



GRANTEE RECOGNITION SURVEY REPORT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

AWDF's Grantees Recognition Survey forms part of its monitoring, evaluation and learning instruments used to access and ascertain the profound impact grantees are making in the lives of women and the continent at large. The survey showcases the recognition/awards received by AWDF's grantees and also highlights the role AWDF played. With a mandate to fund in all 54 African countries, AWDF has provided grants and technical support to over 1300 women's organisations in 42 out of the 54 countries since the beginning of its operation in 2001. These organisations are contributing to the improved 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. By doing this they have earned recognition, awards and influence in their localities / communities, countries, in the continent and beyond. These recognitions come in various forms and AWDF systematically tracks and documents such recognitions/awards annually.

For this purpose, online questionnaires were sent to 123 organisations in 17 countries (100 organisations in 12 Anglophone countries and 23 organisations in 5 Francophone countries) who were supported with grants of \$5,000 and above in 2015. A detailed findings of the analysis of the survey are presented in the chapters below.

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

The main aim of the study was to ascertain the recognitions, awards and influence grantees have earned as a result of the work they have done over the years or are still doing. Aside this, the survey also sought to:

- Ascertain the role that grantees partnership with AWDF played in enabling them receive such recognitions.
- Celebrate grantees on attaining such feats.
- Use it as lessons and a form of encouragement to other organisations.

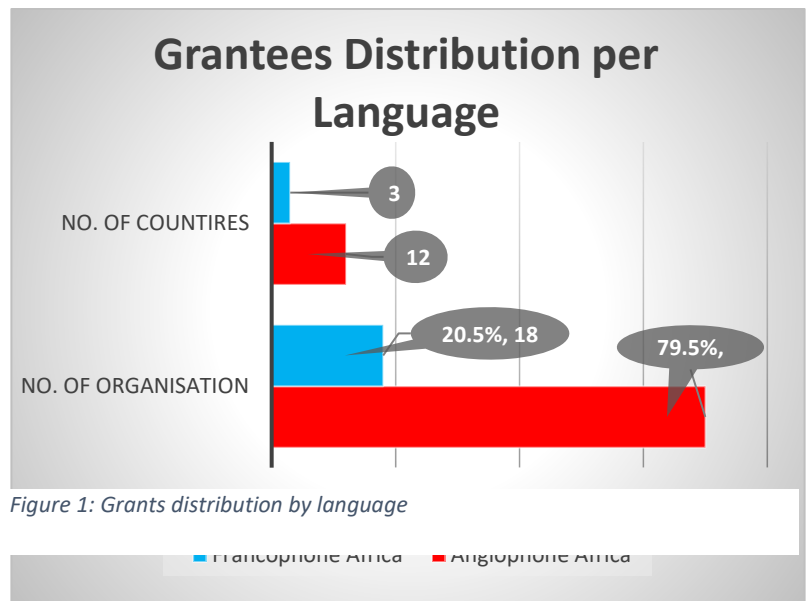
3.0 FINDINGS OF ANALYSIS

This section presents findings of analysis for responses received. The analysis made was based on the three main categories namely the general background of organisations and grants received, type and form of award/recognition and role of AWDF's partnership in receiving the award/recognition.

88 organisations out of the 123 who were sent the survey questionnaire responded to the survey. This represents a 71.5% response rate. The findings of the analysis below is based on the 88 organisations (71.5%) who responded to the survey.

3.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF ORGANISATIONS AND GRANTS THEY RECEIVED

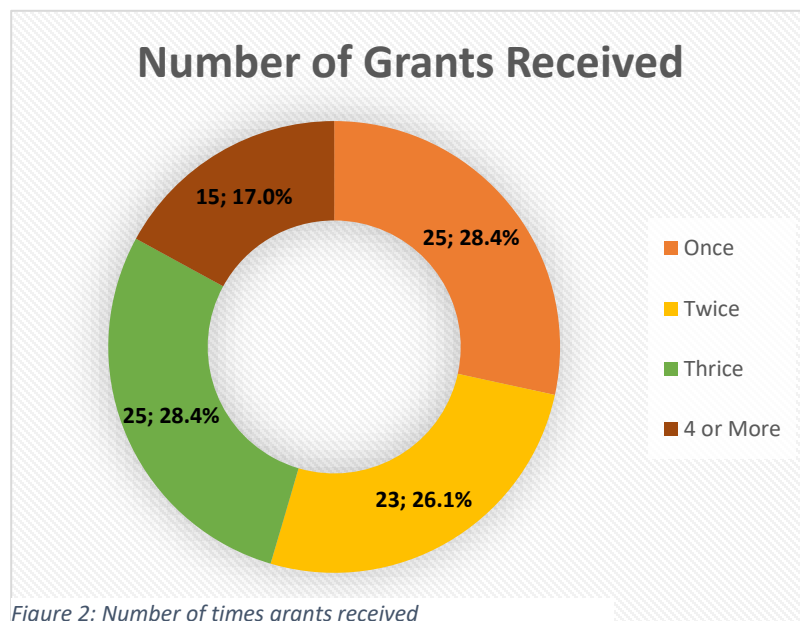
This section focuses on the distribution of organisations per language, number of times they have received grants from AWDF and the outcome of the grant. Findings of responses are presented in figure 1.



