

ACTIVE PROGRAMMES

IN

47

COUNTRIES

AROUND

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PROGRAMMES REACHED OVER

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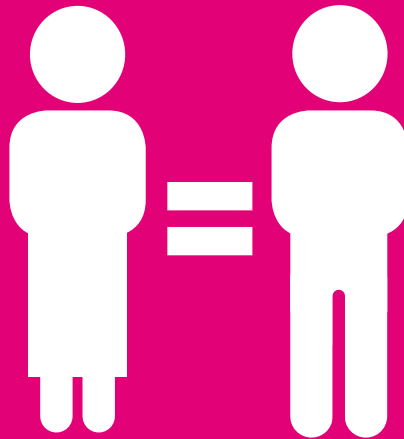
MILLION

PEOPLE IN 2011

18

MILLION

WOMEN STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THE CURRENT GRANTS BETWEEN 2009 AND 2012



2011 RESULTS

1,239

APPLICANTS

FROM

127

COUNTRIES

REPRESENTING

55

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED TO ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY EMPOWER WOMEN

\$3

BILLION

IN REQUESTS

Gender equality is possible and it is happening right now. Through women's organizations and government entities, in partnerships and coalitions, the Fund for Gender Equality is bringing about high impact, rapid changes in lives and communities all around the world. It is empowering women to exercise their voices and influence in political spheres, and to compete in and transform the economic markets around them.

More than ever, women are engaging as full members of the societies they live in and leading the development of their countries.

The Fund for Gender Equality constitutes one of the world's largest grantmaking funds advancing the cause of women's equality globally. The Fund has proved itself an agile vehicle for supporting national gender advocates, quickly becoming known for high impact and sustainable results benefitting diverse groups of girls, women, and the communities they live in.

The Fund for Gender Equality is focused on results in one of the following two goals: women's economic empowerment or women's political empowerment. Grants are designed as large, multi-year investments to encourage long-term planning, partnerships with other stakeholders and synthesis with existing infrastructure and systems.

The Fund for Gender Equality is Global in Scope and Reach

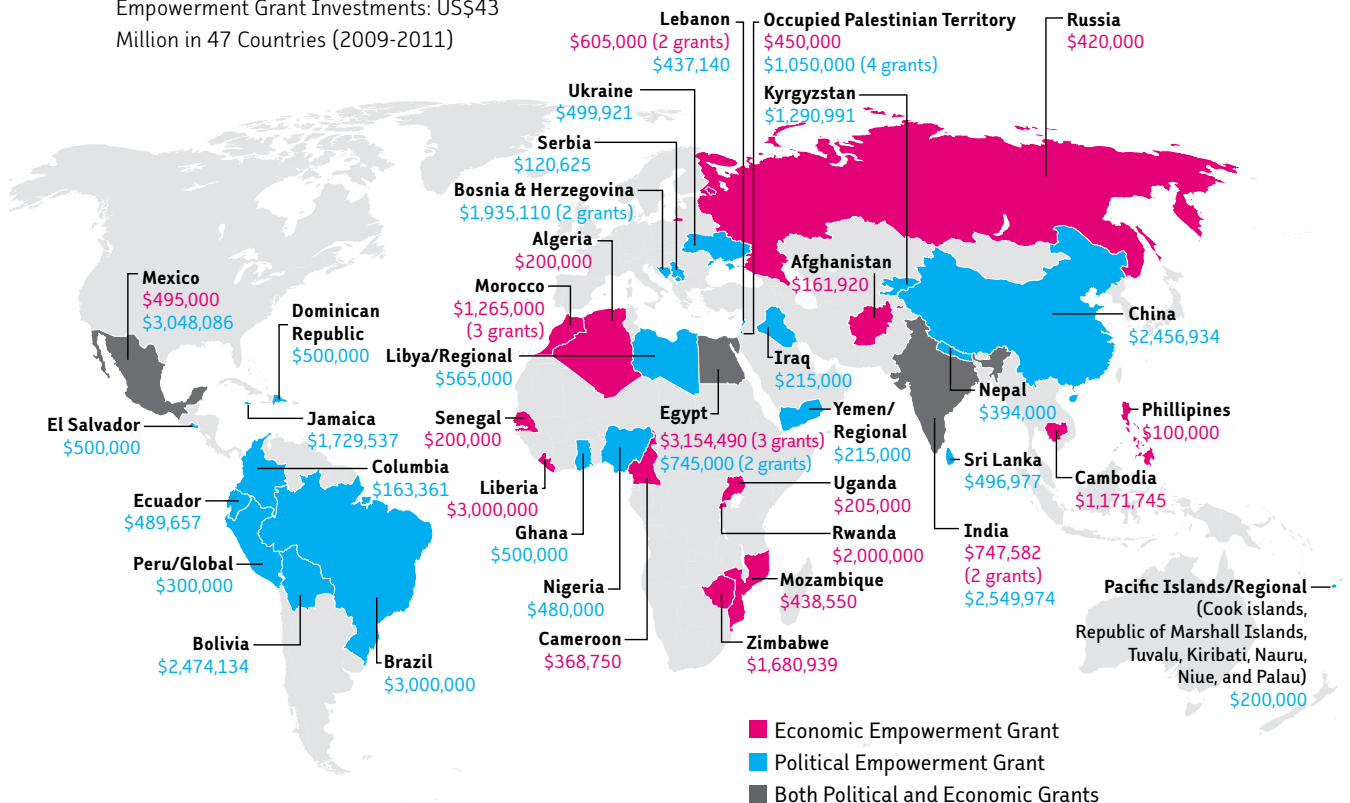
In only three years, the Fund has invested USD \$43 million in support of 55 grantee partners in 47 countries with impact and results.

