

BODY & HEALTH RIGHT

Country: Kenya

Organization: Ripples International, Meru

Background: Ripples International (RI) is a non-profit, Religious Trust civil society organization that is committed to serving children and women through community focused initiatives in partnership with stakeholders. RI has served communities since 2002.

Grant Awarded: \$25,000 to contribute to the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls (EVAWG) in Meru County through increased access to justice. This will be done through provision of pro-bono legal services as well as monitoring and documentation of cases of violence against women and girls reported at the appropriate institutions.

Country: Kenya

Organization: Young Women's Leadership Institute (YWLI)

Background: YWLI was set up in May 1999 and was registered as a Trust in December 2002. It was founded by a group of young women after attending the African Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI) organised by Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMWA). It was founded to create space for young women to organise around leadership and the women's rights agenda, identify issues of concern to them, and speak for themselves.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to create a platform of assertive and knowledgeable young women who can stand up for their bodily autonomy, choice and control as well as influence change towards societal attitudes to young women's bodily rights.

Country: Kenya

Organization: Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW)

Background: HFAW was founded in 2011 and registered in 2013 as an NGO. Coming from a community that is very patriarchal with rampant GBV and Female Genital Mutilation/cut (FGM/C), Dr. Grace Mose decided to use her expertise as a popular educationist to help address the issues of GBV which had drastic impact on her life and many others in her community by establishing HFAW.

Grant Awarded: \$2000, for HFAW to empower communities on the prevention of GBV against women and girls with disabilities within Ruiru Rainbow facility in Kiambu County. This is in commemoration of the 2017 Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence.

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; they therefore decided to provide free legal aid services to indigent women. FIDA endeavors

to improve the status of women and children by creating awareness about the law and promote the legal rights of women and children.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to use the arts specifically poetry to empower 30 adolescent girls, 15 of whom are living with disabilities, to raise their voices and influence other adolescent girls to claim their bodily autonomy and control. The proposed project activities include a poetry contest titled "My body my WEALTH," to inspire young adolescent girls living with disabilities and able bodied adolescent girls to use the creative medium of poetry to cause their voices to be heard, this is to commemorate the World AIDS Day.

Country: Ghana

Organization: Initiative for Gender Equality and Development in Africa (IGED-Africa)

Background: IGED-Africa was started in 2011 by three (3) strong young women: Sylvia Noagbesenu, Marian Amissah-Ocran and Victoria Serwaa Kankam who believe in the promotion and protection of human rights and particularly advancing the full realization of women and girls' rights. The purpose of IGED-Africa is to empower and strengthen women and girls with the requisite voice to effectively claim their rights to combat gender-based discrimination and connect them to opportunities that will empower them economically.

Grant Awarded: \$2000, undertake a social media campaign by designing and developing electronic flyers and other awareness raising tools on gender-based violence including a short video to commemorate the Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The flyers will be widely circulated to a targeted audience including partners and networks through various social media platforms particularly through WhatsApp and Facebook to enhance knowledge and influence attitudes.

Country: DRC

Organization: Focus Droits et Accès

Background: Focus Droits et Accès is a community based women led organization formed in 2010 to protect and promote the rights of socially excluded women and young girls. It also seeks to work towards reducing the vulnerability of women and to promote social justice. Its main areas of work are the promotion of women's human rights, provision of legal aid, livelihood issues, peace building and climate change. It works mainly with young girls and women.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000, to organize educational activities on the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities and also to hold radio programmes to educate communities on the rights of women and girls living with disability.

Country: DRC

Name of 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 organisation 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; organize educational activities on sexual violence in Fizi and Mwenga, and 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 by empowering women with information on gender-based violence, and also to provide women with tools and resources in the areas of prevention, education, advocacy and support regarding sexual and domestic violence.

Grant Awarded: \$10,000 to engage with the police to ensure the setting up of a desk in the police service to facilitate speedy response to violence issues for survivors. To provide mental and psychological support for 20 women and girls survivors of violence.

Country: DRC

Organization: Actions des Femmes pour les Droits et le Développement (AFD)

Background: Actions des Femmes pour les Droits et le Développement (AFD) is a women's rights organization formed in 2003 by a group of 11 committed women to promote the rights of women. The organization was formed to advocate for the rights of women and promote the culture of peace and build communities free from violence and conflict. AFD works with women, girls and local authorities.

