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2018 GRANTEE RECOGNITION SURVEY

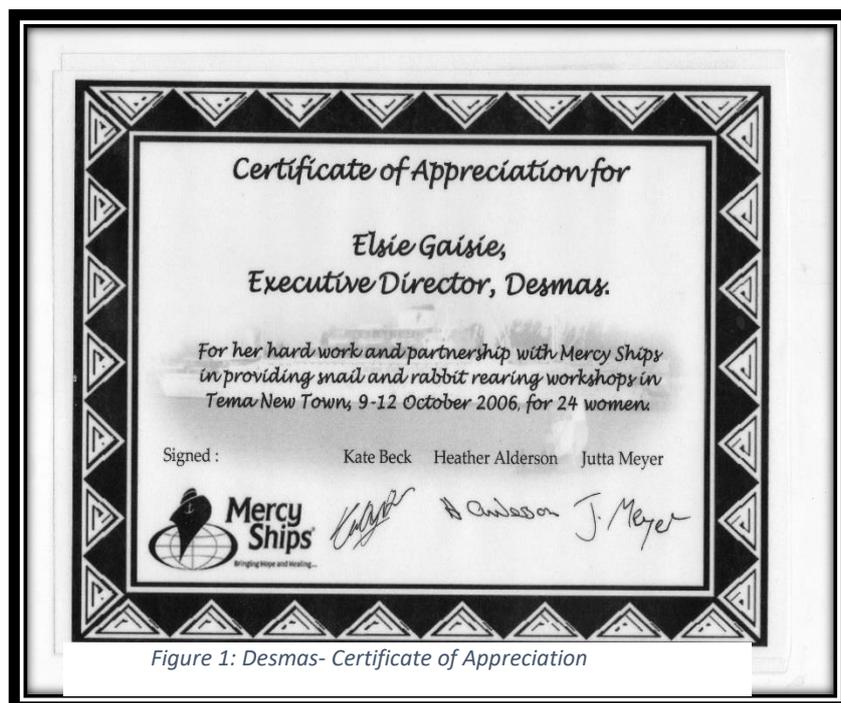


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1.0 INTRODUCTION



Grantees Recognition Survey forms part of AWDF's monitoring and evaluation instruments used to assess and ascertain the profound impact grantees are making in the lives of women and on the continent at large. AWDF has provided grants and technical support to over 1,340 women's organisations in 43 out of the 54 countries in Africa and 2 Middle East countries, since the beginning of its operation in 2001. These

organisations are doing outstanding work by contributing to improving living conditions of beneficiaries, increased recognition and inclusion of women's rights issues in the development agenda and the continuous struggle for social justice in their communities. As a result of these remarkable works, they have earned recognitions and influence in their localities / communities, countries, on the continent and beyond. The survey showcases the recognition/awards of AWDF's grantees and also highlights the role AWDF played.

These awards / recognition come in different forms and AWDF seeks to systematically track and document such recognitions/awards annually making use of online survey through google forms. For the 2018 survey, questionnaires were sent through Google forms to 54 organisations who received funding above \$5,000 in 2016 (48 from Anglophone countries and 6 from francophone countries). Findings gathered from responses received are presented in the chapters below.

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF SURVEY

The principal focus of this survey was to gather information on grantees recognition / awards received as a result of the work they have done or are doing. More specifically, it was to

- Use the information to demonstrate the role AWDF's support played in enabling grantees attain the recognition/award
- Serve as lessons and encouragement to other grantee organisations.
- Celebrate grantees on attaining such feats

3.0 SURVEY ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

This section presents detailed findings of the analysis of the survey responses received. The survey analysis is divided into three sections: General background information, the type of recognition received and the role of ADWF's partnership in the achievement of this recognition. Out of the 54 organisations the survey was sent to, 42 responded representing 77.8% response rate.

