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DEAR READER,

Drawing on the energy of moons, we are pleased to introduce you to the latest cohort of powerful young feminist groups joining the FRIDA community. **THIS NEW GRANT CYCLE BRINGS 87 NEW GROUPS FROM 80 COUNTRIES! WE PRESENT THEIR STORIES IN THIS ZINE ENTITLED 'NEW MOONS'.**

The new moon period is actually darker than full moons, allowing the stars and planets to shine brighter, before building up to the brightness of a full moon. The 'New moons' zine give us an opportunity to reflect, rejuvenate and reset

strategic intentions towards the new feminist realities that we are envisioning. **AS WITH EACH MOON CYCLE, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW BEGINNINGS - YOUNG FEMINIST ORGANIZERS ARE FINDING WAYS TO PUSH BACK AGAINST PATRIARCHY, SEXISM, MISOGYNY, HOMOPHOBIA, ECONOMIC INEQUALITY, ABLEISM, AND MORE.**

Please join us in welcoming this new moon, by learning more about these groups doing innovative and creative work in their communities. **FOR THE FIRST TIME, FRIDA IS SUPPORTING YOUNG FEMINIST GROUPS IN ANGOLA,**

AZERBAIJAN, BARBADOS, BENIN, ETHIOPIA, LIBYA, MOLDOVA, MONTENEGRO, PUERTO RICO, SWAZILAND, URUGUAY AND VANUATU, IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES.

This zine does not include all new grantee partners who have joined FRIDA's community this year, as some groups have chosen to remain anonymous and/or away from the public eye owing to the secure nature of their work, climatic and government conditions of their region or simply out of choice. We acknowledge their work too, as we shine light on the amazing groups featured in this zine.

HOW IT WORKS

GRANTMAKING PROCESS



1

Call for proposals



2

Applications are submitted by
young feminist groups all
around the globe



3

Applications are screened and
processed by FRIDA staff and
advisers



4

Young feminist groups that
applied vote on applications
in their region



5

Grants awarded



6

FRIDA provides capacity
building support and grantees
carry out activities

"WE FEEL INSPIRED AND ENCOURAGED THAT OUR REGION IS SO RICH IN RESISTANCE CULTURE AND FEMINIST ACTIVISM, AS THESE EFFORTS ARE USUALLY INVISIBLE IN BALKAN PUBLIC DISCOURSE. WE WOULD LOVE TO NETWORK WITH OTHER FEMINIST GROUPS IN THE REGION."

"WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THIS PROCESS. IN ADDITION, WE NOTE THAT THIS PROCESS WILL INCREASE THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH APPLICANT, AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROCESS."

"WE FELT VERY CONNECTED, PROUD, HOPEFUL AND EXCITED AS WE SAW THAT MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FEMINISM. THAT GAVE US MORE HOPE AND POWER TO CONTINUE OUR WORK WITH A NEW EXCITEMENT."

"WE ARE EXCITED AND INSPIRED TO LEARN ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING! WE FEEL HONOURED TO BE AMONG THE SHORTLISTED PROJECTS AND BE VIRTUALLY CONNECTED WITH AMAZING PEOPLE! WE HOPE THAT THE OTHER PEOPLE WERE ALSO ENRICHED BY READING ABOUT OUR WORK."

FRIDA'S PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING MODEL involves peer to peer decision making process where young feminist groups that apply get an opportunity to get acquainted with the work of young feminist groups across their region. Applicants get to read applications summaries of the groups that applied in their region and support the ones that they believe are the most needed in their context.

By reading the applications in their region, groups get to learn about the needs, issues and innovative strategies emerging in their context, and the act of voting is a way of not only exercising power as a young leader but also showing solidarity in making the decision around where should resources move, while learning and supporting each others' work.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO FRIDA ADVISORY COMMUNITY, STAFF MEMBERS AND COUNTLESS YOUNG FEMINISTS COLLECTIVES FOR BEING PART OF THIS DECISION MAKING PROCESS AND COLLECTIVELY DECIDING THE DIRECTION OF RESOURCES, WHILE LEARNING AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHERS' WORK.

Since inception, FRIDA has been committed to embodying young feminist voices in every part of its journey. As a result of this collective power FRIDA has been able to support groups that work across thematic, movements, identities and borders. We continue to be inspired by them and learn more about the diversity, struggles, needs and shifts within the young feminist movement. With these 'New Moons', we hope you are too!

With love,

TEAM FRIDA

ACTION AGAINST THE MARGINALISATION OF WOMEN (AAMW)

The mission of Action Against the Marginalisation of women (AAMW) is to consolidate all efforts aimed at bringing opportunities to socially excluded women, work towards disbanding all witches camps and a complete reintegration of women banished to the witches camp and reconcile them into a social living of dignity.

It was formed in 2016 with the following goals:

- Discourage the branding of old women as witches
- Provide personnel to any attempt to empower liberate and reintegrate “witches” back into the society
- Rehabilitate and reintegrate “witches” back to their families the community
- Disband and dissolve all witches camps

The group’s resolve is to conduct a research to assess the impact of existing interventions in the lives of women, organise stakeholder workshop, media and community engagements and have a master plan to reintegrate these women back into the community.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



GHANA



**AREA OF WORK
MINORITIES**

ACTION FEMME ET ECO-JUSTICE (AFECOJU)

Action Femme Et Eco-Justice (AFECOJU) was created in 2015. They fight for the recognition and access to human and environmental rights, especially land rights and water rights, of women, young feminists and other marginalized groups, including transgender people, as well as for climate and environmental justice and gender equality to combat all forms of violence suffered by marginalized groups. The group's vision is to contribute to the building of a strong movement in which the marginalised and vulnerable sections of society make their voices heard through mobilization actions, campaigning, awareness raising, training, lobbying and advocacy that effectively change laws and policies.

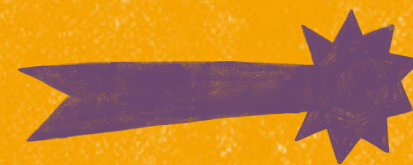
One of the great successes of this group has been the creation of a community space where young women and young feminists and other groups meet frequently to share their stories of surviving violence. The group has managed to defend and restore land rights to young, rural women, whose land was confiscated as a result of feudal land policies. This success was made possible by the lobbying, mobilization and advocacy actions of the group's activists.



