

How to Use the Who Can Fund Me? Database

In the face of global funding cuts and freezes, AWID has re-launched the Who Can Fund Me? database—an easy-to-use and searchable directory of over 200 funders committed to supporting gender equality and feminist movements across various regions and globally.

**The information in the database is based on funder websites and other publicly accessible sources.*

For easier navigation, the database includes smart filters that can be used to adjust your search based on, among other things, geographical focus, thematic priorities, and type of funding.

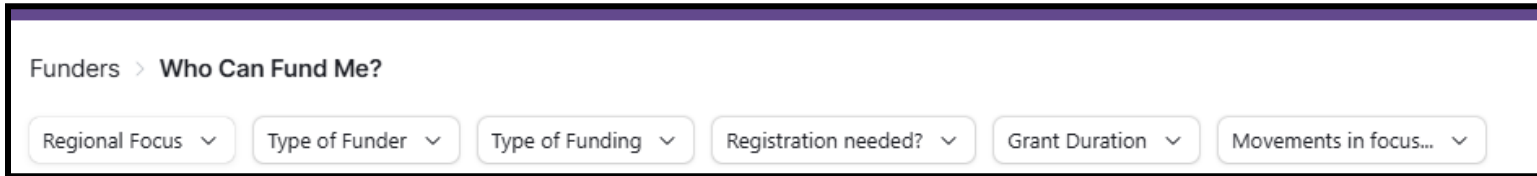
We envision the Who Can Fund Me? database as a living, crowdsourced resource, reviewed and updated on a bimonthly basis.

We need your support! If you are a funder or an individual who knows of new and emerging funders supporting feminist organizing who are not yet part of the database, please submit the information using [this form](#), so that we can share this vital information with the global community of feminist movements. Information submitted will appear on the Who Can Fund Me? database on a bimonthly basis, after it's been reviewed.

If your organization is already in the database but its information needs to be updated, please submit via [this form](#).

How to navigate the WCFM database

Search by key filters



 The WCFM database allows for more tailored searches by applying one or more of the following filters. By using these filters, you will be able to find funders that respond to the resourcing needs of diverse forms of feminist organizing.

To personalise your search, you can filter according to the following categories.

 **Tip! You can choose *one* or a *combination* of filters to search for funders that align with your organization's resourcing priorities.**

- **Regional focus:** Use this filter to find funders that support initiatives in your geographical area. You can filter your search by “region” or by the “global” focus.
- **Type of funder:** Use this filter to find funders that are specifically, for example, women's and feminist funds, philanthropic foundations, corporate foundations, multilateral funders, or pooled funds. To learn more about the different types of funders, please see the glossary [below](#).
- **Type of funding:** Use this filter to find funders who provide grants specifically, for example, for core funding, programs and projects, research, or rapid response/emergency grants.

- **Registration needed:** Select this filter to search for funders based on whether they require grantee partners to hold an official registration status. Choose from options “Yes,” “No,” or “Depending on program.”
- **Grant duration:** Select this filter to find funds lasting specific lengths of time (months or years).
- **Movements in focus:** Use this filter to identify funders whose funding priorities align with the focus of your organizing.

**This list was developed by the AWID team according to funders' official thematic priorities in order to make the database more searchable for users' respective needs. The list is not exhaustive and may be updated in future iterations.*

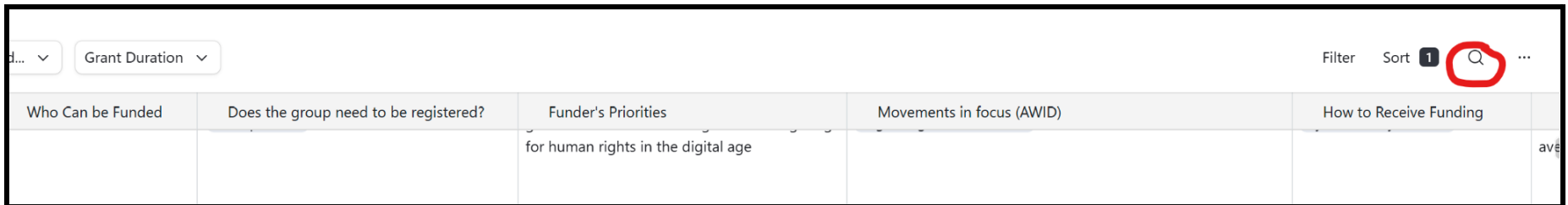
Below is an example of using multiple filters to find a philanthropic foundation [Type of Funder] that funds research [Type of Funding] and operates globally [Regional Focus].

