

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS!



Calling Women Environmental Defenders searching for a meaningful Cohort and Fellowship Program opportunity. The Women Environmental Defenders' (WE-D) Cohort and Fellowship Program is now open to accept applicants.

OVERVIEW

The WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS COHORT AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Samdhana Institute is currently implementing the project titled "Nurturing Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) Women Environmental Defenders". One of the project's aims is to equip women environmental defenders by advancing their leadership and advocacy skills on local and national priorities related to natural resources and environment.

The Women Environmental Defenders Cohort and Fellowship Program will support twenty-three (23) Indigenous and Local Women Environmental Defenders (WE-D) to a meaningful six (6) to eight (8) months opportunity to share, learn, reflect, re-charge, gain new skills, and implement their own community projects.

Application deadline: April 10 2022

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WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS COHORT PROGRAM (WE-D COHORT)

- The Women Environmental Defenders Cohort Program is designed for women leaders coming from the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) or local non-government organizations (NGOs) and Peoples Organizations (POs) who have at least five (5) years of work experience as environmental defense leaders in their community.
- Eight (8) Indigenous and Local Women Defenders will be selected as cohorts.
- The cohorts will be provided with a micro-grant of a maximum of P250,000.00 to implement or initiate their own personal or community projects.

WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (WE-D FELLOWSHIP)

- The Program will nurture another fifteen (15) WE-D as Fellows. Five (5) leaders who are currently leading their organizations and having about five (5) years of experience or engagement in environmental defense advocacy; and ten (10) emerging leaders who for at least two years have shown deep passion and clear potential to help lead and protect the environment.
- The Fellowship program will provide a mechanism for mentoring, accompaniment, and co-learning between 'seasoned' or Elder WE-Ds with the emerging leaders. There will also be an opportunity to have a short term (3 months) internship or 'on-the-job' training with WE-Defend Project Partners or other organizations that can provide them with additional skills and exposure that they will be able to apply in their own line of work.
- Learning Exchange. At the end of the Cohort and Fellowship program, all 23 WE-D will have the opportunity to meet other Women Defenders from various fields of expertise, such as research and documentation, legal practice, advocacy, communication, entrepreneurship, media, academe, or government for a learning exchange session.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Required documents for application:
 1. Application Form (link below)
<https://urlty.co/OcM>
 2. Nomination/Endorsement Letter from the community/organization
 3. Short self-introduction video (one-minute video)
- Submission of the application
Send the required documents through the following options:
 - a. Via Email:
admin-phils@samdhana.org,
cc: sabrina@samdhana.org
 - b. Submit by mail to Samdhana office (CDO Office) address:
91 Tomas Saco - 1st Street,
Brgy. Nazareth, 9000 Cagayan de Oro City.
 - c. Can be hand-carried by a community partner and/or Samdhana Staff
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SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by a three-woman Board of Advisers. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by the Project team and Advisers. The Advisers will recommend the applicants to be accepted in the program.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COHORTS AND FELLOWS

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1. Cohorts and Fellows are expected to participate and complete the program for the whole duration.

2. Cohorts and Fellows will be bound by the grants policies of Samdhana.
3. After the Program, Cohorts and Fellows are expected to participate in and cooperate with a network of alumni or fellows.

- Important notes with regard to COVID-19
Depending on the official status that will be announced by the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force during the time of the implementation, appropriate health protocols will be observed. Samdhana will be flexible so that the project implementation will not be derailed and health safety will be ensured. Activities and schedules may change.

Additional Notes:

The information in the required documents for the application will be used only for the selection and admission of the participants in the program. An FPIC consent form will be signed for photos and videos taken during the course of the program that may be used by Samdhana and partner organizations for the purpose of documentation and/or promoting the program.

BE PART OF THE WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS' COHORT AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

