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# Feminist Resilience in the Wake of a New Vision

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**Mission:**

We resource, strengthen and uphold African women's rights and feminist organisations and movements that strive for gender justice and social transformation.

**Vision:**

We envision and work towards creating an Africa and a world where gender justice, freedom and dignity are achieved for all.

**Our Guiding Principles:**

- Centring movements, first and always
- Feminist processes for our feminist work
- Decolonising philanthropy starts at home

## Strategic Priorities:

01 Resource and accompany African women's rights and feminist movements.

02 Foster partnership, solidarity and care within African women's rights and feminist movements through creative and inclusive approaches.

03 Nurture and amplify diverse African women's rights and feminists' voices, knowledge and narratives.

04 Influence philanthropic, development and other relevant sectors to better resource and uphold gender justice in Africa.

05 Sustain AWDF as a financially secure, effective, well-governed and values-aligned feminist organisation.

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AWDF Team during their 2024 mid-year retreat in Naivasha, Kenya

# 01

## A word from our CEO



Françoise Moudouthe, AWDF CEO

I think of 2024 as a year when our people bore the brunt of the often-mentioned "polycrisis". In Africa, armed conflicts, political instability, climate change and economic hardships intensified, and anti-gender and anti-rights ideologies and movements grew bolder - all while the world reeled from live images of a genocide and incessant tales of curtailed rights around the world.

African women, girls, and gender-diverse people were affected in tangible ways, as were the feminist movements that work to champion their rights. Rampant sexual violence and massive displacement were common features in the wars in Sudan, the DRC, Ethiopia, and beyond. Escalating humanitarian crises in Africa disproportionately affected women and girls. Discussions - and in Uganda, the adoption of anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation polarised the public debate across the continent, and resulted in heightened attacks against queer people and activists.

The world felt as if it were only inches away from falling apart. Observing the African Women's Development Fund's wonderful partners and colleagues, I often found myself thinking of the majestic baobab trees that grace

the landscapes of Africa. I invoked their steady strength even in the mix of raging storms, and thought of their welcoming shadows, under which generations of our folks have gathered, rejoiced, cried and strategised for centuries. I could almost hear the wind ruffling through the leaves, whispering these two words: "Keep Going".

And so, we kept going. AWDF continued to implement our ten-year strategic framework, *Lemlem*, which we had launched the previous year. This framework focuses on resourcing, strengthening, and upholding African women's rights and feminist movements, with the goal of making gender justice a reality for all. In 2024, we awarded over USD 12 million in grants to nearly 200 organisations led by women, girls and gender-diverse people in more than 30 countries. We provided opportunities for our partners to strengthen their technical capacity and organisational resilience, and to access some of the regional and global decision-making spaces that often exclude them. We documented and amplified their stories and knowledge, and advocated for the regional and global donor community to hear, value and resource their needs and priorities. And we continued to adapt and pivot our internal systems to ensure alignment with our strategic direction and feminist values.

In the midst of the storms, the African Women's Development Fund's team stayed rooted in the collective purpose that the African feminist movements we support have defined: to ensure all women, girls and gender-diverse people can enjoy their full rights, realise their potential, and live in peace and dignity. I proudly share with you, with this report, an overview of the work we did in 2024 towards that shared goal.

**Françoise Moudouthe**  
*Chief Executive Officer*



From Left to Right:  
Françoise Moudouthe, AWDF CEO, Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi, AWDF Co-Founder and Board Member, Theo Sowa, Former AWDF CEO and Dr. Hilda Tatria, AWDF Co-Founder and Board Member, during the 15TH AWID International Forum in Bangkok, Thailand

# 02

## Our Resourcing: Sustaining feminist movements through the storms



In our dreams, African feminist movements are as tall and as resilient as the baobab trees that grace the landscapes of our continent. Their roots run deep, their core is unwavering despite the storms, and their leaves and fruits provide protection and nourishment to entire communities. Through its resourcing, AWDF focused on nurturing and emulating this enduring spirit.

*Lemlem* guides our grantmaking approach to be emergent and responsive, centring the voices and priorities of the movements we serve. Our work advances the feminist agenda, supports gender social transformation and justice, and ensures we remain in service of diverse movement entities across the continent.

