

## 2016 Grantee Summaries

### Women's Human Rights

**Country: Nigeria**

**Organization: Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC)**

**Background:** Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC) was set up by Oby Nwankwo in 1996 for the promotion of gender equality, women's rights and access to justice

**Grant Awarded: \$30,000** to organize a National Tribunal on Violence against Women. This is as an advocacy strategy for the passage of the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill which was rejected on the floor of the Senate during the second reading of the bill

**Country: Ghana**

**Organisation: Deprived Single Mothers Assistance Scheme (DeSMAS)**

**Background:** Deprived Single Mothers Assistance Scheme (DeSMAS) was established in 2002 to empower distressed women especially single mothers in deprived communities to enable them raise and educate their children appropriately.

**Grant Awarded: \$30,000** over 2 years to empower commercial sex workers on issues of GBV and provide some social intervention for them. The project is to also highlight the key issues pertaining to sex work in terms of their health, violations of their basic human rights which should be guaranteed and protected irrespective of what they are engaged in.

**Country: Liberia**

**Organization: Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa (GPFA)**

**Background:** Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa is a nongovernmental organization based in Monrovia, Liberia, founded in 2012 by Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee. The mission of the Foundation is to promote holistic transformation in Africa by facilitating equal access to opportunities in all spheres of influence.

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to support the organization to cover its operational cost to ensure the effective implementation of the organization's mission.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Resource Center for Women and Girl**

**Background:** RCWG is a non-governmental organization based in Machakos, Kenya that works with girls and young women from rural Kenya.

**Grant Awarded: \$15000** to enable the organization implement recommendations from governance training under the leadership and governance project, specifically in developing a strategic plan and documenting organizational 10 years story.

**Country: Malawi**

**Organization: Girls Empowerment Network**

**Background:** GENET provides a forum for girls and young women with a space to voice their concerns; develop skills and capacities; share and empower each other.

**Grant Awarded: \$12,000** for the development of a 5 year strategic plan for GENET, development of relevant TORS for board members and staff and review their resource mobilization strategy. These activities will contribute to strengthening the governance systems of GENET as a part of their organizational development process.

**Country: Togo**

**Organization: ONG ALAFIA**

**Background:** ALAFIA is a national organisation established in 1997 by a group of women concerned about the appalling living conditions of women in Togo

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000** to undertake the following activities:

To engage with local authorities for the adoption of a legislation putting an end to widowhood rite and also to engage with policy makers for the amendment of the Code of the Family especially the section on the widowhood rites.

**Country: Togo**

**Organization: ONG ALAFIA**

**Background:** ALAFIA is a national organization established in 1997 by a group of women concerned about the appalling living conditions of women in Togo

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to mobilize 30 young activists (15 from Lome and 15 from Kara) who were previously beneficiaries of an AWDF supported leadership program to form a cyber-watch committee to create awareness on and fight cyber violence against women on campuses.

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: Rural Women's Movement (RMW)**

**Background:** The Rural Women's Movement (RWM) based in KwaZulu Natal is an independent non-profit rural/indigenous women's land and property rights organization that seeks to eliminate poverty through programs designed to provide training on women's land and property rights, enhance women's participation in local governance.

**Grant Awarded: \$30,000** over 2 years to strengthen the voices of rural women farmers to demand for their rights and increase productivity and income levels.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: GDA Concepts**

**Background:** The Standpoint is an initiative of GDA Concepts, a private media production company which seeks to uncover and crusade for the total liberation of women in areas such

as education, employment, finance and politics and areas that are critical for enhancing their roles in society

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to support the production and airing of the Standpoint Talk Show.

**Country: Liberia**

**Organization: Community Humanitarian Advocacy & Development Organization Inc (COHADO)**

**Background:** Community Humanitarian Advocacy & Development Organization Inc. (COHADO) is a local NGO established in November 1994 by its current Executive Director (Ruth A. Sirleaf). Ms Sirleaf in collaboration with other victims of the inhumane acts during the Liberian war formed the organization to address the sufferings women continue to undergo in rural communities in Liberia

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to undertake community awareness campaigns on SGBV throughout the two proposed project districts; air radio messages in local language (Kpelleh) to discuss GBV issues on the community radio stations in the two districts; strengthen and support gender clubs in schools to organize prep talks, quiz competitions and sporting activities to share SGBV messages.

**Country: Liberia**

**Organization: Women Movement for Sustainable Development-Liberia (WOMSUD\_Liberia)**

**Background:** The Women Movement for Sustainable Development (WOMSUD-Liberia) is a non-governmental women-led organization established in October 2009. It was established by Grace Y. Mayson and Wokie Johnson Jackson in response to social-economic, education, health and systemic marginalization of women in decision-making in all areas of governance in the country.