Grant Awarded: \$2000 to organize educational activities on the rights of women and girls with disabilities, to translate into Swahili selected key articles of the convention on the rights of women and girls with disabilities for dissemination and to train a club of young women leaders living with disabilities to advocate for the rights of people living disabilities. These young leaders will be trained and will be working closely with community leaders and other opinion leaders in the project areas.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Mengbwa Actions Jeunes

Background: The organization was founded in 2002 by Carine Michelle Ateba Medjo and Sandrine Burgeois to support teen mothers. It is a women-led, national organization that works towards women's rights and focuses on ensuring that women have a fulfilled life.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to help address HIV and the intersection with violence against women; early and unwanted pregnancies. This is to encourage the Nyom Adventist College(students, parents, teachers and administration) to commit to respecting the rights of young women's bodies, HIV prevention and combat violence against women.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Cameroon Women's Scholarship Alumni

Background: Cameroon Women's Scholarship Alumni is a feminist organization formed in 2013 to support and promote women and girls' rights to education by supporting their education in the fields of human rights, development studies, peace and security. After two years of existence, with the advice from the British High Commission, one of its members Nkwah Azinwi Ngum went ahead to form the organisation to continuously advocate for women and girls' rights to education and information among other rights.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000, to contribute towards the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls living with disabilities. The project also seeks to raise the voices of women and girls with disabilities claiming their right to a *World Free From Violence* through various media platforms and through the arts.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Association Dynamic Femmes

Background: Association Dynamic Femmes was founded in 2010 as a nationwide organization that works towards the protection of vulnerable women and girls in Cameroon. The organisation's focus is on the protection of women and girls against violence and promotion of their civic, social, political and health rights as well as the promotion of gender equality.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to train 20 women who will become community leaders and change agents in the area of HIV prevention and mitigation strategies. The strategy is to use these trained women to speak to parents to support the SRHR of their children as a way of ensuring that young women and girls get correct knowledge and support on their SRHR issues.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Community Association for Vulnerable Persons (CAVP)

Background: Community Association for Vulnerable Persons (CAVP) was founded in 2014 by Ndi Veronica Ngum, a woman living with disability who has passion in bringing

change in the lives of vulnerable women and girls with disability in her community. She realized that girls with disabilities were relegated to the background and they were not included in developmental processes.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to help reduce HIV infection among adolescent girls especially girls living with disabilities. It also seeks to help encourage treatment uptake and adherence among women and girls living with HIV and AIDS and generally mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: WeCARE Health Services Cameroon

Background: WeCARE Health Services Cameroon was founded in 2012 by Stella Maba-Atu, due to her concern for women living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) in the community. Stella founded the organisation in collaboration with a group of health care professionals, who had great interest in women's issues especially HIV and AIDS. The organisation has a focus on ensuring women living with HIV receive psychosocial support.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to provide a support system for women living with HIV and AIDS by mobilising women living with HIV and AIDS to join support groups. The project seeks to encourage about 100 women to join the support group. This will be done through sustained educational activities in two treatment centres. The project will then follow up on about 50 newly infected women to ensure that they are put on ARVs and encourage women who have gone off treatment to resume treatment. The support groups would then join together to celebrate the 2017 World AIDS Day.

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

Grant 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: Girl Child Art Foundation (GCAF)

Background: The current director of GCAF, Ada Onyejike-Ananaba founded the organization as a student. The inspiration came from her personal experience as a first child in a family of 6 girls and a boy. She could identify with the challenges in education,

sexual reproductive health and livelihood of young people especially girls. Additionally, she comes from a part of Nigeria where sons are often highly valued than daughters.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to create awareness on "My Body is my body". This is a HIV & AIDS awareness project that will undertaken to mark the 2017 World AIDS Day. A public wall space which will highlight HIV&AIDS, women and girl reproductive choices; Bodily rights messages using paintings will also be done by young women in Lagos.

Country: Nigeria

Organization: Positive Action for Treatment Access (PATA)

Background: PATA is a rights-based non-governmental organization working in partnership to ensure that every individual with living with HIV/AIDS, especially women and girls have access to treatment and to equitable humane care and empowerment

Grant Awarded: \$25,000 to advance the sexual and reproductive health and human rights of women and girls living with HIV, promote gender equality and create the enabling platform for women and girls living with HIV to achieve their full potential in life.

Country: Nigeria

Organization: Centre for Women Studies and Intervention (CWSI)

Background: Centre for Women Studies and Intervention (CWSI) was formed in 1998 by Rev. Sr. Ngozi Uti, a Member of the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus (HHCJ). The purpose of CWSI is to empower marginalized women and girls and to bridge the gap of inequality and marginalization faced by women. CWSI works in the South-South Regions, South East, North West, and North Central regions of Nigeria.

Grant Awarded: \$15,000 to deepen the intervention to prevent harmful cultural practices against women and girls.

