

AWDF GRANTEES RECOGNITION SURVEY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) is a Pan-African grant making foundation that funds local, national and regional autonomous women's rights organisations, working towards the promotion and realisation of Women's Rights in Africa and since 2017 in the Middle East. AWDF has awarded grants and provided technical support to over 1,380 women's rights organisations in 46 out of 54 African nations in the last 2 decades. As part of the organisation's monitoring, evaluation and learning activities, AWDF since 2013, has been conducting a grantees Recognition survey annually to identify achievements and recognition of grantees supported two years prior to the survey. The 2020 grantee recognition survey covers grantees who received US\$ 5000 and over in grants in 2018. Online survey questionnaires were sent via Google forms to 54 organisations in 18 countries in Africa and the Middle East (41 organisations in 11 Anglophone countries, 13 organisations in 6 Francophone Countries and 1 bilingual country). The sections below present the analysis and findings gathered from the responses received.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

The key aim of the recognition survey is to inquire whether grantees have received an award or recognition for their work after they have received support from AWDF. It is also to tout the achievements of grantees and to acknowledge the strides and impact they have contributed towards the achievement of women's equal rights and gender justice with their projects. Other objectives of the survey include to:

- Ascertain the role AWDF played (project funding or capacity building support) that enabled the grantees to achieve recognition/award.
- Use findings to encourage and motivate other grantees.

SURVEY FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

Analysis from grantees responses presented and discussed in this section of the report focuses on three (3) main categories; organisational background, awards and recognition grantees have received and the role AWDF's partnership played in the achievement of the award / recognition. Forty-one (41) out of fifty-four (54) organisations responded to the survey representing a seventy-six percent (76%) response rate. The analysis and findings presented in this section of the report are based on the responses received from the 41 organisations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Language and Geographical Distribution