**Grants Awarded: \$15,000** to promote women's access and control over productive resources such as land and guarantee their rights to property.

**Country: Nigeria**

**Organization: ABANTU for development - Nigeria**

**Background:** The rationale behind ABANTU's work is that, whereas both women and men face constraints in their participation in policy-making for social and economic development, the specific ways in which women are constrained in their efforts at contributing to policy-making processes is problematic.

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to strengthen the entrepreneurship potential of selected young women.

**Country: Nigeria**

**Organization: Center for Women's Studies and Intervention (CWSI)**

**Background:** The purpose of the organization is geared towards the empowerment of women and girls socially and economically.

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to empower women and communities to reduce FGM and Early Marriage which is prevalent in Ebonyi State.

**Country: Sudan**

**Organization: Zenab for Women in Development (ZWD)**

**Background:** Zenab for Women in Development, a community based organization was founded and run by women who strongly believe in their capacity to change the lives of other women in the region

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000** to empower rural women and communities to take an active role in the prevention of FGM.

**Country: Cameroon**

**Organization: Changing Mentalities and Empowering Groups (CHAMEG)**

**Background:** Changing Mentalities and Empowering Groups (CHAMEG) was formed in 1996 by ten women's groups with the aim of economically empowering women to raise their self-esteem and assert themselves as equal partners in development.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to carry out a Community outreach and mobilization campaign.

**Country: Cameroon**

**Organization: InterFaith Vision Foundation Cameroon- IVFCam**

**Background:** Interfaith Vision Foundation Cameroon (IVFCam) was founded in 2008 to promote gender equality and women's participation in development from the grassroots to the national.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to conduct a workshop for elected women leaders, CSOs and female media practitioners on activism, GBV and use of Social Media as tools to combat GBV online.

**Country: Cameroon**

**Organization: Mengbwa Actions Jeunes (MAJE)**

**Background:** Mengbwa Actions Jeunes (MAJE) is a national not for profit women led organization formed in 2002 to empower young women and girls with leadership skills and to promote women's human rights.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to educate the general public on the key articles of the revised Criminal Code of Cameroon, which criminalizes violence against women.

**Country: Ethiopia**

**Organization: Gender Office of Addis Ababa University**

**Background:** The Gender Office of Addis Ababa University was at first established as a Women's Affairs Office in 2008. The Women's Affairs Office was later renamed as a Gender Office given its expanded duties towards working on gender issues.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to train selected female students and staff on how to ensure online privacy and security when using social media.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: STEMbees Organization**

**Background:** STEMbees was founded by Linda Ansong and Angela Koranteng. They realized that there is a tremendous need for females in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields to encourage and mentor young women to help minimize the gender gap prevalent in STEM fields.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to get participants to understand why gender-based violence should be prevented and how this can be done online and offline.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Centre for Community Empowerment and Development (CECED)**

**Background:** The Centre for Community Empowerment and Development (CECED) is a non-profit organization formed in 2010. The purpose of the organization is to build the capacity and character of children, youths, young women and girls in leadership as well as encourage engagement in productive activities to achieve social and economic empowerment.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to empower teenage girls and young women on issues of GBV prevention in commemoration of the 2016 Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Young Women Campaign Against AIDS (YWCAA)**

**Background:** Specifically the organization's major focus is to reverse the rate of HIV/AIDS transmission among young women through advocacy on behavior change, income generating activities and self-help groups that will help young women to improve their economic standards and reduce dependency.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to organize a training for selected service providers comprising of local leaders, the police, journalists, health personnel and religious leaders as well as community members in GBV issues.

**Country: Malawi**

**Organization: Foundation for Civic Education Social Empowerment (FOCESE)**

**Background:** FOCESE was formed in 2012 by teen mothers and other young women who were once teen mothers from Balaka district and led by Milliam Chilemba who was once forced into marriage by her own mother at the age of 15.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to organize training for girls on how they can use cell phones to report any sexual violence or domestic violence

**Country: Nigeria**

**Organization: Sustainable Innovation and Development Access in Africa (SIDA)**

**Background:** Sustainable Innovation and Development Access in Africa (SIDA) was formed by Mrs. Daba Sokari Obene Thom-Manuel. SIDA was formed in pursuit to promote increased women's participation in the economy by empowering them with the relevant skills and information needed to be successful in today's dynamic and competitive environment.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to organize a competition for young female coders (computer programmers) for the production of a media awareness campaign.

**Country: Senegal**

**Organization: WILDAF Senegal**

**Background:** WILDAF-Senegal is a member of WILDAF, a Pan African network whose objective is to promote and enforce human rights in general and those of women in particular. The network has existed in Senegal since 2000.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to raise awareness among students on violence against women using social media.