**FOUNDED IN
2015**



CONGO



**AREA OF WORK
CLIMATE JUSTICE
/ RURAL**

AFRO-BENIN

Afro-Benin is a Beninese association of Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queers (LBTQ) and Sex Workers, created in July 2013 and registered legally since February 2016. Its mission is to create a world where all girls and women, regardless of their identity or sexual orientation, achieve empowerment. To this end, it has a global mission to promote the vitality of girls, women, LBTQ and/or sex workers, through new approaches to intervention and participation.

Afro-Benin has developed their expertise through the awareness and advocacy activities that they carry out, particularly with the AFRO-ACTI project, which has strengthened the leadership of its members and facilitated the mobilization of LBTQs in the most remote areas.



**FOUNDED IN
2013**



BENIN



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA* /
SEX WORKERS**



AMNA INITIATIVE

In November 2017, the UN Women launched their online campaign on 16Days against gender based violence, which inspired Moneera Yassien to write a post about Violence against Women (VAW) on Facebook and putting a link for a website where one can send messages anonymously, asking women and girls to voice those experiences with violence. In the 16 days that the website ran, she received around 300 stories! This led to the creation of AMNA initiative, inspired by strong souls dealing with violence every day.

AMNA works to raise awareness about VAW, through highlighting the existence of this issue in their community, and responding to any type of violation women face. AMNA means safe in Arabic, and it's also a female name. To them, it represents any Sudanese girl who has faced violence, and their goal is to make any Sudanese girl Amna "safe"

Started in November 2017, they have reached over 4000 people through social media, built a community of 300+ supporters and volunteers and trained 200+ youth (15-29) on VAW, Gender issues and design thinking, with zero to minimum budget. The group believes this to be their greatest achievement so far.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



**LEVANT
REGION**



**AREA OF WORK
SEXUAL AND GENDER
/ BASED VIOLENCE**



AMRA ODBHUTH COLLECTIVE

Amra Odbudh Collective was founded in May, 2016 to help create more safe spaces for queer and trans performance, art and conversation. Working out of Kolkata, West Bengal, the group members felt a lack of spaces outside cruising areas for queer and trans people to meet and connect. "These public spaces are also dominated by cis hetero people who often make LGBTQ people feel unsafe, and in many cases actively inflict physical violence to community members. For this reason we wanted a community run space where we can control our own narratives and feel safe being vulnerable and ourselves," they said. Art is at the centre of their project, as all their organisers are artists and performers that feel it is important to curate LGBTQ culture and find ways of archiving, sharing and living their stories.

In early 2017, the group organised an event that helped raise funds for many elderly, homeless trans artists. This was extremely crucial, because it helped pay for their healthcare in an unexpected health crisis that followed. Apart from this, their events usually have a footfall of 50-150 LGBTQ people. A poetry reading by Alok Vaid Menon was attended by many queer folks who brought their parents along, and it opened a larger conversation about queerness within family structures. The Collective events, in many ways, becomes the space for negotiation of queerness between biological and chosen families.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



INDIA



**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM /
LGBTQIA***

ARMARIO ABIERTO

In 2011, Armario Abierto organized in Manizales the first march to commemorate the Stonewall riots and, during the following four years, it was the same LGBTIQ population who planned and executed the mobilization. However, as the system is characterised by having the capacity to capture the resistances, the City Hall decided to institutionalise the march. During the last years, social organizations have tried, in various ways, to influence the planning of the march co-opted by the State, but the efforts have been in vain because of limited conditions and the very conservative context in which we live. Resultantly, this year, Armario Abierto has proposed two other sexual, social and gender dissenting organizations that exist in Manizales, to create a Dissenting State Block for the march of pride, in order to position, from an artistic-cultural bet, their voice of protest against the systematic abuses of the State against LGBTIQ, specifically converging on the rejection of:

- The police harassment against trans women
- The lack of real guarantees for trans women to have access to education, health and work in decent conditions
- Government contracting of people who have no training in sexual and gender diversity to carry out activities with lesbians, gays, bisexuals, trans and intersex.
- The utilitarian treatment that the State gives to the LGBTI population, taking advantage of our needs to present innocuous results, without generating long-term processes that effectively affect the improvement of our quality of life
- Impunity in the face of LGBTI murders

"We call the block as: KU-KOS KLAN because the State has carried out genocidal practices against us, at the same time that it has propitiated the conditions for the realization of the extermination under the so-called "social cleansing". And, as the Ku Kux Klan also perpetrated crimes against homosexuals in the genocide, we decided to subvert its name to warn about the systematic violence, since we propose it to be an anti fascist, anti-patriarchal, anti-racist and anti-capitalist bloc, positioning ourselves politically as a diverse, colorful, and endurance alternative," they say. You can see some of the groups' mobilisation videos [HERE](#).



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



COLOMBIA



**AREA OF WORK
SEX WORKERS |
SEXUAL AND GEN-
DER BASED VIOLENCE
| LGBTQIA***

ARQUIVO DE IDENTIDADE ANGOLANO

Arquivo de Identidade Angolano was founded in 2017 with the main vision of creating a safe space that makes an LGBTIQ leadership possible. They do this by connecting feminists and LGBTIQ women to create content about gender, sex and sexuality. The group believes that create an LGBTIQ space together that is safe, friendly and feminist is an important achievement. They started out first as an office, and then an open space for LGBTIQ people, but it is now slowly becoming a shelter for people who identify as sexual minorities. "We are creating spaces where people feel empower to be themselves as well as to discuss their own issues," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



ANGOLA



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA***

ASSOCIATION SPECTRA

Spectra was founded in 2017 and its vision is a society where all persons enjoy equal rights and treatment, where all identities and bodies are respected and all of our differences are celebrated. Their mission is to create a strong, visible and influencing decision making movement which will aim to bring a complete respect of human rights of trans and intersex persons in Montenegrin society.