3.1.1 Respondents Demographics per Language and Number of Grants Received

The 88 respondent organisations are located in 15 countries across the continent. From figure 1, majority (79.5%) of organisations are located in 12 Anglophone countries with the remaining 20.5% located in 3 Francophone countries.

As depicted in figure 2, majority (71.6%) of respondents are not first time grant recipients, attesting to their credibility and good working relations with AWDF. From responses given, 25 organisations (28.4%) are first time grant recipients meaning the year 2015 was the first time they received grants from AWDF. 26.1% of organisations have received grants twice whiles 28.4% have received funding thrice. The remaining 17% (15 organisations) have gotten 4 or more grants from AWDF.



3.1.2 Outcome of Grants Received

Activities and interventions undertaken by grantees with funding from AWDF resulted in many positive outcomes. It was observed from the survey that most of the organizations' major achievements as a result of the grants were in the following areas:

- **Career development, economic independence and stability:** Organizations primarily offered training to women in agricultural areas such as fish, poultry, pig, vegetable, maize, and mushroom farming and also provided them with inputs of production such as seeds and farm implements. Women were again trained to develop skills in the tertiary and secondary sectors such as tailoring and baking. All these have contributed and enabled them to become economically independent and support their families.
- **Empowering women living with HIV/AIDS:** Organizations also advocated for the rights of women living with HIV/AIDS. Hence, leading to the decline of stigmatization against these HIV victims by their community and hospital staff. Again, organizations created an environment for women living with HIV to form a network and to speak out and support HIV response in their communities.
- **Addressing Gender Based Violence:** Organizations with the help of AWDF grants have also helped to rescue vulnerable girls from human trafficking. Again, reduction in the occurrence of early child and forced marriages was one other thing the organizations fought for. Solidarity groups were also set up to provide psychosocial support and safe homes to victims of GBV to reduce its effect.
- **Sexual reproductive health and health in general:** The grants strengthened the capacity of Reproductive Health service providers to promote Reproductive Rights of women of childbearing age through the consultative meetings. Organizations also raised awareness on the Ebola virus disease pandemic in Sierra Leone. The health status and personal hygiene of girls in other areas were also improved by using reusable pads.
- **Leadership and Governance:** The grants have again gone a long way to equip young women with leadership skills to boost their self-esteem and take up leadership roles. Women in certain areas have also been empowered by organizations to demand for their rights to land.
- **Education:** Again, some organizations have successfully helped to promote girl child education that has inspired teen mothers and victims of child labour to go back to school and get enrolled in different sectors of education.
- Other achievements of organizations are in the areas of talent development of young girls such as sports mainly boxing and football, culture and the creative arts.

3.2 AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED

This section addresses the main aim of the survey that is the awards/recognitions attained by grantee partners. It focuses on organisations that have received any form of award/recognition before and further investigates the type of awards/recognition and whether it was awarded to the organisation, staff/beneficiary or both.

59% (representing 52 organisations) of respondents indicated they have received some form of award/recognition while the remaining 49% are yet to receive any. As such, the rest of the analysis is based on the 52 organisations who have received some form of recognition. However, percentages are calculated out of 50 organisations who have received some form of recognition/award since 2 organisations even though said they have received some form of recognition did not respond to the subsequent questions.

3.2.1 Types of Awards/Recognitions Received

A large majority of organisations (82%) received recognition by being invited for a meeting/event. This is followed by 62% of organisations who were asked to make a speech. A little over half of organisations were asked to represent their community/local authority in events/meetings (58%), recognized by the media (54%) or recognized publicly by an influential member of their community. Table 1 below give the frequency and corresponding percentage of the recognitions/awards received by grantees. In some instances some organisations have received more than one award/ recognition.