In 2011 alone, the Fund reached some 4.8 million beneficiaries: improving women's living and work conditions; enhancing business skills and opportunities; strengthening political participation and leadership; and supporting gender-responsive legislative and policy changes. To date, grantees in 12 countries have contributed to over 24 legislative and policy changes in support of gender equality.

In the pages that follow, learn about some of the impacts from the programmes supported by the Fund for Gender Equality.

UN WOMEN'S FUND FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Multi-Year Economic and Political Empowerment Grant Investments: US\$43 Million in 47 Countries (2009-2011)



Women's Political Empowerment

Work to advance political empowerment includes the following three sub-themes: electoral politics, women's leadership and legislative and policy change.



Promoting Legislative and Policy Change

Target: To catalyze or implement over 122 legislative and policies that ensure gender equality and empower women economically and politically.

EL SALVADOR

Las Dignas & Las Mélicas
of the Concertación
Prudencia Ayala

A massive public campaign and strategic advocacy activities undertaken by the grantees contributed to parliamentarians passing a gender equality law in March 2011.

BOLIVIA

Coordinadora de la Mujer

With the Fund's support the grantee coordinated and mobilized women's organizations to ensure a gender perspective has been effectively integrated into electoral, constitutional, governance and judicial laws.

GHANA

ABANTU & Ghana Gender
and Climate Change
Coalition

As a result of targeted advocacy work undertaken as part of the programme, the Economic Community of West African States is incorporating gender concerns in their climate change policies.

COOK ISLANDS, KIRIBATI, NIUE, NAURU, REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS and TUVALU

Pacific Islands Forum
Secretariat

The governments of seven Pacific Island States endorsed the 'Small Islands State Sub-Regional Action Plan on Supporting Women's Participation in Decision-Making Processes 2010-2015' that were coordinated and drafted by the grantees.



Expanding and Strengthening Women's Leadership

Target: Strengthen the leadership skills of over 13.6 million women and other beneficiaries, by the end of 2014, so they can influence decision-making bodies.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
KULT Association and BH Experts Association

In response to pressure from 180 young women leaders trained by the programme, municipalities have incorporated a gender perspective in their youth strategies. Others are now following suit.

ECUADOR
Fundación Waaponi

Eighteen local government officials and 400 local women received gender analysis training. As a result, women's agendas were developed and adopted by 16 Parish Councils.

NEPAL
Association of Community Radio Broadcasters

Through 34 weekly broadcasts by 205 community radio stations, across 75 districts, the grantee delivered gender equality messages to over 12 million people.