In 2018, they organized their first photo exhibition that dealt with trans issues. The exhibition was created with the participation of 12 trans and gender variant people, of whom many decided to show their faces publicly. It was exhibited in the city center of their town, Podgorica, Montenegro, and had many visitors as well as a very good media coverage.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



MONTENEGRO



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA***

BRIGADA MIGRANTE FEMINISTA

This collective was founded in 2017. During a conversation, when group members began reflecting being women and lesbian migrants in Chile, on March 8, 2017, they read their first manifesto on the march for the day of working women in Valparaíso and made their first street intervention to visibilise the femicides that occurred throughout Abya Yala. Their vision, as a collective is to guarantee full access to the rights of women and migrant children in their region, by interrogating racism, xenophobia and misogyny through a feminist intervention in public space. In this regard, Brigada Migrante Feminista's mission is to generate networks of support among girls, adolescents, migrant women and pro-migrants, and co build experiences of artistic, intercultural and feminist education in Valparaíso.

"One of our most important achievements is to be able to build our own political space, to make room for our critical voice from our experiences as women, dissidents and migrants, and doing so from a feminist lens," they say. Additionally, to have been one of the most voted projects in the Latin America and Caribbean region during FRIDA voting process has reaffirmed the group's commitment to fight for the visibility of young migrant women, and continue to build bridges of solidarity without a border.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**

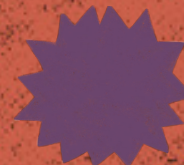
CHILE

**AREA OF WORK
MINORITIES /
SEXUAL AND
GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE**

CHIDA YOUNG WOMEN PARALEGAIS

CHIDA young women Paralegals was founded in September 2017 and came in to operations early 2018 envisioning a world in which Tanzanian women and girls are informed, empowered and unconditionally taking part in leadership and decision making at all levels. CHIDA young women paralegals group endeavors to empower women and girls with knowledge, skills and Information on and how to access their fundamental rights. Customary norms are strongly against women owning land and controlling property thereon. Most Tanzanian rural women are not aware of their fundamental rights including the right to acquire, use and own land as enshrined in the 1977 constitution. CHIDA young women paralegal group is fully engaged in educating and raising women's awareness on their fundamental rights including the land ownership, matrimonial property-inheritance rights etc.

Since the group's inception, two significant cases of land disputes were handled and verdicts under the assistance of CHIDA young women paralegals at ward level were delivered. Out of these two cases, the verdict of one of them was challenged and referred to the District land tribunal in Mufindi district where again the plaintiff lost, but re-appealed to the Regional land tribunal in Iringa region where the case victoriously ended in favor of the village land committee's ruling which was assisted by the young women paralegals who played a big role.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



TANZANIA



**AREA OF WORK
LEGAL
ADVOCACY**

CHOLA CONTRAVISUAL

Chola Contravisual is a young feminist communicators collective who have been working to achieve decent, free and happy existences for women and LGBTIQ people since 2015. Their storytelling and narrative originates from shared and own experiences, an alternative to the dominant discourse that usually relegates us and generate violence based on our identities. They build audiovisual material against hegemonic and decentralized, visualizing and promoting new rebellions that challenge the oppressions and established orders. They are part of free training, which involves the creation of collective houses and spaces where they exchange knowledge, focusing on the principle of reciprocity as a transforming and revolutionary weapon.

In April 2017, they inaugurated La Munay Casa, a cultural center and community meeting and conspiracy space for the fight against patriarchal violence. This project is born from the need to make feminist advocacy in Huancayo, one of the most conservative, religious and violent cities with women and / or LGBTIQ people in Peru. The group members have been working on communication, free training and cultural management. Their greatest success has been to be able to articulate and conspire with various feminist organizations and collectives in Peru and Latin America in the last 3 years. "Working from creative collaboration is a very powerful satisfaction," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



PERU

**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM I
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING**

COLECTIVA LÍNEA VIOLETA MEXICO

Colectiva Línea Violeta's mission is to provide a safe virtual space for women who are going through an emotional crisis. Through catharsis and providing a loving feminist accompaniment, they work towards preventing any self-harm or suicidal tendencies that may be a consequence of depressive or anxious crises faced by women survivors. They believe that their greatest achievement has been to direct women to seek professional help. "Many have contacted on different occasions to tell us that they have left some violent relationship and are already in therapy," and this makes the group members happy. They also work on arranging self-care workshop that women find very helpful, learning to take care of themselves and each other--something that, many times, is never taught during therapy.



FOUNDED IN



MEXICO

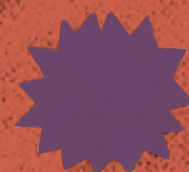
**AREA OF WORK
HEALTHCARE /
SEXUAL AND GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE**

Соль

Феминистская группировка “Соль” or Feminist Group “Salt” was born in July 2017. Here is how they describe themselves:

Hello, we are the salt! We are sick, poor, evil and smart. We are sick and poor enough to understand the limitations of our resources and do exactly what we can. We are evil enough to resist discriminatory and exploitative sh*t. Because we are already sick of it. We are smart enough to realize that most of our diseases, poverty and anger are a direct consequence of the social class, gender and other inequalities from which states and corporations benefit, and most people are alienated and disadvantaged in multiple ways. We do not believe in mass enlightenment, lecturing. We do not believe in cooperation with oppressive systems. We are not employees. We are co-authors, for those who are ready to be with us, who are tired of experiencing their marginality alone, seeking an outlet for this experience. We believe in this minority - we are this minority. We turn art to ourselves and in ourselves, we experience our pain, suffering and hope through the medium of art. We turn art from an empty elite cannon into a personal message.

The group is made up of self-identified queer anarcho feminists who, in their own words, “are not looking for our place under the sun; we will create a place and the sun”. Their group is now a reality, thanks to the support of FRIDA and the larger young feminist community. “A group of people believed in our idea, dream and voted for us. A crazy idea has now become a reality - that is the biggest achievement of our group,” they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



UKRAINE

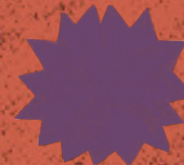


**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM /
LGBTQIA***

COLECTIVO MORIVIVI

Colectivo Moriviví group was founded on April, 2013. The group's mission is to develop urban art accessible to all peoples, produce more art with social responsibility that projects the act of existing as both positive and diverse; offering in each work of art a point of view with a universal content, which serves to convene the exchange of ideas between people, and nurture the sense of community.