Country: Nigeria

Organization: Christian Women for Excellence and Empowerment in Nigerian Society (CWEENS)

Background: CWEENS was started in 2010 by a network of women who were tired of the incessant massacres of women and children in the ethno religious crises which bedevilled Plateau State between 2008 and 2010. The organization was formed to promote the rights of women and girls.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to help eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls & sustain respect for women's bodily integrity and autonomy through support for a Safe house that provides safety and redress for women whose rights have been violated.

Country: Nigeria.

Organization: Women, Infants and Children Care Initiative (WICCI)

Background: Women, Infants and Children Care Initiative (WICCI) was started in 2005 by Mrs. Doyinsola Ajoke Adebayo. This was inspired by the lack of welfare system in her

local community to care for the vulnerable populace. The organization was established primarily to empower and support marginalized women and children in the local communities.

Grant Awarded: \$2000, to increase awareness on the elimination of violence against women and girls with disabilities among community members in Abeokuta south, Abeokuta North, Odeda local government of Ogun State and Omi-Adio in Oyo State and to provide effective care and support services for 500 persons living with disabilities who have experienced GBV through referral to various associations providing care and support.

Country: Nigeria

Organization: Islamic Counselling Initiatives of Nigeria (ICIN)

Background: The organisation was formed in 2006 by Fatima Suleiman. The purpose of the organization is to strengthen the rights of women and girls in the areas of reproductive health, education and peace processes for sustainable development. ICIN is a grass roots organisation operating at the local level in North Central Nigeria. The communities within which ICIN operates has suffered post conflict issues ranging from rape cases to women injured by crisis that became disabled.

Grant Awarded: \$2000 to increase women's capacity to prevent and respond to Gender Based Violence by providing a platform to give them a voice. The project will use sports as a social development tool.

Country: Malawi

Organization: Youth Coordinating Agency in Development (YOCADe)

Background: Yocade was formed in 2010 by a group of young community women in Machinjiri, headed by Miss Mervis Mhango with the aim to promote gender equality and social empowerment to marginalized women in the communities, through advocacy, research and training while mainstreaming HIV and AIDS into their programmes. Yocade also realized that Women and children are mostly discriminated against in development programmes; they also suffer high levels of HIV and AIDS and Gender Based Violence.

Grant Awarded: \$2000, to use the 2017 Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence to campaign on the prevention of violence against women with disabilities and also to strengthen the voice of women with disabilities to tell their story.

Country: Malawi

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

Background: FOCECE 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. FOCECE fights for the rights of all young women regardless of their sexual orientation. They believe women have equal rights and they have whatever they can to protect themselves from any abuse.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to establish a young women led safe space (drop-in centre) at Bangula Trading Centre for providing education on sexual reproductive health and rights with a strong focus on behaviour change and the need for girls and young women to take charge of their bodies, protect them and make informed decisions as well as promoting the patronage HIV services.

Country: Malawi

Organization: Malawi Human Rights for Women and Girls With Disabilities (MHRWGDs)

Background: The Malawi Human Rights for Women and Girls with Disabilities was established to promote the rights of women and girls with disabilities and to advance their active and meaningful participation in socio-economic development. The establishment of the organization was motivated by the observation that women with disabilities live in poor discriminatory environment in which their rights are always violated. Also, there were many women organizations that promoted women's rights in Malawi but none targeted women with disabilities

Grant Awarded: \$20,000, to develop a strategic plan, develop key policies and manuals and to strengthen the governance structures and focus of the organization to update the organization's website and brand.

Country: Tanzania

Organization: Defence of Human Right and Citizen Rights (DHR/CR)

Background: Defence of Human Right and Citizen Rights (DHR/CR) was formed in 2003 by 17 women activists in the Kigoma Region in a bid to strengthen women's efforts in

fighting violence against women while promoting women's human rights in the community.

Grant Awarded: \$10,000 to undertake series of activities to reduce the incidence of Violence against Women and Girls in Kigoma, Tanzania.

Country: Togo

Organization: Women in Law and Development/Femmes Droit et Development 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 uses law to increase women's participation and influence at community, national and international levels. WILDAF/FEDDAF-Afrique de l'Ouest's is the sub regional office of WILDAF in West Africa and its mission is to facilitate communication among members of the network and ensure their access to relevant information in the area of women's human rights, to help advocate for better legal system that protects and promotes women's rights.

