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Sheikha Fatima Fund  
for Women Refugee

VOICES FOR HOPE

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## Overview:

Join the “**Voices for Hope**” award, part of the Sheikha Fatima Fund for Women Refugee Support and Empowerment Initiative (SFFWR). This award is dedicated to empowering women refugees and women working with NGOs by amplifying their voices and promoting innovative solutions to their challenges.

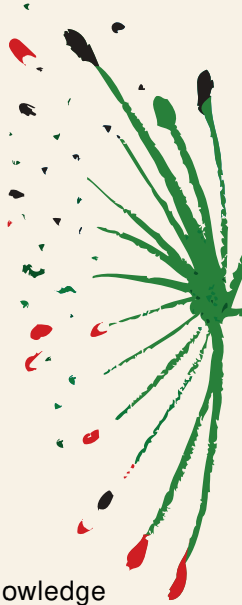
## Award Description:

This initiative comprises three main awards:

**Category A: Women Refugees**

**Category B: Women Working with NGOs**

**Category C: Empowering Through Innovation**



## Value and Impact:

These awards aim to celebrate and acknowledge the strength, determination, and innovation of women refugees and their advocates, fostering a culture of empowerment, empathy, and understanding.

## Reason for Organizing at COP28:

Aligned with COP28’s theme of “Climate Action for a Resilient Future,” this award highlights the relationship between climate change, refugee empowerment, and sustainability.

## Award Objectives:

- Provide a platform for expression and advocacy for women affected by climate change.
- Celebrate the roles of women refugees and NGO workers in climate action and humanitarian responses.
- Encourage the sharing of experiences to build a supportive community.



## Award Details:

- A- Eligibility Criteria:** The requirements for each category will be explained in the subsequent pages.
- B- Submission Guidelines:** Participants may submit their submissions in a variety of mediums, such as written narratives, artwork, multimedia, or project proposals. Submissions must be authentic, culturally aware, and easy to understand. Promoting linguistic adaptability is advocated, with translations suggested to enhance comprehension among a wider audience. The proposals should encompass the aims, methods, anticipated outcomes, and influence on female refugees.
- C- Terms and Conditions:** The award's terms and conditions are provided for participants. The requirements encompass the submission format, evaluation criteria, intellectual property rights, and ethical norms.
- D- Evaluation Criteria:** Submissions will be assessed according to their originality, alignment with the theme, ability to inspire, and creative excellence, if applicable.
- E- Partnership and Submission Process:** Submissions are received via our affiliated platform, accessible through the SFFWR website <https://sheikhafatimafund.com>

### The entities we collaborate with are:

The **UNHCR's** website can be accessed at <https://www.unhcr.org/>

The **AMAHORO COALITION** may be found at <https://www.amahorocoalition.com/>

**UniRef** can be found at <https://uniref.ch/>

**Doctors with Africa CUAMM's** website is located at <https://doctorswithafrica.org/>

**DIHAD** is accessible at the website <https://dihad.org/>

- F- Prizes:** Each category offers appealing rewards, such as cash prizes, scholarships, and possibilities for mentorship.
- G- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** An independent FAQ page is accessible to address frequently asked questions regarding participation, types of submissions, language prerequisites, prize particulars, and the procedure of submitting.

## General Information:

- **Submission Period:** From **15 January 2024** to **2 May 2024**
- **Contact Information for Queries:** [VoicesforHope@sheikhafatimafund.com](mailto:VoicesforHope@sheikhafatimafund.com)



# Category A - Women Refugees

## Eligibility Criteria

- **Status:** Participant must be officially recognized as a refugee by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) or the host country.
- **Age:** Must be 18 years or older.
- **Residence:** Currently residing in a host country or refugee camp.
- **Vulnerabilities:** Preference given to individuals facing additional vulnerabilities, such as being survivors of gender-based violence or living with disabilities.