The group believes that for artists, particularly painters, it's hard to produce a piece with others. "Our most admirable achievement has been creating pieces where many hands intervened but have an overall integrity in their style and content. This started as an inside process in the collective and now we have found ways to open the participation to community members, that don't always believe they are capable of producing art," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2013**



**PUERTO
RICO**



**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM**

Сила равенства *THE POWER OF EQUALITY*

An intersectional feminist initiative "The Power of Equality" (Сила равенства) was created in Krasnodar in 2016.

The mission of this group is to build a society free from all forms of discrimination, improve the lives of young women, trans * and intersex youth, achieve equality regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, race, age and religion. The group is fighting against the oppression of women in the Southern Federal District and the North Caucasus.

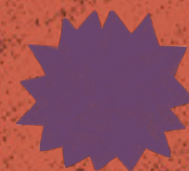
They also support other human rights movements, including LGBT + community and public initiatives.

"In our work we are guided by the principles of equality, diversity and justice, intersectional feminism, trans-inclusiveness and inclusive activism," they say. The aim of all their activities is to build an interregional feminist movement in the North Caucasus and Southern Federal District, unite and educate women in the North Caucasus and the Southern Federal District, raise awareness and understanding of the LGBT community problems, create an inclusive space for women and LGBT representatives to exchange information and exchange of experience.

They are the only feminist organization in the entire 10 millionth South of Russia that follows the principles of intersectionality and trans-inclusiveness. "This is our achievement and strength, but at the same time puts us in a vulnerable position in society and deprives many opportunities. But we are ready to fight for our rights and the opportunity for free expression, to unite and educate the women of the South of Russia," they say.



The Power of Equality



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



RUSSIA



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA* /
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING**

DRUSTVO KVARTIR

Kvartir was founded in 2014 by a group of young queer women and trans people to make a space in their local community for trans and bisexual individuals, and other overlooked queer minorities. They strive to bring feminist voices into local LGBT+ activism, and develop creative projects to enrich our community. Kvartir was the first and only organisation in Slovenia to address bisexuality. Over the past three years they have established a bright and thriving bisexual community, one of the most prominent and active in all of Europe.



**FOUNDED IN
2014**



SLOVENIA



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA***

EDUCATION AND LABOR ASSOCIATION

Education and Labour Association (E&LA) is a feminist organization working on women and girls issues. E&LA has been founded by four women from different regions of Georgia in 2014, and its mission is to support the formation of a harmonious society based on principles of social justice by empowering women and girls from the rural area, ensuring complete involvement and equal participation in social, political, cultural and economic life for all women and girls. They envision a just, equal and democratic society where all women/girls and LGBTQI people are aware of their rights and are able to participate in all areas of the life.

E&LA is the only organization in Georgia, that has conducted trainings on SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) issues with school children in Samegrelo region, trained more than 400 pupils. Children were “coming out” during trainings and the feedback they received was very helpful. They have also had exhibitions of LGBTI people’s photographs in three big cities of Georgia (Tbilisi, Kutaisi and Zugdidi). “The purpose of this was to empower the LGBTI community and show them those who remain in the closet, people who are happy and proud of their ‘different’ identity and that nobody has the right to determine how you should be,” they said. The positive narratives of LGBTI lives was exhibited, shortly after which the local government established the position of a local government advisor in gender issues, based on the group’s recommendation, which is still functioning and helps organizations to successfully implement projects there.



**FOUNDED IN
2014**

GEORGIA

**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA* /
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING**

ELAS EXISTEM MULHERES ENCARCERADAS



Elas Existem- Mulheres Encarceradas (They Exist- Incarcerated Women) appeared in 2016, and is an intersectional feminist organization, anti-punitive, criminal abolitionist and aims to act on behalf of women who make up the prison system and adolescents childcare system in Rio de Janeiro. The association's main focus is on pregnant, postpartum and lactating women in deprivation of liberty, arrested transsexual women; the entry and exit of the prison system; women deprived of their liberty assisted by the mental-asylum units; adolescents in deprivation of liberty; foreigners in deprivation of liberty; the black women and their relation with the jail. The association fight not only for the improvement of the conditions in the prison, in immediacy, but also for extrication, considering the selectivity of Brazil's criminal justice system, which mainly affects poor black population, and also the specific situation of women's vulnerability in jail, which are invisible and forgotten.

The group members are currently developing workshops aimed at adolescents in compliance with socio-educational measures in the PACGC, which aim to provide them with the means to exercise their creative process, contributing to strengthen their self-esteem and offering them resources that can be used in their life after hospitalization. Through this project, they seek to provide the tools for adolescents to empower themselves and recover their subjective position in life, recognizing their abilities and possibilities in the learning process, valuing the diversity of their identities, and contributing to the improvement of their intramural relationships, by getting involved in collaborations together.

So far, workshops of braids and turbans, creative writing, crochet, and mandalas have been held, and there are already workshops on painting, street dancing, among others, regularly organized.