The screenshot shows a search interface titled "Who Can Fund Me?". A red oval highlights the filter section at the top, which includes three dropdown menus: "Regional Focus is" set to "Global", "Type of Funder is" set to "Philanthropic Foundation", and "Type of Funding is" set to "Research". To the right of these are "Registration needed?" and "Grant D" (partially visible). Below the filters is a table with five columns: "Name of Fun...", "Website of Funder", "Type of Funder", "Funder's Priorities", and "Type of Funding". The table lists three funders: "Chicken & Egg Pictures", "Share-Net International's (SNI) - Activation grants", and "Williams Institute Global LGBTQ+ Seed Grants Program". Each funder is categorized as a "Philanthropic Foundation" and has specific funding priorities and types listed.

Name of Fun...	Website of Funder	Type of Funder	Funder's Priorities	Type of Funding
Chicken & Egg Pictures	https://chickeneggpics.org/how-to-apply/	Philanthropic Foundation	Global injustices, Human rights and environmental issues, Art and culture	Programs & Projects Research
Share-Net International's (SNI) - Activation grants	https://share-netinternational.org/	Philanthropic Foundation	Applied research; documentation of practices; and knowledge products to improve policy and practice in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Only Share-Net International's members are eligible for this funding	Research Not specified
Williams Institute Global LGBTQ+ Seed Grants Program	https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/programs/small-grants-program/about-us	Philanthropic Foundation	Encouraging new empirical research focused on lesbian; gay; bisexual; transgender; and intersex populations in least developed, low	Research

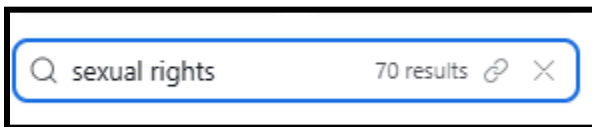
Search by keyword

If you're looking for something more specific, you can click on the lens icon on the top right corner of the database (see the image below for reference or press the **Alt** and **/** keys together on your keyboard) and type your keyword[s]—e.g. “grassroots,” “digital,” “climate,” or “sexual rights”—into the search bar. This function helps you quickly find funders that match your specific search.



The screenshot shows the top of the WCFM database interface. At the top right, there are buttons for 'Filter', 'Sort', and a search icon (a magnifying glass) which is circled in red. Below these buttons is a table with five columns: 'Who Can be Funded', 'Does the group need to be registered?', 'Funder's Priorities', 'Movements in focus (AWID)', and 'How to Receive Funding'. The first row of data shows 'for human rights in the digital age' under 'Funder's Priorities' and 'ave' under 'How to Receive Funding'.

Who Can be Funded	Does the group need to be registered?	Funder's Priorities	Movements in focus (AWID)	How to Receive Funding
		for human rights in the digital age		ave



The screenshot shows a search bar with the text 'sexual rights' entered. To the right of the text, it says '70 results' followed by a link icon and a close icon.

