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## Introducing the WFSJ Solidarity Fund

As threats to journalists around the world have increased to an alarming degree, the WFSJ is launching its Solidarity Fund, a helping hand for those science journalists who are facing a humanitarian crisis.

This new initiative offers financial assistance in a range of emergency cases where journalists find their financial well-being and personal safety are compromised by violence, displacement, injuries, natural disasters, or outbreaks of disease. These problems may be a direct result of working as a journalist, which can put individuals in harm's way. As its name implies, this initiative is a fine example of journalist-to-journalist solidarity, providing immediate relief to those in danger and need wherever they might happen to be.

### Who can apply

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reasons.

- Losses from forced relocation because of physical hazards at home
- Costs associated with defending themselves against legal prosecution
- Medical expenses caused by personal injuries

### How to apply

A request for assistance can be submitted to the WFSJ by e-mail at [office@wfsj.org](mailto:office@wfsj.org).

Applicants will be provided with a simple form where they can outline the nature of their problem and why they need help.

### The review process

Completed applications will be forwarded to a WFSJ committee that will assess the merit of the request and determine an appropriate amount of support up to a maximum of US\$1,000. These funds will be transferred by the most efficient means possible to the applicant, who will be asked to confirm receipt.

### We need your help

Solidarity begins with each one of us, and the WFSJ is asking you to demonstrate that fact with a donation. We know from experience that ours is a community of generous, compassionate, and thoughtful people. Please assist journalists with your ongoing support.

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