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: BEAR Foundation**

**Background:** The BEAR Foundation is a women's rights non-profit organization founded in 2011 by Nomzamo Gcwensa. **It was founded by Ms Nomzamo Gcwensa .** Ms Nomzamo Gcwensa founded this organization after recovering from her experience in an abusive (physical and mental) relationship.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to educate and engage young women and girls in the Diepsloot community on their rights not to be violated

**Country: Tanzania**

**Organization: Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA)**

**Background:** Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA) was formed in 2002 after the realization that there was the need to capacitate civil society organizations to hold governments' accountable for the recognition of the connections between culture and development, especially in line with the Culture and Development protocols they had signed onto at the regional and international levels.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to host Binti Longa program, a media campaign using online/social media as a tool for advocacy and changing mind-sets around violence against women in the arts.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: Coalition Against Women Abuse (CAWA)**

**Background;** Coalition Against Women Abuse (CAWA) was formed by the late Mrs. Mary Bukirwa with 7 other local women after seeing the persistent abuse of the rights of rural women in Uganda.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to create an online social media campaign and offline educational activities to connect and inspire young women to take action against Gender Based Violence and to learn how social media can be harnessed for social change.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: Uganda Media Women's Association (UMWA)**

**Background:** Women working in the media started Uganda Media Women's Association (UMWA) in 1983. After the realization that Uganda did not have an umbrella body to cater for the professional interests of media women as well as the information needs of the marginalized in society.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to undertake a project under its young women mentoring program.

**Country: Zimbabwe**

**Organization: Female Students Network Trust (FSNT)**

**Background:** The Female Students Network Trust (FSNT) is a feminist organization that was founded in 2005 and registered as a trust in 2010. It is a national organization that was formed after wide consultations with female students in Tertiary Education Institutions (TEIs) and various stakeholders.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to launch an awareness campaign on young women's bodily rights and HIV prevention.

**Country: DRC**

**Organization: Réseau des Associations de Droits Humains de Fizi, RADHF en sigle**

**Background:** Réseau des Associations de Droits Humains de Fizi (RADHF), is a women led community based organization formed in 2002 to protect and defend women's rights as well as promote gender equality.

**Grant Awarded: \$12,000** to provide legal support for 20 women and girls survivors of sexual violence, to organize educational activities on sexual violence in Baraka, and to organize advocacy activities involving community leaders to combat impunity in the community.

**Country: DRC**

**Organization: Réseau Associatif Pour La Psychologie Integrale, Rapi Asbl**

**Background:** Réseau Associatif pour la Psychologie Integrale (RAPI) is a local women led organization formed in 2011 in Bukavu to create a safe community through increased awareness of the issues related to gender-based sexual violence, and the provision of tools and resources in the areas of prevention, education, advocacy and support regarding sexual and domestic violence.

**Grant Awarded: \$10,000** to implement the following activities:

- To provide mental and psychological support for 10 women and girls survivors of violence. As part of this activity, there will be one-on-one support and resources that allow victims to help themselves.

- To engage with community leaders and members on sexual violence prevention strategies.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: Women and Youth Forum for Sustainable Development (WYFSD)**

**Background:** Women and Youth Forum for Sustainable Development (WYFSD) was started by Rose Ackah, a former United Nations Volunteer (UNV) with specialisation in Domestic Development Service and Municipal/District Revenue Mobilisation.

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to amplify women's voices and strengthen communities' action towards GBV prevention.

**Country: Liberia**

**Organization: Zorzor District Women Care Inc. (ZODWOCA)**

**Background:** Zorzor District Women Care Inc. (ZODWOCA) is a national organization formed in 1994 by Mrs. Kortimai with the support of women leaders in the three clans of Zorzor district, Lofa County after the civil war in Liberia.

**Grant Awarded: \$10,000** to promote women's right to land and property in two towns in the Salayea District of Liberia.

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: Masisukumeni Women's Crisis Centre**

**Background:** Masisukumeni Women's Crisis Centre is an initiative of Ms. Rachel Nsimbi Nkosi and Ms. Tina Sideris to help raise the dignity and respect of women by ensuring their safety and security. The organization has 8 board members, 22 members of staff and 9 trained volunteers.

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to increase women's and communities' knowledge on GBV prevention and to strengthen support systems for survivors of violence.

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: Community Media Trust (CMT)**

**Background:** Community Media Trust (CMT) is a not-for-profit company that specializes in communication in the fields of health, human rights and gender based violence. It was founded in 1998 when a group of HIV/AIDS activists believed that the HIV/AIDS epidemic was reaching a crucial stage as it moved from a period of high infection rates to a period of high rates of illness and death

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to support a TV production that seeks to provide young women with information and tools to prevent HIV infection, violence and enhance women's confidence and bodily integrity.