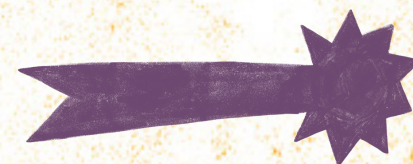
"This project is especially important for us because the workshops are held in weekly meetings, always on Sundays in the morning, and having this permanent contact with them allows us to better understand their demands to think about strategies that best meet them, as well as creating an expectation in them, which have given us a very positive feedback of the activities," they say. In addition, adolescents in conflict with the law are a particularly vulnerable group due to their youth, which relates to other factors such as family, education, work and future prospects.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



BRAZIL



**AREA OF WORK
LEGAL JUSTICE /
MINORITIES**

ELDORET DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN

Eldoret Women For Development (ELWOFOD) was founded in 2007. It is a women's rights organization founded by 2 women ex-inmates from Eldoret -Langas Slum who had been convicted for 6 years for a crime they did not commit with an aim of enhancing the reentry of former women prisoners back into their communities through economic skill development. The neglect and hostility that former women prisoners faced despite government attempts to reintegrate them fuelled the formation of ELWOFOD. Many women offenders intend to become law-abiding citizens when they're released from jail or prison but face an uphill battle to meet their basic needs and those of their families. At ELWOFOD, over 200 women prisoners are released annually and re-enter their communities, especially in the slums. Many wish to become law-abiding citizens and have the best intention of living a conventional life yet most have few job skills, lack a formal education, and experience discrimination in housing and job markets because of their felony records. WOES –“Walking on Egg Shells” seeks to break this cycle by providing agri-business skills and financial literacy training for women ex- prisoners when they are released. Their main mission is to empower and see women living and pursuing their full measure of life with dignity. ELWOFOD seeks to build community, not more women prisons.



**FOUNDED IN
2007**



KENYA



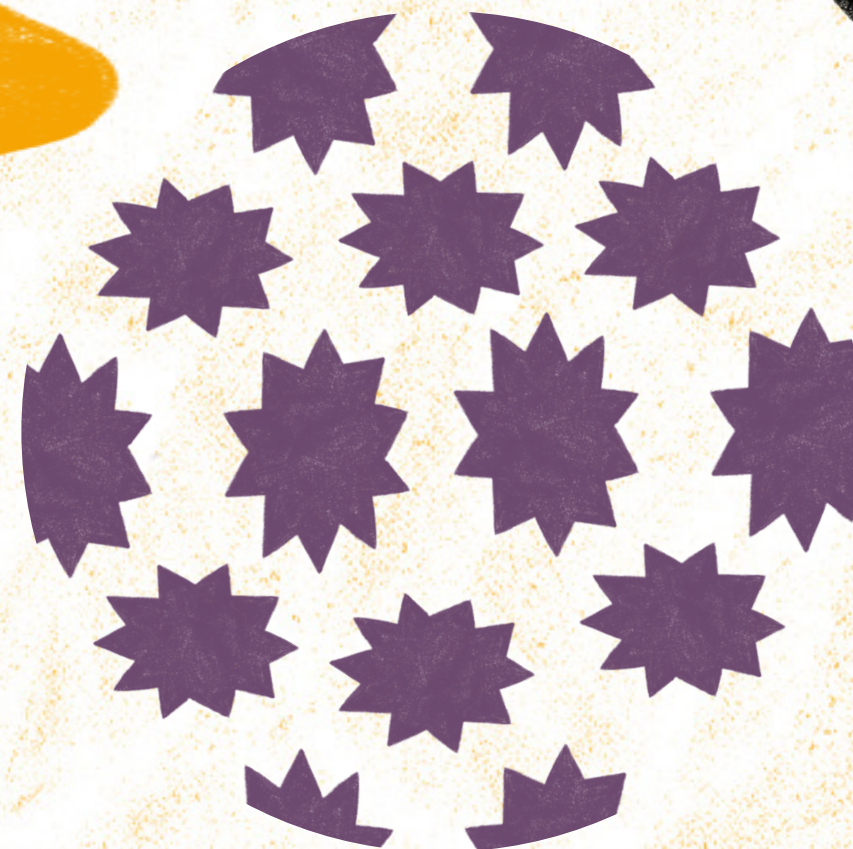
**AREA OF WORK
MINORITIES /
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING**

ELLES CAMEROON

Elles Cameroon became a legally registered organization in 2015. It works to form a Cameroonian society that is equal in values, strong, democratic and tolerant in its functioning and giving the space to socio-economic, dynamic and self-promoting rights of every individual. Their mission is to:

- *Fight for the respect of human rights*
- *Collect information on lesbian issues, make them accessible to the general public*
- *Represent lesbians discriminated on the national and international level to raise public awareness on issues related to their living conditions*
- *Encourage various activities of a civil, social, economic, health, educational, sporting and cultural nature for the benefit of lesbians*
- *Bring together all people of good will, without distinction, to seek solutions to problems that are vulnerable or subject to all forms of discrimination*
- *Help ostracised and "disowned" lesbians to reintegrate into an affective and professional environment, and thus contribute to their social reintegration*

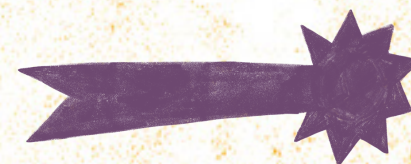
"The participation of our community in the political life of our country and the registration of thirty girls on the electoral lists for this year 2018 has been our biggest achievement so far," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2015**



CAMEROON



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA***

ENREDADAS

EnRedadas was founded in 2013. They define themselves as a feminist and autonomous social enterprise that seeks to contribute to social change, working for the empowerment of young women in Managua, Nicaragua, through art, training on women's rights and the internet as political action tools.

They aim to be a feminist platform that manages spaces for the exchange of knowledge, experiences and creative and technological skills among young women, adolescents and girls, urban and semi-urban in Nicaragua, in order to contribute to the strengthening of feminist thinking of them and that contributes to the conscious defense of their rights.

"We consider that our greatest achievement has been and is...to resist," they say. They have been an active collective committed to their work and activism, performing activities with little to no money in a self-managed way. They are committed to the larger feminist cause and continue to fight to continue carrying out their actions, no matter what.



**FOUNDED IN
2013**



NICARAGUA



**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM /
ICT**

FEMINIST NETWORK

Feminist Network was founded in November 2016. Their mission is to address sexual and gender-based harassment experienced by all women and trans people in public and private spaces in Lebanon, through community-building, capacity-building, and feminist knowledge sharing initiatives that:

- *Create safe spaces of solidarity, support, expression, and discussion*
- *Encourage knowledge production, feminist learning, and resource-sharing within our communities*
- *Raise awareness and encourage dialogue*
- *Serves various needs of our communities, from safety to creativity to spaces of expression to skill-learning*

Their vision is to see a world where there is accountability for sexual and gendered violence against all women and trans people. A world where we can take up space unapologetically and freely, and where we can safely and creatively express our sexual and gender identities. A world filled with intersectional feminist solidarity, knowledge, and community.

