



Dear Rights for Time members, friends, and colleagues,
Happy New Year !

We hope that you had a restful break, and are as excited about the possibilities for the year ahead as we are at Rights for Time. With our bodies and minds restored, we're expecting a year of achievements here at the network. We hope that you follow us on our journey throughout 2023 and that these updates are a valuable resource to you.

In this newsletter, we'll be featuring our plans for 2023; looking forward to what we've got coming up in the new year.



Growing our network

We are kicking off the year with exciting news about Rights for Time taking on new partners and growing as a network.

Small grants call for proposals into humanitarian protection

In order to help advance our concepts and increase our reach, Rights for Time has called for expanded research in the Global South. The network launched a [small grants call](#) for projects to re-think current approaches to 'protection' in low- and middle-income countries in July 2022 (closing date for submissions was the 15th of September 2022).

A total of 23 applications were submitted to the call from project teams based in a total of ten countries [see Figure 1], with 22 applications received in English, and one in Arabic. The total budget for the call was £250,000, with a maximum allowed amount of £25k per application. As each successful applicant put in a bid for the full amount, a total of 10 projects were funded. These projects are based in eight countries: Cameroon, Iraq, Kenya, Pakistan, Palestine (x3), Rwanda, and Uganda (x2) [see Figure 2]. A broad range of projects spanning a large range of topics and methodologies were supported, from a participatory film project exploring children born of war in Uganda to a community awareness and trauma intervention project in Pakistan. The projects were selected via a thorough review process by external reviewers and the Rights for Time leadership team.



FIGURE 1. Funding call applications received by country of host organisation



FIGURE 2. Geographic areas of commissioned projects

All projects were discussed by a grant assessment panel that made final decisions based on reviewer scores, the geographic, thematic, and methodological spread of projects, and their alignment with the network's themes and foundational principles. Through this process, the network's leadership awarded funding to ten projects.

We would like to congratulate the projects who secured funding and look forward to them joining us in exploring and advancing approaches to humanitarian protection.

The awardees' project titles and organisations are:

- 1 [African Initiative for Mankind Progress Organisation \(Rwanda\)](#) – When They Sung at Me, I Sang Back
- 2 [Azadi Kenya \(Kenya\)](#) – Ethical Storytelling and Photography Fellowship 2023
- 3 [Facilitation for Peace and Development \(Uganda\)](#) – Film-in-Participatory Action Learning for the Integration of Children Born of War in northern Uganda
- 4 [Hussaini Foundation \(Pakistan\)](#) – Youth Time Against Trauma: Community awareness on impact and prevention of intergenerational trauma in Pakistan
- 5 [Iraqi Development Association for Human Development organization \(Iraq\)](#) – Etched in Memory: Untold Stories of Mandaean's Past and Present Life in Iraq
- 6 [Njabala Foundation \(Uganda\)](#) – Pillars of Rectitude
- 7 [Palestine Trauma Centre \(Palestine\)](#) – Learning from Gaza: Mental Health paradigms from the Grass Roots
- 8 [Palestine Writing Workshop \(Palestine\)](#) – Burning Time
- 9 [Tamer Institute for Community Education \(Palestine\)](#) – Where did home go
- 10 [The Forest Creative Loft \(Cameroon\)](#) – Going Back through Memory Lane



Diversity and Equality Analysis of Applications and Funded Projects

In line with the network's values and commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion we collected information from all team members listed on the application form related to demographics relevant to their professional role. In order to improve our understanding of these data and where inequalities arise in the research landscape, we have analysed application patterns [here](#).

Our Learning

The Rights for Time team is highly aware of the impact of funding decisions on diversity and representation in our research area, and acknowledges that it is our responsibility to address barriers to participation. We also recognize that some of the issues that Rights for Time seeks to address in its work—the limitations of the 'crisis' approach to protection efforts—are exacerbated by the process of international funding requirements, processes, and frameworks. Making data on applications and awards publicly available is important as part of our aim for a more equitable funding landscape; it also offers us the opportunity to reflect on if/how we managed to mitigate some of the limitations that international funding puts on the possible challenges to its own frameworks (which we seek to do). Making this data publicly available, along with this reflection on process, is, we hope, another step toward ensuring applicants and funders a fair and transparent selection process, and information on how funding processes might better be run in the future.

Further Reflections

As an interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral, and cross-cultural network, we aim to ensure that equality and diversity are not afterthoughts in commissioning research but consider them central to supporting research that includes and benefits marginalised communities. In issuing this call and reviewing applications, we were as ethical, equal, and fair as possible; yet, we are hoping that our new partners will deepen and strengthen our understanding of what this vision means and welcome feedback from our research community on how to improve our commissioning and create a research landscape where everyone has an equal opportunity to contribute and benefit. You can reach us [here](#).

Full Commissioning Report



More information on our new projects and their research is coming soon!

Network Updates

Announcing the launch of our new website!

If you haven't done so already, check out [RightsforTime's new website!](#) The website draws together all of the information about our projects and will be updated regularly to introduce new members, reflect our thinking and progress.

Please take some time to browse our website and share it with your colleagues and network – so we can keep growing as a network.



Member Activity and Achievements

- Congratulations are in order for Prof Dajani and her team. Their documentary, "The Neighborhood Storyteller" was awarded "Highly Commended" at the ORION International Film Festival.
 - Link: <https://www.orionff.com/awards-20221.html>

- The Times and temporalities of Human Rights Q&A is available in the OpinJuris. Check out the interview with Kathryn McNeilly and Ben Warwick, editors of the Time and temporalities of International Human Rights Law (Hart 2022) and Natasha Mavronicola.
 - Link: <https://opinjuris.org/2023/01/20/qa-the-times-and-temporalities-of-human-rights/>



Other Updates

University and College Union Strikes

Unprecedented strike action is taking place at 150 UK universities throughout February and March unless university employers make substantially improved offers in disputes over pay, working conditions and pension cuts.

The full dates of strike action are:

- Week 1 - Wednesday 1 February
- Week 2 - Thursday 9 and Friday 10 February
- Week 3 - Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February
- Week 4 - Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 February
- Week 5 - Monday 27, Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 March
- Week 6 - Thursday 16 and Friday 17 March
- Week 7 - Monday 20, Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March

This strike action is the biggest series of strikes ever to hit UK university campuses.

The University and College Union (UCU) demands a meaningful pay rise to deal with the cost-of-living crisis as well as action to end the use of insecure contracts. In the pension dispute, the union is demanding employers revoke the cuts made last year that will see the average member lose 35% from their guaranteed future retirement income.



With this many exciting plans ahead, we're sure the year will go by faster than we think. Thank you to everyone for supporting us, and for contributing to our myriad of successes. We can't wait to find out what we'll accomplish together in 2023.



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