Grant Awarded: \$30,000, for institutional support to cover its human resource to enable the organization to effectively undertake its programmatic activities. WILDAF is currently working on 2 key projects aimed at preventing child and early marriage as well as advocating for rural women's land rights. Though WILDAF currently have two ongoing projects, project resources do not adequately cover staff cost. This support therefore seeks to ensure that the relevant staff are maintained for the next four months to ensure effective implementation of the projects and to give the organization time to follow up on some promising potential grants which would ensure sustainability for the medium term and in the future.

Country: Zambia

Organization: Twapane Women's Club

Background: Twapane Women's club is a registered, community membership based women activist organisation working for the advancement of women and girls' rights and entitlement. The organization seeks to build resistance against violence, discrimination and injustice. The group was formed in 1998 by a group of early marriage survivors to help address issues of Gender based violence, early marriages and other women rights violation in chief Chipalo chiefdom. Twapane Women's club empowers women and girls for positive change, it was registered in 2008.

Grant Awarded: \$20,00 to address the growing incidence of Gender Based Violence (GBV) among women living with disabilities in Luwingu District through increased awareness of the dangers of gender based violence and the channels of redress available to survivors.

Country: Zambia

Organization: Luwingu District Women Association (LDWA)

Background: Established in 2008, Luwingu Women's Development Association (LDWA) is a Zambian based local women led association based in Luwingu District with a membership of 450 affiliate women groups.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to create a shift in the structural and behavioural drivers of HIV (such as early and forced marriages and domestic violence) in Kapemba ward by influencing traditional and religious elders to begin to think, talk and take action to change some of the laws and norms that violate the rights of women and create the environment for women to be violated.

Country: Zimbabwe

Organization: PaKasipiti Zimbabwe

Background: PaKasipiti was founded in 2011 as an organization championing the cause of LBT people. PaKasipiti seeks to interrogate social values and norms around sex and sexuality with a view to promoting societal acceptance of sexual diversity so that LBT people can also live by their sexual preferences without fear, like any other citizens.

Grant Awarded: \$2,000 to create space for young LBT persons to learn and deepen conversations around bodily autonomy, choice and control especially in relation to HIV/AIDS issues. The project also seeks to bring LBT persons and their needs into the HIV conversations.

Country: Uganda

Organization: Mentoring and Empowerment Program for Young Women (MEMPROW)

Background: MEMPROW's main vision is to be a center of excellence in promoting girls and young women's access to their rights focusing on eliminating gender stereotypes, violence and stigma, strengthening girls and young women's agency, voice and participation, and building a feminist movement of young women.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to organise a two days residential training for the Board members on sexual and reproductive health rights and other governance related issues so they are able to support the work of the organization. The project will also engage an external consultant to discuss and develop a future plan for MEMPROW.

Country: Uganda

Organization: ArtVism

Background: ArtiVism was started by 2 feminist women from the realisation that in Uganda, the space for women to organise and engage on pertinent issues affecting them was shrinking by day. Most artists are in mainstream men's organisations where their voices and efforts were continuously suffocated. Women needed an exclusive space to reflect and work together as women artists interested in the cause for women's human rights. Artivism promotes the rights of women and create safe space for women engagement.

Grant Awarded: \$2000 to help them use poetry as a medium of engagement to create awareness against gender based violence and promote the rights of women and girls with disabilities.

ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Country: Benin

Organization: Forum for African Women Educationalists – Benin (FAWE/ BENIN)

Background: Association des Femmes de l'Education du Benin (FAWE- Benin), one of the national branches of FAWE International was formed in 1996 to promote access to education and vocational training among girls in Benin. Its activities cover the whole Benin especially rural areas dominated by low rate of girls' education. Its main objectives are to ensure gender equity and build young girls' capacities as well as to bring about changes in rural communities as far as girl child education is concerned.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000, to organize a general assembly and to elect new board members with specific terms of reference, to revise the organization's by-laws, to develop a 5-year strategic plan, to develop organizational management guideline and policy documents including Board manuals and Terms of Reference and to redesign the organizational website.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Community Agriculture and Environmental Protection Association Cameroon (CAEPA)

Background: CAEPA's Vision is to ensure that vulnerable and marginalized women and girls are free from all kinds of abuse that rob them of their dignity, human rights and wellbeing. Their mission therefore is to enhance quality of life of marginalized and vulnerable women and girls (youths) by working collectively to improve their sexual and reproductive health and rights, increase their freedom from violence and promote environmental friendly agriculture and livelihoods.

Grant Awarded: \$ 20,000 to develop a five-year strategic plan that give a clear direction to the operations and programs of the organization, to develop key governance manuals and policies to improve the overall structure and governance of the organization.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Reach Out Cameroon

Background: Reach Out Cameroon is a nonprofit organisation 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 remote areas. REO's overall goal and ultimate outcome in Cameroon and the South-West Region in particular is to support underprivileged groups to be socially integrated and economically empowered through gender awareness, capacity building, wealth creation, health, HIV/AIDS programmes.

