



Apply for Flexible Funding for Survivor Activism!

Survivor-Led Activism Fund – Call for Applications 2026

Do you want to receive funding for your activism?

We want to support survivors and victims who are fighting to end child sexual abuse and child sexual violence. The funding is for survivors/victims and groups who are doing activism and creating change in Spain, France and Romania. In 2026, we will offer **flexible funding** to:

- **Individual activists who are survivor and victims** and
- **Groups or organizations** where survivors and victims lead and/or drive the work

Our main focus is **child sexual abuse and child sexual violence (CSA/CSV)**.

We know this violence is often connected to other issues - like gender-based violence, domestic violence, racism, class discrimination, or ableism. We welcome applications that focus on how they are connected and are trauma-informed.

NOTE: Please note: If you are currently experiencing abuse or need support, please reach out to a local organization in your area. We do not provide direct support or crisis services for people currently experiencing abuse.

GFC's role as a funder is to support activists and survivor groups doing activism to prevent child sexual abuse and/or violence.

Who are we? About Global Fund for Children (GFC)

Global Fund for Children (GFC) is an organization that works to build a world where all children and youth are safe, strong, and valued. We work with organizations and partners who are closest to their communities.

We believe real change must be guided by the needs and priorities of those most affected, including **survivors of child sexual abuse**. That's why we are launching the **Survivor-Led Activism Fund** - a fund **designed working with survivors** to support survivor-led and survivor-driven activism.

What financial support do we offer?

We support **you and your ongoing activism**, not just a single project. We know activism takes many forms over time - and plans can grow and change.



We offer **flexible funding** so you can use the money in the way that makes the most sense for your activism. For example, they can cover staff costs, project activities, communications, organizing events, travel, technology, operations, wellbeing or training, you can decide based on your priorities.

How much can you request?

- **Up to GBP 52,000** for survivor-led or survivor-driven groups and organizations
- **Up to GBP 26,000** for individual survivor activists
- Funding lasts **2 years** (this is the total amount for the two years and can be spent over the period)

What do we mean by child sexual abuse and child sexual violence?

We say **child sexual abuse and child sexual violence (CSA/CSV)** to describe **any sexual violence experienced by a person under the age of 18**. It can look like many things, including (but not limited to):

- Grooming - online or in person
- Coercion, manipulation, or abuse of power
- Trafficking or exploitation
- Sexual assault or abuse

This violence can happen **in families, in institutions, in communities, or online**, and can be committed by **adults or peers**. It exists in **systems of inequality and silence** like patriarchy, racism, ableism, classism, and others. Its impact can continue throughout life and across families and communities.

We honor and recognize **all** survivors - across every gender, sexuality, race, culture, ability, and background. Each survivor's story and understanding of their experience is **valid** and deserves to be heard and believed.

What do we fund?

We support **survivors/victims who are taking action** to end child sexual abuse - whether you are working on your own or together with others. When survivors lead change, the change is stronger and truly meets the needs of the community.



Activism can look different for everyone. It can be public or more private - what matters is that you are pushing for change and making survivor voices heard. This can be through public spaces or more discreet, creative through art or community based. Let us know what your form of activism looks like.

We support different types of activism initiatives

We want to support survivor activism in many forms. Below are some examples of the kinds of work we can support - but these are only examples.

Your activism does not need to fit into these categories. If you are taking action to help stop child sexual abuse or violence, your work is important.

1. Changing systems and laws

Speaking up to make authorities, services, and laws work better for survivors. This can include meeting with decision makers or pushing and advocating for better policies that protect children and support survivors.

2. Better support for survivors

Advocating for safer, more caring services that truly help survivors. This can include lifting up survivor-led support spaces or campaigning to improve services.

(Please note: We don't fund running a shelter or therapy service, but we support activism that helps improve them.)

3. Education and learning

Helping communities understand child sexual abuse and violence, and how to prevent. This could include talking with schools, parents, or professionals to build awareness and protection or even advocacy for comprehensive sexual education.

4. Public awareness and campaigns

Breaking the silence and harmful myths about abuse. This can include storytelling, media, journalism, art, or organizing events to help the community understand and support survivors.

5. Inclusion and intersectional activism

Activism led by and for survivor who face multiple forms of discrimination. This can include speaking up about how different forms of discrimination can make it harder for some survivors to get support and justice.