Some of the group's most visible work has involved participating in local organizing and conferences related to gender and sexuality. One of their most unique accomplishments was to create what they call an "open memo time." "Memo time was a period of time during our meetings dedicated to discussion



-- either of daily frustrations, problems or issues we were dealing with, or conversations related to harassment, discrimination, identity, feminism, and politics. Eventually, we realized that one of our strengths was our ability to create a safe spaces for people to talk about important and sensitive issues. When we realized that this was a strength of ours as a group, and that we all found it very valuable, we developed a way to share this with other people. We now host events called "open memo time" dedicated to a specific topic and invite others to join us for the discussion," they say.

**FOUNDED IN
2016**

LEBANON

**AREA OF WORK
SEXUAL AND GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE /
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING**

GIRLS IN BLUE CAPES

Girls in Blue Capes was founded in October 2016 with the aim to provide knowledge and information to inspire Vietnamese parents and non-parents to empower young girls by nurturing their confidence in life and defying common gender-based myths.

In 2017, the group received a small grant of USD 2200 from an NGO to run a family-structure-diversity project and a “road trip” across the country. With a five member team and very limited financial resources, they managed to approach and deliver diversity promoting workshops to more than 1000 elementary and middle school students in 7 cities within 30 days, wrote a picture book and printed 1000 copies, met dozen of good friends who opened their homes and offered them food along the trip.

The group has also opened three exhibitions in two big cities of the country – Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



VIETNAM



**AREA OF WORK
GIRLS |
LEADERSHIP
BUILDING**

GirlsGoIT CHISINAU

GirlsGoIT Program was established in March 2015. This led to the establishment of girls-led **LOCAL CLUBS** in 13 regions in Moldova and GirlsGoIT Chisinau is one of them.

Their mission is to prepare girls for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) studies and prepare them for ICT (Information Communication & Technology) labour market through internship with ICT companies. **TEKEDU** is the founding partner of GirlsGoIT program, implemented jointly to support Moldova's National Agenda on Gender Equality, Quality Education and support Decent Jobs and Employment for Women and Girls to lead Moldova ICT labour Market.

GirlsGoIT has many examples of young girls whose careers got a direction after engaging with the activities and workshops with the group. They have become ambassadors in Hincesti and organized events in their native villages, promoting IT Opportunities and Spring Bootcamps in 2017. **HERE IS A SUCCESS STORY OF 19-YEAR-OLD LILIANA COVILEAC** that illustrates the story of a young girl's journey with GirlsGoIT. In the Summer Camp that they organize with 100 spots to fill, they received nearly 300 applicants strengthening their belief to make STEM reach more young girls in Moldova.



**FOUNDED IN
2015**



MOLDOVA



**AREA OF WORK
GIRLS |
ICT**

GOŚCINNOŚĆ



GośćInność (Polish word for hospitality) group was founded in September 2017 keeping the slogan Let's bring diversity to the table! in mind. The group's philosophy is based around food. Since food constitutes a natural need of all the people regardless of their origin, race, religion or gender, cooking together with migrants and refugees helps fight against stereotypes. It provides an opportunity to meet in person women and men of different origin and learn through food their personal stories with a particular focus on women's rights around the globe.

Ever since the influx of asylum-seekers to Europe provoked a wave of hostile attitudes toward newcomers, the Polish word for 'refugee' has gained a negative connotation among many teenagers who have started using it as a curse word. Though many of them have never met a person of different ethnicity or religion, the words 'refugees,' 'Muslims' or 'migrants' often cause an image of a supposedly 'dangerous Other' to come to mind.

Although hospitality is - at least theoretically - so deeply rooted in the Polish culture, only few Poles realize that the Polish word 'gościnność' (Eng. 'hospitality') consists of two other words: Guest and Difference.

That is how GośćInność has become the name of educational cooking workshops run by immigrants and refugees, and dedicated for youth aged between 9-16 years old. So far, 300 participants have taken part in their Gościnie Globalnie project.

The project received a distinction in the contest S3KTOR organized by the city of Warsaw for the best non-governmental initiative in 2017 in the category 'innovative'. "As Gościnie Globalnie we want to continue our mission focusing further on migrant and refugee women from the perspective of women's rights," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



POLAND



**AREA OF WORK
MINORITIES**

GREEN LADY

Founded in 2017, Green Lady provides girls & women menstruation education, eco-friendly choices for period time in order to save environment, better health, cost-saving and a green business.

The group's mission is to bring eco-friendly monthly period choices to girls and women and empower them through menstruation education. In the two years of this cross-country project, they have successfully sold over 800 pieces of pads to women in both countries, additionally selling 16 menstrual cups in Cambodia.

They have held menstruation workshops in Vietnam and exhibit public events in Cambodia, while meeting with various local and international organizations. More importantly, the impact they have had on people's perspectives through awareness raising is an act that cannot exactly be measured. "Our biggest achievement will be the washable pads and menstrual cups that we sold out to women in both countries. It started with so much uncertainty and finished with lots of hope." they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**

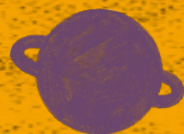


**CAMBODIA
VIETNAM**



**AREA OF WORK
HEALTHCARE |
SRHR |
CLIMATE JUSTICE**

HARTA



Harta was founded in April 2017, after a group of women talked about how toxic and harmful the magazines for teenagers were, as well as the continuous underestimation of the intelligence of young women in magazines specifically addressed to them.

So, the group members set out to create an alternative that, through a feminist perspective, will form an empowering and challenging medium of communication, which will encourage adolescents to question and take care of themselves, maintain healthy relationships and consume entertainment that does not promote beauty standards or normalize violence through patriarchal romantic love.

The group members are young women who decided to create a space to accompany girls and teenagers in the process of growing up and knowing about women in a world that often restricts their freedoms. Through Harta, they want to train girls and adolescents in their rights, so that they grow up to be free, safe and independent women.