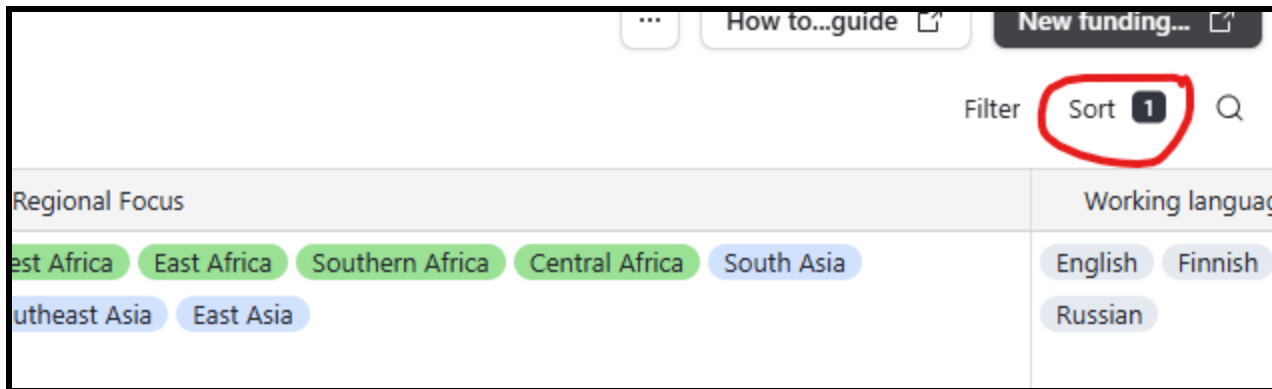
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How to organize the WCFM list

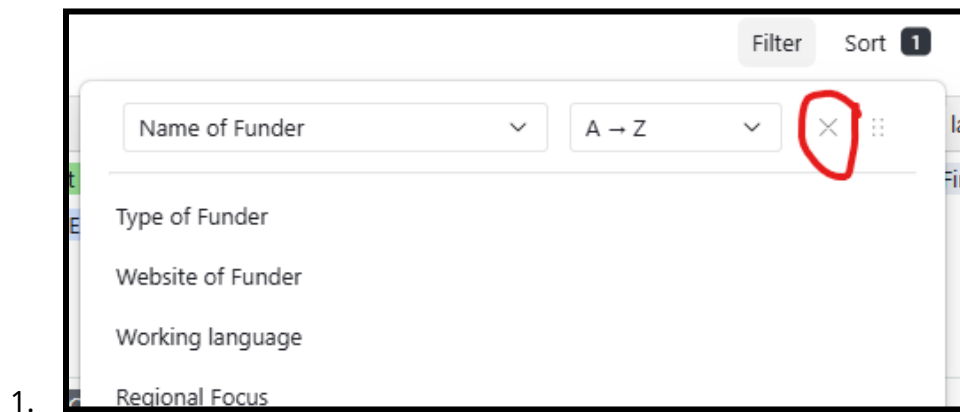
Sorting the funders list

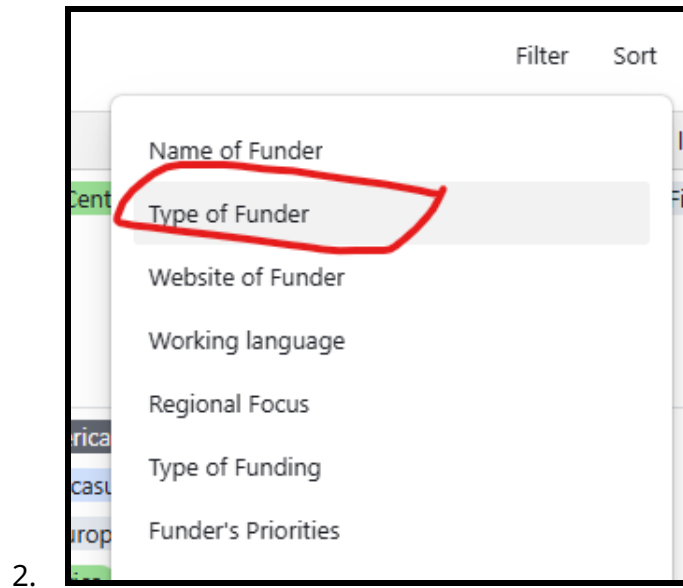
The WCFM automatically sorts its list of 200+ funders **by name** alphabetically.

To make navigating the list easier, you can change the order by using the **Sort** button on the top right corner of the database.

