Children’s Rights Innovation Fund (CRIF)

Dr. Ramatu Bangura, Executive Director
CRIF’s Pillars & Mission

CRIF will collaboratively catalyze risk, innovation and learning towards eliminating systematic barriers to the advancement of children’s rights.

Innovative grantmaking
Organized around a series of thematic portfolios to drive new thinking and through participatory strategy and grant selection, we invest in the power of youth activists and their allies.

The Constituency
We will provide opportunities for children and youth activists to build community and strategy transnationally.

Learning community
To advance meaningful and lasting innovation, CRIF is building a funder learning community grounded in trust and shared risk.
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<th>Grantmaking Tenant</th>
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<td><strong>Funding Intersectionality &amp; Disrupting the Silos</strong></td>
<td>CRIF will focus its work on the multiple and layered manifestations structural oppression such as colonialism, sexism, and violence as root causes of children's rights violations. We aim to intentionally disrupt single-issue funding siloes to maximize grantee flexibility and advance intersectional solutions to seemingly intractable problems.</td>
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<td><strong>Directly Resourcing the Work &amp; Activism of Children and Youth Activists</strong></td>
<td>CRIF will fund young people directly, despite the structural barriers that make it difficult for them to access resources. We invite their plans and visions for advancing their rights across a host of issues and movements.</td>
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<td><strong>Small Grants &amp; Low Threshold Grant Applications</strong></td>
<td>CRIF will provide small-scale, flexible funding for projects led children and youth activists. While not emergency funding, CRIF will minimize the time between application, grant decision and the receipt of funding to ensure that children and youth activists can seize opportunities to make the changes they would like to see.</td>
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<td><strong>Transnational Movement &amp; Participatory Grantmaking</strong></td>
<td>CRIF will provide opportunities for children and youth activists to connect transnationally to learn and collaborate with one another</td>
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WHAT if we dreamed collectively?

Barbados
Jalliyah is the founder of an educational equity organization. Her purpose is to create opportunities for marginalized peoples (and animals) in her region.

Age 21

Benin
Mahouklo is a project manager, mentor and trainer of children and youth who is a militant for the liberation of Black people.

Age 23

Sierra Leone
Rebecca is a computer engineering student, entrepreneur, singer and founder of a mental health organization, and aspiring software engineer.

Age 20

Colombia
Alejandra is an Afro-Colombian based in Argentina. Afro-feminist, anti-racist and lesbian activist.

Age 23

Brazil
Beatriz is a student and activist who envisions a future of justice where Black people live life to the fullest.

Age 20

Gambia
Fanta is an advocate for rural women and children with a love for meeting new people and learning new things.

Age 21

Peru
Yamilee is a proud Afro-Peruvian from the rural district of El Carmen who has been an activist from the age of 6.

Age 17

USA
Neveah is a Californian native, and a girls rights and racial justice activist.

Age 16
About Racism & Colonialism

• The Importance of Posing the Question

• An Inherited Global Struggle
About a focus on West Africa AND the Americas

- Majority vs. Minority
About Black Children & Youth as Activists

- Minding the Intersections
- Representation Matters
About Strategy & Grantmaking

- Outreach & A Culture of Exclusion
- Designing youth engagement for equity
- Balancing Multiple Ways to Apply with a Quick Response
- Language Justice
- Grant Disbursement