



**THEY COUNT
ON US
WE COUNT
ON YOU**



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

"The more I know about this Fund and what it accomplishes, the more committed I am to help. And help is urgently needed. Much has been achieved but much more needs to be done and can be done. The demand to the UN Trust Fund far exceeds the funding available. So my message here today is: Your support counts. Let survivors of violence know that they can count on you."

**Nicole Kidman, UN Women Goodwill Ambassador,
UN General Assembly, June 2012**



Violence against women and girls is a human rights violation that knows no borders. It affects women in every society and cuts across boundaries of wealth, race and culture. It is fuelled by historically and culturally specific values that foster discrimination against women. These deep-seated values still permeate the policies and practices of many social and political institutions. This can and must change.

We have made some progress in recent years. The obligations of states to prevent, eradicate and punish violence against women and girls are now enshrined in international and regional laws and standards, and countries around the world have developed a range of initiatives to address and prevent these abuses.

And yet, the scale of this continuing global pandemic underlines the urgent need for greater political commitment, action and resources.

**78 active grants in 71 countries and territories
for a total value of US\$ 56.8 million**



**TO DATE, THE UN TRUST FUND HAS DELIVERED MORE THAN
\$95 MILLION TO 368 INITIATIVES IN 132 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES**

THE RIGHT FUNDING AT THE RIGHT TIME

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, created in 1996, supports practical steps to tackle violence against women and girls in all its forms. It provides help for effective and sustainable initiatives to prevent, address, reduce and ultimately eliminate these violations of women's human rights.

Every year, the UN Trust Fund provides funding to civil society organizations, governments and UN Country Teams. The process for awarding grants is competitive, open and transparent so we can be sure the projects we support are those best placed to:

- 📍 Prevent violence against women and girls by supporting groups at particular risk, such as teenage girls, Indigenous women and women members of minority ethnic groups; and engage with strategically important groups such as young people, men and boys, and traditional and faith-based leaders.
- 📍 Expand access to services for women and girl survivors of violence and improve the capacity of those providing services, including legal assistance, psychosocial counselling and health care, to respond effectively to their needs.
- 📍 Strengthen implementation of laws, policies and action plans on violence against women and girls, including by improving the collection and analysis of information and helping institutions become more effective, transparent and accountable.
- 📍 Assist survivors of conflict-related sexual violence.
- 📍 Address the links between violence against women and HIV/AIDS.

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

"The UN Trust Fund was one of the Program's earliest sponsors... we have benefited enormously from the Fund's prioritization of building connections among its grantees working on sexual violence."

Karen Naimer, Director of the Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones, Physicians for Human Rights, September 2013

CROSS-REGIONAL: BRAZIL, CHILE AND RWANDA

Promundo, a Brazilian-based NGO, used support from the UN Trust Fund to test a range of strategies on how to engage men and boys in preventing violence against women and girls. The results have provided compelling evidence of how initiatives, such as activities around football tournaments, workshops and community interventions, can lead to positive changes in attitudes and behaviour regarding violence against women and girls.

LATIN AMERICA

The UN Trust Fund financed the production of a popular TV series by Puntos de Encuentro, a renowned education-entertainment (edutainment) organization in Nicaragua. The series, Contracorriente, raised awareness of sexual exploitation and sent a powerful message to a mass audience that everyone, women and men, boys and girls, should speak out against all forms of violence.

EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

A UN Trust Fund enabled the Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health (UFPH) to create Kiev's first integrated service centre for women and girls living on the street, a group that is at particular risk of violence and HIV/AIDS. By delivering psychosocial and legal support, HIV testing and better access to social welfare, the UFPH is helping women and girls rebuild their lives.

ASIA

The UN Trust Fund supported the Acid Survivors Trust International and its partner, the Cambodian Acid Survivors Charity, in their campaign to get new legislation passed in Cambodia on acid violence, one of the most shocking and debilitating forms of violence against women. Implementation of the new Acid Attack Law is helping end impunity for these crimes: 2013 saw the first conviction in Cambodia for an acid attack.

AFRICA

A UN Trust Fund grant is helping Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) use mobile phones to give survivors of sexual violence better access to justice. PHR developed an award-winning application that can document, photograph and transmit forensic evidence of sexual violence to the police, hospitals and courts. So far, the initiative involves five countries: the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Uganda and Sudan.

CONFLICT AND POSTCONFLICT

In South Sudan, the UN Trust Fund is helping the American Rescue Committee (ARC) to promote and improve access to services for survivors of gender-based sexual violence. The ARC has successfully ensured that its programme is sustainable and enjoys strong community support: in two states, 80 per cent of referrals to medical and legal services are supported by ARC-trained community volunteers. Currently active in four states, the ARC programme has benefited more than 42,000 people.

PACIFIC

In Tonga, UN Trust Fund support helped the Regional Rights Resource Team build capacity to lobby for legislative change. In 2013, the first law dealing with domestic violence in Tonga was enacted.

WHAT YOUR MONEY CAN DO

Your donation to the UN Trust Fund is an effective and long-term investment in building a world free from violence against women and girls. By supporting actions where they matter most, the UN Trust Fund is uniquely placed to meet the most urgent needs of women and girls and their communities.

\$100

Provide 20 tool kits for community activists to educate men and women in **Uganda** about the risks of violence against women and HIV.

\$500

Provide emergency shelter, food, and clothing to a woman survivor of slavery in **Mauritania** and her family.

\$1,000

Establish a task force to monitor the development and implementation of new guidelines on providing integrated services for those affected by gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS in **Indonesia**.

\$2,500

Provide sexual and reproductive health services and counseling to women workers in 4 marketplaces across **Fiji**.



Build capacity in 20 schools in **Viet Nam** to address school-related gender-based violence.

\$10,000

Provide legal and psychosocial counselling to 200 **Moroccan** women living in a shelter for survivors of violence.

\$15,000

Provide legal training to 500 survivors of violence and women at risk in **Jamaica**.

\$20,000

Establish a mobile legal clinic for survivors of violence and women at risk living in camps for refugees and internally displaced people in **Afghanistan**.

\$50,000

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Thank you
from women and
girls all over the
world counting
on your support.

"Financial support provided by The UN Trust Fund is significant in many ways: it will allow piloting the model of peer-to-peer awareness raising, as well as the model of providing support to young VAW-survivors; further it will make possible to present the tested models and prepare them for multiplication throughout the country and internationally, which will gradually attract more and more young people to non-violent life."

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