TYPE OF AWARD / RECOGNITION	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Given a certificate of recognition	23	46.0
Given a plaque	16	32.0
Given resources (Money, materials)	16	32.0
Invited for a meeting/events	41	82.0
Public recognition by an influential member of the community	26	52.0
Media recognition	27	54.0
Asked to represent my community/local authority in events/meetings	29	58.0
Asked to make a speech	31	62.0
Invited to be member of a Board/committee	23	46.0
Any other, please specify	4	8.0

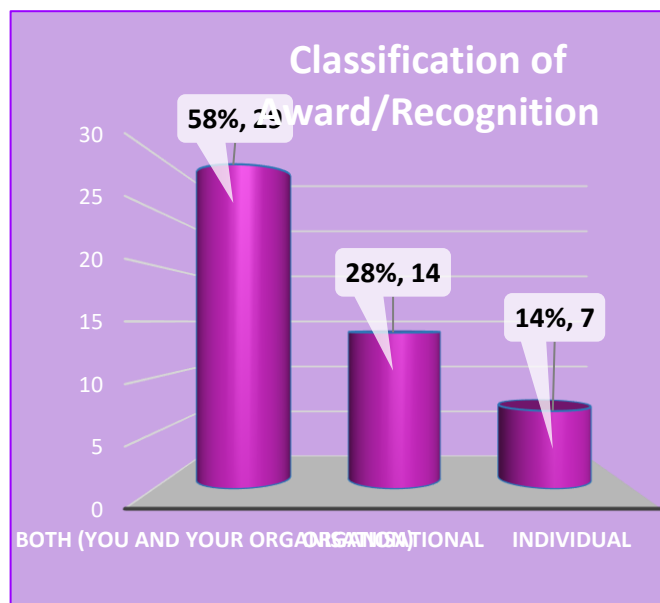
4 organisations indicated other forms of recognition received and stated the following:

- La Directrice de WCIC a reçu le prix de l'excellence Féminine " Femme Excell 2017".

- Distinguished Visitor of the US Department of State.
- Global Courage Award by the Women Have Wings Fund.
- Asked to judge literary prizes.

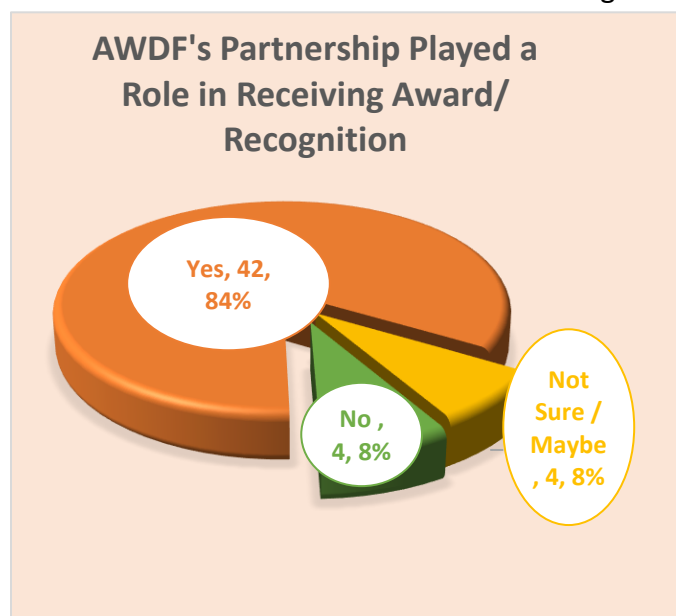
3.2.2 RECIEPIENTS OF AWARDS

Awards / Recognitions received by organisations were in different forms. Some were individual recognitions, organizational or both (individual and organizational). From responses received, 58% of respondents said the award/recognition was given to both the organization and an individual associated with the organisation (staff or beneficiary). 28% was organizational while 14% was individual awards. This shows that supported organisations as well as staff and beneficiaries are immensely contributing to the development of women and communities at large.