Grant Awarded: \$48,000, to enhance access to economic rights and opportunities for women's groups of Meme and Fako Divisions of the South-West Region of Cameroon. Compile the stories of successful women entrepreneur to serve as a tool for encouraging other women. To strengthen 23 women's groups and cooperatives with financial literacy including banking opportunities and need to adopt the habit of saving in compliance with OHADA law (new financial framework in French speaking countries) and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Country: Cameroon

Organization: Women's Promotion and Assistance Association (WOPA)

Background: Women's Promotion and Assistance Association (WOPA) is a national organization formed in 2001 by Mrs. Veronique Folack Sijou to protect and promote the dignity and economic security of women and children. WOPA works with a diverse group of marginalized women and girls including women and children from ethnic minorities, orphans and street children, survivors of sexual exploitation and deprived women. The association has great experience in working with minority and hard to reach groups.

Grant Awarded: \$40,000 to protect women and widows living with HIV/AIDS from discrimination especially in relation to access to land and inheritance. To train community stakeholders on women's rights, land rights and HIV issues. Also, to provide support for legal aid for women living with HIV/AIDS faced with discrimination.

Country: Ghana

Organization: Manchie Women's Cassava & Food Processing Group

Background: Manchie Women's Cassava & Food Processing Group was formed by Madam Comfort Zormelo and some other women farmers in the Manchie community. The organisation was formed to empower unemployed women in the community and its environs through agro processing activities to increase their income. The group does this through processing, packaging and marketing of cassava. They also undertake educational activities on women's leadership and HIV and AIDS infection as well as promotes the girl child education in the operational area.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000, to strengthen the groups cassava processing and marketing activities by training and building a platform for women cassava processors and marketers to better engage duty bearers and other stakeholders for improved services and expanded marketing avenues. To Purchase modern cassava processing equipment (grater machine and engine) and to train women processors in health, hygiene and safety and Identify marketing opportunities.

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. FIDA endeavors to improve the status of women and children by creating awareness about the law and promote the legal rights of women and their dependents.

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Country: Ghana

Organization: Moremi Initiative for Women's Leadership in Africa

Background: Moremi Initiative was formed in 2004. The purpose of the organization is to develop and implement innovative approaches that advance opportunities for young women and girls by building their knowledge and skills and helping them gain the experiences needed to occupy and excel in critical local, national, and international leadership positions. It engages, inspires and equips young African women and girls to become the next generation of leading advocates, politicians, social entrepreneurs and change agents.

Grant Awarded: \$20,0000, to pursue an active process of building a framework, systems and structures to ensure effective board engagement, to strengthen the institutional governance capacity of Moremi and to carry out a project audit as per AWDF's grant amount requirements

Country: Kenya

Organization: Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development (GESD)

Background: Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development (GESD) was formed in 2004 by a group of like-minded development consultants working with grassroots communities on food security, environmental management and Natural resource management. The organization was formed to promote environmental conservation, food security and women's human rights.

GESD works in Maralal, Samburu County of Rift Valley Kenya. It also works in Isiolo and Kitui Counties in Eastern Kenya; Mombasa County in Coast Province, and Siaya County of Nyanza region. The main beneficiaries of GESD are widows, Orphans, women living with HIV/AIDS and marginalized rural women and girls.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to empower widows and other marginalized women to demand for their rights to inheritance and also to seek justice when dispossessed of property. The project will also empower communities to effectively respond to issues of dispossession and abuse of the rights of women. The project will be implemented in Rarieda, Siaya County, Kenya. The project is expected to directly benefit 300 widows and other women and indirectly benefit about 1500 community people.

Country: Kenya

Organization: Pendeza Weaving Project CBO

Background: Pendeza was founded by Mrs Margaret Adhiambo who developed an interest to learn hand spinning and weaving from her husband Mr. William Onywero who was trained by a German tutor. Thereafter, Mrs. Margaret developed an interest in training other women in the skills of hand spinning and weaving which later transformed to a women's group that supports marginalized women to break free from the vicious cycle of Poverty, and to reduce domestic violence and scarcity of resources at the household level

Grant Awarded: \$15,000, to use innovative approaches to provide sustainable and climate smart skills to women and female youth in Siaya County to diversify their livelihoods, adapt to climate change and increase income.

Country: Malawi.