In the six months since Harta came to light, they have approached different educational centers and chatted with children and adolescents about different topics. Spaces tend to become spaces for containment and learning, both for those who have already had an approach to feminism and for those who had never questioned the functioning of the patriarchal system in which they live. Going out of the digital medium and getting closer to girls and teenagers has been a way of learning and constant satisfaction for the group.

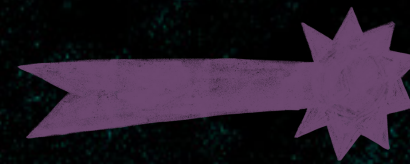
They consider the reception they have received so far as their greatest success. "The trust of different institutions (educational, governmental or others like FRIDA) in our work and the change we can achieve, the messages of support from adult women that tell us how Harta could have changed their life if it had existed in their youth, as well as the comments of the same teenagers in the workshops we conducted and the networks of the magazine... have all been inspirational!," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



URUGUAY



**AREA OF WORK
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING**

HERSTOIRE

HERstoire was founded on January 2, 2016 and aims to confront gendered-power disparities and imbalances by addressing the intersection of all aspects of sexual health issues, gender-power dynamics & inequality experienced by Caribbean women and youth.

The group empowers them to amplify their voices on culturally “taboo” topics that no one wants to talk about, that they are too scared to talk about, that they would change so many lives with - if only they would talk about it. They strongly believe in the motto: “When the whole world is silent, even one voice is powerful.”

So far, HERstoire’s biggest achievement has been the successful launching and running of their Sister 2 Sister safe space program, which encompasses the first virtual safe-space program geared towards young women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Eastern Caribbean.

Hosted every other Wednesday, they cover a variety of topics and discuss issues Caribbean women and youth face, and suggest ways to combat these issues. Some chat topics have included:

Sexual Assault Awareness #ConsentIsSexy; Sexual Diversity –#Pride; Reproductive Health and Rights; #SafeSexIsTheBestSex; among several others.

“It has been a great step towards consistently achieving our mission, and we hope to continue being a fount of empowerment to Caribbean women, and women worldwide,” they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**

**SAINT LUCIA
BARBADOS**

**AREA OF WORK
SRHR**

Надежда

The main mission of their Women's Group is to strengthen women's influence in the sphere of women's rights, to make decisions through lobbying, and to strengthen interaction between state bodies and local authorities and the community. The purposes of their group are:

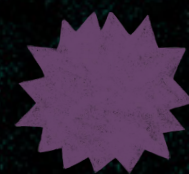
- *Providing assistance to the women's community located in remote areas and not getting enough help*
- *Formation of public opinion in favor of a policy of equal rights and opportunities for women*
- *Introduction of the gender dimension in the legislative process*
- *Promote the growth of the potential of women leaders*
- *Developing policies and strategies for promoting and lobbying for gender equality*

They use the following strategies to achieve their goals:

- *Develop and implement programs aimed at achieving goals and objectives*
- *Speak with initiatives on various issues of public life, make proposals to public authorities*
- *Expand the network of supporters*
- *Organize and hold general meetings, sessions, working meetings, consultations*

- *Create temporary and permanent working groups in the areas of activity;*
- *Carry out information, publishing and educational activities;*
- *Raise funds for the implementation of its activities;*
- *Carry out other types of activities that meet the goals and objectives and are not inconsistent with the current legislation*

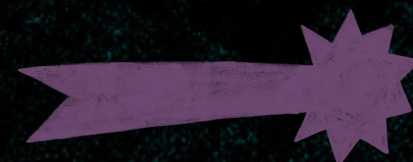
They believe that to be selected as one of FRIDA's grantee partners has been their biggest achievement so far.



FOUNDED IN



KYRGYSTAN



**AREA OF WORK
RURAL /
LEGAL JUSTICE**

НОВЫЙ РИТМ

НОВЫЙ РИТМ (The New Rhythm) is an association established by an initiative group in early 2013, and registered as a legal entity in the Kyrgyz Republic in January 2014. Their mission is to create an open space for young people between the ages of 14 and 28, where they can realize their ideas and initiatives regarding the social problems of society. They envision a peaceful, democratic and equitable Kyrgyzstan, where everyone's voice is heard and no one faces any discrimination on any grounds. Their objective is to promote a strong, active, competent and diverse civil society, which will contribute to the achievement of social justice and the observance of human rights in it.



**FOUNDED IN
2013**



KYRGYSTAN

**AREA OF WORK
GIRLS / LEADER-
SHIP BUILDING**

Новая жизнь (NEW LIFE)

Новая жизнь ("New Life") is a young feminist group whose mission is to promote the rights of girls and women in remote mountain areas, where women are most vulnerable to violations of their rights and subjected to all forms of violence including but not limited to domestic violence, early and forced marriages, female circumcision, honor killings, prohibition of abortion and other violations.

"We want to see rural women on a par with urban women - educated, independent strong," they say and are confident that through our work, they will be able to reduce the level of violence against women and young girls and achieve justice. "We will teach girls and women to protect themselves, their loved ones, so that they can live their lives with dignity," they say and believe.



FOUNDED IN



RUSSIA

**AREA OF WORK
RURAL | SEXUAL
AND GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE**

I AM ONE

I am One was founded in October 2014 and is a community-based organisation in Trinidad and Tobago which seeks to address the needs of gender and sexual Minorities by building community and providing safe spaces, education and expressive platforms for empowerment.

I Am One, founded the Trinidad and Tobago Pride Arts Festival in 2015 and since then it has been an annual event and a home for hundreds of artists, activists and LGBT people. The festival serves as a meeting point for all other local and regional projects.

In 2016 a critical conversation led to the first annual King Show that took place during their pride celebrations.

In 2017, the conversation pushed further and the group wanted a space to theorise the ideas that came out of the show, especially those around toxic masculinity, trans masculinity and stud culture. This initiated the first regional King Conference which took place after the King Show in 2017. This year, they have an ambitious plan to execute the 2018 regional KING SHOW & CONFERENCE as one project.