Hillcrest Aids center Trust

“Since our 2016/2017 grant from the AWDF was received, Cwengi Myeni who manages our Gogo Support Groups Programme has received the following recognition, which is attributable to the AWDF’s support of our work over the past year”

She was named as one of BBC 100 Women in 2017. BBC 100 women names 100 influential and inspirational women around the world every year.

link to the bbc list here: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-41380265>

Link to Hillcrest’s facebook page celebrating Cwengi for making it to BBC 100women’s list
<https://www.facebook.com/HillcrestAidsCentreTrust/posts/1900828039957679>

3.1 GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Basic background information on grantees as well as information on grant received such as country where organisation number of is located, the times the organisation has received grants from AWDF and what the grant organisation enabled the organisation to achieve were some questions asked. In addition, they were asked if they had ever received any recognition. Summary of the findings is presented below;

Cwengi Myeni of Hillcrest AIDS Center Trust was also featured on SA Heroes an initiative created by eMedia Holdings to profile individuals who go the extra mile to contribute to their communities in South Africa.

SA Heroes - Cwengekile Myeni (4min)
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3.1.1 Language Distribution

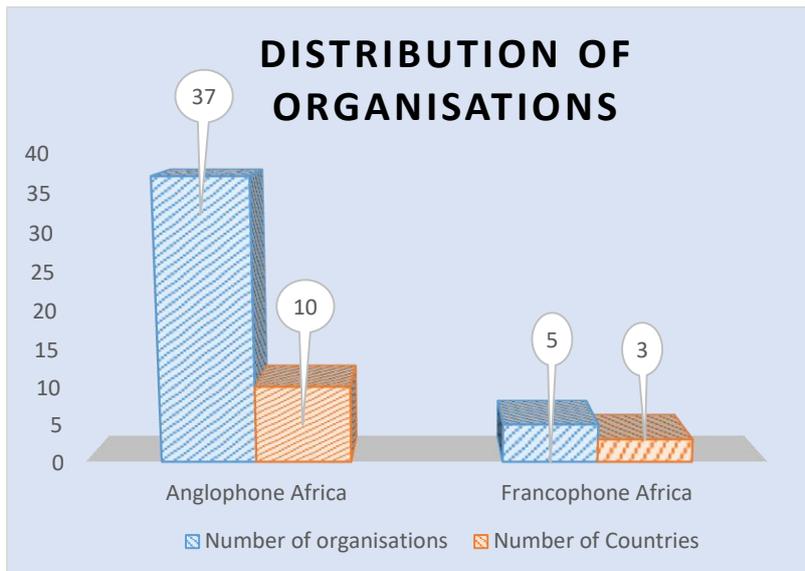


Figure 2: Distribution of organisations

Out of the 48 Anglophone organisations that received the survey, 37 responded, representing 77.8% response rate as compared to the francophone organisations where 5 out of 6 organisations responded indicating a response rate of 88.33%. Organisations that responded are located in 13 countries across the continent (10 Anglophone and 3 francophone countries). As depicted in Figure 2, 37 organisations that responded are located

in 10 Anglophone countries with the remaining 5 organisations are located in 3 Francophone countries.

The rest of the section is based on the 42 respondents. It should however be noted that, percentages are calculated based on valid responses.

3.1.2 Number of Grants Received From AWDF

To ascertain how involved organisations are with AWDF and how long AWDF has partnered with them, grantees were asked the number of times they had received grants from AWDF.

As shown in the figure 3, about 8 organisations responded to having received just a single grant from AWDF, this represents 19% of the total proportion of respondents. 22% representing 9 respondents had received 2 grants from AWDF while 26% representing 11 respondents had received 3 grants. 14 organisations representing 33% of all respondents have received 4 or more grants from AWDF. This suggests that majority (81%),

