



### 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 systemic barriers to the advancement 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.

### **Grantmaking Tenants**

Grantmaking Tenant	Commitment
Funding Intersectionality & Disrupting the Silos	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.
Directly Resourcing the Work & Activism of Children and Youth Activists	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.
Small Grants & Low Threshold Grant Applications	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.
Transnational Movement & Participatory Grantmaking	CRIF will provide opportunities for children and youth activists to connect transnationally to learn and collaborate with one another



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

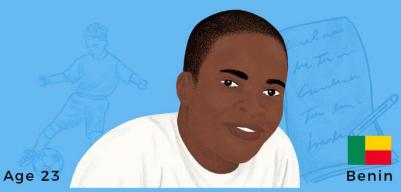


Alejandra is an Afro-Colombian based in Argentina.

Afro-feminist, anti-racist and lesbian activist.



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



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

# WHAT www.crifund.org we dreamed collectively?

the **decolonize!**Participatory Grantmaking Collaborative



Rebecca is a computer engineering student,

Sierra Leone

Age 20



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



racial justice activist.

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

# 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