

# UN WOMEN'S FUND FOR GENDER EQUALITY

## FUNDRAISING FACTSHEET



The Fund for Gender Equality (FGE) is UN Women's grant-making mechanism dedicated to the economic and political empowerment of women worldwide. **Since 2009 FGE has granted \$64 million to 120 programmes in 80 countries, impacting the lives of 10 million beneficiaries in developing countries.**

Active programmes in 2015 allowed for 77,000 women to participate in public fora to influence policies, including 228 new laws and policies adopted to protect women's rights, 13,000 women to gain sustainable income, and 17,000 to access productive resources such as land and credit.

## This is our model



### Why what we do matters

**Women-led civil society organizations (CSOs)** know the realities on the ground and how to achieve change. Yet their expertise is often overlooked and underfunded. FGE is UN Women's tool to support and strengthen civil society's transformational capacity, without which **sustainable development** could not happen.



### Who does all this

A dedicated team of passionate and experienced professionals including five **specialists** in UN Women Regional Offices, a **network of country Focal Points** and a **team based in HQ** coordinating global processes.



### Why we are more than a financial instrument

The FGE is not only about providing funds to CSOs, but it also:

- **Strengthens** results-based management and reporting **capacities** of grantees
- **Monitors and provides guidance** for effectiveness and efficiency
- Produces **results-based global reporting annually** for accountability
- **Generates and communicates knowledge** from global portfolio for learning
- Fosters **grantee interaction** for learning and exchange
- Supports **independent evaluations** for accountability and improvement



### How the money is spent

- **75%** of resources are invested directly into **grants**
- **11%** is devoted to **technical assistance** and day-to-day support to grantees
- **10%** to operations which include **grant-making, knowledge generation, evaluation and communications**
- **4%** goes to support costs as part of UN Women standard overhead

## Why give to the FGE?

When you support the FGE, you:

- > **Get value for your money, creating tangible, high impact results for women and girls around the world.** On average, for every \$1 invested in the FGE, \$0.86 directly benefits CSOs.
- > **Advance learning and innovation.** FGE is never business as usual. Our commitment to quality and change-making drives us to embark on knowledge projects such as research initiatives, evaluations, and surveys. In 2017, we plan to pilot an innovation window in our next Call for Proposals.
- > **Invest in a validated approach.** Our grant-making formula and programme approach - based on principles of transparency, independence, demand-driven, flexibility, partnership building, capacity building and strong programme design - have been validated by independent evaluations as contributing to effectiveness and impact.
- > **Join UN Women's frontline efforts to empower women-led CSOs** to advance gender equality and women's rights in the 2030 Agenda and achieve the Global Goals.

*At the Fund we are proud to disseminate our grantees' achievements and our learning in a visual and interesting way.*

*Check our annual reports, our knowledge products videos and stories at:*

[www.unwomen.org/en/trust-funds/fund-for-gender-equality/materials](http://www.unwomen.org/en/trust-funds/fund-for-gender-equality/materials)

# Becoming an FGE Donor

By becoming an FGE donor you will not only play an instrumental role in helping women and girls around the world realize their potential in the economic and political spheres, but also gain opportunities such as\*:

- Receive recognition in FGE materials and publications
  - Take part in grantee or donor meetings
  - Receive first-hand information about our newly-selected grantees
  - Receive periodic updates on FGE programmes around the world
  - Other
- \* Donor benefits will be commensurate to the value of contribution.

To become more responsive to the needs and priorities of our expanding donor community, the FGE welcomes the following partnership modalities:

1

**SINGLE OR MULTI-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORTING THE OVERALL WORK OF THE FUND**  
(Preferred Option)

2

**REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**  
FOCUSED ON ONE OR MORE OF UN WOMEN'S SIX WORKING REGIONS

3

**THEMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS** ALIGNED WITH WOMEN'S ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT

## What others are saying about us

### What our donors say

"The Fund for Gender Equality is a trustworthy mechanism that not only offers the financial means but also accompanies them in the process, strengthening their capacities and providing technical guidance to ensure effective results on the ground. Germany is proud to support this mechanism. This is one of our best investments"  
**Government of Germany**

### What our grantees say

"The Fund was different. We perceived them more as a partner than a donor. Right at the onset of the project we worked very closely in refining the indicators and this was really helpful. We also appreciated them bringing us together as grantees to learn from each other. I appreciated that"  
**Forum for Women in Democracy, Uganda**

### What evaluations say

"Experience from FGE projects shows that implementing CSOs are now well-positioned to inform and further contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals"  
**FGE Independent Meta Evaluation 2015**

### What our peers say

"Through the grant awarding process and later implementation of the successful projects, an eye is kept on the selection of the highest quality proposals that will actually have an effective impact on society [...] Thanks to this approach, UN-Women's impact on field can be measured and appraised."  
**European Commission, DEVCO Pillar Assessment Report of UN Women (2015)**

Want to make a difference?

Contact us today.

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