

# Three Decades After Beijing:

## Where is the Money for Feminist Organizing?

The 1995 **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action** marked a historic victory – decades of feminist organizing finally secured gender justice and women's human rights on the global agenda.

Now, in 2025, a critical moment has arrived. Feminist, women's rights, gender justice, LBTQI+ and allied movements face an unprecedented backlash against their hard-won rights and freedoms.

The future of gender justice hangs in the balance. Resourcing feminist movements isn't just important – it's fundamental to securing both a just present and a liberated future.

*The quiz is based on the preliminary findings of AWID's 2024 "Where is the Money for Feminist Organizing?" survey of nearly 1,200 groups working on gender justice and rights for women and LBTQI+ people.*

How much do **you** know about the state of feminist resourcing today?  
**Take the quiz to find out!**

**Q1 - What was the median annual budget for feminist groups in 2023?**

- A 10,000 USD or under
- B Between 20,000–30,000 USD
- C Between 50,000–100,000 USD

**Q2 - What were the most significant funding sources for feminist groups?**

- A Multilateral or bilateral donors
- B Philanthropic foundations
- C Women's and feminist funds

**Q3 - Over 80% of feminist groups rely partially on autonomous resourcing\*. How did this reliance change between 2021–2023?**

*\*Note: Autonomous resourcing includes autonomously generated resources such as volunteering, donations, and sales of services or products.*

- A Remained the same
- B Increased for half of the groups
- C Generally decreased

**Q4 - Which statement about core funding is accurate?**

- A Approximately 30% of feminist groups receive no core funding
- B Core funding is the predominant funding type
- C Core funding decreased between 2021–2023

**Q5 - In 2024, if external funding stopped immediately, how long could most feminist groups continue operating?**

- A More than 24 months
- B 6–12 months
- C Less than 6 months



**Turn the page around to see how you scored!**

# ANSWERS

Q1: B, Q2: C, Q3: B, Q4: A, Q5: C

**Q1: B – The median annual budget for feminist groups in 2023 was 22,000 USD.**

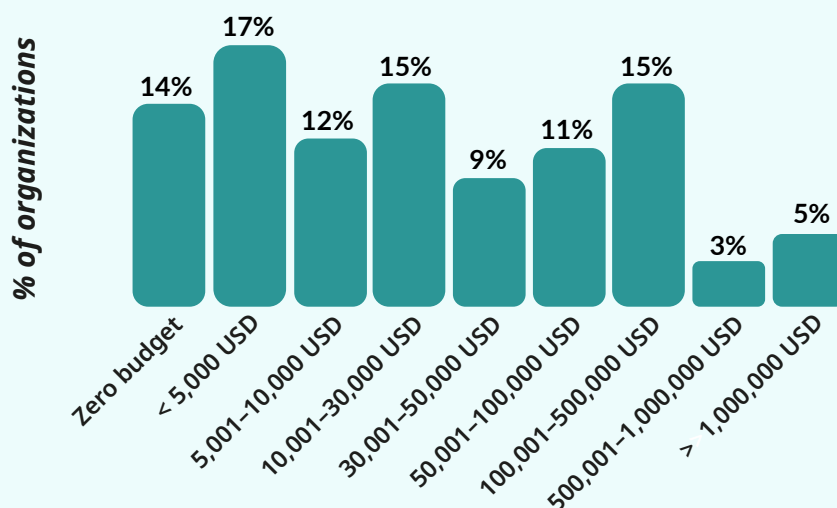
Between 2021–2023, feminist groups showed significant budget variations:

- Nearly 60% operated on less than 30,000 USD annually
- 14% had no budget
- 5% had budgets exceeding 1 million USD

Budget sizes typically varied based on:

- Geographic scope (local, national, regional, or global operations)
- Regions
- Registration status