**Country: Zambia**

**Organization: Chilanga Youth Awake (CYA) Zambia**

**Background:** Chilanga Youth Awake (CYA) Zambia is a youth focused organization founded in 2003.

**Grant Awarded:** \$20,000 to help mobilize and equip young women with entrepreneurship development and advocacy skills and also to increase their knowledge in GBV prevention.

**Country: Zambia**

**Organization: Twapane Women Club-Zambia**

**Background:** Twapane Women's Club is a registered, community membership based women activist organization working for the advancement of women and girls' rights, building resistance against violence, discrimination and injustice. The group was formed in 1998 by a group of early marriage survivors in Chief Chipalo chieftdom to respond to Gender based violence, early marriages and other women rights violations.

**Grant Awarded:** \$15,000 to undertake various activities to promote and safeguard the rights of girls.

**Country: Zambia**

**Organization: Community Based TB/HIV/AIDS Organisation (CBTO)**

**Background:** The Community Based TB/HIV/AIDS Organization (CBTO) is a women led and women managed community-based initiative that was established in Zambia in 1995 to provide holistic care and support to TB and HIV patients at the community level.

**Grant Awarded:** \$15,000 to help reduce the spread of HIV infections by curbing GBV in the Munali Constituency.

**Country: Togo**

**Organization: Women in Law and Development/ Femmes Droit et Développement en Afrique (WILDAF/FEDDAF -Afrique de l'Ouest)**

**Background:** WILDAF/FeDDAF-Afrique de l'Ouest was set up in 1990 to promote and strengthen strategies which link law and development to increase women's participation and influence at community, national and international levels.

**Grant Awarded:** \$20,000 as institutional support to enable the organization work on its project aimed at preventing early and forced marriage in West Africa; Advocating for gender mainstreaming into ECOWAS Agricultural Investment Program and countries' agricultural policies and advocating for women's land rights in Togo.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Young Women Campaign Against AIDS (YWCAA)**

**Background:** YWCAA was founded in 2004 by a group of young women graduates. Specifically the organization's major focus is to reverse the rate of HIV/AIDS transmission among young women through advocacy on behavior change, income generating activities and self-help groups that will help young women to improve their economic standards and reduce dependency.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to hold a radio talk show with GBV activists & young women representatives on one of the most listened to FM radios. The talk show will give education on GBV and provide opportunity for question and answer.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Women Empowerment Group (WEG)**

**Background:** Women Empowerment Group (WEG) is a grassroots community based organization that champions women's interests, rights, health socio-economic, political, basic freedoms and privileges applying to humanity and dignity of the person. The organization was formally registered in 2011.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to develop a mobile technology based short message service that was to create GBV awareness and disseminate Anti-GBV information among women.

### **Economic Empowerment**

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: Adjamansu Fish Processing Women's Group**

**Background:** : Adjamansu Fish Processing Women's Group was established in 2011 in Nkonya, Biakoye District within the Volta Region of Ghana by women fish processors and fish mongers. The purpose of the group is to improve the fish processing activities of the members and to expand income earning opportunities for women in the Nkonya District.

**Grant Awarded: \$6,000** to expand the fish processing and marketing activities of the group.

**Country: Zimbabwe**

**Organization: Lupane Women's Centre**

**Background:** Lupane Women's Centre works to improve the livelihoods of women in Lupane through the sustainable use of natural resources.

**Grant Awarded: \$9,100** to strengthen the governance and management systems of the organization by putting in place systems and policies and allow its implementation in line with the vision.

**Country: Cameroon**

**Organization: Horizons Femmes**

**Background:** Horizons Femmes was formed in 1998 and registered in 2003 as a national vocational organisation. The organisation was set up to contribute towards reducing the vulnerability of women, to promote the socio economic welfare of women and to fight against all forms of social inequalities affecting women

**Grant Awarded: \$25,000** to provide 50 women living with HIV/AIDS with income generating projects and equip them with entrepreneurial skills.

**Country: Cameroon**

**Organization: The Association for the Promotion of Women and Children (APWAC)**

**Background:** The Association for the Promotion of Women and Children (APWAC) was formed in 1995 by a group of women concerned about the unequal preferences given to males and females and the need to ensure social justice and promote gender equality

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to carry out a 3 day training workshop on business dynamics and practical demonstrations on food preservation as well as crop production techniques and nutritional values.