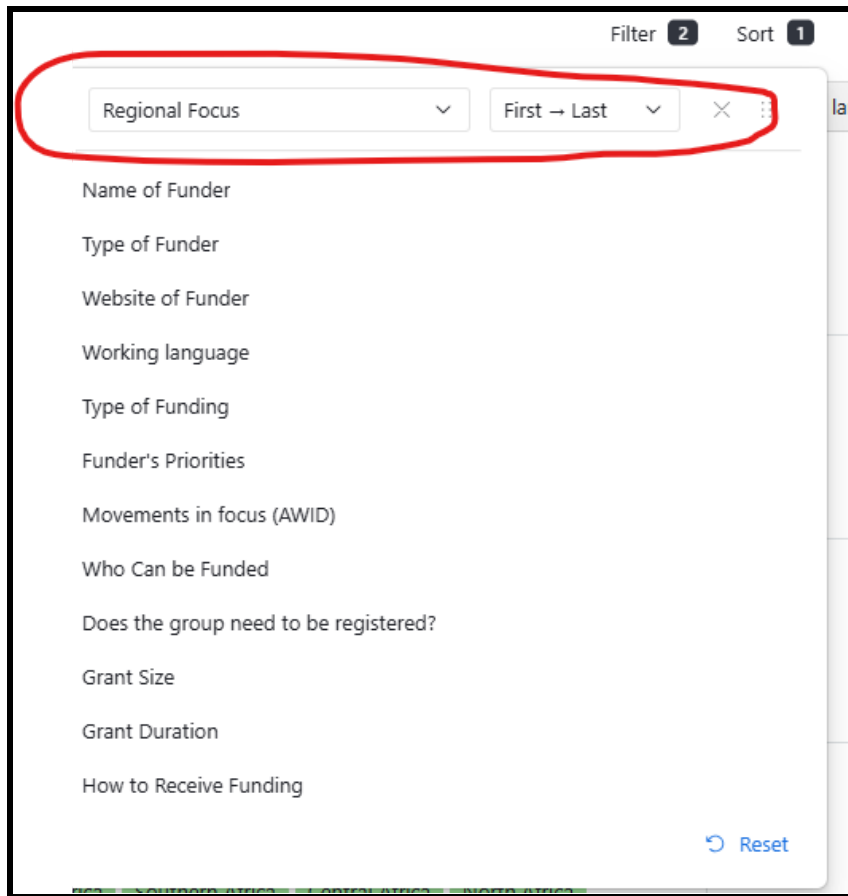


For example, you can sort the WCFM list by [**Type of Funder**] by first removing the existing [**Name of Funder**] sort by pressing the **cross X** button and then selecting [**Type of Funder**].





You can also sort the list by any other available option, such as [**Regional Focus**] or [**Movements in Focus**].



See funder information in a new window

On an Airtable page, information for each funder is presented in rows in list format. To view funder details in a new window:

- Hover your cursor until you see this  button on the left side of a row. Click on the button to expand.

☐	Name of Funder	Website of Funder	Working language	Regional Focus
☐	Abilis Foundation Finland	https://www.abilis.fi/?lang=en	English Finnish Russian	West Africa East Africa Southern Africa Centra Southeast Asia East Asia

- A box will pop up on the right side of your screen showing detailed information about the particular funder in an easy-to-read page.

Who Can Fund Me?

Regional Focus
Type of Funder
Type of Funding
Registration needed?
Grant Duration
Movements in focus...

Name of Fun...	Website of Funder	Type of Funder	Funder's Priorities	Type of Funding
Abilis Foundation Finland	https://www.abilis.fi/?lang=en	Philanthropic Foundation	Rights of women and girls with disabilities, Supporting the employment and livelihood development of persons with disabilities in an environmentally sustainable and climate resilient way	Programs & Projects
Access Now	https://www.accessnow.org/	Philanthropic Foundation	grassroots and frontline organizations fighting for human rights in the digital age	Core Funding Programs & Projects
African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) *also part of the Leading from the South Fund	https://awdf.org/ * https://www.leadingfromthesouth.org/	Women's and Feminist F...	Sexual and reproductive health and rights, Women's economic security and justice, Women's leadership; participation and peace	Core Funding Programs & Projects
AIDS Fonds	https://aidsfonds.org/	Philanthropic Foundation	Community-led responses to HIV/AIDS	Core Funding
Alfanar	https://www.alfanar.org/	Corporate Foundation	improve the lives of people living in poverty in the Arab world; particularly those working to economically empower women and improve	Core Funding

