

FGE's Fourth Grant Cycle 2018-2019: Scaling & Innovation Initiative Selected Grantees (alphabetical order)

Alliances for Africa (AfA), Nigeria

Grant Amount: US\$ 170,000

Project summary: Alliances for Africa is non-governmental human rights, peace and sustainable development organization based in Lagos, Nigeria, that advocates for gender justice; the protection of human rights; the participation of women in leadership and the promotion of peace, security and conflict resolution. AfA is currently implementing a project to address the large gap between the numbers of men and women in elected public positions due to traditional, cultural and religious practices that perpetuate male dominance in decision making. They are working with government, political parties and women leaders towards the implementation of an affirmative action that will ensure a minimum of 35% of women's representation in public governance.

Main scaling activities:

- **Replication:** Replicate current intervention in three (3) South–South States to make it 8 states from 2 geo-political zones in Nigeria
- **Political Support:** Strengthen the consciousness, capacity and linkage among the successful female politicians to utilize their current positions to further support 35% Affirmative Action agenda
- **Awareness:** Expansion of media engagements will increase visibility of the 35% AA and since it has been a successful tool in the South East, it can equally bring more outcomes if utilized effectively throughout the nation
- **Cross Exchange:** Support the FGE intervention in Kenya towards actualizing their quota / Affirmative Action

Association for Women with Social Problems (AWSP), Albania

Grant Amount: US\$ 90,000

Project summary: Project AWSP is committed to advance UNSCR 1325 in the Albanian context. In the last few years, this NGO has been particularly focused on strengthening partnerships with government entities relevant to the women, peace and security agenda. These key stakeholders include the Ministry of Defence (MoD), Ministry of Social Welfare and Health (MSWH), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and Ministry of Interior (Moi). In order to achieve this, AWSP has worked closely with 20 other local CSOs by creating a coalition called “Woman, Peace and Security”.

Main scaling activities:

- **Increasing knowledge and of representatives from government institutions** about WPS agenda at country level through trainings and capacity building activities.

- **Monitoring the National Action Plan's (NAP) finalization, endorsement and implementation.** There is a strong commitment recently expressed by the Ministry of Interior to finalize this process within the first quarter of 2018. In the proposed upscaling approach AWSP will continue its efforts to ensure the endorsement of the NAP and start the work with the government authorities for its implementation. AWSP will also support those working on NAP in their efforts to set up monitoring mechanism and undertake monitoring process effectively.
- **Engaging Civil society on Women Peace and Security Agenda at country level.** AWSP will continue to further strengthen the Albanian Coalition on Women Peace and Security.
- **Engagement of youth on the Peace and Security Agenda at country level.** AWSP aims at further extending its informative workshops on the importance of meaningful youth involvement at all levels of peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and preventing and countering violence and violent extremism.

Atikha Overseas Development Organization, Philippines

Grant Amount: US\$ 170,000

Project summary: Atikha has been working over 20 years with female migrant domestic workers (MDWs). Specifically in the FGE programme, “Coming Home: Reintegration Program for Domestic Workers from the Philippines”, Atikha has worked to support female MDWs with successful reintegration process. domestic workers to enable them to reintegration successfully. They have done so through capacity building trainings, while also supporting them and their families with psychosocial, financial and technical preparation for reintegration. It also works with key stakeholders in the country of destination and province of origin in mainstreaming gender sensitive reintegration programmes that address the negative impacts of migration and help promote development and advancement of these communities.

Main scaling activities:

- **Greater Access to Training and Information:** Step Ladder Reintegration Program and Pinoy WISE mobile application – in addition to the regular training of Level1- Level 5, the upscaling project will also conduct training through the Pinoy WISE mobile application not only for the financial literacy training but also for the family and financial counseling, investment and business opportunities, skills training and entrepreneurship training. The Pinoy WISE mobile will enable the project and other migration stakeholders to service other migrants in other countries such as MDWs in the Middle East which are difficult to access because they do not have days off and families in other provinces.
- **School-based program on migration and reintegration** – will be implemented in more schools covering elementary, high school and college students in partnership with the Department of Education and State Universities and Colleges. Aside from the Migration Realities and Family and Income Management Training Course, the training will also include Pre-Migration Orientation Seminars (PMOS) as outreach program for college students and prospective migrants and their family. The objective of the PMOS is to prevent the negative impact of migration and to introduce family goal setting, saving and investing to enable the migrants to achieve their goal the soonest time possible to be with their families.
- **Capacity Building of Pool of Pinoy WISE Trainers and Pinoy WISE Helpline counselors**– Training of trainers and peer counselors to be the service providers of the Pinoy WISE step ladder reintegration program. It will also serve as the support service of the Pinoy WISE mobile application. Those requiring further services will be referred accordingly to national and local government, NGOs and private sector.

Centro de Documentación y Estudios (CDE), Paraguay

Grant Amount: US\$ 170,000

Project summary: The Center of Documentation and Studies (CDE), a non-governmental organization with three decades of work in production and transference of knowledge, training and advocacy for social transformation and full respect for human rights in Paraguay. The FGE supported project reaches a broad range of stakeholders including political parties, grassroots organizations, domestic workers organizations, peasant organizations, impoverished urban women organizations, and indigenous people organizations. The project has succeeded in advocating for the push for democratic parity with its passage approved in the Paraguayan Senate in March 2018. It is also working to redefine the debate and generate proposals on widespread support for equality and non-discrimination.