In 2024, we awarded USD 12,163,999 in grants to 179 organisations across 33 countries, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to supporting feminist movements continent-wide. Grants to our partners represent approximately 69% of our total annual expenditure for 2024, a direct reflection of AWDF's core purpose: resourcing movement actors where they need it most.

Accessibility and inclusion are central to our grantmaking approach. Our grantmaking approach prioritises intersectionality, inclusion, and the empowerment of all women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals - including the most marginalised. In 2024, we made greater efforts to make grants accessible to organisations of all sizes and registration statuses, working across geographies, themes, and languages. We prioritised organisations and communities that are usually excluded from funding opportunities, including small-to-medium-sized organisations, French-speaking organisations, and youth-led movements. In our quest to support partners' sustainability and their ability to adapt to emerging challenges, we provided the majority of our grants on a multiyear basis and gave our partners the option to allocate up to 50% of their grant amounts to operational costs.

# 03

## Emerging Trends from Our 2024 Grantmaking

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### Holding the Line in Times of Crisis

In 2024, defending gender equality against lingering and emerging threats was a critical goal of AWDF's. As women, girls and gender-diverse people continued to bear the brunt of sexist social norms, economic hardship, discriminatory laws and political instability, we provided essential financial support to our partners as they supported survivors of gender-based violence, led awareness-raising programmes with communities, provided legal aid and case accompaniment, and acted as watchdogs against discriminatory laws and government inertia.

AWDF's *Kasa!* initiative, which aims at preventing and curbing sexual violence in Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal, exemplifies this work. In 2024, we supported *Kasa!* partners in all three countries who led initiatives to prevent sexual violence, demand accountability, and provide comprehensive support to survivors. We observed that the context of our partners' work was growing increasingly hostile, with patriarchal cultural, religious, and social norms that encouraged impunity and attempted to silence survivors and those defending their rights.

Holding the line involved supporting women's rights and the advocacy efforts of feminist organisations at various levels. At the local and national levels, we supported grantee partners to leverage key calendar opportunities, such as International Women's Day, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, and World AIDS Day, to mobilise communities and advocate for gender equality issues. When specific threats to gender equality emerged, we funded coordinated advocacy efforts by women's and feminist groups - including in The Gambia, where AWDF funded partners to successfully advocate against certain parliamentarian's efforts to pass a bill that would have repealed a 2015 legal ban on female genital mutilation, and in Ghana, where we supported groups that advocated against the passage of a bill criminalising homosexuality in the country. To ensure African voices were included in global advocacy efforts, we funded and facilitated our partners' participation in global and regional policy and advocacy forums, such as the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Additionally, we supported regional African feminist networks in convening Beijing+30 Africa regional consultation meetings.



AWDF grantee partners during the Agency & Resilience feminist financial management learning offering to foster accountability, flexibility and inclusion

## Responding to Crisis and Emerging Threats

In 2024, feminist movements across Africa confronted overlapping crises and intensifying threats. Extreme weather events, such as the April–May floods in East Africa, devastated communities and disproportionately impacted women, girls, and gender-diverse people. At the same time, conflict-related sexual violence escalated in Sudan, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, demanding urgent protection and care. Parallel to these humanitarian crises was a rising wave of anti-rights and anti-gender legislation across the continent,

targeting LGBTQIA+ persons and undermining women's rights. Uganda's draconian Anti-Homosexuality Act was upheld in court; Ghana passed the Human Sexual Rights and Family Values Bill; Kenya advanced a punitive Family Protection Bill; and military regimes in Burkina Faso and Mali introduced new penal and family codes criminalising homosexuality. These regressive moves mirrored a global backlash, with governments reporting rollbacks on women's rights.

Despite not being designed as an urgent response fund, AWDF is committed to being responsive in solidarity with our constituencies and partners whenever they face sudden or unexpected challenges. In 2024, we provided responsive grants to feminist and women's rights organisations leading community-led flood relief efforts in East Africa, as well as those addressing conflict-related sexual violence in war-affected countries. Simultaneously, recognising the coordinated advance of anti-rights and anti-gender actors, we awarded grants to organisations working to resist imminent anti-rights movements through the *Kombo* Initiative. AWDF-funded partners translated grassroots energy into strategic policy action, challenging discriminatory laws, advancing protective precedents, and resourcing organisations at

the exact moment when their existence and work were most under siege. Grants reached both large feminist networks and marginalised activist groups, including rural women, LGBTQIA+ communities, and sex worker-led organisations, alongside funds channelled through the *Kombo* consortium partners, i.e., Purposeful, Doria Feminist Fund, Institut Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest, and the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA).