Abilis Foundation Finland

Type of Funder: Philanthropic Foundation
Type of Funding: Programs & Projects
Working language: English Finnish Russian
Website of Funder: <https://www.abilis.fi/?lang=en>
Who Can be Funded: Civil Society Groups
Regional Focus: West Africa East Africa Southern Africa Central Africa South Asia Southeast Asia East Asia
Funder's Priorities: Rights of women and girls with disabilities, Supporting the employment and livelihood development of persons with disabilities in an environmentally sustainable and climate resilient way
Movements in focus: Disability rights and justice movements
Does the group need to be registered?: Yes
Grant Size: Not specified
Grant Duration: 2-5 years
How to Receive Funding: Not specified

Advanced section: using the filter tool

If you want more control over how funders are displayed on the Airtable page, you can use the **Filter button** in the upper right corner to set up detailed rules. This function is helpful if you're looking for very specific funders and want to **combine multiple conditions together**.

What does the filter tool do?

Filters are a quick way to narrow your search for funders by selecting options such as **[Regional Focus]** or **[Type of Funding]**.

Conditions give you more control. You can set conditions such as **[Regional Focus]** in, for example, East Africa. Then, you can also group these conditions together to search for funders that are, for example, funding in East Africa OR South Asia AND offering specific types of funding (such as core funding or research grants).

Conditions are groupings of filters. Using conditions is like building your own custom filter by using rules that can work together. This search method requires a bit of practice but will yield very specific results once you get the hang of it.

By using advanced filter tools, you can:

- Add one condition, for example: **[Regional Focus]** that includes all of “East Asia” or “Central Asia.”

A screenshot of a search filter interface. At the top right, it says "Filter 1". Below this, there is a row of filter conditions. The first part is "Where" followed by a dropdown menu showing "Regional Focus". This is followed by a dropdown menu showing "has any of". To the right of this are two blue pill-shaped buttons labeled "East Asia" and "Central Asia". To the right of these buttons is a dropdown arrow, a trash icon, and a three-dot menu icon. Below this row, there are two links: "+ Add condition" and "+ Add condition group" with a question mark icon.

- Combine multiple conditions, for example: **[Regional Focus]** that includes all of “East Asia” or “Central Asia” **AND** **[Type of Funding]**—Research.

A screenshot of a search filter interface showing two conditions combined with "and" logic. At the top right, it says "Filter 2". Below this, there are two rows of filter conditions. The first row is identical to the one in the previous screenshot: "Where" followed by a dropdown menu showing "Regional Focus", a dropdown menu showing "has any of", two blue pill-shaped buttons labeled "East Asia" and "Central Asia", a dropdown arrow, a trash icon, and a three-dot menu icon. The second row starts with a dropdown menu showing "and", followed by a dropdown menu showing "Type of Fundi...", a dropdown menu showing "has any of", a green pill-shaped button labeled "Research", a dropdown arrow, a trash icon, and a three-dot menu icon. Below these rows, there are two links: "+ Add condition" and "+ Add condition group" with a question mark icon.

- Create groups of conditions that use **AND** or **OR** logic.

For example: If you are looking for funders that match multiple conditions, your search could be based on a combination of filters. For instance, if you are looking for a women’s and feminist fund, philanthropic foundation, or any other type of funder that is funding sexual and reproductive rights globally, you can use the set of conditions shown in the picture below.

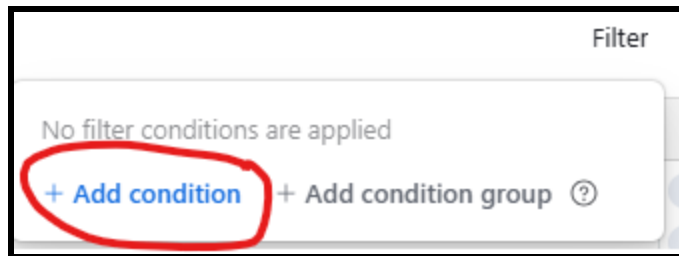
The screenshot displays an advanced filter tool interface. At the top, a condition is set: 'Where' followed by a dropdown 'Type of Funder', the operator 'is any of', and a value 'Women's and Feminist Fund' highlighted in pink. To the right of this value is a dropdown 'Phila' and a trash icon. Below this, an 'or' dropdown is visible. The main section is a light blue box containing the text 'All of the following are true...'. Inside this box, there are two conditions: 'Where' followed by a dropdown 'Funder's Prio...', the operator 'contains', and a value 'Sexual and Reprod...'; and 'and' followed by a dropdown 'Regional Focus', the operator 'has any of', and a value 'Global' highlighted in orange. Each condition has a trash icon and a three-dot menu icon.