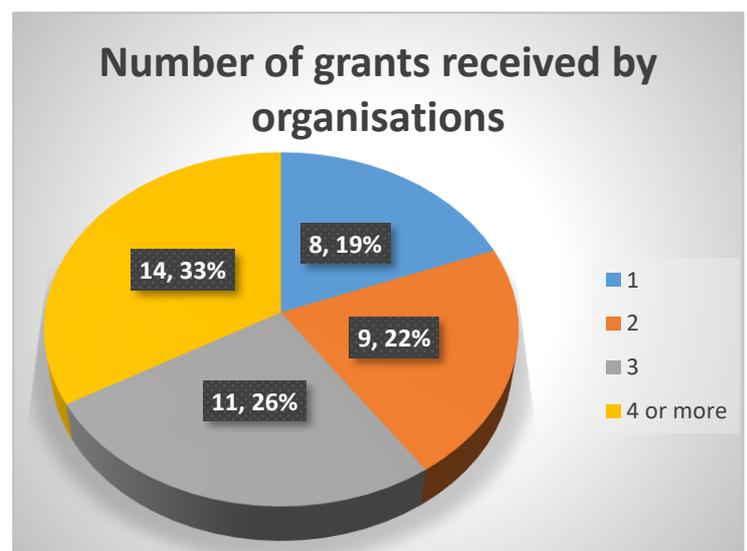


Figure 3-Number of grants received

of organisations who responded have received more than one grant from AWDF which is a positive indication that these organisations are credible and are doing good work.

3.1.3 What the Grant Enabled Grantees achieve

Grantees were asked what the grant they received from AWDF enabled them achieve. There was a good mix of responses. Below are some of the answers provided;

- Provided financial enablement for empowerment** - This enabled grantees to take on television and radio programmes on various forms of empowerment that enabled them sensitise over 40,000 people on women and child well as disability management and of young women and girls (economic rights as capacity building empowerment of women) which has transformed the perception on the capabilities of women.
- Strengthened fight against GBV** - Other grantees also managed to strengthen the fight against GBV through the establishment of anti-GBV community networks, increased awareness on Actions against Gender based violence as well as strengthened community protection systems on the protection and ending of child marriages. The fight also led to the abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation and Widowhood rites in some communities in Nigeria. Another commendable achievement was the creation of a District Gender Based Violence Platform to raise awareness and the provision and resourcing of systems for the support of Gender Based Violence Survivors and ensuring justice to both perpetrators and survivors.
- Economic Empowerment and Livelihood trainings** - The grant enabled some organisations to receive recognition both at the local community level and at the district level. Some grantees testified of improvements in the income level of women as well as access to health services and decision making in the family; “the grant has economically empowered grassroots women” Women have been accepted as change agents within each society they find themselves. Grantees trained and supported about 320 women to set up and in some cases, scale up their businesses. These women have been able to move from margins to mainstream economy, contributing more to national development by paying tax and contributing to the social security and national investment trust.
- Improved farming systems and women land rights ownership** – Some projects implemented, enabled women gain skills and knowledge in modern farming and marketing techniques, acquisition of farm implements and improved seeds which helped to improve productivity. A few projects sensitized women on their rights to



land. There has also been increased awareness on women’s land rights within the farming communities with some women registering lands in their own name or co-owning them with their partners.

- **Provided support for HIV victims** - The grant has strengthened the economic livelihoods opportunities for low-income HIV positive and affected women in the society and community; women living with HIV/AIDS were empowered with leadership skills and as a result most women were recognized in the industrial park as they were given awards to supply food and catering services to the industries in Namanve. Many people have become aware of dangers of HIV/AIDS and the stigma has been reduced.
- **Improved awareness on sex rights** - Women have been empowered to sustain their families and defend their sexual rights. The grant has helped build a critical mass of female politician’s network across various states and also increased advocacy against violence against female sex workers and the use of female condoms.

