



Rise Up Together Leader Selection Criteria

South Africa 2026

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a Rise Up Leader in South Africa!

Eligible candidates must meet the following selection criteria:

- Civil Society leaders between the ages of 18-60 years old.
- Currently working in Gauteng and/or KwaZulu-Natal Provinces.
- Have a personal interest and current commitment to promoting gender equity broadly in the three priority areas of health, education, and economic opportunity for women, girls, and gender-nonconforming people.
- Represent or work closely with marginalized groups from socially or economically marginalized communities, women and girls with disabilities, ethnic and/or religious minorities, and/or other historically disadvantaged populations.
- Ability to participate in an in-person training from **April 13-18, 2026**, with some virtual sessions pre- and post-workshop. Rise Up Together will cover all costs related to program participation, including transportation, lodging, food, and materials.
- Currently work at a non-profit organization, civil society organization, media organization, or government organization at a level of coordination or management and have some level of decision-making power.
- Have the support of your organization's leadership to participate in Rise Up Together's Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator training.
- To be eligible for a grant, Rise Up Together requires organizations to be legally registered in-country and set up to receive international funds. Entities that are not registered can be sponsored by another financial entity or fiscal sponsor. *Note: Government organizations are not eligible to receive grants through this program.*
- Proficient in oral and written English.

For more information, please contact **Rise Up Together's South Africa Country Representative, Rethabile Mphutlane** at SouthAfricaRep@riseuptogether.org.