Our responsive grantmaking contributed to ensuring immediate humanitarian needs were met while strengthening the long-term resilience of feminist movements. Through our funded partners, flood-affected communities accessed resources for survival and recovery; survivors of conflict-related sexual violence received critical protection; and frontline activists resisting legislative crackdowns were resourced to respond quickly, organise collectively, and sustain advocacy. *Kombo* in particular exemplified how strategic investments in research, convening, and advocacy can reinforce a continent-wide web of feminist solidarity. By resourcing organisations at both grassroots and network levels, we contributed to safeguarding hard-won feminist gains and strengthening the ecosystem's ability to withstand coordinated anti-rights attacks.

“In the context of humanitarian crises, we often prioritise the needs of affected communities, neglecting our own institutional needs. AWDF's support allowed us to conduct emergency response training for our staff and provide psychosocial support for their well-being.”

~ A funded partner in Kenya who received emergency support during the floods.



Sognonvi Houesse Doriane Senami, an activist writer from Benin speaking during a *Kombo* convening on the sidelines of AWID Conference 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.

### Strengthening collective action through feminist movement-building

Lasting social transformation cannot happen without strong, interconnected, and resilient feminist movements. In 2024, AWDF funded and led initiatives aimed at growing connections and solidarity among feminist activists from across the continent, strengthening collective power, and ensuring the long-term durability of gender justice organising across the continent.

**Strengthening capacity and solidarity:** A central part of this work was building organisational capacity, networks, and coalitions that enable movements to endure and expand their impact. We supported intersectional organising that brought together diverse voices where feminist, LGBTQIA+, and sex worker groups united to counter anti-rights narratives. Through regional and transnational convenings, movements strengthened their solidarity and developed coordinated strategies, from North African consultations that informed UN processes to Pan-African feminist forums that shaped collective agendas.

**Embedding care and decolonising knowledge:** We know that sustainable movements require healthy and supported activists. That's why we invested in partners embedding healing justice and well-being practices into their organising. We also backed knowledge decolonisation efforts that elevated grassroots wisdom and storytelling, challenging dominant narratives and centring the lived experiences of those most affected by injustice.

**Advancing Women's Leadership:** Our grantmaking also prioritised women's leadership and political participation, a critical lever for shifting power structures. Partners worked to strengthen women's participation in local governance and civil society, position market women as policy influencers, and create institutional spaces for meaningful leadership development. These investments fostered feminist consciousness and practical pathways for women to enter and transform decision-making spaces.

**Youth and Digital Leadership:** Finally, youth leadership development remained a cross-cutting priority. We invested in innovative digital organising platforms that expanded advocacy reach and visibility, while anchoring these efforts in foundational rights work that protects meaningful civic and political participation. These investments are helping to secure sustainable leadership pipelines, ensuring that new generations of feminists are prepared to carry forward the struggle for justice.

