of full recognition of their individual and collective human rights; access to justice, fulfilment of minority and transnational rights, collective leadership, strengthen traditional governance system of Indigenous Peoples, communities and organizations and self-government.

6. Indigenous Women's Organizations Strengthening

Organizational development, including building and strengthening intergenerational leadership, management and mobilization of resources, project /program development, monitoring and evaluation, legalization and registration, communication skills, alliances and networks, strategic planning, access to information and technology, communication and construction of knowledge respecting indigenous languages.

7. Indigenous Knowledge, Art, Culture and Sports

Covers all processes that promote Indigenous Women's education and training related to their own knowledge and intercultural knowledge, participating in exchanges and strengthening their indigenous knowledge, revitalization of language, art and culture, intangible heritage, and their traditional sports and sports as a means to empower indigenous women of all ages.



8. Access to public services:

Participation and advocacy of Indigenous Women in decision-making processes, ensuring that their visions are included in public policies, programs and budget cycles, and in public services, strengthening the disaggregation of statistical data, especially on Indigenous Women, respecting and including indigenous languages.

The Ayni Fund will remain open and flexible for emerging issues in specific contexts relevant to the situation of the Indigenous Women.

IV. WHICH ORGANIZATIONS CAN APPLY?

To apply, your organization must meet all the eligibility criteria listed below:

- Indigenous Women's Organization or Indigenous Peoples, group, association, organization or a network led by Indigenous Women.
In the case of a mixed organization: at least 50% of the board (decision-making positions) and key staff (implementing body) should include Indigenous Women. The proposal should specifically aim to contribute to improving the rights of Indigenous Women.
- Legal status: Organizations registered according to the traditional norms of their communities and/or the existing legislation of their respective countries, with a bank account in the name of the organization.
Non registered organizations must identify a legally registered Fiscal Sponsor with an institutional bank account and provide a letter of agreement that explains the relationship between the two entities and responsibilities of each party.
- Submission of your proposal with all the sections completed and your reference letter before February 28th, the deadline of the call.

The Ayni Fund does **NOT** provide funds for the following activities:

- Religious activities
- Individual proposals / initiatives
- Proposals of private foundation or (local) government entities
- Activities related to political parties/elections
- Purchase of cars, land or any construction activity

V. SIZE AND DURATION OF THE GRANTS

The Ayni Fund has three different sizes of grants with a corresponding implementation period:

- A. **Small Grants:** 5,000 – <25,000 USD (Community Projects, local y/o grassroots initiatives, specific activities) – Maximum Term: 6 – 18 months
- B. **Medium Grants:** 25,000 – < 85,000 USD (national/sub-regional coverage, organizations with experience and capacity to implement longer-term trajectories) - Maximum term: 12 -24 months
- C. **Large Grants:** USD 85,000 – 200,000 (regional and sub-regional organizations or networks) Maximum term: 12 - 24 months



VI. GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE / SCOPE

FIMI works with Indigenous organizations from all over the world to promote Indigenous Women's rights. FIMI's Ayni Fund provides technical and financial support in all regions. However, note that **'MEDIUM AND LARGE GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH'**.

VII. TIME LINE

Time Line

The Ayni Fund's Call is open until February 28, 2023

Webinars and informative workshops: early Feb 2023

Deadline: February 28 at midnight in Lima, Peru (UCT-5)

Any query related to this Call can be sent to the email:

ayniz2023@iiwf.org until February 20th, subject line: "Queries related to the Ayni Call 2023".

Final results announcement: for pre-selected organizations May 1 2023

VIII. APPLICATION PROCESS

The Ayni Fund's Call 2023 consists of two steps:

- 1) **Step 1:** Presentation of a Application (completed application, a reference letter from an established Indigenous Peoples or Indigenous Women's organization)
- 2) **Step 2:** Only the organizations pre-selected in the first step will be invited to submit complementary information on their proposal (full logical framework, detailed budget, and for medium and large organizations a risk analysis).

Submission process

We request all organizations to complete all sections of the application form through the <https://ayni.fimi-iiwf.org/> online platform.

Once registered, you can pause and follow at another time as you gather all the required information. With your registration password you can log in and out multiple times. Once



your proposal is complete, you must attach your reference letter and SUBMIT. If any part is not complete, you will not be able to submit the application. The earlier you complete and submit, the better.

Please note that the Ayni Fund will make an exception in case organizations located in remote areas and have no/little access to the internet. Those organizations can reach out to the email ayni2023 for consultation prior to application submission

Additional notes:

Applications can be submitted in English, Spanish and French.

Accompaniment shall be offered in all stages of the application within the prescribe timeframe and shall contact the Ayni Fund; ayni2023@iiwf.org

The Ayni Fund will make efforts to response quires timely and appropriately.

Please carefully read this implementation guide and FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) before starting the application process.

The Ayni Fund accepts only one application per organization, except in the case of Fiscal Sponsors that are Indigenous Women Organizations, if meets eligibility criteria, can also submit their own proposal.

IX. SELECTION PROCESS

Evaluation Criteria Ayni Fund's Call 2023

All eligible proposals will be evaluated by the Advisory Committee using the preestablished Evaluation Criteria of the Ayni Fund:

- Relevance of local and/or global issues to promote the rights of Indigenous Women: Does the project take into account priority needs in a culturally appropriate way, harmony with mother earth? Will it offer a concrete solution to contribute to the solution of the challenges of Indigenous Women and community issues, including both women and men, youth, LGBTIQ, children and Elders (strengthening relationships/knowledge between generations)
- Feasibility: Is the proposed project possible and realistic in terms of time, resources, efforts, activities to implement? How likely are the results to be maintained or continued in the communities after the project is completed? Is there a strategy?
- Coherence with the themes of the call: Does the proposed initiative align with the topics of the Call? Is there coherence between the objectives, activities, budget and results of the project with the proposed topic?
- Innovation and creativity: Do the project offer new creative ways to address the priority needs and interests of Indigenous Women and their communities or in terms of approach, process, skills and results?



Organizational and contextual criteria

- Institutional capacity: What is the capacity of the organization's human resources, volunteers and permanent staff? Have you implemented any other similar project before? Have you handled similar budgets? Have you received other grants before?
- Institutional credibility: What legitimacy does the organization have in its community and outside of it? Does the organization participate in networks, groups and/or federations of Indigenous Women?
- Political relevance: Are there contextual developments that reinforce the potentiality of the project and the organization e.g., within your country or within the Indigenous Women movement?

At the end of the selection process, all applicants will be informed of the results of the Ayni Fund's Call 2023.

The selected organizations invited to develop a complete proposal together with submission of other required documents.

Accompaniment will be offered to the selected organizations to develop the complete proposal and documents preparation. Through an info webinar, the Ayni Team will explain the different sections and addressing queries about the elaboration of the full proposal, the logical framework, the detailed budget, planning of activities and other questions as required.

The complete proposal will be approved by the Ayni Fund and a process of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be initiated.

X. MANAGE, DELIVER GRANTS AND IMPLEMENTATION

The organizations approved will receive a written notification to proceed with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

- FIMI's Ayni Fund will administer the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the approved.
- An induction and training of selected partners will be held along with introductions to the FIMI team and programs.
- A process of accompaniment and monitoring will be implemented in accordance with the mapping of the needs of the partner organizations in different phases.
- The evaluation process will be carried out within the project implementation.



We look forward to a great response and wish everyone success with lots of creativity and commitment in developing the ideas and plans.

Any doubt or question? Please don't hesitate to contact us:

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