Organization: Forum for African Women Educationalists in Malawi (FAWEMA)

Background: The Forum for African Women Educationalists-Malawi Chapter – (FAWEMA) was established in 1993 to promote girl's education. The organization's main goals are to promote girl's education and women empowerment for social economic development through influencing policy formulation, planning and implementation in favor of increasing access, improving retention, performance and achievement of girls in school and building public awareness.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to provide consultancy support to develop a new three-year strategic plan; to develop a comprehensive M&E framework that aligns with the new strategic plan and also to provide support for a database that allows the organization to measure impact.

Country: Malawi

Organization: Malawi Human rights for Women and Girls with Disabilities (MHRWGDs)

Background: Malawi Human Rights for Women and Girls with Disabilities (MHRWGDs) was formed in 2008 by women activists living with disability who knew from experience that women and girls with disability in Malawi were excluded from participation in public life, and did not enjoy sexual and reproductive choices. Thus, the group was formed to fight for the rights of women especially young women with disabilities. MHRWGDs main beneficiaries are women and girls with disabilities

Grant Awarded: \$30,000 grant to promote the rights of women and girls with disability by empowering them to raise their voices to demand for their rights for better services. This will be achieved through educating women and girls with disabilities and supporting them to engage key stakeholders

Country: Malawi

Organization: The Playhouse Foundation

Background: The Playhouse Foundation was co-founded by Madam Finda E.M. Koroma in 2009 in response to the needs of women, the youth, mainly adolescent girls and children, especially orphans; and more recently Ebola survivors and orphans at the grassroots level in Kono District. The purpose of the organization is to raise the standards of education and livelihoods, women's empowerment and improve access to renewable energy and information technology. More recently it has included building resilience to climate change through climate smart agriculture and agro-ecology.

Grant Awarded: \$15,000 to complement its ongoing project activity that has been funded by UNDP-GEF on Community Landscape Conservation and Climate Smart Agriculture; to undertake baseline survey; to train 8 master trainers in climate smart agriculture, food processing/value added processing, production of cook stoves and briquettes. The project will also provide livelihood activities for women (production of cook stoves and briquette, farming and animal husbandry).

Country: Nigeria

Organization: Women Environmental Programme (WEP)

Background: WEP was started by a group of grassroots women in Kaduna State of Nigeria. The organization emerged in response to the environmental pollution by industries in Kaduna State in particular and Nigeria in general, but its founders have always viewed the Nigerian environmental crisis only as an entry point for the deepening of engagement with the various stakeholders and enlightenment of Nigerians on other socio-economic and political issues within and internationally.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to organize a 3 days strategic planning retreat to formulate new terms of reference for the Board and Staff. To formulate on-boarding procedures for new WEP country offices and also to organize a 1-day Board of Directors round table to strengthen coordination between Board Members and the branch offices.

Country: Nigeria

Organization: Habiba Dangana (Hadis) Foundation

Background: The Habiba Dangana Foundation (Hadis Foundation) seeks to provide early start up opportunities for businesses and innovative ideas with the potential to uplift girls and women. It supports ideas and projects that can demonstrate a multiplier effect on the lives of girls and women in the short term with a clear sustainability plan. Hadis Foundation believes that access to economic empowerment for women is non-negotiable. It is the opener of voice and confidence to demand and to change life's outcomes

Grant Awarded: \$17,000 to hire a consultant to assist the organization update their strategic plan, develop key board and governance manuals, to train staff in IT and to conduct an audit of the organization's 2016 financial report

Country: Nigeria

Organization: Women in Management, Business and Public Service (WIMBIZ)

Background: Women in Management, Business and Public Service is a Nigerian non-profit organization that was founded in 2001 by 14 individuals, 13 women namely Toyin Olawoye, Omobola Johnson, Bola Adesola, Funmi Roberts, Ibukun Awosika, Ifeyinwa

Ighodalo, Julia Oku-Jacks, Mairo Bashir, Morin Desalu, Yewande Zaccheaus, Ifeoma Idigbe, Adeola Azeez, Faith Tuedor-Mathews and one man, Chi-Chi Okonjo. In their various corporate organizations, they identified a serious issue concerning women in the workplace and in business. They then formed the organisation to bridge this gap that was particularly obvious in the areas of leadership, capacity building and avenues for networking for growth.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to help prepare young female undergraduates for life in the business world by training and mentoring them to acquire the skills needed to either set up their own business or fit into industry more appropriately.