3.3 ROLE OF AWDF'S PARTNERSHIP IN ENABLING GRANTEES RECEIVE AWARDS / RECOGNITION

Since AWDF is not the sole funder of our grantees, the survey sought to ascertain if their partnership with AWDF played any role in the achievement of the awards/recognitions and if it did, how it enabled them receive such recognitions. Responses received indicated that 42 (representing 84%) of grantee organisations who said they had received some form of award/recognition before acknowledged that, their partnership with AWDF played a role. 4 (8%) were not sure while the remaining 4 organisations said AWDF's partnership did not play any role.



that, the capacity building support (technical support, workshops, forums, trainings and

institutional strengthening support) as well as coaching and mentoring they received from AWDF improved their capacity and boosted their confidence to better deliver and implement projects. Reference letters and networking opportunities were also cited as being instrumental in the achievement of awards/recognitions by grantee organisations. The role AWDF's partnership played in enabling some grantees achieve their awards / recognitions is shown in table 2 below.

Table 1: Role of AWDF's partnership

Name of organisation	Role that the partnership with AWDF played to enable you receive this recognition.
Comité d'Assistance à la Femme Nécessiteuse du Cameroun (CAFENEC)	AWDF a joué un très grand rôle dans ce partenariat. L'impact c'est d'abord cette confiance entre AWDF et CAFENEC, et le fait de savoir que plusieurs autres associations grâce à CAFENEC qui ne cesse de parler de AWDF dans les différents réseau sont entrain de bénéficier aussi une après les autres de l'appui de AWDF. L'hypothèse c'est le fait que nous bénéficiaire de l'appui de AWDF au Cameroun avons décidé de nous mettre ensemble pour former un réseau et on s'appuie mutuellement. le fait de voir les femmes et veuves bénéficiaires de l'appui de AWDF épanouie aujourd'hui prouve que AWDF joue un très grand rôle dans notre communauté.
Young Women Campaign Against AIDS(YWCAA)	AWDF has remained professional, yet very motivational to the organization all the times. Without the support of AWDF, we wouldn't have made such impacts, particularly on young women. We have not only received grants, but technical support and mentorship.
Guidance and Counselling development Association	our partnership with AWDF gave us a voice to address major issue that affect women and girls especially in the area of GBV
German Kooperation Sierra Leone (GEKO SL)	With the funds received from AWDF, women are enjoying social cohesion. Over 300 women have received trainings on entrepreneurial skills that has transform them to business mindedness. This has helped them to increase in income generating capacity. This has brought about the recognition of some of our beneficiaries and the organization as a whole through partnership with AWDF
Action for women and Awakening in Rural Environment Uganda (AWARE Uganda)	with support on women's rights campaign from AWDF I was recognized in promotion and protection of women's rights and gender based violence elimination, women health rights campaign on HIV/AIDS awareness, campaign and elimination in Karamoja, building a maternity waiting house for women at risk and Prevention of Mother to child infection

Ndola Nutrition Organisation	The Organisation was invited to participate in World Aids Day celebration and make a play during the program. The organisation was further invited urban agriculture meetings with the local authority (Ndola City Council) in recognition of the work the organisation was doing in the communities
FEMRITE Uganda Women Writers Association	Partnership with AWDF has enhanced FEMRITE capacity to better coordinate regional activities, train more women who are writing and publishing and even earning awards. FEMRITE has been able to publish more and all these activities have enabled her to enhance her organisational capacity and to gain trust and respect of the public which in the end voted.
Citizen Participation Trust (CPTrust)	AWDF played a big role by giving us a grant to conduct HIV&AIDS awareness and also on economic empowerment of women living positive and victims of GBV.
NKUMU FED FED	The partnership largely enabled me and the organisation to expand our scope of intervention and to mobilise more champions to join our fight against TIP. We had early worked only on child trafficking at a national level but under this project we were able to work with victims of international trafficking and to engage them in sensitisation and advocacy in the fight
NIMBUS Foundation	The training for the Ghana Police Service, especially, has given the Organisation a lot of media attention and publicity and NIMBUS is now listed as a recognized human rights advocacy organisation countrywide. We receive calls on a daily basis from a number of radio and television stations on sensitive issues regarding human rights especially as regards women and children. We offer free legal advice to the public and victims of domestic violence
CHIPATA DISTRICT WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (CDWDA)	Resources for the training of paralegals and awareness on women/girls rights came from AWDF which made our members encouraged to stand on different positions
Regional Network of the Children and Young People Trust	The funding provided on amplifying the voices of girls and young women in governance that resulted in our organisation playing a pivotal role in advocating for women's participation rights.
Women Counselling and Information Center (WCIC)	L'assistance juridique ainsi que les conseils prodigués lors des cliniques mobiles ont permis à WCIC d'augmenter non seulement sa popularité, mais aussi son audimat en faveur des femmes démunies et/ou victimes de violences et/ou d'injustices.
Mesgana Child and Family Development Associatin	Through your financial and technical supports, the organization has economically empowered poor women in the Woreda