## Prize Details

- **Prizes:** Monetary awards are allocated for the top two entries in this category.
- The first **two winners** will be awarded **AED 50,000 each**.
- **Additional Recognition:** Winners will receive certificates and have their stories or works featured on SFFWR-relevant platforms/media.

## Terms and Conditions

### Submission Format and Guidelines:

- **Formats:** Written (PDF/Word), Artwork (JPEG/PNG), Audiovisual (MP4/MP3).
- **Font and Size:** Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point size.
- **Written Entries supporting your Story, Artwork, Audiovisual:** Minimum 500 words, maximum 2000 words.
- **Naming Convention:** "EntryTitle\_WomenRefugees\_ParticipantName."

### Eligibility:

- Recognized as a refugee by UNHCR or host country.
- Aged 18 or older, residing in a host country or camp.

## Submission Guidelines

### Objectives:

- To highlight the challenges and resilience of women refugees.
- To provide a platform for self-expression and empowerment through storytelling.

### Methodology:

- Describe the approach to collecting and presenting stories or artworks.
- Detail any collaborative or participatory methods used.

### Expected Outcomes:

- Articulate the type of stories, artworks, or narratives expected.
- Explain how these outcomes will provide insights into the lives of women refugees.

### Impact on Women Refugees:

- Discuss how the project will contribute to raising awareness.
- Highlight the potential for fostering empathy and understanding in a broader audience.

### Evaluation Criteria:

- Originality, Relevance to Resilience Theme, Impact, Artistic Quality.

### Intellectual Property:

- Retained by participants; non-exclusive, royalty-free license granted to organizers for promotional use.

### Ethical Standards:

- Must respect cultural sensitivities, free from discrimination or offensive content.

# Category B - Women Working with NGOs

## Eligibility Criteria

- **Educational Qualification:** Must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree.
- **Employment Status:** Must be employed full-time by an officially registered NGO that supports refugees.
- **Experience:** The NGO must have been operational and working with refugees for at least two years.
- **Role:** Applicants should have direct involvement in implementing programs that empower or assist refugee women and communities. Preference is given to those in leadership or managerial roles with considerable field experience.

## Prize Details

- **Prize:** Scholarship for further education or professional development.
- **Details:** Full scholarships for the winner.
- **Additional Opportunities:** Winner will receive a certificate and the chance to network with professionals and gain exposure in their fields.

## Terms and Conditions

### Submission Format and Guidelines:

- **Formats:** Written (PDF/Word), Artwork (JPEG/PNG), Audiovisual (MP4/MP3).
- **Font and Size:** Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point size.
- **Written Entries supporting your Story, Artwork, Audiovisual:** Minimum 500 words, maximum 2000 words.
- **Naming Convention:** "EntryTitle\_WomenNGOs\_ParticipantName."

### Eligibility:

- Bachelor's degree holder, employed full-time by an officially registered NGO.
- NGO experience of at least two years, preferably in leadership roles.

## Submission Guidelines

### Objectives:

- To showcase the experiences and efforts of women working in NGOs.
- To demonstrate the impact of these NGOs on the lives of women refugees.

### Methodology:

- Outline the information-gathering process, case studies, or personal experiences.
- Include any research or data collection methods.

### Expected Outcomes:

- Specify the form of submissions (e.g., case studies, documentary, interviews).
- Indicate how these will reflect the work and impact of NGOs.

### Impact on Women Refugees:

- Detail how the project will illuminate the role of NGOs in supporting women refugees.
- Explain how it will contribute to knowledge sharing and best practices.

### Evaluation Criteria:

- Originality, Relevance to Empowerment Theme, Impact, Professional Insight.

### Intellectual Property:

- Ownership retained; non-exclusive, royalty-free license to organizers for related use.

