



OPEN CALL FOR COMMUNITY, NONGOVERNMENTAL, GRASSROOTS, AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF EXPLOITATION IMPACTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS INDIA AND NEPAL

Global Fund for Children (GFC) partners with community-based organizations around the world to build a future where children and young people are safe and have the space to reach their full potential and to lead on activism to advance their rights. Over the last 30 years, GFC has invested nearly \$60 million in over 1,000 organizations in 90 countries, reaching more than 11 million children and youth. We promote participatory, democratic approaches to grantmaking, while centering communities that are most impacted by the issues we fund as the key drivers of systemic change. Through our capacity development assistance, over 90% of our partners have not only met but surpassed their growth projections in organizational visibility, capacity building, and budget management. Our partners also become national leaders in children's rights, effectively shaping government policies to safeguard hundreds of thousands of children globally.

GFC launched the **Addressing Root Causes (ARC) initiative** in 2023 to address the root causes of exploitation, especially those that affect children and youth, in South Asia. We are thrilled to be working in partnership with six organizations across Bangladesh that are applying a community-led lens to their work. We are now seeking to expand our cohort of partners in **India and Nepal** that are committed to community-led change for children and youth in their countries. The organizations we select will already be carrying out intersectional and holistic activities focused on child and youth wellbeing.

This is a five-year initiative, with long-term grants that are renewable over the project period. Through flexible funding, partnership building, leadership training, and facilitated spaces, GFC will expand its regional network of organizations that play an active role in the reduction of exploitation and harm and in the promotion of rights and empowerment. We will support partners through a cohort-based approach that promotes learning and centers community participation and youth leadership.

We invite applications from community, nongovernmental, grassroots, and civil society organizations that are committed to collaborating with communities, especially youth, to address the root causes of exploitation in their communities. In this initiative, we aim to facilitate communities and young people to identify the root causes of issues and develop their own solutions.

Please read the requirements and selection criteria at <https://globalfundforchildren.org/become-a-partner/> and submit your organizational profile using the online format.

We encourage organizations to submit profiles in English.

This is a rolling call for applications throughout April 2024.

If you feel your organization could be a good fit, please complete your profile as soon as possible. If we find alignment with the call requirements, we will contact you.

If you have questions or would like to know other ways to support or partner with this initiative, please contact **Indrani Chakraborty** (ichakraborty@globalfundforchildren.org).