



A Decade of Advancing Feminist Approaches to Ending Violence Against Women & Girls

How Feminist Ideas Travel

Founded in 2016, the Coalition of Feminists for Social Change (COFEM) is a global feminist network of 400+ practitioners, activists, researchers, and organisations working to strengthen feminist analysis, accountability, and movement-centred approaches to ending violence against women and girls (VAWG).

COFEM Through the Years

2016–2018

Building the Foundation:

Developing practical feminist resources, nurturing collective learning, and growing a global community of feminist practitioners.

2016

COFEM exists as a **collaborative space** for feminist solidarity, collective advocacy, and shared accountability in ending VAWG.

2019–2022

From Ideas to Practice:

Expanding working groups, learning circles, and resources on feminist research, evidence, leadership, and organisational change.

2026 & Beyond

Looking ahead:

Investing in feminist movement infrastructure, collective learning, and the next generation of feminist leadership.

2023–2026

Shaping the Field:

Strengthening feminist solidarity through collective action in research, advocacy, locally led approaches, funding justice, collective care, and responses to tech-facilitated GBV.

2016-2021
94 members

2022-2024
215 members

2025-Present
451 members

A Network That Connects the Ecosystem

451

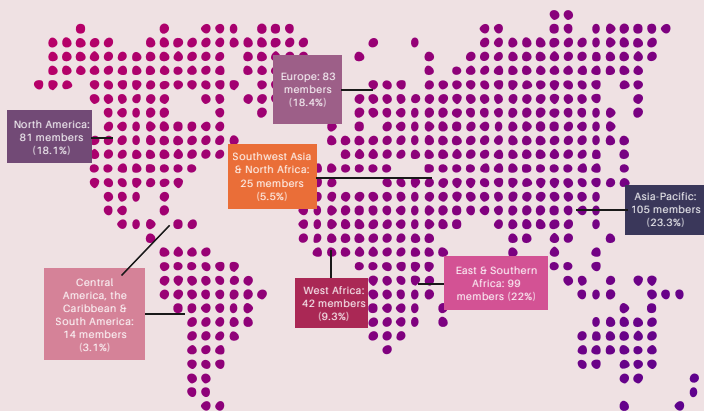
Feminist practitioners, activists, organizers, and researchers across seven regions worldwide

380+

Organisations, institutions, networks and movements represented across the COFEM community

77

Countries and territories connecting feminist practice across diverse contexts



49%

Civil Society, Local & Grassroots Organizations

14%

UN, INGOs, Governments & Multilaterals

20%

Independent Practitioners & Consultants

17%

Universities & Research Institutions

COFEM's growth reflects more than numbers. It reflects a commitment to building a diverse feminist community where practice-based knowledge, research and institutional perspectives come together to strengthen solidarity, challenge dominant approaches, and strengthen accountability to women and girls affected by violence.

Feminist Knowledge to Collective Action



Shaping Knowledge

Feminist analysis grounded in practice and lived experience is turned into research, learning and collective sensemaking.

**Research • Learning •
Collective Sensemaking**



Strengthening Practice

Feminist principles become practical tools, frameworks and approaches that practitioners and organizations can adapt.

**Tools • Guidance • Capacity
strengthening**



Connecting the Ecosystem

Practitioners, researchers, activists and organisations build relationships, exchange knowledge and collaborate across contexts.

**Network • Peer learning •
Collective action**



Influencing Systems

COFEM knowledge travels beyond the network, shaping organisations, funding priorities, policy conversations and wider VAWG practice.

**Partnerships • Advocacy •
Policy Influence**



Why this matters now?

Feminist organisations are navigating shrinking civic space, political backlash, burnout, and increasingly constrained funding. Yet the need for feminist knowledge, connection and collective action has never been greater.

COFEM provides shared infrastructure that enables practitioners and movements to stay connected, learn together, and strengthen feminist approaches to ending VAWG.