**Country: Liberia**

**Organization: New Liberian Women's Organization/Skills Training Centre**

**Background:** The purpose of the organization is to bring relief to the less fortunate and vulnerable women and children of Liberia who were affected by the war through skills training and advocacy.

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to empower survivors of ebola with income earning opportunities to enable them support their households and actively participate in decision making processes at the community level.

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: The Earth Lore Foundation**

**Background:** The EarthLore Foundation was established in 2007 as Mupo Foundation to support indigenous communities in Southern Africa to revive and enhance traditional governance systems, indigenous spirituality and culture, sustainable livelihoods and to gain legal recognition for constitutional rights to practice their religion and culture.

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to help improve the economic security of rural women and to promote conservation of the environment and biodiversity.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: Center for Disability and Rehabilitation (CDR)**

**Background:** Centre for disability and rehabilitation Uganda (CDR-Uganda) was founded in 2007 as a community based organization involved in the rehabilitation of children and women with special needs.

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to provide income earning opportunities for 100 women caring for children with special needs affected /infected with HIV&AIDS and train them in advocacy skills; hold 10 consultative meetings at the sub county level to demand for by laws that favor women's economic empowerment; hold 4 media engagements and sensitize 1500 women in women and children rights as well as in the new HIV&AIDS bill.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: Gender Integrated Development Program (GIDP)**

**Background:** The organisation's key area of work includes: Women economic empowerment, HIV/AIDS, Social justice and human rights and environmental protection and management in Pallisa District

**Grant Awarded:** \$15,000 to promote the leadership skills of women living with HIV and their participation in community decision making processes and increase their income opportunities.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)**

**Background:** IAFFE is a non-profit organization formed in 1992 in Pennsylvania to expand the understanding of economic issues important to the well-being and empowerment of women, children, and men worldwide. Its objectives include fostering dialogue and resource sharing among economists and others from all over the world who take feminist viewpoints, advancing feminist inquiry into economic issues, educating economists, policy makers, and the general public on feminist points of view on economic issues.

**Grant Awarded:** \$15,000 to support 4 African feminist economists to develop 4 different papers on key women's rights and economic justice issues affecting African Women and support the cost of travel of the 4 authors to present the papers at the 25th IAFFE Annual Conference in Galway, Ireland.

**Country: Ethiopia**

**Organization: Faith Hope Love Family Service Association (FHLFSA)**

**Background:** It is National association, registered under the Federal Bureau of Justice in April 2005, and re-registered as Ethiopia residents charity society association aimed at protecting the basic rights of women living with HIV&AIDS and orphans in Hawassa town of Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region /SNNPR/.

**Grant Awarded:** \$15,000 to support 55 women living with HIV take up sustainable income earning initiatives and take leadership on the HIV response as well as in their families and communities

**Country: Cameroon**

**Organization: Reach Out Cameroon (REO)**

**Background:** REO is a nonprofit making organization formed in 1996 by a group of medical doctors, gender specialists, social workers, community relay agents and agronomists who were concerned with the plights of the rural masses especially those living in the areas.

**Grant Awarded:** \$4500 to mobilize and sensitize women groups in Fako on innovative agricultural practices to improve their production and productivity in traditional African vegetables.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: African Neighbours Foundation (ANF)**

**Background:** ANF was established in August 2010 by Madam Mamata Musah Sheriff after observing that the plight of single parents and children from broken homes were not being given any serious and necessary attention.

**Grant Awarded:** \$4,500 to undertake a project that will strengthen the leadership and entrepreneurial skills of single mothers through baking activities and provision of business and leadership skills in Nsawam-Adoagyiri Municipality.

**Country:** Ghana

**Organization:** Network of Women in Growth (NEWIG)

**Background:** The Network of Women in Growth (NEWIG) Ghana was formed in 2002 by Ms. Mawusi Nudekor Awity as a skills development NGO.

**Grant Awarded:** \$30,000 to train 15 young women between the ages of 18 – 34 from deprived communities as commercial drivers, community leaders and women's rights advocates.

**Country:** Sierra Leone

**Organization:** GBORTIMA" Women's Development Association - GBOWODA

**Background:** GBORTIMA aims to promote women's equal opportunity for recognition and dignity through effective engagements and advocacy in rural communities where tradition and culture are critical barriers for women's human rights and development.

**Grant Awarded:** \$4,000 to train the women in their income earning levels, building their confidence and giving them a voice in the community

**Country:** Kenya

**Organization:** Christian Partners Development Agency (CPDA)

**Background:** CPDA's purpose is to uplift the living standards of the poor and disadvantaged communities in Kenya and beyond through partnership, capacity building and development programmes that empower communities to respond effectively to their needs. CPDA implements programmes to empower marginalized women, particularly in rural areas to participate in governance and development

**Grant Awarded:** \$40,000 over a 2 year period to empower women smallholder tea producers to participate in decision making as well as to be able to provide basic needs of their families.