# 2024 Grantmaking At A Glance



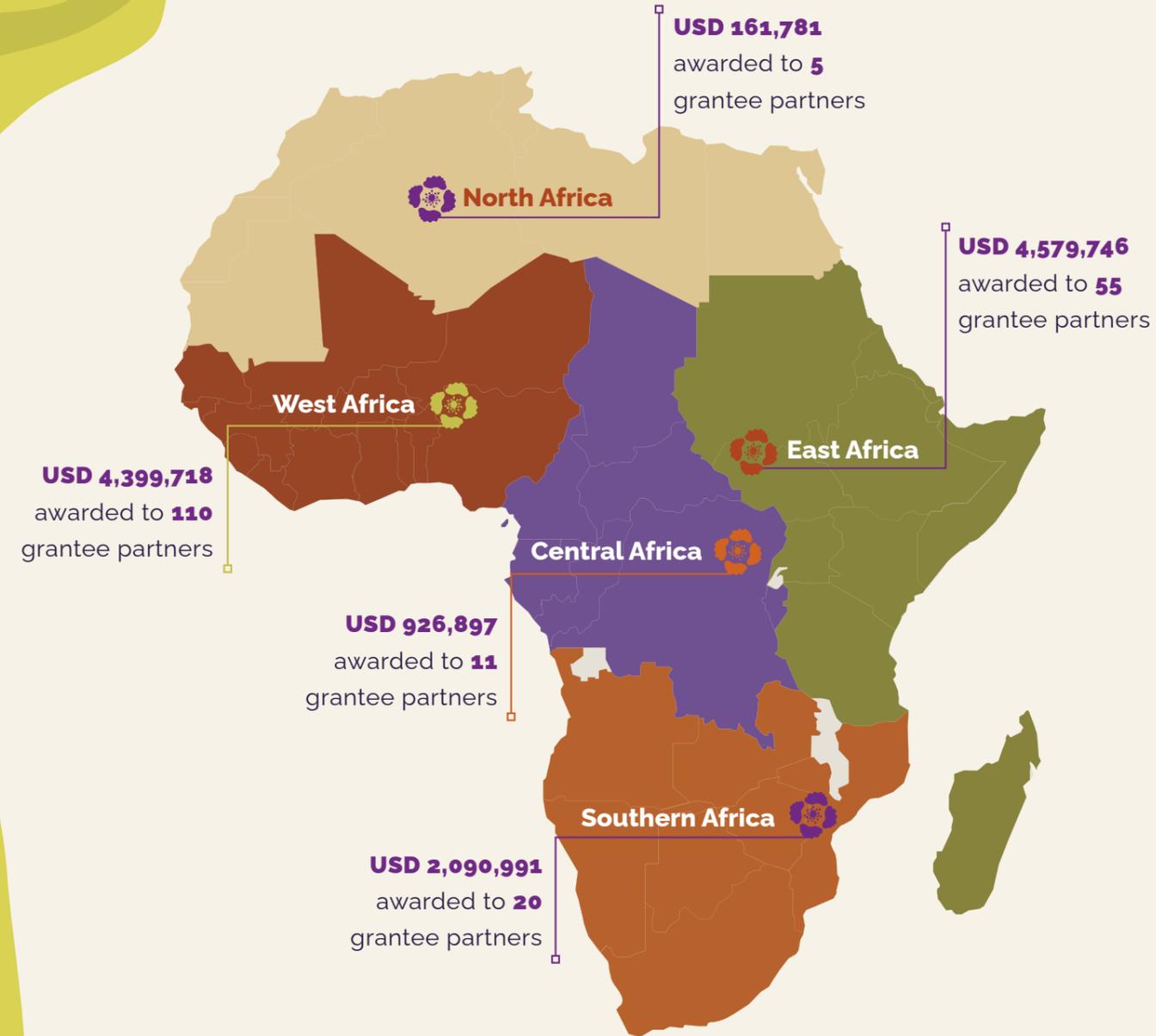
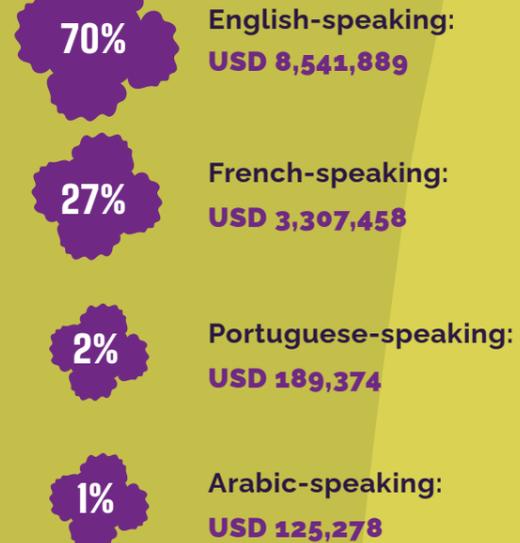
## Grant Duration<sup>1</sup>



## Grant size distribution



## Proportion of grants awarded by language<sup>2</sup>



## 2024 Impact Areas

These are the Priority Thematic Areas that came from our partners' applications

- Ending Violence Against Women and Girls
- Movement strengthening
- Advocacy and Rights Protection
- Women's Leadership and Political Participation
- Economic Justice and Security
- Sexual & Reproductive Justice
- Climate Justice
- Emergency Response

1. Short term grants include travel grants (providing access to organising or advocacy spaces), emergency response grants, and campaigning grants  
 2. AWDF is working to address regional funding gaps and expand support to underrepresented areas.