Country: Rwanda

Organization: SPECTRA: Young Feminists Activism

Background: SPECTRA: Young Feminists Activism is a young Rwandan feminist activists Non-Governmental Organization founded in 2016 by young feminists. As the first and only young feminist organisation; its purpose is to build a strong and well-coordinated movement of empowered young feminist leaders who contribute meaningfully to social justice, gender justice and realization of sexual and reproductive health and Rights of girls and young women. It works in the areas of violence against women, economic security and justice, climate change and environmental justice as well as women's health including HIV&AIDS and sexual and reproductive rights.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to conduct a survey focusing on women and men in agriculture in one Agricultural District, conduct national level dissemination and advocacy to ensure adoption of appropriate laws and policies that remove socio cultural barriers to women's equal participation in agriculture. Hold radio talk shows on unpaid care work and the need for recognition and redistribution as well as to disseminate the research findings.

Country: Tanzania

Organization: Community Serve Tanzania (CST)

Background: Community Serve Tanzania (CST) is a women led and women's human rights non-governmental organisation which strives to strengthen women capacities, gender equality and peace building in Tanzania. The organization was established and registered in 2001 as a community based organization (CBO) known as Save Your Generation (SAGETA) addressing adolescence sexual reproductive health and rights for young girls and boys in Tanzania. In 2010, the organization transformed from sexual reproductive health and rights to the broad fundamental women's human rights and

sustainable development organisation working to realize a society where women's human rights are equally respected.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to strengthen the voice of women street vendors in Mwanza city to engage duty bearers for improved working environment and to educate local government authorities and other key local stakeholders to promote the rights of women street vendors,

Country: Tanzania

Organization: Women Rights Action Group (WRAG)

Background: The Women Rights Action Group (WRAG) was formed in 2005. The organization was established as a result of the high level of poverty amongst rural women and increased rate of violence and HIV/AIDS in Kigoma, Tanzania. The purpose of WRAG is to improve women's socio-economic welfare, promote women's human rights and fight HIV/ AIDS. WRAG works in 10 wards in Uvinza District, in Kigoma, Tanzania. The main beneficiaries are rural women, women with disabilities, women living with HIV/AIDS, widows.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to strengthen the entrepreneurial, advocacy, leadership and financial management skills of rural women. The project is intended to Increase income levels of 200 women heads of households and also to ensure food security among rural households in 5 wards; Itebula, Mpeti, Mtego wa Noti, kandaga and Kazuramimba within Uvinza District. The project will indirectly benefit 1000 members of households and community people.

Country: Tanzania

Organization: Women Skills Initiative Centre (WOSIC)

Background: Women Skills Initiative Centre (WOSIC) was formed by a woman who was passionate about issues of marginalized women especially widows. The founder was moved by the plight of a widow who approached her for support after all the property bequeathed to her by her deceased husband had been grabbed by the extended family. She observed that what the women just needed was legal aid to get what was rightfully hers. WOSIC was formed to support marginalized women

Grant Awarded: \$15,000, to empower women market traders to understand and assert their rights and improve their business activities in 4 markets in Ubungo and Kinondoni municipalities, Dar es Salaam.

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. The 30 grassroots women started SWID to improve on the quality of lives of people in Jinja Urban slums and rural communities through empowering them to meet their social, political and economic needs in a sustainable manner.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to replicate its 2016 supported project which aims at empowering 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. Women will sell surplus produce or products to earn income and be able to re-invest more in the agriculture enterprise for increased yield and income.

Country: Zambia

Organization: Zambia Alliance of Women (ZAW)

Background: Zambia Alliance of Women (ZAW)'s mission statement is to empower women to take charge of their lives through promotion of gender equality and equity, environmental sustainability and social justice so that the right to a healthy life is enjoyed by the present and future generation.

The overall goal is to effectively engage the Government and other stakeholders in implementing and enacting of environmental and food security supportive legislation while building capacity of ZAW and its members to deliver its mandate.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to rebrand ZAW, to carry out 2016 financial audit, to develop a communication plan and develop a 5-year strategic plan in line with the organisation's new image and focus.

Country: Zambia

Organization: Zambia Alliance of Women

Background: Zambia Alliance of Women (ZAW) was formed in 1978 by Grete Borgmann the then Chairperson of the International Alliance of Women (IAW) Education Commission. ZAW was formed to promote equality, development and peace, in recognition of the fact that without true gender equality peace would remain an illusion in a state of poverty. ZAW is a national Organisation with membership in 7 provinces.