**Country:** Cameroon

**Organization:** Dynamic Sisters Farming Group (D.S.F)

**Background:** Dynamic Sisters Farming group (D.S.F) is a community based organization formed in 2002 by a group of 30 women who were so much concerned about the fact that women could not sustainably take care of themselves and their families.

**Grant Awarded:** \$10,000 to help train and support 30 rural small holder farmers to adopt modern agricultural practices and access larger markets and capital.

**Country: Ethiopia**

**Organization: Center for Accelerated Women's Economic Empowerment (CAWEE)**

**Background:** (CAWEE) was formed in 2004 by Nigest Haile, the current director. CAWEE's purpose is to strengthen women owned and managed Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) to enable them expand their businesses and make them more competitive in the export market.

**Grant Awarded:** \$20,000 to strengthen the activities of small scale women entrepreneurs to enhance their business and marketing skills.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: Network of Women in Growth (NEWIG) Ghana**

**Background:** The Network of Women in Growth (NEWIG) Ghana was formed in 2002 by Ms. Mawusi Nudekor Awity as a skills development NGO.

**Grant Awarded:** \$3,500 to help scale up the businesses of 22 women through business management training and start up resources. The members will also receive training in assertiveness, leadership skills and women's rights issues.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: Women Support And Activists Group (WOSAG)**

**Background:** The Women Support and Activist Group (WOSAG) was formally established in 2007 to secure, promote and protect women's rights and address the challenges and self-identified priorities of women.

**Grant Awarded:** \$20,000 to enable WOSAG carry out activities aimed at enhancing the productive capacities of women small holder farmers,

**Country: Nigeria**

**Organization: Habiba Dangana (Hadis) Foundation**

**Background:** Amina Salihu started Hadis Foundation in 2012 in honour of her mother who touched lives by feeding orphans in the mosques and in her house.

**Grant Awarded:** \$30,000 to sustain and expand the women groups established with the last grant in 2014 across the 8 local governments of the Kaduna north senatorial districts.

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT)**

**Background:** The Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT) founded in 1990 by the Hillcrest Methodist Church, the geographical focus area is the rural and poverty-torn communities of the Valley of 1000 hills region of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa – one of the epicenters of the HIV/AIDS pandemic with HIV infection rates of up to 40-60%.

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to help train 40 grannies in sewing skills through a six months sewing course and equip them with parenting skills and knowledge on child rights to enable them better care for and support their orphaned grandchildren.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: Slum Women's Initiative for Development (SWID)**

**Background:** Slum Women's Initiative for Development (SWID) was formed in 2003 by 30 grassroots women who took it upon themselves to mobilize fellow women against the unjust, routine evictions that were taking place in the slum settlements of Walukuba-Masese Division of Jinja, Uganda

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to empower rural women farmers through advocacy and educational activities for easy access to land to invest in profitable agriculture which will result in high yields hence enhancing food security as well as income

**Country: Zimbabwe**

**Organization: Uluntu Community Foundation**

**Background:** Uluntu Community Foundation (UCF) was established by a group of development enthusiasts and professionals in Zimbabwe's second city, Bulawayo, to spearhead development in Zimbabwe using the Matabeleland region as an entry point.

**Grant Awarded: : \$20,000** to set up a piggery project for 20 women in a community in the Matabeleland South Province of Zimbabwe and train them as community advocates and women human rights advocates.

**Country: Zimbabwe**

**Organization: African Women's Initiative in Developing Economies (AWIDE)**

**Background:** African Women's Initiative in Developing Economies (AWIDE) was founded in 2006 by a group of women who are seasoned development practitioners in Southern Africa and have resolved to remain a women-driven organization by establishing a structure which fosters leadership capacity at all levels and ensures that organizational skills are as strong at the local level as they are at national level.

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to help establish a processing center and empower rural women farmers in value addition.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Women Empowerment Group (WEG)**

**Background:** : Women Empowerment Group (WEG) was founded in August 2011 by Dr. Susan Chebet and three other women as an informal community based organization and was purposed to champion the reproductive health rights of grassroots women within 3 Counties in Kenya namely Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet and Uasin-Gishu Counties in Kenya.

**Grant Awarded: \$12,000** to strengthen the voices and participation of 20 women living with HIV&AIDS and 10 other marginalized women in decision making through economic empowerment and the promotion of the rights of women living with HIV&AIDS.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Young Women Campaign Against AIDS (YWCAA)**

**Background:** Specifically the organization's major focus is to reverse the rate of HIV/AIDS transmission among young women through advocacy on behavior change, income generating activities and self-help groups that will help young women to improve their economic standards and reduce dependency.