## Annual budget, average 2021–2023

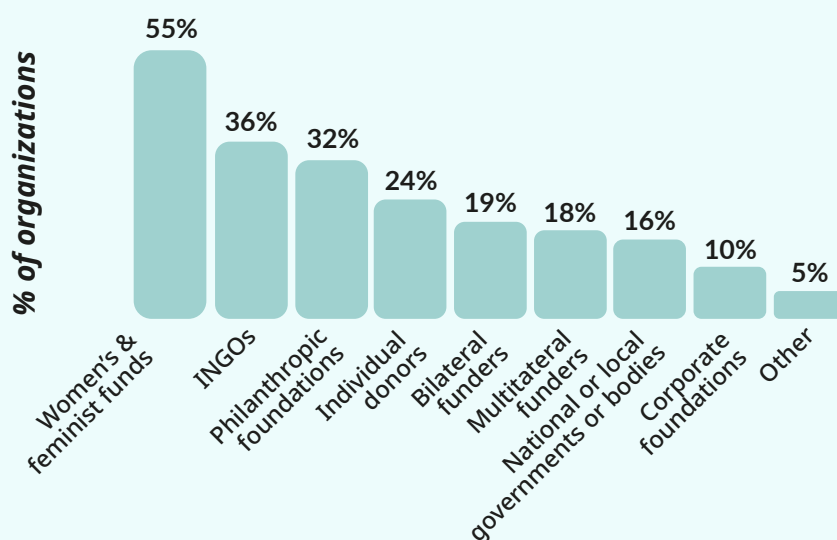


**Q2: C – Women's and feminist funds were a key source of funding for 55% of respondents between 2021–2023.**

- Most groups received up to 30% of their budget from women's and feminist funds
- Over 40% of groups received more than half of their budget from these funds

It is worth noting that most respondents maintain funding from diversified sources.

## Key sources of external funding 2021–2023





### Q3: B – Between 2021–2023, reliance on autonomous resourcing:

- **Increased for nearly half of feminist groups:**
  - 33% reported slight increase
  - 14% reported substantial increase
- Remained stable for 30%
- Decreased for 23%

### Q4: A – Despite some progress, 30% of feminist groups still receive no core funding.

Groups that receive grants from women's and feminist funds are more likely to have access to core funding, as the type of grants these funders provide tend to be more flexible and of higher quality.

### Q5: C – In our 2024 survey findings:

- **Over 60% of respondents could operate less than 6 months if external funding ended immediately**
- Nearly 50% had already faced risk of closure

**Feminist movements need core, flexible and sustainable funding. Funders need to step up!**

*After the survey, the global context drastically shifted, making feminist resourcing realities even more dire. Within a few months, several key bilateral funders, including the Netherlands, France and Sweden, announced drastic cuts to their aid budgets, while some key philanthropic foundations are either closing or shifting strategy. In January 2025, the USAID global aid funding freeze sent further shockwaves through the human rights and development sector, which according to the Human Rights Funders Network is expected to lose up to 1 billion USD a year by 2028. For many feminist and LGBTQI+ movements, the implications could be existential.*

# What's Powering This Quiz?

## The AWID 2024 Survey

This quiz draws on the preliminary findings of AWID's flagship survey, "*Where is the Money for Feminist Organizing?*" (WITM), conducted between May–August 2024. The survey aims to highlight the financial status of diverse feminist, women's rights, gender justice, LGBTQI+, and allied movements globally. Ultimately, the survey seeks to strengthen the case for increasing and improving funding while shifting power to feminist movements.

Our sample includes nearly 1,200 groups, organizations, and movements working for women's and LGBTQI+ rights and gender justice. These groups provided data on their financial situations from 2021–2023. Nearly 90% of respondents operate in the Majority World (Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean, Asia & the Pacific), with 80% working at national and/or local levels.

The final report will launch in 2026. Throughout 2025, AWID will collaborate with feminist movements and partners to analyze these findings collectively, in drastically shifting contexts. The WITM survey continues AWID's 20-year history of research and advocacy on resourcing feminist movements.

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### Ready to check your score?

#### Count 1 point for each correct answer!

##### 5 points:

Amazing! 🌟 You really understand the landscape of feminist funding. Share your knowledge!

##### 3–4 points:

Great work! 👏 You've got solid insight into feminist resourcing.

##### 2 points:

You're on your way! 🏃 Connect with feminist movements to learn more.

##### 0–1 points:

Time to dive deeper! 📖 Discover how feminist organizations are really funded.

Find out more!



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