Grant Awarded: \$38,000 to build on and scale up the success attained on the previous project: 'Women Caucus on Improved Land Governance and Climate Smart Agriculture' implemented by ZAW with the support of AWDF. The proposed project will empower

women to effectively participate in natural resource management and governance for sustainable livelihoods and environmental conservation. This will be achieved through promotion of conservation agriculture and renewed energy practices; strengthening advocacy skills of women to be able to analyse and understand environmental and food security policies

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Country: Benin

Organization: SIN-DO ONG

Background: SINDO was formed in 1996 to build the capacities of women in decision making and assist them to undertake activities and initiatives which will build their self-esteem and dignity. Its main goal is to promote the socio economic status of women as well as provide them with legal assistance. It also seeks to fight against all forms of discriminations against women and girls including gender based violence. It is a national organization that works mainly with young women and women. It carries out activities in the areas of women's leadership, women's economic empowerment as well as education.

Grant Awarded: \$19,000 to support the organising of a Francophone Feminist Forum as a strategy towards strengthening the feminist movement in Francophone West Africa particularly in Benin, Burkina-Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo. The grants will be used to cover the costs of logistics including air tickets for participants from Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Senegal (facilitator), honorarium for the forum facilitator, transportation for participants from Togo, report writing, printing and production of goodies bag as well as post forum activities in the 4 countries.

Country: Benin

Organization: Forum for African Women Educationalists- FAWE- Benin

Background: Association des Femmes de l'Education du Benin (FAWE- Benin), one of the national branches of FAWE International was formed in 1996 to promote access to education and vocational training among girls in Benin. Its activities cover the whole of Benin especially rural areas dominated by low rate of girls' education. Its main objectives are to ensure gender equity and build young girls' capacities as well as to bring about changes in rural communities as far as girl child education is concerned.

Grant Awarded: \$19,200 to support the building of a feminist movement in Francophone West Africa. The grant will specifically be used to organise a 3 day francophone feminist forum which will bring together 25 feminists from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo to strategize around ways to re-energise the feminist movement in Francophone West Africa as part of efforts to strengthen the women's rights agenda in Africa. The theme of the forum will be "Releasing the Feminist Gears"

Country: Cameroon

Organization: LifeSkills Education Network (LEDUCANET)

Background: LEDUCANET is a nonprofit making organisation formed in 1998 to build the capacities of women and girls with useful skills for their socio professional development. It therefore seeks to undertake activities aimed at ensuring the socio cultural and economic empowerment of women. It is a national organisation which operates in Bafoussam in Cameroon and its main activities focus on three areas namely education, awareness creation and poverty alleviation.

Grant Awarded: \$20,000 to strengthen the leadership capacities of 40 young women leaders and to create a learning space to enable them engage with decision makers and other influencers as well as women's rights organisations and activists to advocate for opportunities for women's participation in decision making in Cameroon.

Country: Mali

Organization: Femmes et Droits Humains

Background: Femmes et Droits Humains is a nonprofit organisation formed in 2001 by a group of women educationists to promote education and protect the rights of women. It also seeks to influence laws and policies in relation to women's human rights. It is a local organisation which carries out activities in rural communities in Mali. The organisation's activities revolve around support for the girl child education, training in women's leadership, support for women's economic empowerment, mentoring, and awareness creation on gender based violence.

Grant Awarded: \$25,000 to establish a learning space for young feminist to enhance feminist knowledge. The project will bring together young women with a passion for creating positive social change in their communities and train them in a range of topics, including leadership, public speaking, gender equality and human rights. They also will learn how to develop a basic plan to identify and take action on women's rights abuses in their communities based on feminist principles.

Country: Nigeria

Organization: The Other Half Women Empowerment Initiative (OH)

Background: Other Half Women Empowerment Initiative (OH) is a women's leadership and management organisation which addresses gender equality and women's empowerment. The organization's main focus is to strengthen the interplay of culture and gender to shape women's access to rights, leadership, participation in development; and drive development policy and programs. It was formed in 2013 and is dedicated to

exploring an innovative approach to empowerment of African women that complements on-going ones.

Grant Awarded: \$15,000, to support the writing of a book on “gender, Culture and African Women’s Leadership”, which will be written by three African women from West, East and Southern Africa. The grant will specifically support analysis and toolkits; Editing and publishing services

Country: Senegal

Organization: Observatoire des Relations de Genre au Sénégal - ORGENS

Background: Observatoire des Relations de Genre au Senegal (ORGENS) is a national organization formed by a group of Senegalese feminists in 1997 to contribute towards the advancement of women’s rights by dismantling patriarchal structures and promoting gender equality and positive social values.

Grant Awarded: \$11,000 to organize a residential training on feminist theory and principles, a discussion and information sharing session on the Charter of Feminist Principles. The project will also develop a women’s rights awareness creation guide which will integrate feminist principles and values to equip 15 young feminists with communications skills and to organize an intergenerational dialogue and to disseminate the charter of feminist principles in various women’s rights organizations.