



The Funding Collaborative to Reduce Crime & Violence in Arab Society

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Funding and Structure

How does the collaborative funding model work?

The model is an **aligned strategy among the funders**, focusing mainly on those involved in serious crime, with coordinated giving approaches.

It combines support for high performing leaders and organizations as well as field building, enabling innovative initiatives and organizations in the field of crime and violence prevention to carry out more effectively their strategies.

The Funding Collaborative partner foundations and individual donors retain full discretion to determine the focus and scale of their investment within the partnership's strategic areas of action in which they choose to invest.

Partner foundations and donors commit to a minimum investment per year for strategic initiatives for a period of three years as well as a set sum for the collaborative's management and operational costs for three years.

Affiliate funders are foundations or individual donors interested in operating in the field while maintaining a connection to the Funding Collaborative, without holding Partner status, and wishing to channel their field-related investments either through the management of the Collaborative or alternatively by transferring investment funds directly to the operating entity, in coordination with the Collaboration's strategic framework.

If funders want to participate/invest, does their money go to the collaborative (and if so, how?) or to one of the NGOs running the Collaborative's flagship initiatives?

Partner funders can choose to channel their investments through the funding pool coordinated by the Funding Collaborative and fiscally managed by Matan Investing in the Community or directly to the flagship program, operating non-profit or initiative in coordination with the Collaborative.

Does the collaborative give grants, and if so, how are they determined?

Partner funders can choose their area of investment within the strategic framework and provide grants within these areas in coordination with the Funding Collaborative and in alignment to its shared outcomes.

Within AWTAD Impact Hub grants are provided to innovative initiatives participating in the Accelerator Program.

Stakeholders:

In what ways does the collaborative work with local authorities?

Among the Funding Collaborative's core modes of action is building an active and effective multi-sector partnership by strengthening collaboration among all key stakeholders in the field, including government, local authorities, civil society organizations, and the business sector. All flagship programs being implemented or at the development stage are based on this concept.

How do you determine which NGOs are involved in your direct work, and in the community?

The Civil society field focusing on crime and violence in Arab society in Israel is mostly sparse and unorganized, lacking organizations and initiatives. This is one of the key implications that came up in the research and mapping conducted for the Funding Collaborative by Compass Consulting. There is, therefore, a need to develop a civic field starting with infrastructure as well as strengthening existing field activities including backbone organizations, human capital training, networking processes, unified measurement, technology and initiatives.

Accordingly, the Funding Collaborative is developing flagship interventions with organizations such as Mosaica, Tamar, Abraham Initiatives, HasoubLab, Kayma Center at Haifa University, Women against Violence, Aman Center and others. All interventions involve multi-sector players.

Many peer organizations, initiatives and social leaders are members of the AWTAD Community supported by the Funding Collaborative. AWTAD is an innovative, multi-sector, and bilingual

(Arabic and Hebrew) network established to address the critical challenges of crime and severe violence within Arab society through a systematic and comprehensive approach. Operating as a collaborative ecosystem it unites key stakeholders, now numbering over 500, across various fields: local authorities, government ministries, the police, the business sector, civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, opinion leaders, and social entrepreneurs from the Arab community

In what ways does the collaborative help with coordinating funding to the wider community of organizations in the field, if at all?

As field building is a central goal of the Funding Collaborative, one of its core modes of action is to provide more funding to the community, organizations and initiatives in the field of crime and violence prevention. In cases where the funding is not directly within the Collaborative's strategy it helps connect between funders and the field through AWTAD Community or directly.

The Funding Collaborative Core Modes of Action

1. **Supporting effective responses aimed at systemic change** led by civil society or through multi-sector partnerships, as distinct from interventions that fall under direct state responsibility.
2. **Supporting the development and implementation of innovative and sustainable solutions.**
3. **Building an active and effective multi-sector partnership:** strengthening collaboration among all key stakeholders in the field, including government, local authorities, civil society organizations, and the business sector.
4. **Cultivating human capital and leadership:** nurturing and strengthening individual and organizational leadership emerging from Arab society that functions as field-builders—actors who convene, align, and mobilize diverse stakeholders toward systemic change.
5. **Investing in field infrastructure:** including coordination mechanisms, prevention and rehabilitation systems, innovation and entrepreneurship platforms, and research, measurement, and policy-planning capacities.
6. **Supporting community-based action:** backing civic initiatives, activist networks, and empowering communities to co-design and generate solutions from within.
7. **Injecting energy into the field:** through small-scale investments in a range of initiatives to achieve quick wins and early impact.