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## Resilience, Voice and Access: Our non-financial support to women's and feminist movements

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In 2024, AWDF fostered spaces where African feminist narratives could flourish, recognising that stories are powerful tools for reflection, resistance, and reimagination of our realities. We worked deliberately to bridge colonial divides by creating bilingual and multilingual spaces, ensuring knowledge flowed across regions and languages, and enabling deeper engagement across the continent's diverse feminist communities.

As part of our grantmaking approach, AWDF provides accompaniments to her funded partners, recognising that financial resources are only one part of building resilient movements. We are committed to investing in leadership, knowledge, and solidarity because we know these are the roots of sustainable feminist organising. Many African feminist organisations are eager to expand their skills in areas such as digital advocacy and leadership development, and we are committed to creating opportunities that nurture this growth. By fostering multilingual and cross-regional learning spaces, we help our funded partners connect, share knowledge, and thrive together in shaping the future of feminist movements across the continent. Throughout the year, we embedded healing justice and well-being practices into programming, ensuring resilience alongside activism.

## Capacity Strengthening

We convened a learning space for feminist leaders through our leadership and governance coaching programme to reflect on the programme evaluation outcomes. We invested in partnerships and learning with and from partners that lead feminist or movement-oriented capacity-strengthening initiatives. We identified and supported 20 French-speaking African partners in attaining digital campaigning certification from [Social Movement Technologies](#) and co-hosted the second West and Central Africa Feminist Summer University with JGEN Senegal, expanding feminist knowledge production in Francophone contexts.

With strong advocacy and leadership skills, movements are better able to mobilise communities, influence policy, and sustain themselves in an increasingly digital world. Investing in these capacities is a powerful foundation for lasting feminist resilience. Twenty Francophone partners strengthened their digital advocacy, the Summer University created a dynamic regional activist network, and coaching programmes produced stronger feminist leaders capable of navigating organisational challenges.

## Amplifying Voice, Knowledge and Narrative

The "[Voice, Power and Soul: African Feminist Narratives Festival](#)" in Accra was a gathering place where 60 young feminist activists, artists, and thinkers converged to share their truth through art, poetry, music, and oral histories. Understanding that language itself can be a colonial border dividing our movements, we intensified our efforts to bridge these divides. Our multilingual development of African feminist tools on economic justice, in partnership with the NAWI African Feminist Collective, ensured that critical knowledge flowed freely across French-, Portuguese-, and Swahili-speaking communities.

"The festival was a turning point for me," shared a young artist from Cameroon. "For the first time, I felt my poetry was not just art but theory—that my experiences as a queer African woman were not just stories but knowledge that could transform how we understand gender justice on our continent."

In honour of the individual and collective feminist care, we facilitated the creation of a Flourish Well-being Journal as a collective feminist offering rooted in the radical politics of care, joy, and resistance. Available in both [English](#) and [French](#), this tool offers to sustain activists and movements as we navigate labour and structural violence. Additionally, we hosted an online International Women's Day dialogue through *Kasa!* Initiative. Our communications team amplified partner voices through campaigns such as #EndFemicideKE in Kenya and solidarity actions in Chad, and spotlighted grantees during International Women's Month and the 16 Days of Activism.

Owning narrative power enables African feminists to affirm their realities, celebrate their identities, and shape policies and social norms in their own voices. Through this work, young feminists found a platform to shape discourse, while multilingual resources reached French, Portuguese, and Swahili-speaking communities. Digital campaigns also amplified partners' advocacy to global audiences, influencing policies, funding, and cultural norms that affect their lives.



Grantee partners during AWDF's Resource Mobilisation Workshop in Accra

## Facilitating Access to Influencing and Decision-Making Spaces

AWDF supported sex worker activists from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, and Morocco to participate in the 56th UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva. Through the Black Feminist Fund, 10 African feminists joined the Black Feminisms Forum in Barbados. In partnership with [African Feminisms](#) (AF), we facilitated the participation of selected writers at the 2024 International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) conference, where they produced [seven compelling stories](#) in both English and French. Our funded partners were present at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Conference and the AWID Forum, and co-sponsored regional convenings, including the Gender Is My Agenda Campaign Network (GIMAC) conference in Ghana. Our support for Cassava Republic Press, a leading African woman-led publishing

house, cultivated the next generation of women editors who determine which stories reach our bookshelves and shape our imagination.