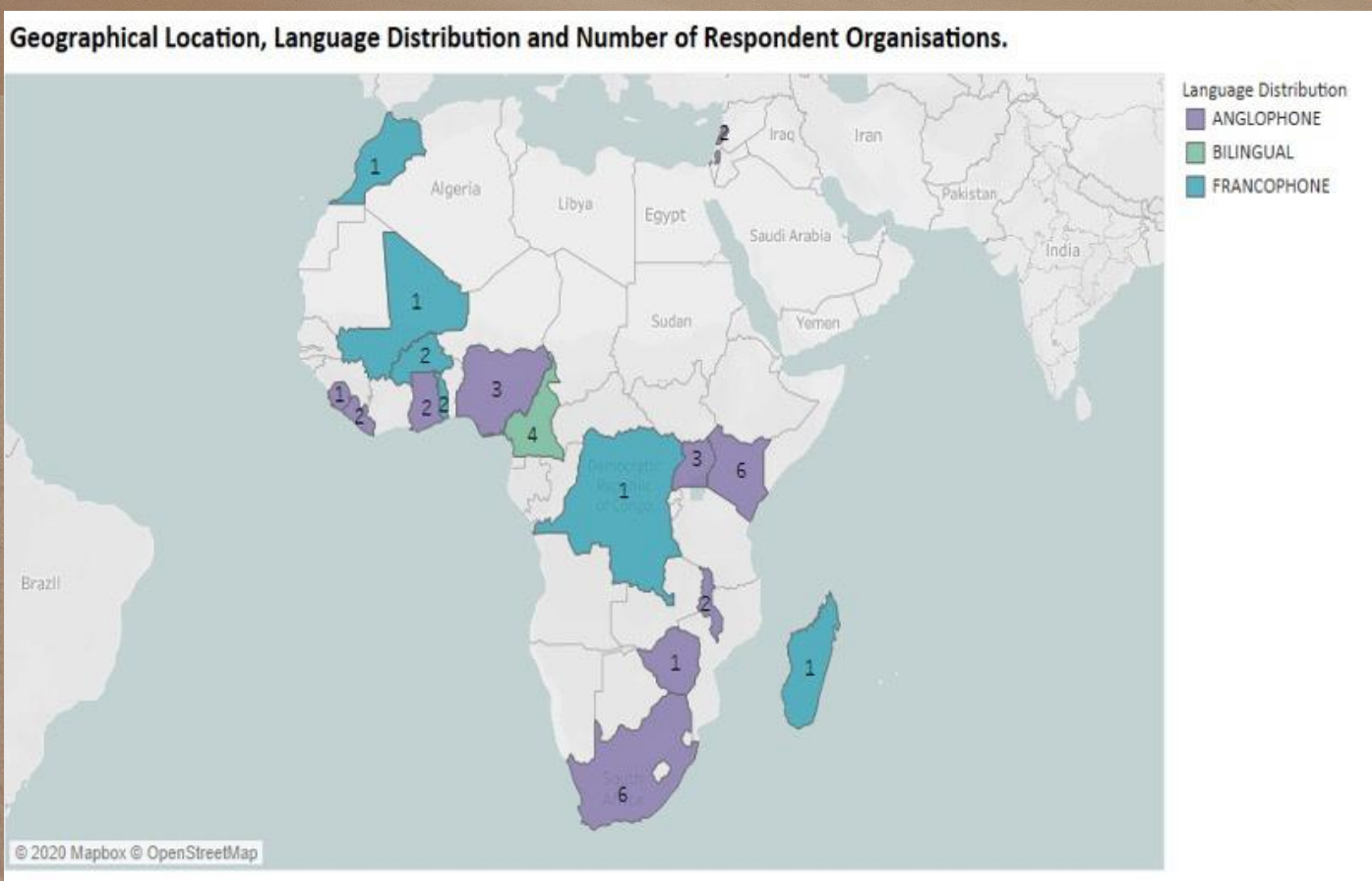


Figure 1: Map depicting grantees location & language

93% (38 organisations) of respondents are located in 16^[1] African countries with the remaining 7.3% (3 organisations) located in 2^[2] Middle Eastern. With regards to language distribution, majority (71% representing 29 organisations) are registered in 11 Anglophone countries and 20% (8 organisations) registered in 6 Francophone countries. The remaining 9.8% (4 organisations) are in 1 bilingual country in Africa. Whiles. The geographical and language distribution are shown in Figure 1 above.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION RECEIVED

6% (23 organisations) have received some form of award / recognition in the last two years (2018/2019). The remaining 18 organisations representing 44% of respondents have not received any award / recognition in the last two years. The rest of the analysis and findings presented below represent responses from the 23 grantees who indicated that they have received awards

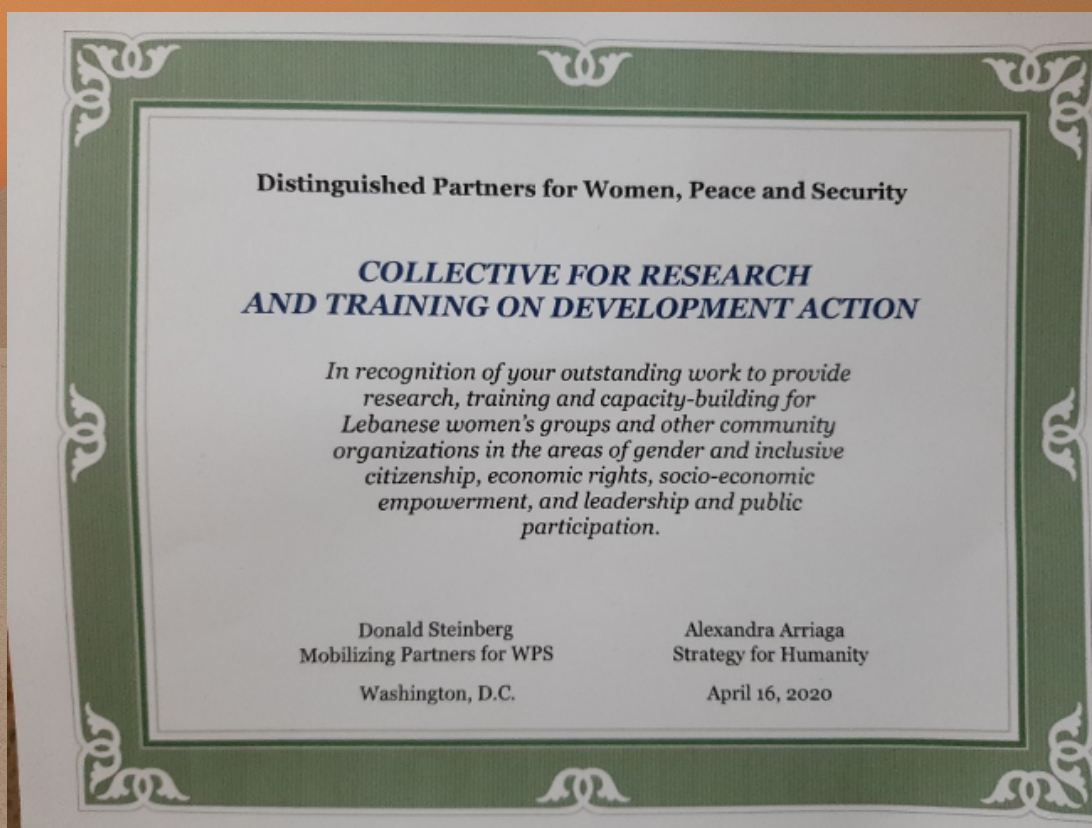


Figure 2: Certificate of recognition award to Collective for Research and Training on Development Action

[1] The 16 African countries are Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Uganda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Cameroon, Togo, Nigeria, Malawi, Burkina Faso and Madagascar.

