

Summary Results of the Fund for Gender Equality and the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

UN Women provides grants to support innovative, high-impact programmes rolled out by governments, civil society organizations and the UN system through two funds - the [Fund for Gender Equality](#) and the [UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women](#). Activities funded by both funds also contribute to the implementation of UN-Women's strategic plan. In particular, the Fund for Gender Equality contributes to achieving results under impact area 1 "women lead and participate in decision making at all levels" and impact area 2 "women, especially the poorest and most excluded, are economically empowered and benefit from development". The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women contributes to achieving results under impact area 3 "women and girls live a life free from violence". This annex summarizes results achieved by both trust funds in 2016.

The Fund for Gender Equality

About the Fund

The Fund for Gender Equality is UN Women's global grant-making mechanism and multi-donor Fund dedicated to supporting civil society to play a key role in implementing the SDGs through the economic and political empowerment of women. It finances high-impact initiatives from women-led organizations demonstrating concrete results for most marginalized women and girls. The Fund also provides continuous technical assistance to grantees for stronger and more efficient programming.

Key Results in 2016

In 2016, the Fund disbursed \$4.4 million in grants to 34 programmes, 25 of which were new programmes targeting over half a million direct beneficiaries by 2019. Through the catalytic work of its grantees, the Fund is contributing to the 2030 Agenda - with a focus on achieving 11 SDGs - and reaching the most marginalized women such as rural and indigenous women, women living with HIV/AIDS and/or disabilities, and domestic workers. The Fund's seven-year experience reveals effective [strategies for 'leaving no one behind'](#), including a strong context analysis and beneficiary-focused, flexible programming processes with 97% of 121 programmes targeting at least one of 18 identified categories of vulnerable groups and 70% involving two or more.

Examples of key results achieved by supported programmes in 2016 registered include: the liberation of almost 8,200 women in India from the inhuman oppression of manual scavenging; the passing of 60 resolutions to stop the practice and ensure entitlements for women and their families (Jan Sahas Social Development Society); the participation of 1,200 women in 50 peer support groups in Tanzania, allowing them to gain business and management skills and to access capital through self-managed loans, leading over 200 to obtain a sustainable income for the first time, 780 to start new businesses and 850 to scale up their existing enterprises.

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

About the UN Trust Fund

Established by UN General Assembly resolution 50/166 in 1996 and administered by UN Women on behalf of the UN system, the UN Trust Fund works with non-governmental organizations, governments and UN country teams to prevent violence against women and girls; expand the access of women and girl survivors

of violence to services; strengthen the implementation of laws, policies and action plans on violence against women and girls.

Over the past 20 years, the UN Trust Fund has been at the forefront of pioneering innovative and sustainable projects that prevent violence against women and girls, improve access to critical services for survivors, and advocate for the effective implementation of national laws and policies. Trust Fund grantees effectively work to fulfill the global promise of leaving no one behind and achieving Goal 5 of the 2030 Agenda by focusing on the intersectionality of violence against underserved women and girls. Since its creation, the UN Trust Fund has awarded over US\$129 million to 462 organizations in 139 countries and territories, making a difference in the lives of over 2 million women and girls.

Key Results in 2016

The UN Trust Fund marked its 20th anniversary this year, awarding a total of \$13 million to 36 organizations. The Fund currently has 106 ongoing projects in 77 countries and territories. Almost 250,000 women and girls benefitted directly from services for survivors, empowerment activities and protection from violence in 2016. This included at least 31,000 female migrant workers, 10,000 indigenous women, 3,400 lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and 1,300 women and girls with disabilities. In total, Trust Fund projects reached over 6 million people in 2016, including men and boys, government officials and the public in efforts to end violence against women.