**Grant Awarded: \$3,500** to help 15 young women and girls in urban informal settlements break the cycle of violence and poverty through enhancing their skills and self-esteem as well as initiating them into profitable and sustainable income earning ventures.

## **HIV/AIDS**

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Kiambu Women Living with HIV&AIDS (KIPEWA)**

**Background:** KIPEWA is a local organization formed in 2001 by 9 people living with HIV/AIDS (7 women and 2 men)

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to strengthen organizational governance systems by developing a 5 years strategic plan, document organizational history, review and develop new HT policies and board TOR

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: Positive Women's Network (PWN)**

**Background:** Positive Women's Network (PWN) was formed in 1996 by Ms. Prudence Nobantu Mabele the first black woman in South Africa to go public with her HIV status as a non-governmental organization based in South Africa that provides space for women living with HIV&AIDS to mobilise and develop their potential.

**Grant Awarded: \$18,000** to support the convening of the Women Now! Summit in Durban, South Africa as a precursor to the 2016 International AIDS conference.

**Country: Cameroon**

**Organization: Horizon Femmes**

**Background:** Horizons Femmes was formed in 1998 and registered in 2003 as a national vocational organisation. The organisation was set up to contribute towards reducing the vulnerability of women, to promote the socio economic welfare of women and to fight against all forms of social inequalities affecting women

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to advocate for access to sexual and reproductive health and rights services for women living with HIV/AIDS and young women especially in relation to access to family planning services.

**Country: DRC**

**Organization: Focus Droits et Acces**

**Background:** Focus Droits et Acces is a community based women led organization formed in 2010 to protect and promote the rights of socially excluded women and young girls.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to educate communities on the legal instruments protecting the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV/AIDS.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA- Ghana)**

**Background:** FIDA – Ghana was founded in 1968 by a group of female lawyers who were moved by the injustice of the inability of marginalized women to access justice, decided to provide free legal aid services to indigent women.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to organize a poetry contest titled, “My body my Wealth,” to inspire young adolescent girls to use the creative medium of poetry to cause their voices to be heard on World AIDS Day.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: Society for Women and AIDS in Africa (SWAA Ghana)**

**Background:** SWAA Ghana was established in 1990 and has since then been actively involved in education and advocacy programme on HIV/AIDS. SWAA International was born out of the 4th International AIDS Conference in Stockholm, Sweden where few African Women came together to deliberate on the need for a focus on Africa and the NGO sector with regards to programming in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to carry out educational and sensitization activities on World AIDS Day.

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: Socioserve - Ghana**

**Background:** SSG was founded in February 2002 by Josephine M. Sackey and Ben A. Sackey who realized the need to empower people to take charge of their own development, create socio-economic opportunities for the vulnerable and help alleviate vulnerability in society.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to organize a Story writing and Poetry Competition for girls and young women as a means of encouraging young girls to reflect on and narrate their experiences and perspectives as well as explore their emotions when it comes to the subject of HIV prevention, Women's Bodily Rights and violence against women.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Ripples International (RI)**

**Background:** RI was founded and registered in 2002 by Mercy and Chidi Ogbonna. It was out of a response to an inner call to save lives and serve children and empower communities to the glory of God, during a time when HIV/AIDS was a pandemic in Kenya and few organisations were meaningfully involved in addressing the issue.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to create awareness on rights of young people to bodily integrity and rights of women living with HIV/AIDS.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health**

**Background:** TICAH was formed in 2003 by Dr. Mary Ann Burris, who had a dream of building a body of practical healing work, and a team of people who link culture to health, recognizing the wisdom of traditional medicine and cultural ways while creating conditions where all can enjoy equitable relationships, healthy life choices, responsive services, knowledge about their rights and their bodies, emotional and spiritual well-being, ways to create and express ourselves, and the power to decide

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to enable TICAH host a one day meeting where they will create a space to have Intergenerational dialogue between the girls under TICAH Our Bodies, Our Choices and women from the community HIV support groups (which are largely female).

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: MADaboutART**

**Background:** MADaboutART was created by Larry Gurney, an experienced healthcare training professional, peer educator and former Health Promotion Officer for people living with HIV/AIDS at the Terrence Higgins Trust in London. Today the organization is led by Beatrice Jonas, a powerful Xhosa woman openly living with HIV and mum to 2 young HIV-negative children.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to launch a campaign '*Taking back the Power*' to tackle gender-based vulnerability by promoting women's independence through HIV education, empowerment and entrepreneurship.