[2] The 2 Middle Eastern countries are Palestine and Lebanon.

TYPES OF AWARD/RECOGNITION AND RECIPIENT

Recognition and awards come in different shapes and forms. This section of the report throws light on the type of award or recognition received by the grantees and also shows whether the award(s)/ recognition received was by an individual staff member, the organisation or both. Majority (56.5%) of respondents received “public recognition by an influential member of the community”. 47.8% each were invited to attend an event, received a certificate of recognition, given a plaque and were recognized in the media. 43% each also received invitations to make a speech, to become a member of a board committee and asked to represent a community /local authority in meetings.

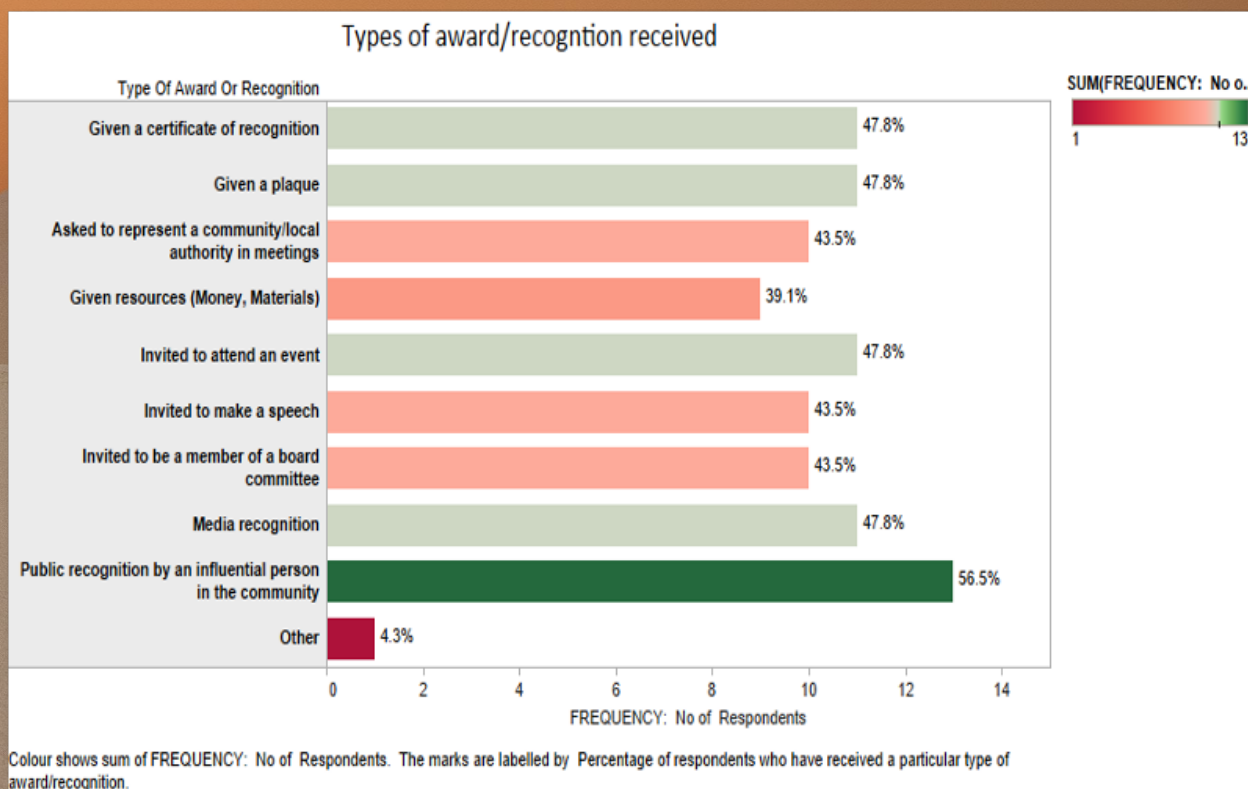


Figure 3: Types of Award/Recognition

Of the responses received, 39.1% indicated that they had received an award in the form money and materials. 4.3% selected the other option and indicated that, the recognition came in the form of a request for mentorship support by group of young women to grow their organisations. The Awards/recognition received by 5 organisations were an organisational award while that for 1 organisation was for an individual staff. For the majority (17 organisations) this awards/recognition were for both (Individual staff and the organisation).

