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Years of Challenge
Years of Change

As global trade began to boom, UNIFEM urged attention to its diverse impacts on women. After convening a meeting of government officials, women's activists and trade union officials from the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) countries in 1998, a high-level group on gender equality formed under the Mercosur trade agreement. Issues on the agenda now include women's labour patterns and migration. In 1995, UNIFEM held the first regional meeting in South Asia linking gender, trade and poverty. An enthusiastic public response convinced the UN Development Programme (UNDP) to create the Trade - Related Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Women. It has assisted at least 45,000 women by linking them to marketing associations and to information about domestic and foreign markets

Milestone

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New Initiatives

AFRICA

Programme for the Great Lakes Region of Africa

\$ 654,664

The programme seeks to contribute to the realization of women's political empowerment, human rights and security in the Great Lakes Region. Its immediate objectives are: (i) to strengthen women's capacities for policy dialogue, coalition building, peace negotiations, leadership and resource mobilization; and (ii) to advocate for a normative framework that commits governments to eliminating gender inequality.

Promoting Women's Human Rights and Enhancing Gender Equality in Democratic Governance in Kenya

\$ 3,896,435

The initiative seeks to increase options, capacities and resources for women with the aim of reducing feminized poverty and vulnerability to HIV/AIDS as well as violence against women. It also promotes women's leadership in governance as well as peace and security processes.

Promoting Women's Participation and Gender Equality in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding in Sudan

\$ 1,786,000

The project aims at ensuring that women's concerns are fully taken into account in the reconstruction efforts in Sudan. To that end, it seeks to strengthen partnerships for the protection and promotion of women's rights and build the capacity of women's organizations.

ASIA/PACIFIC & ARAB STATES

Women's Leadership and Livelihoods in Relief and Reconstruction in Tsunami-affected Communities

\$ 803,341

The initiative seeks to ensure that the relief and reconstruction efforts in Indonesia, Somalia and Sri Lanka fully take into account women's human rights and emphasize protection, women's leadership and the strengthening of women's organizations as well as the need for the rebuilding of livelihoods.

Social Communication, Political Participation and Democratic Governance for Women's Empowerment in Morocco

\$ 694,006

The initiative aims to empower women in Morocco within the family and the political sphere. The project involves conducting awareness campaigns on the new family law and promoting greater representation of women in parliament through sensitization seminars for legislative authorities and support for advocacy by NGOs. Activities also include capacity building of NGOs.

Functional Literacy and Women's Empowerment in Morocco

\$ 243,659

The project supports the implementation of the national strategy for the eradication of illiteracy. It seeks to mainstream gender into the official literacy documents and to improve women's knowledge of legal issues, especially of the family law. To that end, the project involves preparing an annotated study of existing sensitization materials on women's rights. UNIFEM also participates in the development of training materials for adult literacy trainers and in training of facilitators in short-term adult literacy.

EUROPE & CIS

Advancing Women's Rights for Democratic Governance and Peace in Southeast Europe

\$ 400,000

The goal of the programme is to promote the implementation of National Action Plans and legislation on gender equality. It seeks to lend support to key government institutions with a view to strengthening their accountability to advancing women's rights; and capacity building of NGOs is geared towards monitoring of and advocating for implementation of gender equality laws and policies.

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Safe Cities

\$ 647,058

The project addresses violence against women in cities, specifically in Rosario, Argentina, Bogota, Colombia and throughout Chile. It aims to produce information on urban violence against women, conduct awareness campaigns, develop proposals to make cities safer and strengthen municipal institutions dealing with gender issues.

Incorporating Gender, Racial and Ethnic Equality Dimensions into Poverty Eradication Programmes

\$ 835,475

The project aims to promote the incorporation of gender as well as racial and ethnic equality into governmental and non-governmental programmes to reduce poverty and social inequalities in Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala and Paraguay. To that end, the project involves documenting concepts and lessons learned; strengthening the capacity of government and non-governmental organizations, and supporting coordination



among government organizations working for black and indigenous women's rights and those focused on statistics and planning.

Women, Peace and Security in Latin America

\$ 514,138

The project aims at supporting sustainable peace and democratic governance in Colombia and Guatemala by integrating a gender perspective into conflict prevention, peacebuilding and post-conflict processes. It seeks to strengthen democratic institutions and protection mechanisms and to support the participation of women in conflict resolution through assistance and training.

Capacity Building for Mainstreaming Gender Analysis in HIV/AIDS Programming in the Caribbean

\$ 280,233

With this inter-agency project UNIFEM supports the development and implementation of training in gender analysis and HIV/AIDS for policy makers and programmers in the Caribbean. The project's capacity building approaches are informed by operational research and best practices and demonstrate that gender equality and women's empowerment are fundamental to preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and reducing its social and economic impact on communities.

*This information provides details on new UNIFEM initiatives approved in 2005/2006 and does not represent the entire portfolio of ongoing programmes. The amounts quoted may represent multi-year pledges.

Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women -2005 Grantees*

AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo - Mouvement pour la Jeunesse Congolaise HIV

\$70,000

The project aims to address violence against women and girls and its link to HIV/AIDS by providing medical, psychological, social and legal assistance in Southern Kivu, located in the eastern part of the DRC.

