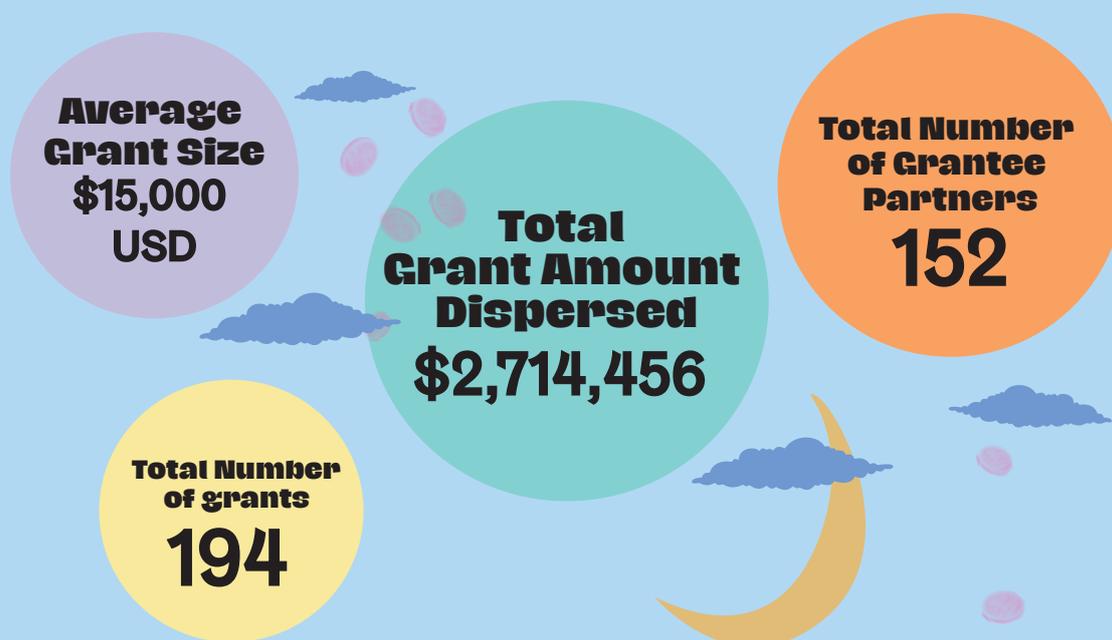


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Grantmaking Analysis 2023-2025



During 2023-2025 Doria Feminist Fund (DFF) strengthened organizational capacities in order to accommodate the increased need for feminist funding in the MENA region. Over a three-year period, DFF offered:



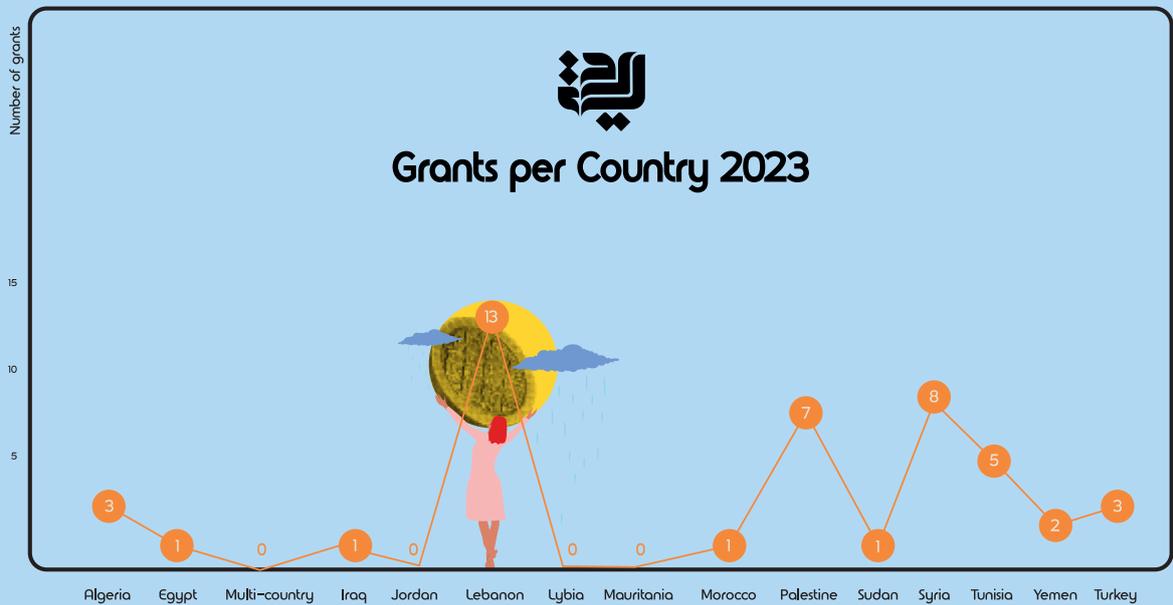
Each year, DFF offers multiple opportunities for feminist and queer-led organizations and collectives to access flexible funding to support the strengthening of the feminist movement ecosystem, respond to changing contexts, prepare and respond to ongoing crises in their context, and innovate transformative ways to combat the rising anti-gender and anti-rights movement growing in the MENA region and globally.