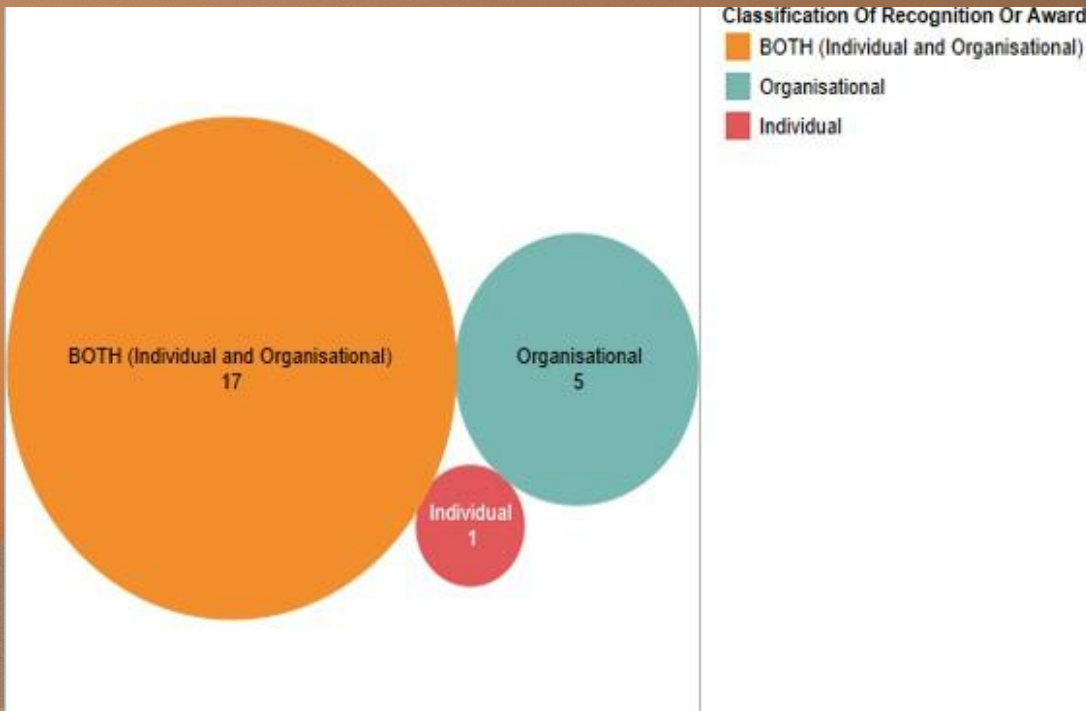


Figure 4: Classification of Award/ Recognition

61% (14) of organisations received the award/recognition after 2018 when they received grants from AWDF while 30% (7) organisations received theirs in 2018. 2 organisations representing 9% indicated that they received their award before 2018, precisely in 2016. These 2 organisations however, have received more than one grant previously from AWDF and were AWDF grantees at the time they received those awards. They indicated that AWDF played a role in them receiving those awards as well. The responses revealed that 7 organisations received awards both in 2018 and after.