Mali - Centre DJOLIBA du Mali

\$60,000

To abolish the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM), the Centre DJOLIBA works with government ministries, civil society and traditional and religious leaders in order to foster dialogue that can lead to changes in practices and attitudes.

Nigeria - Women Aid Collective

\$100,000

In three states of Nigeria, the Women Aid Collective trains community-based organizations, health workers and the police to increase awareness on relevant laws and enable effective response mechanisms to cases of gender-based violence.

South Africa -

The Mother tongue Project

\$25,000

Using theatre workshops and performances, Mother tongue provides women and girls with an opportunity to articulate their fears, concerns and needs and at the same time inform the wider community about the interrelation between violence against women and HIV/AIDS.

Swaziland - Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse

\$75,000

The Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse advocates for and raises awareness about the draft Bill on Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence to support its adoption through Parliament.

Tanzania - Kivulin and IOFA Prevention of Adolescent Trafficking

\$100,000

The initiative aims to prevent trafficking of adolescents by informing them about their rights and teaching them how to evaluate alleged job recruitment through educational materials and the involvement of community leaders and parents.

Uganda - Centre for Domestic Violence Prevention

\$65,000

The initiative involves conducting public awareness activities around the linkages between gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS, training police officers to effectively implement new violence against women policies, and conducting seminars with local councils and community leaders.

ASIA/PACIFIC

Bhutan - National Commission for Women and Children

\$75,000

The initiative seeks to make the judicial system more transparent and accessible to women and change the way the police and judiciary respond to cases of violence. Awareness-raising activities include training and the filming of court procedures.

Cambodia - Cambodian Women's Crisis Centre

\$100,000

To support the effective implementation of the recently passed Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Cambodian Women's Crisis Centre conducts public awareness campaigns and trains volunteers to provide counselling and legal aid.

India - Positive Women Network

\$25,000

The project addresses the rights of women living with HIV/AIDS to access health, medical and legal services and to own property, aiming particularly at reducing discrimination and violence within the families of women living with the disease.

Nepal - Semanata Institute for Gender and Equality

\$50,000

The project intends to raise awareness about violence against women and HIV/AIDS among both migrant women workers and displaced women and girls who are at risk in their workplace.

Pakistan - War Against Rape (WAR)

\$25,000

War Against Rape (WAR) aims to set up a comprehensive database on the response of the medical and legal system to sexual violence cases. To that end, the project is reviewing complaint and treatment records in five major cities.

Papua New Guinea - International Women's Development Agency, Kup Women for Peace, Meri Kirap Sapotim

\$100,000

The project seeks to strengthen justice for women through supporting responsive and gender-sensitive policies and practices within the PNG police force.

Samoa - Samoa Aids Foundation

\$73,000

Using theatre as a means of communication and targeting schools and universities, the Samoa Aids Foundation raises awareness on sexual violence and HIV/AIDS among young people.

Viet Nam - Handicraft Research and Promotion Centre

\$70,000

Using the infrastructure of handicraft villages as an entry point, the initiative aims to strengthen the capacity of clinics to provide voluntary testing and counselling and of women's and youth unions to address the link between domestic violence and HIV/AIDS.

EUROPE & CIS

FYR Macedonia - Association of Citizens Akcija Zdruzenska

\$100,000

The project supports the implementation of new provisions on domestic violence in the Criminal and Family Code by forging partnerships with key government agencies and networks of service providers and by reaching out to the public.

*Since its inception in 1996, the Trust Fund has awarded more than \$10 million in grants to 199 initiatives in 83 countries.

Tajikistan - Association of NGOs on Gender Issues and Prevention of Violence Against Women

\$100,000

The NGO consortium's focus in this project is on implementing the country's law on ending violence against women by working together with representatives from government, law enforcement, civil society and crisis centres as well as health and social services.

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Regional - Fundación Justicia y Género

\$100,000

Fundación Justicia y Género is undertaking an analysis of laws on domestic violence in Central America and the Dominican Republic, monitoring their application and gathering data to provide an evidence-based assessment of the performance of the judiciary.

Brazil - CRIOLA

\$100,000

CRIOLA, which works to combat racism and violence against women, is co-organizing the Black Women's Network against Violence to advocate for women's rights and studying the impact of violence against black women.

Colombia - Colectivo Mujeres al Derecho, ADEICON and TEKNOS

\$100,000

To prevent violence against women and encourage victims to report crimes, the organizations seek to build public awareness through a media campaign and provide training to create a network of counsellors for the prevention of violence.

Dominica - Women's Bureau and National Council of Women

\$100,000

The organizations aim to bring together partners from government, the police, men's and legal aid organizations to raise public awareness on violence against women and improve services.

Haiti - Komisyon Fanm Victim Pou Viktim

\$75,000

Through the Trust Fund grant, the Commission of Women Victims for Victims, a support centre for survivors of rape, provides education on HIV/AIDS and its link to violence.

Mexico - Centro de Investigación en Salud de Comitán

\$75,000

Based on an assessment of perceptions on gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS among young, rural, indigenous women in the state of Chiapas, the initiative seeks to design culturally appropriate intervention strategies.

Peru - Asociación Minga Peru

\$75,000

The project aims to reduce violence and HIV/AIDS in the Loreto region in Peru through the development of radio programmes that will be transmitted in the region's communities.