3.2 RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED

As the main aim of the study, Grantees were asked whether the organisation, any member of the organisation’s staff team or beneficiary has ever received any form of recognition or award for work done or work in progress. From the responses gathered, 50% of respondents responded in the affirmative to having received some form of recognition. The other half are yet to receive any recognition. At this point in the survey, only the 21 respondents

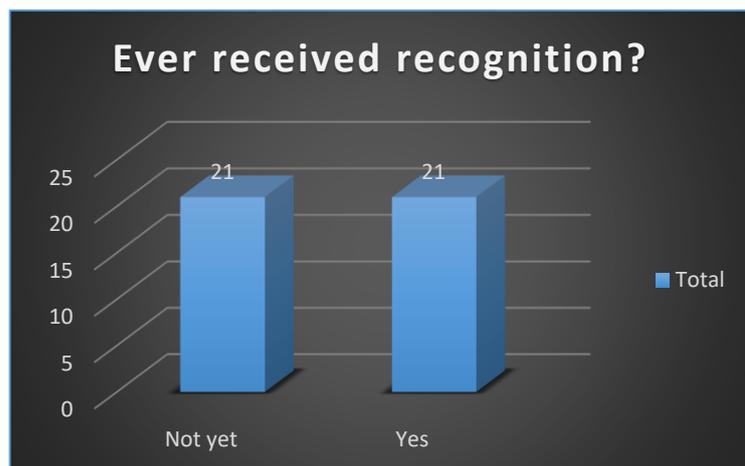


Figure 4-Ever received recognition?

who responded ‘Yes’ to having received some form of recognition were allowed to proceed to responding questions in the second section, as the rest of the survey pertained entirely to information on the form of recognition received and the role / contribution of AWDF in achieving the recognition. The rest of the report is based on the 21 organisations who have received some form of recognition. Results are therefore tabulated and calculated for the 21 organisations who have received some form of recognition/award.

3.2.1 Types of Recognition /Awards Received

Grantees were asked to select the form of recognition they had received from the list provided and state any other that did not fall in any of the categories in the space provided. Grantees were allowed to select as many forms of recognition as they had received and were not restricted to only one selection. The breakdown of responses in count/ frequency as well as percentages under the listed categories is presented in table 1 below;

Table 1: Type of award/recognition

TYPE OF AWARD/RECOGNITION	Frequency	Percentage
Given a certificate of recognition	12	63.2%
Invited for a meeting/event	13	68.4%
Public recognition by an influential member of the community	11	57.9%
Media recognition	13	68.4%
Asked to represent my community/local authority in events/meetings	13	68.4%
Asked to make a speech	12	63.2%
Invited to be member of a Board/committee	9	47.4%
Given resources (Money, materials)	11	57.9%
Given a plaque	8	42.1%
Other	2	10.6%

2 organisations indicated they received other forms of recognition and stated the following as the other forms of recognitions received;

- Recognized as a Woman Leader of the World by Global Women's Network.
- Extra-Participation in organizational fair and women organizational fair

From the responses received, it can be seen that over 50% have received almost all forms of recognition shown in the table above with the exception of 47.4% who were “invited to be a member of a board / committee” and 42.1% “given a plaque”. Majority (68.4%) each had been “invited for a meeting”, gotten “media recognition” and “asked to represent the community/local authority in events/meetings”. This is followed by 63.2% each who were “given certificate of recognition” and “asked to make a speech”. A significant number, 57.9% have been “publicly recognized by an influential member of the community” and “Given resources (money, materials).

3.2.2 When the Recognition Was Received

To ascertain whether the recognition was received before, during or after grantees received funding from AWDF, and whether the grant received contributed to the recognition, respondents were asked to state when (month and year) in which recognition was received. From the responses, more than half (12 organisations) received some form of recognition after 2016 while 8 received the recognition in 2016. About 50% also received their recognition before 2016. However, since majority of organisations have received more than 1 grant from AWDF with an appreciable number receiving 4 or more grants, AWDF might have played a role in the achievement of recognition before 2016 nonetheless.