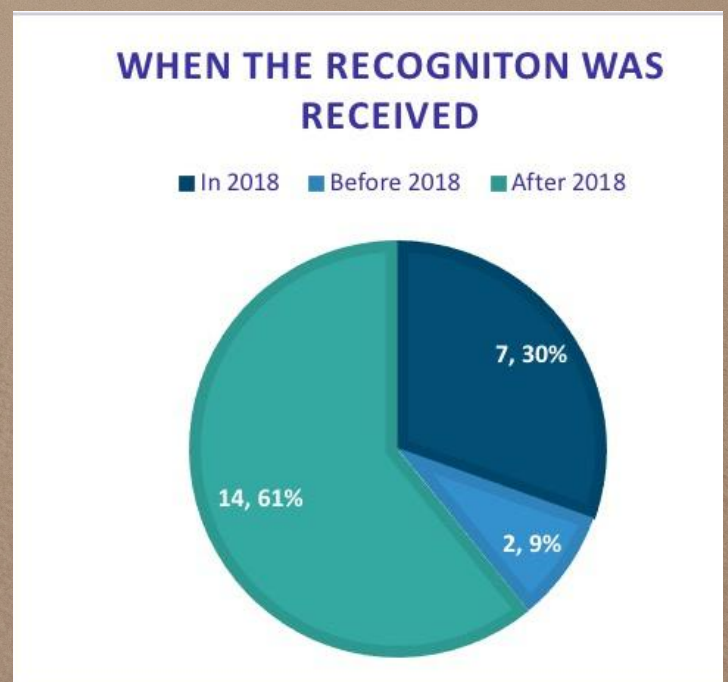


Figure 5: When the recognition was received.

ROLE OF AWDF'S PARTNERSHIP IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RECOGNITION.

This section of the report seeks to find out if the partnership with AWDF played any role at all in grantees achievement of the award/recognition. Out of the 23 respondent organisations, 70% (16 organisations) indicated that AWDF contributed to their achievement of the recognition / award. 4 organisations (17%) were not sure if their partnership with AWDF played a role in their achievement. 2 organisations (9%) indicated that their partnership with AWDF did not play a role in their achievement of the award / recognition.

that the grants AWDF awarded them enabled them to achieve the recognition. 4 organisations indicated that the role AWDF played was through capacity building trainings, programmes and support. 2 organisations indicated AWDF played a role in their receiving of an award through both grants and capacity building. Grantees responses in their own words on the specific role their partnership with AWDF played is presented below. Responses have been anonymised



- AWDF made it possible to continue to do our advocacy work by providing core funding to our staff and the budget to pay stipends to our volunteers. This means that people can spend time preparing for meetings, going to meetings, do research, build relationships, write submissions etc. Without these things it is impossible to do influential work that will eventually be recognised. Also has inspired us to relook at our feminist values and how we build our advocacy campaign on these. This meant that we are able to act with conviction in all that we do and this is widely respected.
- They provided the financial resources to enable us to do the work.
- With the Grant received in 2018 from AWDF, the nominee has improved her leadership skills and awareness with regards to women's rights.
- The leadership program that our organisation has benefited from has strengthened the board and management team in good administrative and financial governance and this has had a significant impact on the achievement of objectives and activities.
- The orange champion award was basically for the work I did in the year to support ending gender-based violence, particularly sexual harassment in Nigeria. The AWDF grant targets addressing SGBV and addressing sexual harassment in higher institutions have in the last two years focused on getting justice for students and the grant amplified that in the northern part of Nigeria.
- AWDF by awarding us with the grant on advocacy for gender equitable engagement of marginalised women in the economy, has allowed us to build capacities of many marginalized Lebanese women rural and urban, in addition to refugee women both Syrian and Palestinian refugees. Furthermore, such capacity building involves creating spaces of interaction and learning that feed into enhancing the role of women in peace and security as an added value as well as a prerequisite to the mobilizing for advocacy towards more gender inclusive economic engagement. In addition, AWDF's support allowed us to participate in mobilisation and amplifying the voice of marginalised women - host communities and refugees towards creating conditions of peace and security that are necessary for gender equitable engagement which in turn contributes towards enhancing peace and security in the country.

- Partnership with the County Government came about as a direct result of the support received from AWDF. Capacity building offered by AWDF at an individual and team level has enabled the program implementers to improve their skills in project management and being result oriented.
- The multiple trainings organized and financed by AWDF have strengthened our capacity for action as well as managerial capacity. The multifaceted support of AWDF has improved our reputation by enhancing our presence on the ground in the context of addressing women's issues.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

Respondents were located in 16 African and 2 Middle Eastern countries. From responses gathered, 23 (56.5%) respondent organisations have received some form of recognition/award in the past two years (2018/2019). The most common type (56.5%) of recognition/ award was recognition from an influential member of the community. 47.8% of respondents each were invited to attend an event, received a certificate of recognition, a plaque and media recognition. 43% of respondents were invited to make a speech, become a member of a board committee and asked to represent a community/local authority in meetings. One organisation received a unique form of recognition which was a 'request for mentorship by a group of young women.

The findings also revealed that 22 women's rights organisations surveyed are current grantees of AWDF and their work is yielding great outcomes in the area of movement and coalition building, protection of women's land rights, women's economic and labor rights, contributing to shifts in behaviour and practices in communities among others. 70% of the 23 respondents who have received some form of recognition/award indicated that, their partnership with AWDF has been invaluable and has played a critical role in the recognition/award they received.