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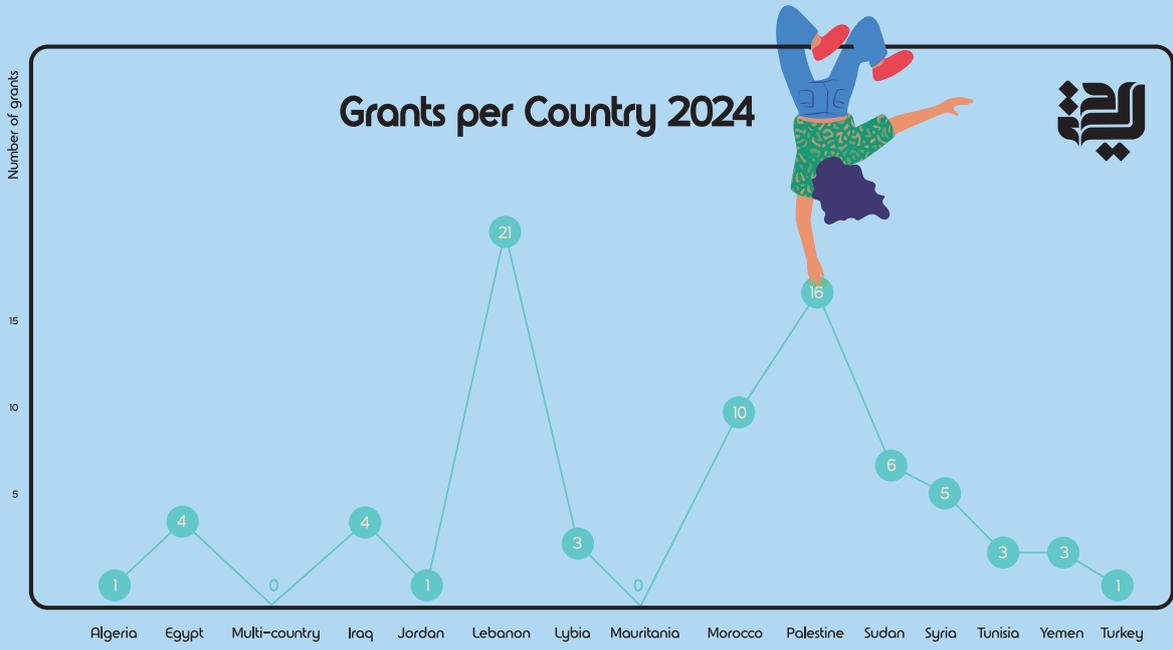
In 2023, DFF launched its annual call for proposals, awarding **31 grants** including core, project, and knowledge production grants to emerging groups through the open call for proposals, along with 4 recognition grants.

Likewise, in 2023, DFF launched the first round of Emergency Response Grantmaking, in response to the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and emergency grants to Palestine. DFF worked closely with an activist advisory committee who were working in the field in both countries, to identify a cohort of grantee partners. These grantee partners received close accompaniment from DFF during the grants process including access to capacity strengthening, psychosocial support, and renewal grants.

DFF's Emergency Response Grantmaking expanded over 2023, in rapid response to ongoing crises in the region including the earthquakes in Morocco, Derna flooding in Libya, and the commencement of the siege on Gaza in Palestine. In total, DFF disbursed 12 emergency grants amounting to 111,400 USD.



In 2024, DFF received over 500 grant applications in its 4th cycle of call for proposals, and through the support of an activist grants review committee, DFF also launched emergency response grantmaking in Sudan supporting five feminist-led emergency response initiatives to the civil war in Sudan. DFF disbursed a total of 78 grants amounting to **USD 940,392** to feminist and queer-led organizations in the MENA region.