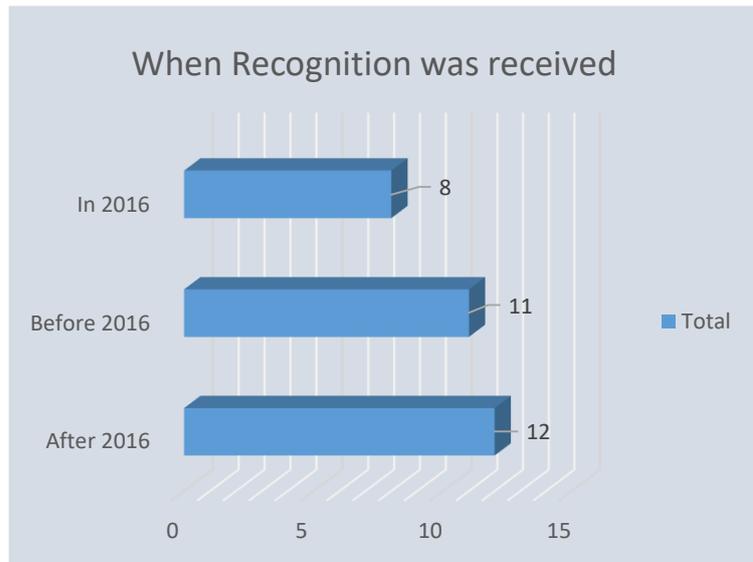


Figure 5: When recognition was received

3.2.3 Persons Awarded

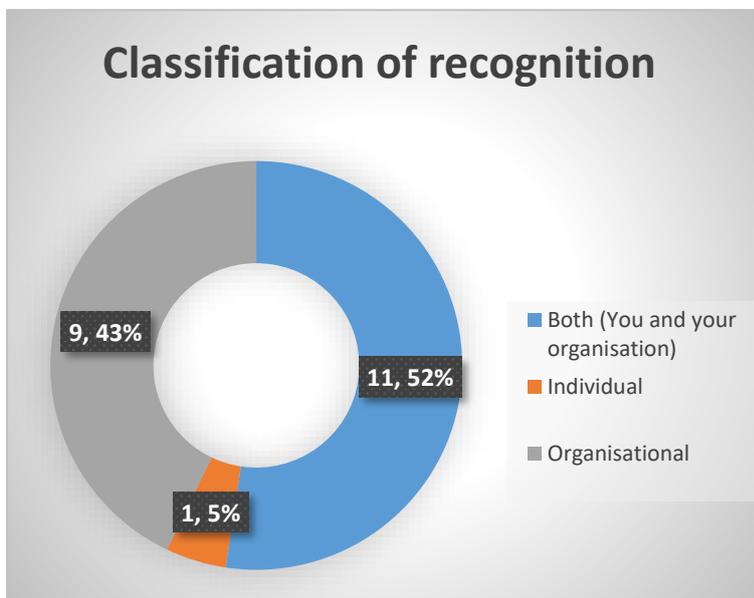


Figure 6: Classification of recognition

Recognitions awarded do not seek only to highlight the impact that these organisations are making as a whole but also to acknowledge the individual efforts of members of staff of these organisations and other partners as well. As shown in figure 7, majority (52%) of the Awards /recognition received were for both individuals (staff or beneficiary) and the organisation. 43% responded that recognition was organisational while 5% responded that the recognition was an individual recognition.

3.3 ROLE OF AWDF'S PARTNERSHIP

In order to help ascertain whether grantees partnership with AWDF played a role in the achievement of these recognitions/awards, they were asked if their partnership with AWDF played a role in the achievement of the recognition. Almost all organisations (95.2%) with the exception of 1, that said they had received some form of recognition/award stated that yes their partnership with AWDF played a role in their attainment of such feats.