### Ethical Standards:

- Adherence to ethical content standards, respecting diversity and inclusivity

# Category C - Empowering Through Innovation

## Eligibility Criteria

- **Age Group:** Participants should be within the age group of 18 and above.
- **Team Composition:** Projects can be submitted by individuals or groups of up to 4 members.
- **Innovativeness:** Proposals must demonstrate originality and innovative thinking in addressing the challenges faced by women refugees.
- **Relevance:** Projects should be relevant to the needs and circumstances of women refugees.
- **Educational Background:** There are no specific educational requirements, but a background or demonstrable interest in areas relevant to the project (e.g., technology, social sciences, humanitarian work) is advantageous.

## Prize Details

- **Prizes:** Recognition awards and mentorship opportunities.
- **Monetary Award:** AED 10,000 for each team member (in case of group submissions) or AED 40,000 for individual winner category.
- **Mentorship Program:** Includes three months of mentorship with industry experts, providing guidance and support for project development and implementation.
- **Additional Recognition:** Winners will receive certificates and have their stories or works featured on SFFWR-relevant platforms/media.

## Submission Guidelines

### Objectives:

- To generate innovative solutions addressing the challenges faced by women refugees.
- To encourage creative thinking and problem-solving among youth.

### Methodology:

- Describe the innovative approach or technology to be used.
- Explain the process of development and implementation.

### Expected Outcomes:

- Clearly define the innovative solutions or projects expected.
- State how these solutions are practical and applicable to women refugees.

### Impact on Women Refugees:

- Discuss the potential benefits and improvements these innovations could bring.
- Highlight how they might enhance women refugees' quality of life, empowerment, or resilience.

### Eligibility for Submission:

- The award welcomes global youth participation, including refugees.

### Additional Requirements:

- **Originality:** Proposals must be the original work of the participant(s).
- **Relevance:** Address the themes of resilience, empowerment, and innovation, focusing on the challenges of women refugees.
- **Feasibility:** Realistic and achievable within the proposed timeline and budget.
- **Innovativeness:** Demonstrate creative and innovative problem-solving approaches.

### Submission Process:

- Proposals should be named "ProjectProposal\_Title\_ParticipantName."
- Submit through the designated award platform, ensuring all sections are complete and adhere to the guidelines.





# Terms and Conditions

## Submission Format and Guidelines:

- **Naming Convention:** "ProjectTitle\_Innovation\_Category\_ParticipantName."
- **Format:** Proposals should be in PDF format.
- **Length:** 10- 30 pages.
- **Font and Size:** Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point size.

## Eligibility:

- Open to youth aged 18 and above globally.
- Individuals or groups (up to 4 members) can participate.

## Evaluation Criteria:

- Alignment with SFFWR Strategy (Add SFFWR strategy website link), Relevance, Sustainability, Feasibility, Innovation, Community Impact.

## Intellectual Property:

- Participants retain rights; grant license for promotional and evaluative purposes.

## Ethical Standards:

- Projects must be culturally sensitive, ethical, and uphold integrity.



# General Information

- **Eligibility for Prizes:** Winners must meet all award criteria and be selected by the judging panel.
- **Prize Distribution:** Prizes will be awarded during a ceremony at the closing ceremony event in June in Abu Dhabi or sent to winners if attendance is impossible.
- **Publicity:** Winners agree to be featured in publicity materials related to the award.

## Additional Notes

- Prizes are designed to not only provide recognition but also to support the ongoing work and development of the winners.
- In addition to the prizes listed, winners will gain significant exposure and opportunities to showcase their work on international platforms.