6. Survivor-led research and learning

Collecting stories, information, or data to show what needs to change. Especially to push for better laws, better care, and better protection for children and survivors based on their needs.

If your activism is helping to stop abuse, break silence, support survivors, or create change - we want to hear from you.

Who can apply?

You can apply if:

- You live in **Spain, France, or Romania**
- You are **18 or older***
- You are taking action to **end child sexual abuse or violence** - even if you are just starting out
- Survivors lead or drive the work in a real and meaningful way

*(For now, we can only fund adults 18+ to make sure we keep everyone safe and supported.)

You can apply as:

- **An individual survivor activist**
- A **survivor-led or survivor-driven** group, collective, network, or organization - registered or unregistered
- A partnership where **survivors make the key decisions**, even if allies help with the work

We especially welcome:

- Grassroots activists and groups who are closest to survivors and communities - people who build trust and reach those often excluded
- Survivors who face multiple forms of discrimination and oppression that makes activism harder to get funding, including:
 - People with disabilities and neurodivergence
 - Migrants, refugees, and people from immigrant backgrounds
 - LGBTQIA+ people
 - People of colour
 - People in rural or remote areas
 - People from working-class backgrounds
 - People with experience of institutional care

Who can't apply?

Grounded in our values, we have decided not to support:

- Work that goes against human rights, or uses harmful or ineffective practices
- Local offices, affiliates, or projects of large International NGOs, governments, or intergovernmental organizations
- Efforts to support or oppose candidates for public office
- Programs that require religious conversion or religious groups/organizations
- Organizations that, in policy or in practice, discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation
- Groups that conduct or support violent activities or violate criminal law

Definitions - what do we mean when we say....

Survivor

When we say "survivor," we mean someone who experienced sexual abuse or violence as a child or teenager (under 18). We chose this word because it recognizes strength and resilience. However, we understand that not everyone uses the word "survivor" to describe themselves - some may prefer "victim," "person with lived experience," or other terms. Whatever word feels right for you is valid.

Survivor-led

Survivors have real, voluntary and safe roles and decision-making power. Their lived experience is respected as **real expertise**.

This can look different for everyone. For example, survivors might:

- ideally have a majority of survivors in decision making
- be part of the team running the work
- help make decisions about goals and priorities
- guide the work using their experience
- be visible - or prefer to stay anonymous and lead quietly



You do **not** have to share personal stories to be considered survivor-led. We will never ask for details of your experience.

Survivor-driven

Survivors **guide** what the work is about - what matters, what needs to change - and trusted allies help put those ideas into action. This might include groups led by:

- Caregivers or family members
- Community leaders connected to survivors
- People deeply informed by survivors' needs

We do prioritize survivor-led activism - but we understand that survivor leadership can look different in different places. We also welcome organizations where multiple survivors' voices and experiences guide the work, and there is a real commitment to building survivor leadership over time

Values of the fund

This fund stands for equity, safety, protection of childhood, dignity, intersectionality, inclusion, hope, confidentiality, trauma-informed, transparency, wellbeing, security, emotional safety and survivor participation.

How to apply

You can apply in **English, French, Spanish, or Romanian.**

You can apply online here: <https://11020.evalato.com/>

If you need help with accessibility - for example, if you prefer to share your application by voice note, video, or another format - please contact us.

Applications are open until February 8th, 2026, EOB.

How applications are reviewed

The applications will be reviewed by survivors in the Regional Strategy Group and the GFC team. We will look at:

- How your values and your work align with this Fund
- How survivors lead or guide your activism and how the project amplifies survivors'/victims' voices & needs.
- How your work connects to ending CSA/CSV
- Your ideas and potential
- Whether your activism can create change and last over time



We also look for:

- Approaches that are caring and safe, trauma-informed and multidisciplinary for survivors and victims
- Commitment to human rights, honesty, and inclusion
- Ethical ways of working that do not put people at risk or cause more harm

Any conflict of interest will be managed aligned with our policy.

Contact: survivoractivism@globalfundforchildren.org

If I apply or receive funding, who will know I am a survivor?

As part of your application, you can choose whether or not to tell us if you are a survivor. You can also let us know your level of comfort with other people knowing this information. Please consider that your application may be seen by:

- Some staff members and consultants at GFC
- Members of the Regional Strategy Group who help review applications
- Our donor

Taking part in any **photos, interviews, or public communication** is **completely optional**. It is not required to receive funding. We will fully respect whatever feels right for you.

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