Institute for Culture and Ecology	<p>During implementation of AWDF project in 2016, ICE organized women enterprise exhibitions that enabled organization and project get recognition from local media stations that publicized project work.</p> <p>The Greenpeace Africa approached ICE and supported with resources an advocacy expedition in October 2016 after visiting some of beneficiaries under AWDF funded project (January-September 2016).</p>
Namayingo United Women Group (NUWOG)	It was through this low cage project that one of our staff was invite to attend district fisheries workshop
Reach Out Cameroon	Given our constant presence in the field and the visibility given to the partners and projects, the communities got to appreciate the efforts and recently nominated me as a Board of Directors members of the Ndian Cooperative with responsibilities as the President of the Committee in charge of Education and Social Welfare
Tiehisuma Women sheabutter Processing Group	<p>The AWDF funding support of a warehouse, Rain Water harvesting tank, Septic Tanks and Office with AWDF LABELS OF AWDF FUNDING source on buildings and phase lift of the infrastructure with a furnished office attract visitors and buyers. Some other women groups visit the Processing Center to find out how we have been able to attract support for the processing Center. One group came East part of Tamale along the Salaga road, another group from Tolon District was brought by the district non formal Education Office to come and learn from us on how we started and got this far, another group executives from Sagnarigu, in the Sagnarigu district came to learn on how we are working as a group.</p> <p>We have always made visitors to know of our partnership with you and given out the AWDF” Health and safety Guide for Healthy Business for Women in the Agri and Food Processing industry” developed and gave us copies.</p>
Africa health and Community Program	Past grant and seminars and workshop from AWDF gave us self-esteem and mentored us as leaders to be able to arise in that capacity
Heal the Land initiative in Nigeria (HELIN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partnership and capacity building support from AWDF built our skills to write good proposal that enabled us to get most of the support. • The partnership helped our organization to put systems in place to support our effort which has given us a leverage over other organization. HELIN serves as a learning hub for other organizations to emulate from.
Cercle des Jeunes pour le Développement Durable - AYESSI	Nous avons reçu ce témoignage grâce à nos différentes actions au côté des femmes or c'est grâce à l'accompagnement de nos

	différents partenaires tels l'AWDF que nous parvenons à ces résultats.
Réseau International des Femmes de l'Association Mondiale des Radiodiffuseurs Communautaires, section Togo (RIF-AMARC-TOGO)	Ce partenariat nous a permis de continuer notre carrière malgré la retraite. La plaque que j'ai reçue c'est un hommage aux pionnier(ère) de la presse togolaise. J'étais la seule femme à avoir reçue cette distinction parmi plus 30 récipiendaires. J'avais été distinguée parce que j'étais la seule femme qui répondais aux critères parmi lesquels : le ou la récipiendaire doit être toujours actif(ve). Et c'est justement ce que le partenariat avec AWDF m'a permis d'être.
Slum Women's Initiative for Development(SWID)	Because of the fund we received from AWDF which enabled us disseminate information on women land rights and as a result I wrote a paper which was accepted to be presented during the World Bank Conference on land and poverty 2016.
TWEGATTE FOR HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT (THAD)	Partnership with AWDF exposed me to a number of trainings and field exposure to other similar groups. From these trainings and sharing I learnt skills on communication, leadership roles and community mobilisation. Through these activities I gained confidence. In December 2014 and 2015, I was invited to participate in the Annual stakeholders review workshop at Enro hotel Mityana and asked to make a brief presentation on the activities of our group, lessons learnt and challenges faced.
Women Film-makers of Zimbabwe	The grants from AWDF contributed through building the capacity of the young women who work here. The growth of the festival was also facilitated by the support. We managed to become more visible because the grants enabled the organisation to have the festival during a time when other resources had run dry. AWDF also assisted us their grantee to get one of the biggest cultural grants available internationally, The EU ACP Cultures + grant. They wrote a letter supporting us as a grantee.
Foundation for civic education and social empowerment	During this partnership period with the role performed in transforming the community by letting people know more about their right, knowing that they can be able to go back to school after having a baby.