Decisions that shape African women's lives are made in these arenas, and when African feminists are present, they ensure policies reflect their lived realities, priorities, and visions for justice. Activists directly engaged with UN policy processes, produced publications, built multi-generational networks, and ensured that African perspectives shaped global debates on sexual violence, LGBTQIA+ rights, and women's rights.

“The single story creates stereotypes, and the problem with stereotypes is not that they aren't true, but they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story”

~ Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



AWDF Team at the SVRI 2024 Forum in Cape Town, South Africa.

# 06

## Bridging the gap between doers and donors: Our advocacy and influencing



Open Society Foundation Donor visit to AWDF house in Accra, Ghana.

After two decades of working at the intersection of philanthropy and movement-building, AWDF is strategically focused on using its access and voice to influence global decision-makers in creating a healthier and more supportive environment for the work of African women's rights and feminist movements to reach and sustain gender justice on the continent.

**Brokering critical conversations between the donor community and African feminists** is a critical part of AWDF's role. For example, in 2024, AWDF continued to partner with the Foundation for a Just Society (FJS) to inform the global philanthropic community about the critical importance of funding gender justice in French-speaking Africa. Building on the mapping we jointly commissioned in 2023, we brought together funders and feminist activists from the region on the margins of the AWID Forum. Activists presented their analysis of the regional context and identified funding gaps, while selected feminist funds and other funders already working in the region provided an overview of their work and offered recommendations to other donors considering involvement in the region. The ensuing dialogue was rich, candid, and constructive, enabling both parties to build connections and gather critical guidance for their future work.

In 2024, AWDF continued to contribute towards **strengthening pan-African philanthropic ecosystems** by leveraging our presence in key regional spaces to advocate for African philanthropy to include gender justice as a key goal. From engaging African corporate and high-net-worth donors during the 2024 African Philanthropy Forum (see our CEO in a panel [here](#)) to co-sponsoring the fifth African Philanthropy Conference, we ensured that a feminist framing was brought to a typically development-oriented conversation about the role of philanthropy on the continent. We also focused on country-level philanthropy conversations, especially in Ghana, where AWDF is rooted. There, we co-sponsored and participated in the second Women in Philanthropy (WiP-Ghana) conference, and took part in Ghana Philanthropy Week and the Ghana Civil Society Forum, both held in Accra in June 2024. Our active participation in networks like [Adoye](#) (formerly Women in African Philanthropy) continues to amplify the role of women in all spheres of philanthropy in Africa, challenging patriarchal notions of who gives, how, and to whom.

**Influencing global development and philanthropic actors** is critical to AWDF's strategy. We used our voice and access to bring messages from our local partners

to the global stages they couldn't access. We brought feminist perspectives to global policy conversations and analysed what the global donor community can do to advance gender justice in Africa. We highlighted the critical link between investments in feminist movements and SDG acceleration, challenging the false separation between "women's issues" and broader development goals during the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). We called donor governments to invest in the sustainability of feminist movements through partnership with feminist funds during the annual meeting of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Network on Gender Equality. We shared the lessons from AWDF's own grantmaking models in events, panels, publications, and networks. More privately, we provided guidance and advice to various foundations and donors about their strategies and models for advancing gender justice in Africa.

AWDF adopts **a collective approach to thought leadership and influence**, collaborating with other feminist funds, local partners, and others in Africa and beyond to strengthen our message. We worked closely with the members of consortia such as [Leading From the South](#) and *Kombo*, and continued to play a leadership role in Prospera, the International Network of Women's

and Feminist Funds (of which our CEO is the Co-Chair). We provided advisory support in the development of the Global Philanthropy Project's fifth [Global Resources Report](#), which tracked global funding for LGBTQIA+ causes in 2021 and 2022. Our CEO has joined the [UN Women Leaders Network](#), a high-level network that will support UN Women in transforming the landscape of women's leadership, identifying priorities and critical areas of work to advance gender equality and women's leadership globally.