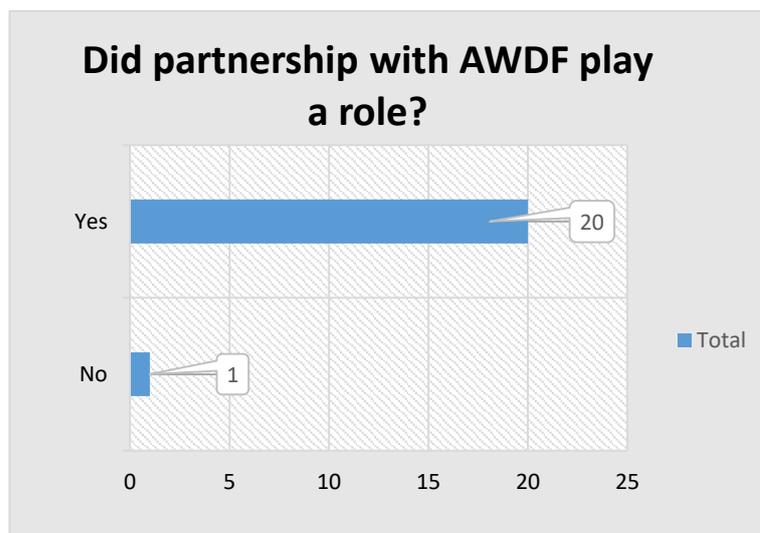


Figure 7: Did partnership with AWDF play a

Respondents were asked to describe the role AWDF's partnership played that enabled

them receive the recognition/award they mentioned earlier. From responses, it can be inferred generally that grantees acknowledge the partnership with AWDF immensely and attribute the recognition awarded to the opportunities that the grants they accessed from AWDF enabled them create for other women and their organisations in general. 5 Grantee organisations acknowledged that; the technical support, mentoring and capacity building they received enabled them to better implement their projects leading to the recognition / award. 2 organisations also stated that long-term financial support has enabled them to effectively plan and realize long-term aims. For 4 others, the links and the wealth of networking opportunities they got due to the partnership was instrumental in their achievement of the recognitions/awards.

Table 2 below shows the role AWDF's partnership played as stated by some selected organisations in enabling them achieve their recognitions / awards.

Table 2: Role of AWDF's partnership

Name of organisation	Role that the partnership with AWDF played to enable you receive this recognition.
Slum Women's Initiative for Development	Through the grants we received from AWDF, I and the organisation were able to effectively mobilize and organize women to participate in development activities and through this, I and the organisation were selected to receive an award for community organizing during the 2017 International Women's Day.
Association For The Promotion Of Women And Children (APWAC)	The Member of Parliament for Upper Banyang Constituency through the AWDF/ APWAC project executed in his area supported the beneficiaries with farm tools. He was fascinated with the project and called on all the chiefs to sit in throughout the project. He, himself was present on both opening and closing days of the project. He has sighted the project as an example of a good and

	meaningful project in many public developmental meetings since then.
New Liberian Women Organization/Skills Training Center	The Partnership with AWDF gave our organisation an opportunity to get connected with other women's groups and provided funding from partners and donors on behalf of New Liberian Women Organization/Skills Training Center
EarthLore (previously Mupo Foundation)	AWDF supported our work to build confidence of women (like the award winner) and also others to speak out and take back their leadership roles. International organisation wishing to honour and acknowledge women leaders respect AWDF funding and our strong links with AWDF undoubtedly gave greater credibility to our organisation. The report Celebrating African Rural Women that we collaborated on with AWDF also made a big difference because it enabled people to see the bigger picture of our work.
Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa	AWDF Administrative Support Grant assisted GPFA to maintain competent staff and improve its Human Resource capacity to deliver quality service
Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT)	HACT's Gogo Support Groups Programme and its Manager, Cwengi Myeni have both been recognized and publically acknowledged in the months following the activities that were funded by the AWDF. Hence, the AWDF has definitely contributed towards our programme and staff's successes and achievements.

4.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF FINDINGS

The major conclusions derived from findings are as follows;

Exactly 50% of all grantees who responded to this survey have received some form of recognition / award for the work they are doing. These recognitions are in various forms, ranging from certificates of recognition, resources (money, material) and also public recognition by an influential & credible member of the community, invited for a meeting and also asked to represent the community/local authority in events/meetings, media recognition etc.

With majority (68.7%) of organisations who had received some form of recognition being invited to meeting and asked to represent the community/local authority in events/meetings, critical issues affecting women on the continent can be pushed as a mainstream agenda at both local and national levels.

Overall, 95% of all respondents who have received some form of recognition acknowledged that their partnership with AWDF contributed immensely to their success and achievement of these recognitions.