**Country: South Africa**

**Organization: Refugee Women Stand for Development (RWSD)**

**Background:** Refugee Women Stand for Development (RWSD) was formed in 2009. RWSD is engaged in the awareness raising of refugee rights in South Africa and promoting their social justice.

**Grant Awarded: \$1000** to organize a workshop that will contribute to educating young women on their bodily rights.

**Country: Togo**

**Organization: Action Solidaire des Femmes Chretiennes pour le Developement Integre (ASFECDI)**

**Background:** Action Solidaire des Femmes Chretiennes pour le Developement (ASFECDI) was formed in 2005 by a group of Christian widows to help improve the living conditions of women and young girls in rural areas. The main objective of the organization is to promote the rights of women, create awareness on sexually transmitted diseases and gender based violence.

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000** to advocate against violence against young women and women living with HIV/AIDS.

**Country: Malawi**

**Organization: Comfort Arms of Needy Children**

**Background:** Comfort Arms of Needy Children (CAC), was set up in 2000, in response to the high prevalence rate of HIV in their operational area of Khombe Area in Michuriru Traditional Area in Blantyre rural.

**Grant Awarded: \$12,000** to help implement a project that will support elderly women to care for OVCs and strengthen their ability to care for themselves. The project will provide modern methods of farming and farm inputs to 20 women.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: Ageing with Hope Uganda**

**Background:** Ageing with Hope is a not – for – profit, non-governmental organization that started in 2003 by a group of elderly persons mostly women to advocate for the rights of older persons through ensuring that the needs of older persons are integrated into national and community development plans.

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** to help provide income earning opportunities for the elderly in Rwamucucu Sub County, Rukiga County of Kabale district in Uganda.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: Isore Women Initiative for Sustainable Development (IWINSUDE)**

**Background:** Isore Women Initiative for Sustainable Development (IWINSUDE) is a local organization that was set up in 2009 by a group of women. The organization aims to cater for the lives of vulnerable women in Uganda. IWINSUDE undertakes advocacy and capacity building of community people as a way of strengthening the community to participate in their development.

**Grant Awarded: \$12,000** to reduce stigma and discrimination against women living with HIV/AIDS in 3 villages in Mukono District, Uganda by providing training and business start-up capital to 20 women living with HIV.

**Country: Uganda**

**Organization: National Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda (NACWOLA Kasese Branch)**

**Background:** : National Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda (NACWOLA) was founded in 1992 and has since developed from a small loosely structured group of committed women living with HIV to a national network of over 40,000 members operating at the community and national levels.

**Grant Awarded: \$8,000** to undertake a poultry farm project for women living with HIV/AIDS in the Mahango and Kyathumba sub-counties.

**Country: Zimbabwe**

**Organization: Kurainashe Organisation**

**Background:** Kurainashe Organisation aims to alleviate the spread of HIV & AIDS and enhancing coping strategies to people living with HIV & AIDS through sustainable livelihood programming especially among vulnerable groups in the farming communities such as women and children.

**Grant Awarded: \$8000** to implement a project that seeks to promote the rights of women living with HIV and strengthen their participation in development processes.

**HRR**

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: Curious Minds**

**Background:** The organization was established in April 1996 and works mainly with young people. Curious Minds works to ensure that all children and youth are well informed and meaningfully participate in decision-making that affects their lives by advocating, generating knowledge, sharing information, building partnerships and training young activists with a focus on the local, national and international levels.

**Grant Awarded: \$5,000** to increase young women's presence in the 7th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights and also to strengthen their voices on issues of sexual health and rights.

**GP&S**

**Country: Ghana**

**Organization: West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI)**

**Background:** West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) was established by the Open Society Initiative of West Africa (OSIWA) as an autonomous institute for civil society capacity development.

**Grant Awarded: \$15,000** as a contribution towards the organisation of the International Society for Third Sector Research Africa Regional Research Conference held in Accra.

**Country: Kenya**

**Organization: Akili Dada**

**Background:** It emerged as a result of the need for more African women in leadership across sectors. Dr. Kamau-Rutenberg sought to address the underrepresentation of women in leadership positions in Africa. Akili Dada was founded by Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg in 2005 to meet the urgent need for more African women in leadership across sectors.

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000** to strengthen the leadership capacities of selected young women and provide mentorship opportunities for them.

**Country: Liberia**

**Organization: Angie Brooks International Centre (ABIC)**

**Background:** The Angie Brooks International Centre on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, Peace and Security based in Fendell, Liberia was launched in March 2009. The Angie Brooks International Centre dwell on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, Peace and Security.

**Grant Awarded: \$30,000** to support replication of the Women Situation Room in Ghana to ensure peace in the December 2016 general elections.