How to apply the advanced filter tool

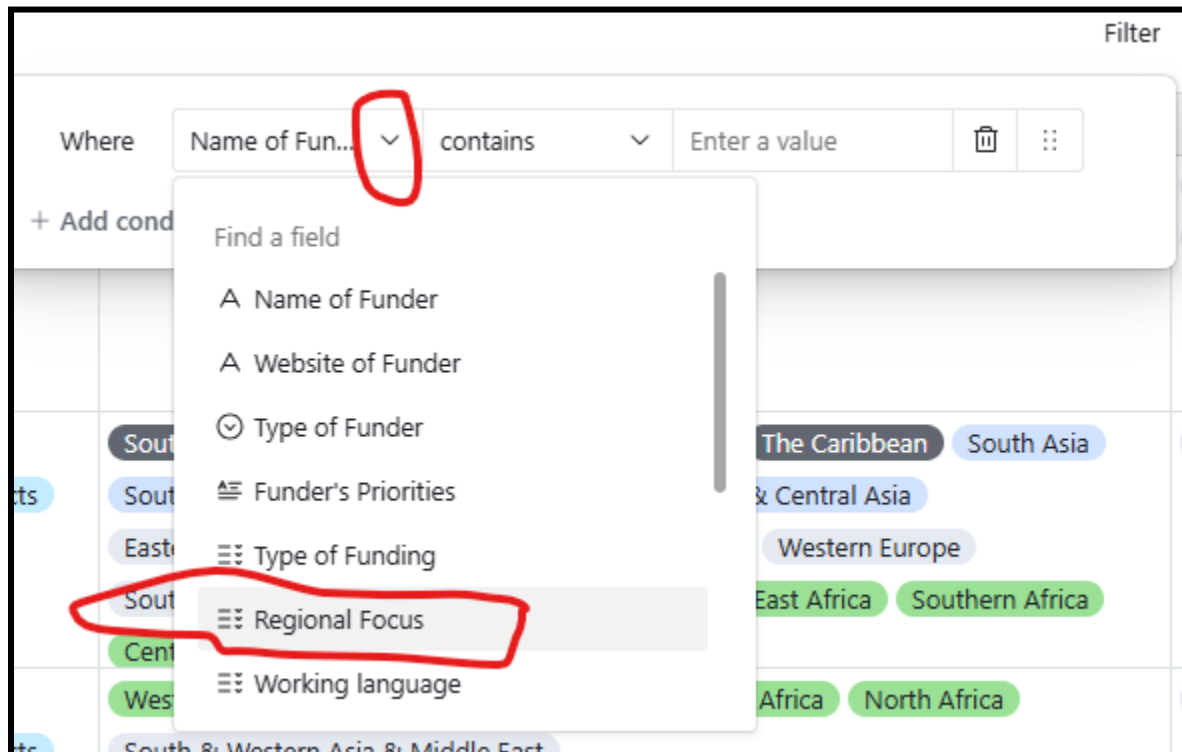
1. Click the **Filter** button at the top right.

The screenshot shows a search interface. At the top right, there is a 'Filter' button circled in red, followed by a 'Sort' button with a '1' icon and a search icon. Below these buttons, there is a section titled 'Working language' with a dropdown menu. At the bottom, there are several colored buttons: 'Central Africa' (green), 'South Asia' (blue), 'English' (blue), and 'Finnish' (blue).

