

# WOMEN'S GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR PEACE

An empowering, impactful and collaborative way to give



## An Introduction to Crisis Group

Around the globe, war is causing human anguish on a scale unseen in a generation. Women and girls are disproportionately hurt by violent conflict: female-headed households make up 80 per cent of the world's internally displaced people, and conflict keeps 39 million girls worldwide out of school.

The work to identify, raise awareness and advocate for routes to peace for women and girls is central to Crisis Group's mission to prevent, mitigate and end deadly conflict. We engage with all sides in war zones and use that insight gathered from the field to deliver key decision makers impartial and practical recommendations for protecting the world's most vulnerable.

## The Women's Global Alliance for Peace

Fronted by **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**, former President of Liberia, and **Helle Thorning-Schmidt**, former CEO of Save the Children International and former Prime Minister of Denmark, Crisis Group has established a Women's Global Alliance for Peace to bring together an international network of women philanthropists who share a desire for a safer, fairer and more peaceful world.

Women have a crucial role to play in conflict prevention. In one country after another, our research has shown that the

best peacemakers are often women. What's more, by identifying and advocating for gender-sensitive means of peace and reconciliation early in crisis situations, we can reduce the need for humanitarian intervention later.

When women stand together, we are a powerful force for change. The Alliance offers the opportunity for strategic investment in supporting women and girls affected by conflict — and the women working to prevent it. Joining with other funders is an effective way to achieve greater impact: collaboration brings more resources, more capacity and more leadership to the issue at hand. With conflicts and crises multiplying across the globe, this initiative is not only timely but urgent.

## How the Alliance Works

The Alliance and Crisis Group work in partnership, linked and led by our shared values. Each member makes an annual financial commitment to a pooled fund, with opportunities to build networks with other partners and share contacts, skills and creative talents to both support Crisis Group's work and raise further financial support.

The Alliance is led by its partners. Partners collectively decide which Crisis Group gender initiatives the group will support.

## Gender and Global Conflict

Crisis Group believes that conflicts, from political transitions to long-running insurgencies, are often significantly shaped by the differentiated roles and experiences of men and women.

**Women are not just victims**, but exercise agency and choice in ways that can both fuel and defuse deadly conflict. Yet, too often, their roles are unexamined or invisible.

Our work focuses on three key themes:

- 1. Gender and Militancy:** We examine the roles women play in supporting and sustaining militancy and the implications for them, their families and their communities.
- 2. Women's Political Participation:** We highlight the ways in which women work, often at the community and social level, to defuse conflicts and encourage peacebuilding efforts.
- 3. The Impact of Conflict on Women:** We identify how conflicts, political crises and political pressure tools (such as economic sanctions) affect men and women in distinct ways.

## About You

The Alliance is looking for women who want:

- **To connect** with a remarkable global community of like-minded women.
- **To access** Crisis Group's distinguished network, including our field-based experts, senior team and Trustees, a group which represents 30 countries at the highest levels of government, business and philanthropic institutions.
- **To engage** in virtual discussions on wide-ranging topics, including feminist foreign policy and women's political participation, with analysts, thought leaders and experts.
- To maximise the impact of your personal philanthropy by contributing to a pooled fund.
- **To witness** the impact and progress of your collective support.
- **To partner** a globally recognised and respected organisation to encourage and support women's involvement in preventing war and shaping peace.

Azadeh Moaveni, Gender Project Director and author of *Lipstick Jihad* and *Guest House for Young Widows*, converses with an internally displaced woman in Maiduguri, epicentre of Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria. December 2018.  
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## How to Join

For more information on the Alliance and how to join, please contact Crisis Group's Director of Philanthropy **Sarah Pryke** at [spryke@crisisgroup.org](mailto:spryke@crisisgroup.org). If you would like to attend an event, meet a member for virtual coffee or hear from Crisis Group staff who are covering active conflict zones, Sarah would be pleased to arrange this for you.