In the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, WILPF has been standing firm with women’s rights organisations, feminist grassroots initiatives, and other women-led initiatives to help build a vibrant feminist movement and advance a future of peace, justice, and equality for all. This work is primarily led by the MENA team.

As a movement, our goal is to find and support localised solutions to the interconnected systems of oppression that fuel constant cycles of conflict, displacement, climate catastrophes, and other crises in the region.

Here, we invite you to explore just a few of our recent projects and initiatives to advance a future of feminist peace in the MENA region.

**Side by side on the journey to feminist peace in Syria**

Within the challenging context of the MENA region — political instability, cross-border insecurities, and failure of the rule of law — women activists are encountering multifaceted barriers to meaningful participation in conflict prevention, resolution, and post-conflict transition.

These barriers include insufficient and inconsistent funding policies common to donor-led funding practices, which have forced many not-for-profit and civil society organisations with feminist agendas to neglect their long-term feminist goals in favour of short-term projects that align with donor priorities.

Seeking to find an alternative to these traditional and ineffective top-down approaches, several years ago WILPF developed the **Holistic Feminist Resourcing Approach**. Through a combination of flexible funding, tailored technical support, and a range of networking and coordination opportunities, the approach aims to support organisations with feminist values and agendas to work towards their visions, while acknowledging their complex realities and diverse needs.
In 2022, we published an **engaging and in-depth look** at how the Holistic Feminist Resourcing Approach was applied to the Feminist Movement for Change in Syria project, launched in 2018. By sharing insights, feedback, and learnings from the project, we hope to demonstrate how creative, flexible approaches to funding and support can foster long-term feminist peace.

**Breaking down barriers to feminist knowledge in Arabic**

When WILPF partners in the MENA region expressed a need for a platform of feminist knowledge in Arabic, we got right to work.

In 2022, we officially launched the **MENA Hub** — a new online platform sharing accessible, contextualised feminist resources rooted in the unique dynamics and challenges of the region.

Available in both Arabic and English, all resources on the MENA Hub have been developed by WILPF’s MENA Team and different programmes, our partners in the MENA region, or through collaborative efforts with feminist activists in the region and the global diaspora.

Check out the MENA Hub in [English](#) and [Arabic](#).

**Hear directly from feminist activists in the MENA region**

"We’re proud to have worked with our MENA program sisters to amplify feminist perspectives in critical spaces. The MENA Hub provides valuable Arabic resources for advancing the WPS agenda, supporting feminist activists and women peacebuilders in their work for peace and human rights.”

— Genevieve Riccoboni, Women, Peace and Security Programme Associate

Learn more about WILPF’s wide-reaching work in the MENA region by exploring our [MENA Hub](#).