## Contact for Prize Queries

For any questions or further information regarding the prizes, please contact [VoicesforHope@sheikhafatimafund.com](mailto:VoicesforHope@sheikhafatimafund.com)

## Proposal Format and Structure:

### Content Structure:

1. **Title Page:** Project title, participant(s) name(s), and contact details.
2. **Executive Summary:** Concise project overview, highlighting goals and expected impact (max 300 words).
3. **Introduction:** Define the specific problem or challenge your project addresses.
4. **Objectives and Goals:** Clearly articulate the aims of the project.
5. **Methods and Approach:** Describe the planned innovative methodologies, tools, or strategies.
6. **Timeline:** Estimated timeline for implementation.
7. **Budget Overview:** Preliminary budget outlining major expenses.
8. **Sustainability Plan:** Strategy for maintaining impact beyond initial implementation.
9. **Risk Analysis and Mitigation Strategies:** Identify potential challenges and solutions.

## Awards General Terms for All Categories:

- **Confidentiality:** Personal information is confidential and used only for award purposes.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Disclosure of any potential conflict of interest is mandatory.
- **Disqualification:** Non-compliance with terms can lead to disqualification.
- **Decision and Dispute Resolution:** Organizers' decisions are final; disputes are resolved at their discretion.
- **Amendments:** Terms may be amended with notification to participants.
- **Queries:** Contact provided information for clarifications.
- **Compliance with Laws:** All submissions must comply with local and international laws.





# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## General Queries

**Q1: Who is eligible to participate in the award?**

- A1: There are three categories for participation:
- Women Refugees: Recognized as refugees by UNHCR or the host country, aged 18 or older.
  - Women Working with NGOs: Those holding at least a bachelor's degree and employed full-time by a registered NGO.
  - Empowering Through Innovation: Open to individuals or groups (up to 4 members) aged 18 and above, including refugees and global youth.

**Q2: What are the different types of submissions accepted?**

A2: We accept written stories, poetry, artwork, photography, videos, audio recordings, and project proposals.

**Q3: Can submissions be in any language?**

A3: Yes, bids in any language are accepted. However, providing a translation is recommended for broader audience comprehension.

## Project Proposal Submissions

**Q7: What should be included in a project proposal submission?**

A7: Proposals should include a title page, executive summary, introduction, objectives, methods, timeline, budget overview, expected outcomes, sustainability plan, and risk analysis.

**Q8: How long can the project proposals be?**

A8: The proposal should not exceed ten pages.

## Submission Specifics

**Q4: What are the guidelines for written submissions?**

A4: Written entries should be in PDF or Word format, not exceeding 2000 words, using Times New Roman or Arial font, size 12.

**Q5: What are the requirements for artwork and photography submissions?**

A5: Artwork and photographs should be in JPEG or PNG format, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi and a maximum file size of 5MB.

**Q6: Are there specific guidelines for video and audio recordings?**

A6: Videos and audio recordings should not exceed 5 minutes in length, with videos and a minimum quality of 720p.

## Prizes and Recognition

**Q9: What are the prizes for the award?**

A9: Prizes vary by category, including cash awards for women refugees, scholarships for women working with NGOs, and recognition awards for the Empowering Through Innovation category.

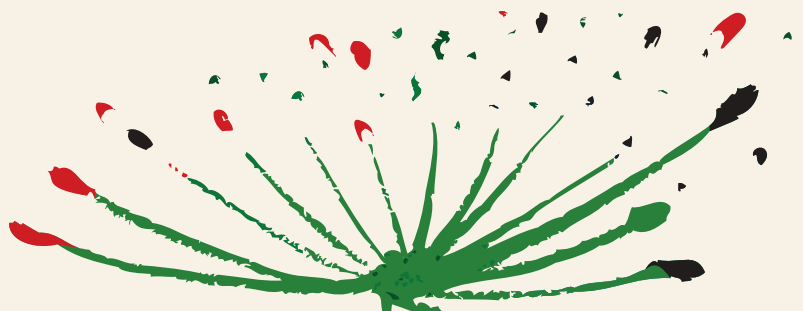
## Submission Process

**Q10: How do I submit my entry?**

A10: Entries should be submitted through the designated award platform, accessible via the SFFWR website.

**Q11: Is there a deadline for submissions?**

A11: Yes, submissions should reach by 2 May 2024





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