LEBANON
Palestinian Human Rights Organization

Prior to 2011, women held no political positions in Palestinian refugee camps. The work of 200 women and 100 committee leaders supported by the programme led to the election of 18 women to the governates, the Leadership Council and committees.



Improving Participation in Electoral Processes

Target: Engage over 1,700 women candidates in electoral politics by the end of 2014.

SRI LANKA
Women and Media Collective

The proportion of women candidates on political party electoral lists rose from 2 to 20 percent in areas receiving support from the programme. National campaigns boosted their visibility.

NIGERIA
Nigeria BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights

360 women put themselves forward as political candidates for the first time after training and mentoring. One participant was elected in the State House of Representatives and another as a State Commissioner and another 18 gained political appointments.

MÉXICO
Equidad de Género, Inmujeres

500 women in six states received political training. In Michoacán state, 13 participants were then elected: eight as State Deputies and five as municipal presidents.

Women's Economic Empowerment

Work to advance economic empowerment includes the following three sub-themes: supporting rural women, ensuring decent work and social protection and fostering entrepreneurship.



Supporting Rural Women to Access and Control of Resources and Assets

Target: Over 8,470 rural women are exercising their economic rights and gaining access to productive resources by the end of 2014.

AFGHANISTAN
Women and Children
Legal Research
Foundation

Research on barriers women face in realizing their property, inheritance and land entitlements in 10 states informed a high-level strategy for implementing civil laws

UGANDA
Forum for Women in
Democracy

Advocacy to the ministries of Agriculture, Land and Water resulted in an increase of USD 750,000 in budget allocations for gender mainstreaming

RWANDA
RCN Justice et
Democratie & HAGURUKA

A network of paralegals, trained by RNC, supported 1,034 women to claim their inheritance and land ownership rights through customary and formal courts.

MÉXICO
National Association
of Agricultural and
Commercial Producers

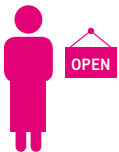
Programme-trained women agricultural leaders increased their representation on the board of the largest agricultural association - representing 60,000 producers - from 6 to 50 percent.



Ensuring Decent Work and Social Protection

Target: Over 163,700 women secure decent work by the end of 2014. Over 4 million women will gain protection and security for themselves and their families.

PHILIPPINES HomeNet South East Asia	Grantee successfully advocated for a Magna Carta for Workers in the Informal Economy Bill which was approved by the House Committee on Labor and Employment in March 2011.
BRAZIL SOS CORPO & Secretariat for Women's Policies	The Government has committed to drafting a law for women domestic workers to ensure decent work and social protection.
EGYPT Ministry of Manpower & Social Research Center	The government is supporting the private sector to adopt the Gender Equity Seal: to increase training and job opportunities for women, and promote safer and equitable working conditions.
CAMEROON Horizon Femmes	A national survey raised awareness of the need for better legislation to support domestic workers. 80 per cent of trained participants are now demanding legal contracts from their employers.

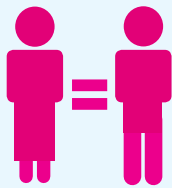


Fostering Entrepreneurship

Target: Deliver financial and business skills training and resources to over 114,000 women so they can grow their businesses.

CAMBODIA Cambodia Health Education Media Services & Cambodian HIV/AIDS Education and Care	1,300 HIV-positive women received livelihood skills trainings and micro-enterprise grants. They started savings facilities, and demanded and obtained improved health services.
MOZAMBIQUE Associação Mulher Género e Desenvolvimento	Rural women have now registered a woman's agricultural cooperative, claimed their land rights and started small sewing and cooking businesses.
MOROCCO Agency du Sud	600 women in rural oasis communities gained access to assets and credit through the programme. As a result, collectively, 90 women produced and sold 1.8 tonnes of capers.
INDIA Gender at Work and DSS project of the Mitra Service Society	14,000 Dalit women obtained decent employment and 80 Dalit women were trained and employed as work supervisors thanks to the supported interventions. Individual job cards and bank accounts - the first in their lives - gave them control over their earnings.

Together, we can build enabling environments and support women to achieve their rights and entitlements. This is the vision of the Fund for Gender Equality.



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