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AWDF is happy to announce the award of grants for Leading from the South: a fund aimed at supporting activism by women's rights organisations in the global South to influence policy and decision-making at local, national, regional and global levels towards the full achievement of women's rights.

In the first of several rounds of grant awards, the following organisations were selected to receive funding to carry out women's rights advocacy activities in Africa and the Middle East. A total of 23 grants were made to organisations to implement projects in 27 countries. Most grants are for a two-year period but a few were one year grants. Additional information on the criteria for the first round of grants can be found [here](#).

A. YALLA GRANTS CATEGORY: US\$20,000- \$50,000/ YEAR

Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates (ATFD), Tunisia | Grant Amount \$90,000 over 2 years.

Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates is a feminist and human rights organization working towards actual and complete equality between men and women, including the eradication of violence against women, promoting sexual and maternity rights. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will advocate for the abolition of discriminatory laws and practices and lobby for the passage of the bill on the elimination of violence against women in Tunisia.

Girls' Power Initiative (GPI), Nigeria | Grant Amount \$50,000 over 2 years

Girls' Power Initiative is a women led feminist organization established to ensure greater empowerment and autonomy for young women by supporting them to make informed choices, keep them free from sexual violence and help them challenge damaging social norms. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will advocate for the elimination of sexual violence through comprehensive sexuality education for women and girls and implementation of adolescent health policy in six local government areas in Nigeria's Delta State.

Institute for Young Women Development (IYWD), Zimbabwe | Grant Amount \$99,964 over 2 years

The Institute for Young Women Development aims to mobilise and strengthen the voice and power of marginalised young women in order for them to thrive and transform the status quo. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will develop young women's agency through Transformational Leadership Training and also enable them to reclaim democratic spaces for their increased political participation through strategic alliance building with traditional and governance institutions in Zimbabwe.

Integrated Disabled Women Activities (IDIWA), Uganda | Grant Amount \$49,732 over 2 years

IDIWA was established to promote the rights of differently abled women and girls and design self-help community based development initiatives for sustainable livelihoods. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will educate differently abled women and girls on public and private sector employment policies and plans, and will influence local government legislation and policy in Uganda to provide protection, eliminate discrimination and ensure equal rights and affirmative action for differently abled women and girls on the job market.

Pastoral Women's Council (PWC), Tanzania | Grant Amount \$99,966 over 2 years

Pastoral Women's Council was founded to promote the development of Maasai pastoralist women and children through facilitating their access to education, civil and land rights, social services and economic empowerment. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will build a strong movement to

advocate for easy access to land for, and to secure the livelihoods of pastoralist Maasai women in the Loliondo community in Tanzania.

Tanzania Women Cross-Party Platform (TWCP), Tanzania | Grant Amount \$50,000 over 1 year

Tanzania Women Cross-Party Platform was founded a group of women in politics to operate beyond political affiliation to address barriers to women's empowerment, especially those that enable violence against women. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will train and empower young women politicians and encourage them to stand for office across political parties In Tanzania towards adoption and implementation of legislation and policies to realise full women's rights.

TGNP Mtandao, Tanzania | Grant Amount \$50,000 over 1 year

TGNP is an activist non-profit organization aimed at increasing the engagement of grassroots women and other marginalized groups in gender transformation and social justice issues informed by transformative feminist agendas. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will build the capacity of informal Women Cross Border Traders (WCBT) and duty bearers in Tanzania on gender mainstreaming in trade for women's economic justice.

The Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust, South Africa | Grant Amount \$91,658 over 2 years

The Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust was founded in response to the lack of services and support available to survivors in the 1970's.

Their work covers a spectrum of activities that include welfare services, popular education and advocacy as essential components of a well-developed theory of change. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will carry out advocacy activities for the establishment of sexual offence courts in South Africa.

Women and Land in Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe | Grant Amount \$44,880 over 1 year

Women and Land in Zimbabwe is a membership based organization with a vision of economically empowering women through land rights. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will build and strengthen the capacity of the rural women's land movement in Zimbabwe to demand the implementation of laws and policies that protect and promote women's rights.

Women Leadership Development (WLEDE), Uganda | Grant Amount \$80,000 over 2 years

Women Leadership Development was formed to improve the level of contribution of women and youth leaders in Uganda through leadership capacity development using the human rights model of governance to elevate productivity and social transformation. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will influence political party leadership to set clear gender mainstreaming procedures and frameworks to support Ugandan women to take up mainstream leadership positions within political parties.

Women's Affairs Technical Committee, Palestine | Grant Amount \$35,950 over 1 year

Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC) was established to ensure women's participation and the inclusion of women's issues in the negotiations for a peace treaty during the Madrid Peace Conference and continues to play a catalytic role in promoting Women's Rights in Palestine. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will carry out activities to lobby and advocate for the enactment of the Palestinian Family Protection Law.

Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe | Grant Amount \$100,000 over 2 years

The Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe is an all-inclusive grouping of women groups, NGOs and academics formed to ensure full participation of women during the Zimbabwean constitutional reform process as well as the creation of a gender-fair national constitution. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will build a movement and engage duty bearers to fully implement the policies and laws as well as provisions in the Zimbabwean constitution that promote women's political rights and participation.

B. ANANSE GRANT CATEGORY: US\$51,000- US\$199,000/ YEAR

Emang Basadi Association, Botswana | Grant Amount \$90,605 over 2 years

Emang Basadi Association (EBA) was formed as a formalised pressure group to undertake research advocacy, carry out public awareness campaigns and provide legal aid and counselling services for the empowerment of women and the enhancement of women's rights in Botswana. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will promote women's participation in politics as legitimate stakeholders in the political processes in Botswana.