Main scaling activities:

- **Increased Support for Women's Political Participation through Alliances:** Work towards the approval of the Democratic Parity Law and the amendment of Article 10, 5,047 of the Domestic Work Law that maintained wage discrimination. In addition, during the programme implementation a public debate on the provision of care, development and non-discrimination has been held, in an adverse context due to the conservative attack against gender equality. The second achievement is the beneficiaries' involvement voicing the demands supported by the project, especially women from the most marginalized organizations in society: domestic workers, indigenous women, rural and urban women workers in the popular sectors, becoming spokespersons on various issues affecting them, which ensures the greatest awareness raising potential in society.
- **Capacity Building of Organizations:** capacity strengthening, which implies the development of processes that are agreed upon within these sectors, raising the contents of the training according to the specific needs, as in the case of domestic workers.
- **Increased Visibility:** Designing and implementing campaigns to multiply the impact of the various topics.

El Ghaith, Algeria

Grant Amount: US\$ 80,000

Project summary: El Ghaith's project works to promote rural women's economic empowerment through various agricultural activities to improve their livelihoods, building on a previous programme funded by the FGE. It targets rural women, agricultural workers, female heads of households, widows, socially disadvantaged women and others in the Bordj Bou Arreridj region of Algeria.

Main scaling activities:

- **Income-Generation:** Increase the income of targeted beneficiaries through microloans for women trained on business skills, with networks and cooperatives among rural women entrepreneurs formed to provide ongoing support
- **Attitude Change:** Awareness-raising and advocacy efforts will sensitize local authorities and communities on the contributions of women to sustainable development and their communities, and engage men and boys as partners

Lebanon Family Planning and Development (LFPAD), Lebanon

Grant Amount: US\$ 170,000

Project summary: The Lebanon Family Planning Association and Development Organization has worked in the Tyre Region- of Southern Lebanon in partnership with Cooperatives of Food manufacturing in Abbasieh and Dier Qanoun Naher to implement this project with over 300 rural women through cooperatives. Aiming to build the capacity of the cooperatives so they can become profit making establishments and sustainable institutions and will help to strengthen the economic situation of women in targeted region.

Main scaling activities:

- **Income-Generation:** Increase the income of targeted beneficiaries through the implementation of an effective marketing strategy
- **Agro-Food Production:** Increase beneficiaries training on standardized products, marketing, and branding
- **Market Access:** Implementation of a marketing strategy, linking the women to existing markets, selling products on an e-commerce website for greater access to more diverse markets.

Mother's School Society (MSS), Palestine

Grant Amount: US\$ 80,000

Project summary: Working to change women's working conditions in the private sector in Nablus, MSS works with a diverse set of stakeholders including women in marginalized positions to access decent work and equal pay; CBOs and trade unions to lobby for improved working conditions for women and directly address grievances with employers; and institution to uphold decent work and gender equality in the workplace.

Main scaling activities:

- **Mediation Units:** to resolve workplace disputes, through local communal mediation units involving different stakeholders and community leaders that operate outside usually prolonged and expensive judiciary channels
- **Partnerships:** Aiming to bring diverse stakeholders together, MSS has secured support from the ILO, various ministries, trade unions, CBOs, and women's organizations to collaborate on this issue.

Pastoral Women's Council (PWC), Tanzania

Grant Amount: US\$ 170,000

Project summary: The Pastoral Women's Council (PWC) has been working to economically empower marginalized pastoralist Maasai women in Ngorongoro District, northern Tanzania through livelihood and income generating activities. PWC aims to raise women's self-confidence, independence, respect within their communities, and in a better position to demand their rights at all levels.

Main scaling activities:

- **Livelihood:** Improved economic status and livelihoods of 3,000 marginalised pastoralist Maasai women living Ngorongoro district through establishment of nine effective VICOBA groups
- **Access to Land and Natural Resources:** Increased access of 500 pastoralist Maasai women living in Ngorongoro district to land and natural resources including water through secured land tenure.

- **Decision-Making:** Increased participation of 1,000 pastoralist Maasai women in decision making and development processes within their communities.

Youth Leadership Development Foundation (YLDF), Yemen

Grant Amount: US\$ 80,000

Project summary: YLDF is a Yemeni NGO pushing towards enhancing the enhancement of women political participation, given the country's bad record of women in politics. YLDF established the 'Yemeni Women in Politics Network', a consultative network formed by representatives of the Yemeni government, politicians from various parties and CSOs mainstreaming gender issues in Yemen.

Main scaling activities:

- **Strengthening political parties' framework in order to improve women's leadership in politics**
- **Providing capacity building for party members on women's political participation.** The project will provide training to members of various parties in favor of the government backed by the Saudi, and will try to approach members of the movement Ansar Allah (Houthi).
- **Providing capacity building for the members of 'The Yemeni Women in Politics Network'.**
- **Developing policy papers.** YLDF aims at developing policy papers and evidence based cases on issues related to engaging women as political leaders.