

# Call to Action Field Implementation (CAFI)



## What does CAFI do?

CAFI seeks to catalyze the **Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (CTA)** on the ground. **The project works with women-led organizations (WLOs)** to drive change and foster Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention, risk mitigation, and response in humanitarian emergencies.

## How was CAFI created?

In 2013, governments, donors, and humanitarian organizations launched the CTA, to fundamentally transform how GBV prevention, risk mitigation, and response are addressed. The CTA aims to **strengthen accountability in policies, systems, and mechanisms**. The partnership has grown to more than 100 members, but consolidating CTA implementation in the field is a key gap that needs to be addressed. As a result, **CAFI was launched to advance the Call to Action 2021-2025 Road Map** on the ground.

## What are the main objectives of CAFI?

- Catalyze **increased representation and leadership of women and girls**, specifically WLOs, in decision making structures and humanitarian assistance
- **Amplify GBV expertise**: scaling existing capacity of WLOs
- Address **GBV root causes** and coordinate effective **response and risk mitigation**

## How does CAFI work?

CAFI aims at contributing to **WLO strengthening through capacity-sharing approaches between partners**. WLOs are engaged from the beginning, allowing them to co-create and adapt the project according to their needs and contexts and ensuring accountability and women's voice and leadership throughout the whole project cycle.

CAFI works through a consortium of 10 WLOs across Latin America and the Caribbean, West and Central Africa, the Middle East/North Africa, and Europe, who coordinate national networks of WLOs: Arab Women Organization (AWO) of Jordan, Baghdad Women Association (BWA) in Iraq, Center Women's Perspectives (CWP) in Ukraine, Comité des Jeunes Filles Leaders (COJEFIL) in Niger, Dynamique des Femmes Juristes (DFJ) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fundación para el Desarrollo en Género y Familia (GENFAMI) in Colombia, Global Media Campaign (GMC) in Mali, Himaya Daeem Aataa (HDA) in Lebanon, and Tinta Violeta in Venezuela. In Iraq, Lebanon, and Venezuela, project activities are co-led by WEO, Sama for Development, and Uniandes, respectively.



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## What has CAFI achieved?

The CTA is being strengthened to achieve sustainable results on the ground through CAFI support. **WLOs have improved their capacities and abilities to meaningfully implement GBV prevention and response activities in the field, as well as to participate in the national, regional, and global humanitarian systems.** At the same time, the humanitarian system is being challenged to become an enabling environment for WLOs' meaningful participation.

CAFI is a platform of more than **300 WLOs**, where WLOs access opportunities for strengthening their own organizations, conduct field activities on GBV, exchange experiences, access flexible funding, and engage with national and global humanitarian systems.

- WLOs have increased their **participation at international conferences**, including the CTA annual partners' meetings, with opportunities to express themselves in their own languages
- WLOs have taken **leadership roles in global structures**, such as co-chair of the CTA Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Working Group
- WLO **signatories to the CTA** have increased
- **International stakeholders and WLOs have connected** to share women's needs and demands in their own voices
- **Donors have recognized the value of the project**, also creating spaces for direct funding to WLOs

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## Why CAFI?

CAFI is a high-impact, low-cost, and easily transferable good practice of localization and women's leadership and participation in the humanitarian structures at national, regional, and global levels, ensuring sustainable relationships between WLOs and the global humanitarian community with CARE's support.

**Over 70% of CAFI's budget goes directly to WLO costs.**

## How is CAFI funded?

CAFI is in its second phase, a **€6,100,000** initiative funded with € 5.500.000 by the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) and € 611.000 by Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) from May 2023 to December 2025.

From 2020 to 2022, CAFI was funded for **\$2,467,000** by the US Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) and **\$209,713** by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Currently, consortium members are directly funded by CARE with GFFO funds to serve as national and regional focal points, with CARE incurring all potential risks. CARE is committed to supporting donors to adapt their internal procedures to transfer resources to WLOs directly and act as an intermediary when needed, which brings flexibility depending on the context.

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