Groupe d'Appui aux Initiatives Féminines pour un Développement Intégré et Durable (GAIFEDID), Benin| Grant Amount \$220,000 over 2 years

GAIFEDID was formed to promote sustainable development and empower rural women and socially excluded groups. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will work to strengthen the sex workers movement in Benin, raising their voice and visibility and supporting them to engage the authorities and the community including the police and the health service authorities in order to change discriminatory social norms.

Justice for Widows and Orphans Association, Zambia | Grant Amount \$190,000 over 2 years

Justice for Widows and Orphans Association is a network organization formed to fight against violations of rights of widows

and orphans in Zambia and to strengthen local involvement in the promotion and protection of the rights of widows and orphans. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will lobby and advocate for pro poor land policies for widows and orphans settled on customary land in Zambia by mobilising and training selected community women (especially widows) and civil society organisations, government, religious, traditional and local leaders.

NETRIGHT LFS Consortium, Ghana | Grant Amount \$250,000 over 2 years

The NETRIGHT LFS Consortium is made up of 4 organisations, led by the Network for Women's Rights in Ghana (NETRIGHT). The consortium aims at promoting women's rights in Ghana by working towards bringing a gender perspective to national policy processes and content in ways that strengthen the policy environment in the pursuit of a gender equal society. It also seeks to provide a base for more effective advocacy and campaigning on gender and women's rights with a specific focus on securing women's livelihoods.

With the Leading from the South grant, the consortium will empower rural women farmers in Ghana to actively engage policy spaces in the agricultural and land sectors to enhance their livelihoods through targeted gender responsive advocacy to effect change.

Si Jeunesse Savait (SJS), Democratic Republic of Congo | Grant Amount \$222,000 over 2 years

Si Jeunesse Savait is a feminist group formed to build the leadership skills of young Congolese women on issues relating to their sexual and reproductive rights, information and communication

technologies and entrepreneurship. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will build a strong advocacy movement in tertiary institutions in Kinshasa to eliminate sexual harassment and ensure an environment free from violence for young women and girls in DRC.

Urgent Action Fund- Africa, Kenya| Grant Amount \$150,000 over 2 years

UAF-Africa is a pan-African and feminist Fund that supports unanticipated, time-sensitive, innovative, and bold initiatives and enables feminists to seize windows of opportunity, fracture patriarchy, amplify their voices, enhance their visibility, and become significant actors influencing policy and law while shaping discourse. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will advance women's rights in Egypt and Tunisia by supporting women's human rights defenders (WHRDs) and organizations that are experiencing threats and harassment due to their activism.

Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association (ZWLA), Zimbabwe | Grant Amount \$139,000 over 2 years

Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association was established by women lawyers to respond to women's practical and strategic needs through legal service provision and advocacy for laws that protect women's rights. With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will facilitate women's access to justice, enhance the legal literacy and women's rights awareness of communities, strengthen legislative and policy frameworks that address and respond to women and children's rights and improve implementation of laws and policies that protect women and children's rights in Zimbabwe.

C. PAMOJA GRANT CATEGORY: US\$200,000- US\$500,000/ YEAR

Gender Links, South Africa | Grant Amount \$800,000 over 2 years

Gender Links was founded by Southern African gender and media activists who identified the lack of a gender perspective in media work and is committed to an inclusive, equal and just society in the public and private space in accordance with the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development.

With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will advocate for the adoption of affirmative action in both the local and national governance structures in 7 Southern African countries: Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The grant will cover activities that focus on changing the internal leadership structures of political parties to accommodate women including young women and differently abled women, creating a conducive environment for women's economic participation and advocating for the implementation of already enacted policies and laws to ensure that women are free from violence and enjoy autonomy.

ONG ALAFIA, Togo | Grant Amount \$215,205 over 2 years

ALAFIA is a national organisation established to advocate for, and promote the rights of women, widows, and young girls and seeks to harness women's potential to contribute to the development of their communities.

With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will strengthen local advocacy capacity towards the eradication of harmful and disempowering widowhood rites and rituals imposed on women in Togo's Dankpen region.

Arab Women Network (RoA') Coalition, Jordan | Grant Amount \$800,000 over 2 years

ROA' is a coalition of 17 organisations in the Middle East/North African region led by the Jordanian Women's Union. The coalition's objective is to achieve gender equality, eliminate violence and discrimination against women, and build an Arab feminist democratic movement that contributes to international movements to end discrimination and the negative impact of globalization and occupation.

With the Leading from the South grant, the coalition will advocate, through the engagement of the Arab League, for the drafting and enactment of a secular family law in 11 countries in the Middle East and North Africa, namely, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Egypt and Morocco.

The project will establish a national network in each implementing country, meaning 10 national coalitions in total, pushing for the enactment of the secular family law. The national networks will ensure the inclusion of diverse women and actors in the campaign and will also ensure that momentum is sustained at all levels.

Strategic Initiatives for Women in the Horn of Africa Network, Uganda | Grant Amount \$503,000 over 2 years

SIHA Network was founded by a group of Somali and Sudanese

women living in conflict areas in the 1990s with the aim of giving grassroots women a voice to address subordination and violence against women and girls in the Horn of Africa. The organisation currently works in the areas of social inclusion and knowledge dissemination.

With the Leading from the South grant, the organization will support work towards ensuring the human rights of the poorest women working in the informal sector in Kampala, Uganda and Hargeisa, Somaliland through programs that will support their self-reliance, skills development, and capacity to advocate and open avenues for participation in economic activities and decision making.

