

Funding Actions 2025

Successful fundraising – and ensuring continued funding from ongoing partners – relies on the full support and efforts of WACC staff and directors to enhance visibility, monitor opportunities, build relationships, maintain effective project and financial management, and demonstrate impact. Thus, actions that contribute to funding are integrated throughout the organization. The following lists specific actions from September 2024, looking at funding in 2025 and beyond.

1. Specific funding applications

Funder	Title	Requested	Decision
Henry Luce Foundation, USA	Building a Just Digital Future for All	USD 654,800	No response as yet.
Dutch Embassy in Colombia	CUMARE Voces de la Amazonia	For WACC: CAD 4,000	Successful. CAD 4,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	You are not alone	USD 130,000	Successful. Core funds for WACC USD 12,000
Brot für die Welt	CAP Programme	Euros 800,000 for 2026-29	Expected August
Brot für die Welt	Core budget	Euros 460,000 in 2026 and 2027	Expected September
Otto per Mille	CDMC Palestine project	EUR 130,514	Expected September
Government of Canada	Summer Student	CAD 5,563	Approved
UN Women	GMMP	USD 50,000	Successful. USD30,000
PACMAS	GMMP	USD 23,500	Successful. USD 9,500
UN Democracy Fund	Safe Online Spaces (SOS): Advancing Women's Participation in Public Life	USD 200,000 over two years	Expected September
ERASMUS (EU)	Mission Diversity: Youth Boosting Inclusive Communities	WACC portion of consortium Euros 59,000	Expected November

EU CERV Call	BeMe (Belief in Media)	WACC portion of consortium Euros 19,500	Expected November
PWRDF – Alongside Hope	Amplifying Voices, Protecting Futures: Indigenous Media as a Catalyst for Climate Justice in Nepal	USD 150,000 over 3 years (2025-29)	Expected Summer

2. Funding Outreach

- a. In November 2024, WACC started a specific conversation with Partners Global, which had significant USAID funding for global projects. Conversations were quite positive, but they restructured early in 2025 and we expect opportunities to collaborate have ended with the cuts to USAID.
- b. Capacity building: WACC Europe vice president Agnieszka Tarnogorska attended 5-day seminar on getting funding from EU led by EMW and WSCF Europe.
- c. WACC involved in Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe project on improving narratives on migration funded by Otto Per Mille, to be implemented late 2025.
- d. Conversations with Jan Albrecht, co-president of Heinrich Boll Foundation, with several options for their support through hosting events or facilitating applications.
- e. Outreach to Global Partners Digital on shared concerns on WSIS+20; several excellent mutual events and WACC was invited to join the Global Digital Rights Coalition for WSIS, which brings together key civil society organisations to share information and coordinate advocacy.
- f. Several discussions with DanChurchAid and strong interest in collaborating on digital rights and civic space; partner meeting to be held at the Internet Governance Forum in Oslo at the end of June 2025.
- g. WACC North America is sponsoring an MA student in communications and media to be part of the WACC delegation at WSIS+20 as well as contributing USD1,000 towards staff travel costs.
- h. The SWOT analysis was a good opportunity to reach out to existing and potential partners; several responded with helpful perspectives for the future.
- i. Conversation with International Media Support (IMS) from Denmark about support for climate and communication rights work.
- j. Staff are preparing funding applications focused on GMMP follow up.
- k. Further development of WACC's learning platform, and offering workshop and training opportunities continues; to be considered more strongly in the strategic planning.
- l. Multiple conversations with HEKS, Church of Sweden, Christian AID (UK and Ireland), DIAKONIA, Anglican Communion on project collaboration.
- m. Conversations with representatives of existing funders such as Bread for the World, PWRDF, UCC, and ELCA informing them about our work to ensure that funding continues.
- n. Staff monitor several funding databases to look for opportunities both for WACC Global and regions, as well as project partners.

3. How you can help:

- a. Follow, share and tag WACC Global posts on Social Media.
- b. Share The Hub with your networks and encourage them to sign up themselves.
- c. Promote University memberships – let us know if you need us to resend the materials.
- d. We are very happy to hear of project ideas and will try to match them with possible funding sources, or to review your funding applications to potential donors.
- e. Help us identify opportunities and make introductions to key contacts.