Our advocacy focused on highlighting the dire issues in which African women, girls and gender-diverse people exist, and the challenges faced by feminist movements who work to advance gender justice (e.g. ongoing and new threats, inadequate amounts and modalities of donor funding) and the needs expressed by our local partners (e.g. flexible, longer-term support that enables both institutional resilience and rapid response to volatile contexts). We highlighted the importance of feminist funds as a vital and unique, yet largely unrecognised and underfunded part of the funding community. Our influencing work is not about visibility - it is about disrupting the status quo. We engage not to legitimise existing structures but to disrupt them, to create cracks through which new possibilities can emerge.

“These donor dialogues allowed us to speak directly about the realities we face,”

~ shared a feminist activist from Burkina Faso.

“Not just the challenges in our communities but the obstacles created by funding requirements that don't reflect our contexts. For once, we were not just recipients but experts shaping how resources should flow.”

# 07

## Strengthening AWDF from the inside out

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AWDF Board during the May 2024 Board meeting in Accra, Ghana.

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AWDF's organisational strength stems from developing strategies, processes, and an organisational culture that enable us to achieve our goals while upholding our feminist values. In 2024, we focused on becoming as resilient, adaptive, and transformative as the movements we support.

## Leadership and Governance Transitions

In an effort to align our governance more closely with *Lemlem's* vision, in 2024 we finalised the process of changing the composition of our Board to ensure AWDF's top oversight body collectively had the depth and diversity of skills needed to lead AWDF in this new era. We welcomed [Yvonne Ofosu-Appiah](#) as our ninth Board member. Yvonne brings seventeen years of combined experience in banking, capital markets, and impact investing across sub-Saharan Africa.

Part of building resilient organisations means managing transitions thoughtfully and welcoming new perspectives that strengthen our work. In 2024, Pontso Mafethe, Director of Programmes, and Nadia Ahidjo, Director of Partnerships and Philanthropy, both departed AWDF for new opportunities. We thank them for their exceptional contributions to AWDF and their dedicated work advancing African feminist movements. We welcomed two new leaders to our Senior Management Team: Nana Zulu, our Director of Programmes and Moreen Majiwa, our Director of Partnerships and Philanthropy. Together, they strengthen AWDF's leadership as we advance our *Lemlem* commitments.

## Investing in Our Team

We continued building AWDF as a financially secure, effective, well-governed, and values-aligned feminist organisation. Our decentralised team spans 10 African countries beyond our Ghana headquarters, from Morocco to Madagascar, and from Senegal to Kenya. We increased the number of fully bilingual staff to enhance our ability to engage partners across regional and linguistic barriers.

We invested in our team's feminist leadership capacities and created critical spaces to co-define an organisational culture aligned with our strategic direction. Lastly, we held Flourish retreats for our team - spaces for rest, reflection and connections which are critical to collective care.



Komboa convening on the sidelines of AWID Conference 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.

### DONOR PARTNERS

- Co-Impact Foundation
- Equality Fund
- Fenomenal Funds
- Foundation for a Just Society International
- Foundation for a Just Society
- Fondation CHANEL
- Ford Foundation Office for West Africa
- Gates Foundation
- Hewlett Foundation
- Hilton Foundation
- Irene M. Staehelin Foundation
- Libra Foundation
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
- Wellspring Philanthropic Fund

## Our 2024 finances in numbers

In 2024, AWDF continued to navigate a challenging funding landscape with resilience and strategic clarity, ensuring that our financial foundations remained strong even as we expanded our reach and deepened our impact. Overall,



In 2024, we had 14 active donor partners and welcomed new donor relationships, strengthening our ability to support movements across the continent. These new, renewed and long-standing partnerships reflect trust in AWDF's close relationships with movements, our contextual knowledge, and our proven ability to move resources effectively and responsibly to where they are most needed. that truly serve movements.

The work reflected in this report would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication of the AWDF Board, AWDF team members and our Donor Partners, whose commitment to feminist values guides every aspect of our implementation. We extend our deepest appreciation to the 179 grantee partners across 33 countries in 2024, who continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience and creativity in advancing gender justice despite increasingly challenging contexts. Your courage in holding the line, your innovation in building movements, and your solidarity in supporting one another exemplify the African feminist leadership our continent needs. Together, we carry forward the vital work of making gender justice a reality for all.

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