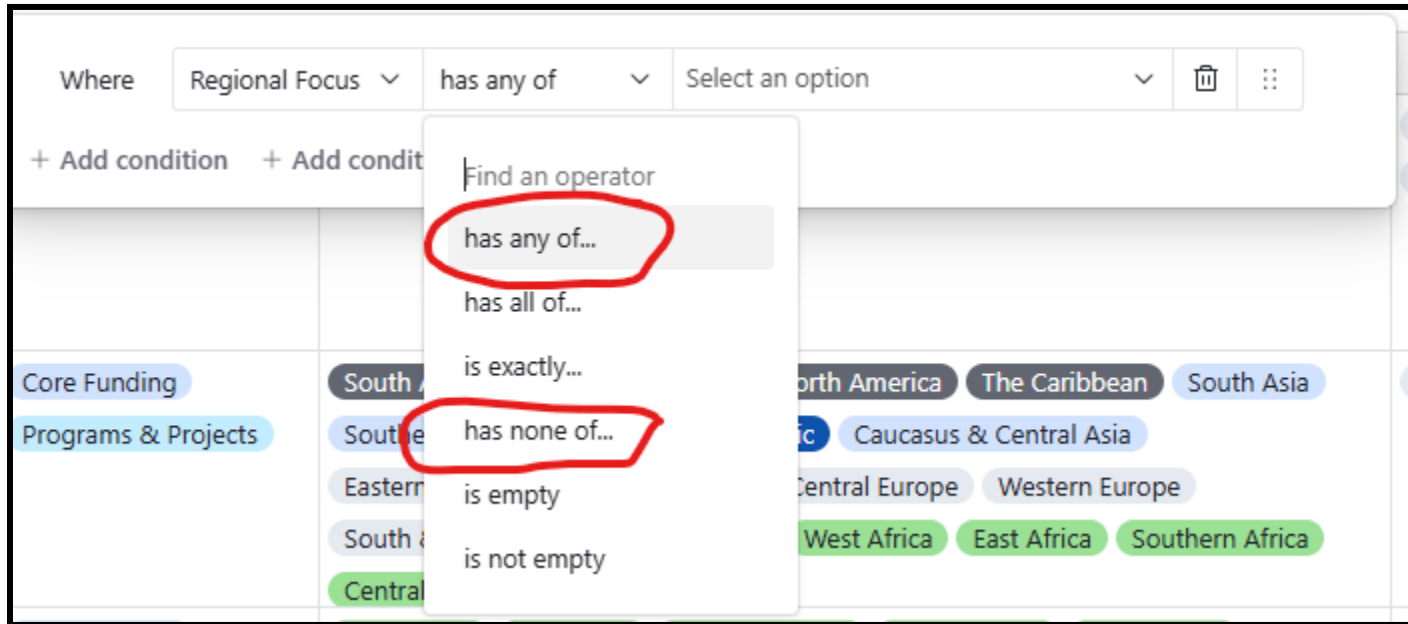
2. Click + **Add condition** to create more rules.



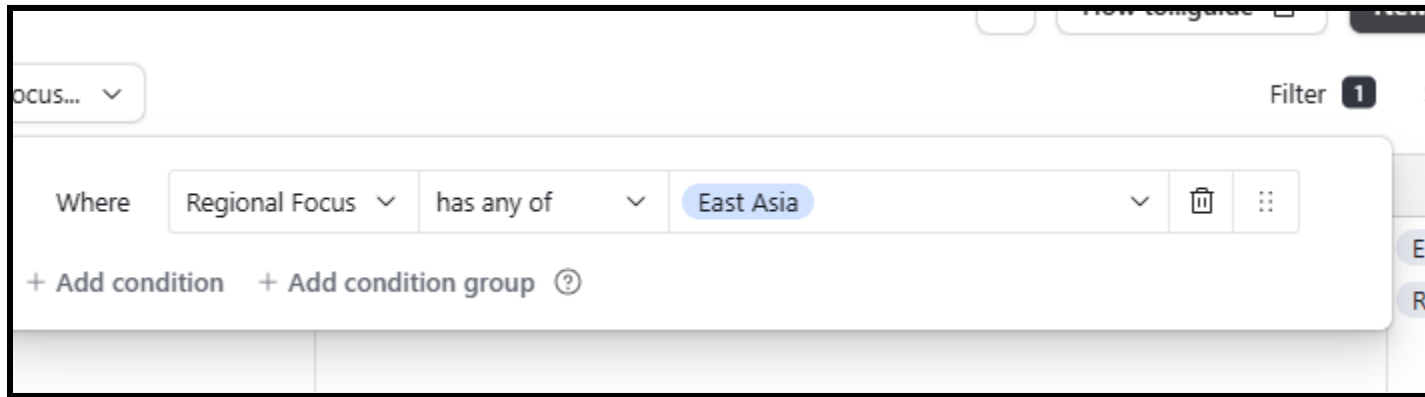
3. Click on the **v** to choose a field (such as "Regional Focus" or "Type of Funder").