COMFORT ARMS OF NEEDY CHILDREN	The partnership with AWDF has indeed play a great role in our achievement of this recognition: (a) the organization is now well known internationally, (b) the funding received from AWDF enables comfort arms to implement its program activities smoothly, (c) with funding from AWDF, comfort arms is now able to reach the specific project audience to benefit from the project, (d) with the gender-based violence against women and girls activities, the organization is now recognized by the local leaders and the entire community because of reduction of GBV cases in the community, (e) the organization is depending on AWDF funding that makes the organization to proud because the planned program activities have been implemented in time as planned, (f) women who have already benefited with funding from AWDF are proud because their lives is now improving
Positive Action for Treatment Access (PATA)	The Executive Director, Morolake Odetoyinbo, received AWDF's woman of substance award in recognition of her work on HIV and AIDS
Boxgirls Kenya	AWDF has helped us to understand how to prepare ourselves in setting up our resources for programmes continuity. Through their support we have also been able to strengthen our governance system which has helped us to have a strategic direction towards the organizational development.
Women's Rights and Democracy Centre	The grants received form AWDF enable WORD Centre to engage communities and local leaders
Public Health Ambassadors Uganda (PHAU)	One of our staff was able to share some of the success stories about the project that was being funded by AWDF aimed at reducing HIV related stigma and discrimination among young women and girls in Uganda
AGEING WITH HOPE	AWDF grants have uplifted the status of Ageing With Hope through its activities which in turn has given the organisation a voice to be heard and seen in the communities we work.
Association Dynamic Femmes anciennement dénomée Association Moungo Soludarité	L'appui financier nous a permis d'implémenter avec succès les activités, avec pour impact relativement au premier projet un recul appréciable du recours aux rites déshumanisant de veuvage et relativement au second projet, les situations conflictuelles en recul dans les communautés.

Moremi Initiative Women's Leadership in Africa	AWDF, having provided Moremi Initiative with a seed grant for the establishment of the organization, has benefited from being associated with AWDF on many levels. A staff member of Moremi serves on the board of AWDF USA and in 2016, MILEAD Fellows participated in the AWDF @ 15 celebration in NY during CSW. Our current Program Officer also won the Hawa Yakubu Legacy award from AWDF. These partnerships have given Moremi visibility and allowed for inter-generational mentoring and coach with many African Sheres.
Equality Now	AWDF's support as a key member of the SOAWR coalition and as a financial contributor helped contribute to the overall work and achievements of the coalition that recognition by the African Union.
Women Environmental Programme	The project in Zamfara state has been a unique project in which even the State Legislatures affirmed that it is the first time an organization is so bold to advocate for quota system for women in political appointment and even talked about a legislation. This made us as an organization to work even harder and this contributed to our other works and projects
CEDA International	The partnership help to contribute to the economic independence of women in the community which earned us the prestigious award.
Institute for Social Transformation	AWDF was/is one of the first funding partners to IST; setting up a well facilitated office that gives its physical presence (Desks, Computers and photocopiers) that we use to date in communicating with the partners and stakeholders. IST in the most recent past received institutional support to remunerate staff. AWDF support has been the engine of the institution with the staff reaching out to the target group and stakeholders.
Female Students Network Trust(FSNT)	Through financial support, CEO leadership training and coaching helped the organisation and myself to master the mandate of the organisation and be able to co-create female students leaders who are contributing towards attainment of the Network's vision.
Moving The Goalposts	Increase of the number that enrolled to play football in 47 communities and more girls telling their stories to the public and through social media of how the program has transformed their lives
Zambia Alliance of Women	By implementing the Women Caucus on Climate Smart Agriculture Project, the Government recognized the Organisation as member of the Climate Resilient Project Technical Committee under the UNDP in 2015 /2016 among other recognitions.

4.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF FINDINGS

From the findings, it is clear that women organisations and women led organisations are at the fore front of working on critical issues that is of great importance to women on the continent. This can be seen from the fact majority of organisations (71.5%) who responded to the survey have had more than one grant from AWDF. This attest to their credibility and the fact that they are doing remarkable work in their project areas, communities, countries and the continent at large.

82% of organisations have received some form of recognition for the work they are doing. This indicates that, the work these organisations are doing is very crucial as it contributes to the development of their communities and the country at large.

Also with majority of organisations being invited to meeting, critical issues affecting women on the continent can be pushed as a mainstream agenda at local and national levels.

Again, reference to last year's survey shows that response rate increased this year just by a small percentage (from 71% to 71.5%) and that fewer grantees have received recognition this year relative to last year(from 85% last year to 59%). This may be due the fall in the number of respondents that took part in the survey.

All in all, AWDF's partnership with these organisations has played an important role in the great work they are doing to help achieve a continent / world where there is equality and women's human rights are respected.