Strengthening DFF Grantmaking - in numbers

In 2024, DFF expanded its Emergency Response Grantmaking in order to offer more sustainable support to grantee partners facing protracted crises in their context. DFF produced comprehensive research assessments in Turkey and Syria, Sudan, Palestine, and Lebanon in order to identify key priorities for strengthening DFF grantmaking including:

- Creation of movement-led, movement-informed and accessible pathways for activists to access flexible funding,
- Strengthening of the activist advisory committee in order to ensure outreach to under-resourced and under-represented communities
- Ensure that funding modalities are alert to the realities of the current context in the MENA including increased opportunities for flexible funding, flexible approaches to applying for DFF grants [i.e. creating accessible application methods], more predictable timelines for open calls for proposals, and access to renewal grants for existing grantee partners

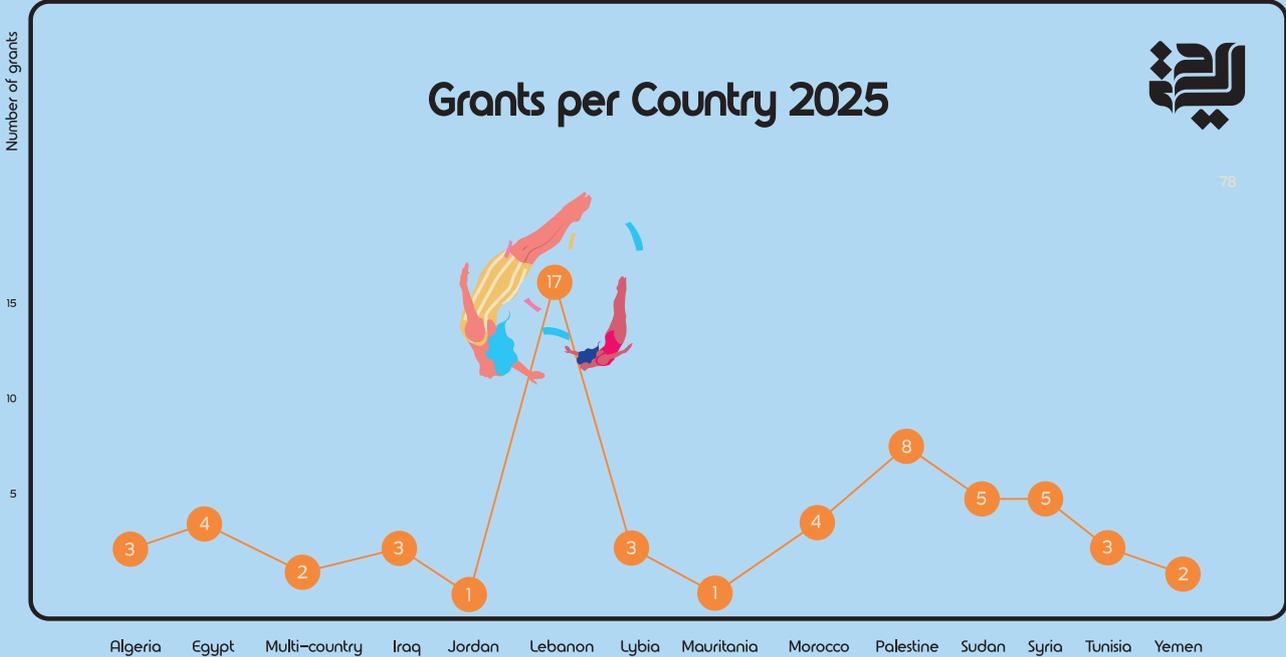
The mapping of thematic areas over 2023-2025 speaks to a number of changes in DFF's approach to accompanying potential applicants, outreach strategies, and strengthening of the activist advisory committee. Firstly, more grantee partners are engaging in intersectional approaches to their work, meaning that most grantee partners will identify priorities for the implementation of their grants that respond to the many layered and interconnected needs of their communities. Secondly, more grantee partners are responding to ongoing crises in their context, which also requires adaptability and responsiveness to the changing needs of the community— while they may be working on focused issue areas, unexpected changes in their context often require grantee partners to change or widen the scope of their work. Additionally, DFF recruits diverse activist advisory committees that offer a wide range of networks and expertise in emerging issue areas in the region. Each grantmaking cycle, DFF evaluates the key priorities for funding based on comprehensive research and fieldscans, and accordingly recruits activist advisors to steer outreach to potential applicants, review and evaluate all applications received, and engage in participatory decision-making to select the final cohort.

In 2024, DFF embarked on a collaborative grantmaking concept, working closely with other feminist funders in Africa to determine priorities for feminist funding to activists working on gender justice initiatives across the continent. DFF steered the KOMBOA project in North Africa, supporting 14 grantee partners in Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco. The KOMBOA project offered DFF the opportunity to work with groups over a longer term, on structured projects aimed at targeting a range of stakeholders from grassroots to policymakers. DFF prioritized close accompaniment, including regular site visits, convenings, and capacity strengthening, in addition to renewal grants and larger sized grants for the implementation of the projects. In 2024, DFF awarded **292,776\$** USD to KOMBOA grantee partners.