4. Set a condition (such as "has any of," "has none of," "contains," etc.).



5. Click **+ Add condition** to create more rules.



Understanding AND/OR

- **AND** means **all the conditions must be true** for a funder to appear in your advanced filter search.
 - Example: funders' regional focus is "East Africa" AND type of funding is "core funding."
 - Only funders who meet **both** rules, i.e. fund groups in East Africa and offer core funding, will show up.
- **OR** means that **just one of the conditions must be true for a funder to appear in your search**.
 - Example: "Regional Focus" OR "Type of Funding."
 - Funders from **either** group will be included, i.e. those who either fund groups in East Africa or offer core funding, but do not necessarily do both.

Glossary of terms in the database

Type of funders:

- **Multilateral funders:** Grant-giving arms of international intergovernmental organizations (e.g. the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women or the Global Fund to Fight HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria).
- **Philanthropic foundations:** For the sake of the WCFM database, this is an umbrella term for foundations of all sizes, both private (i.e. usually set up by wealthy individuals and/or families, e.g. the Ford Foundation) and public (i.e. foundations that mobilize funding from multiple sources, including governments and the general public, e.g. Foundation for a Just Society).
- **Women's and feminist funds:** Public foundations operating globally, regionally, sub-regionally, and nationally that fund feminist, trans, intersex, and non-binary organizing as their core mission (e.g. Mama Cash, Black Feminist Fund, and Women's Fund Asia).
- **Corporate foundations:** Private foundations, most often the social responsibility arms of the private sector, usually of multinational corporations (e.g. the IKEA Foundation).

Funder priorities:

- **Thematic priorities:** The key funding areas of respective funders, based on publicly accessible information found in funders' key program documents and/or websites.
- **Movements in focus:** For the purpose of this database, this filter supports searches for funders with priorities that align with the focus of your organizing. Unlike the thematic priorities above, the AWID team developed this list using publicly accessible information on prospective funders' priority programmes to make the database more searchable and responsive to users' respective needs. The list is not exhaustive and may be updated in future iterations.

Type of funding:

- **Core funding** (or general operating support): Unrestricted, flexible funding that can be used for all kinds of expenses, from overheads to program costs.
- **Program & project funding:** Restricted funding that can only be used to cover the costs of a specific project or program.

- **Research funding:** Funding that supports research and knowledge building for feminist groups and/or organizations.
- **Rapid response/emergency funding:** Funding that is moved quickly in response to urgent and often unpredicted crises—e.g. armed conflict, natural disaster, security crisis, or public health emergency—and/or in response to safety risks or a mental health/care crisis among staff and/or movement partners.

How to receive funding:

- **Call for applications:** Funders that run a “call for applications” usually invite civil society groups and/or individuals to apply for funding through an open, often competitive, call for proposals over a specific period of time. Such a call essentially signifies that a funder is willing to consider grant proposals from a previously unidentified portfolio of applicants who meet the formal criteria and thematic priorities of the specific call.
- **Invite only/referral:** Some funders have processes in place for inviting civil society groups to apply for funding opportunities, favouring this over open calls for proposals. Invite only/referral often includes referrals from other funders or allies in a funder’s network and is arguably far less accessible for many feminist groups without direct links to funders.
- **Rolling applications:** Funders who offer rolling applications usually continuously accept applications for funding, and make decisions on grants as proposals are received and reviewed, rather than over a dedicated window of time.