2023	2024	2025	
4	7	21	SRHR
0	3	10	Climate Justice
1	2	3	Disability Justice
12	35	1	Emergency Response
1	1	14	Digital Rights, Digital security and Tech Justice
9	15	29	Gender-based Violence
5	16	25	Feminist Movement Building
3	2	26	Girl s Rights and Advocacy
4	9	12	LGBTQIA+ Advocacy
0	5	19	Refugee and Migrant Rights
2	7	22	Economic Empowerment
0	6	17	Women Human Rights Defenders
0	3	5	Mental Health and Wellbeing

In 2025, DFF received 596 applications in the annual call for proposals, from 19 countries across the MENA region. 2025 marked a significant expansion of DFF’s applicant pool, due to strengthened outreach efforts to under-resourced communities and issue areas such as feminist activists in Mauritania, Sudan, Iraq, Libya, and Yemen, as well as under-represented issue areas such as disability justice, climate justice, and indigenous rights. In the 2025 call for proposals, DFF funded 58 grantee partners, dispersing 897,000\$ USD. Also, DFF disbursed 45,000\$ as emergency grants for 5 groups, along with 90,000\$ USD as Recognition Grants to 6 awardees. Within the Komboa Grant, DFF disbursed 311,970 USD as second installments to 12 Komboa Grantees.



As part of DFF’s efforts to reach emerging groups and under-resourced groups, DFF surveyed grantee partners on their registration status and efforts to register in 2025. With DFF’s flexible funding, two grantee partners listed formally registering their organizations as a priority for their grant period. Many groups choose not to register due to security and safety concerns, lack of capacity, inaccessibility, or that the group intentionally decided to remain informal as part of its infrastructure.

Registration Status	Count
Registered	32
Unregistered	24
Registration in process	2

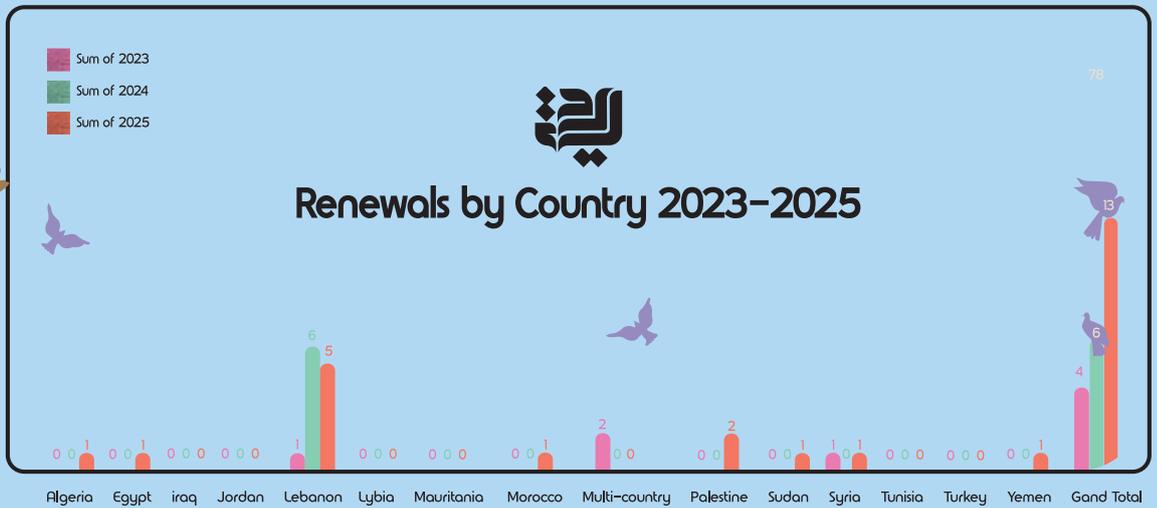
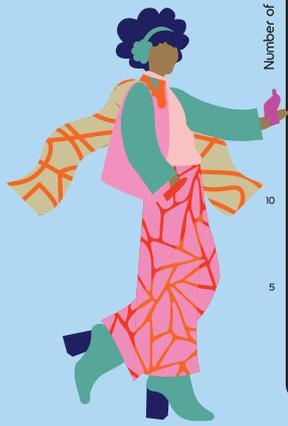


Additionally, DFF continued to grow the KOMBOA project, introducing 6 new grantee partners from Libya, Morocco, Egypt, and Tunisia, and six new Feminist Recognition grantee partners. DFF dispersed 470,164\$ USD to 2025 KOMBOA grantee partners.

New Grantee Partner	Renewal	Ongoing Grant From 2024	
3	1	3	Egypt
2	1	3	Tunisia
1	1	7	Morocco
1	0	0	Algeria
2	0	0	Libya
1	0	0	Sudan



Over 2023-2025, DFF included offering renewals as part of DFF’s accompaniment strategy. The sustainability of the feminist movement ecosystem is a core strategic priority in DFF’s strategic framework. DFF offers renewals to grantee partners who have received core support from DFF, through the open call for proposals or from the emergency response grantmaking.



Three Years of Impact: Grantmaking in Numbers