**FOUNDED IN
2014**



**TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO**



**AREA OF WORK
MINORITIES
LGBTQIA***

INTERSEX SOUTH AFRICA

Intersex South Africa (ISSA) was founded and registered in the year 2000 by the late intersex activist Sally Gross. ISSA's mission is:

- To spread knowledge about intersex
- To remove the stigma and secrecy around intersex people
- To provide support for the intersex community
- To ensure that the intersex people have the right to full information and access to their own medical records
- To put an end to infanticide and killings of intersex people led by traditional and religious beliefs
- To put an end to non- consensual sterilization of intersex people
- To include intersex variations as healthy manifestations of bodily diversity in the foundational stages of education curricular

ISSA had a meeting with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) regarding the rights of Intersex children in South Africa recently, based on very little understanding of what intersex really means. They suggested a training for the SAHRC staff and then further training for the commissioners on gender equality. "This is a continuous achievement according to us because when the SAHRC understand what intersex means and the challenges we face, they will be able to implement them on a much faster pace," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2000**



**SOUTH
AFRICA**



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA***

INUA KIKE ORGANIZATION

Inua Kike Organization was founded in 2013 with the vision to empower marginalized women with education through a network of volunteer teachers using pioneering new ideas, resources, programmers and connections that will make them more effective. Their biggest achievement has been to have the first cohorts of 5 girls successfully seat and attain their certificates and using that to get a job of their own.

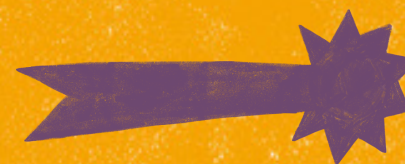
“Two of our girls used the certificate to get a job and are now working, while two more are joining college soon using the certificates. Inua Kike has been able to give what they thought they would never have,” they said.



**FOUNDED IN
2013**



KENYA



**AREA OF WORK
EDUCATION**

JASY RENYHE

Jasy Renyhe is a young women's association with a mission. They constitute a space where women's wisdom comes together in defence of instruments that propagate "development" at the cost of deforestation, industrialisation and other harmful urban planning practises. They aim to recover the experience and capacity of indigenous women leaders, young women warriors, urban farmers and social video makers in the training and mobilisation of emerging youth groups with potential for interpellation and advocacy."

Their biggest achievement, as an organization, has been the systematisation of abuses and violations of women's rights in areas of major investments in the soon-to-be-published book:

Capitalismo chino en la selva: Los cuerpos desechables detrás de tres obras de infraestructura en Bolivia (Chinese Capitalism in the Jungle: the disposable bodies behind three infrastructure works in Bolivia). They have analysed international scenarios on the failure of development promises, and the ways in which impoverishment is ambiguous but particularly harmful to women, on whom the environmental, economic, and sexual consequences of the installation of modernity fall disproportionately.



FOUNDED IN

BOLIVIA

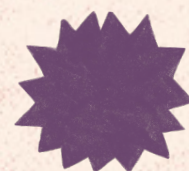


**AREA OF WORK
CLIMATE JUSTICE
/ MINORITIES**

JOVENAS ROMPIENDO EL SILENCIO

Jovenas Rompiendo el Silencio (Young women breaking the silence) wish to live a life free of violence for women and achieve autonomy and freedom of expression. The group members are young Ixil women who collaborate for a more equitable society, which recognizes the dignity of all its members regardless of any difference. They focus, in particular, on the differences of gender and sexual orientation, so that it is possible to contrast the violence that originates from the lack of respect for human rights. They were founded in 2016.

The recognition of their body and sexuality, through training workshops conducted by the Ixhiles Women's Network has been one of the group's greatest achievements. To see young women recognising the importance of taking care of their body and reducing pregnancy at a young age has been a significant step to realise the group's mission.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



GUATEMALA



**AREA OF WORK
CLIMATE JUSTICE
| MINORITIES**



KABATAANG IPnay

Kabataang IPnay/ Young Indigenous Women Collective officially started during the National Indigenous Women Gathering organized by LILAK (Purple Action for Indigenous Women's Rights) in July 2017. Some of the group members have met each other frequently during different activities for indigenous women but forming this collective gave them a chance to talk with each other and share their experiences more openly and frequently.

"We look forward on helping each other gain leadership skills and a close-knit peer group that could send a positive message to other young indigenous women throughout our communities," they say. As a group, they envision to strengthen themselves as indigenous young women to contribute in the struggle of the indigenous community in fighting for our rights. To achieve this, they are planning to have a young indigenous women camp and continue the conversations ahead.

The group believes that one of their biggest achievements is their initiative that gives young women like them a safe space to start a conversation on their personal stories of experiences and dreams. "We are confident that because of these little acts, together we can achieve far greater things if we continue this passion that we have for the young indigenous women causes," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



PHILIPPINES

**AREA OF WORK
MINORITIES**

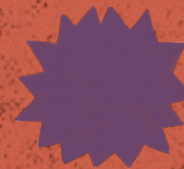
KIRKYAMA WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY



As Kirkyama Women's Solidarity, the group members have set out on a historic road to the aggravation of attacks on women's existence, their lives, their freedom and identity, and the attempt to destroy their gains. Their main goal is to increase feminist struggle, strengthen women's solidarity and organization in the original conditions of their era. "We need more than ever for women to come together in all their differences, in all their pluralism, to move and strengthen together. Women are subject to all kinds of oppression, violence, resistance to exploitation and war; we want to be a part of changing and transforming to create a new life," they believe.

The group is inspired by the harmony of the differences in the rich movement and are greeted by the power of women to cooperate with these differences together. "We live, we see, we know: the world and in Turkey, militaristic, nationalist, religious and sexist policies are rising. Militarism and war increase the violence experienced by women day by day. We will strengthen the rebellion of women, we will magnify the struggle for change and transformation!," they say. The violent, discriminatory, male-dominated political and cultural environment we live in reinforces the hate language and attitude towards different sexual orientations. Responding to increasing hate crimes targeting LGBT + people, their goal is to fight against heterosexist approach to LGBTIs, and end all kinds of violence.

"These conditions, where systematic punishment encourages men's violence, make women's right to self-defense necessary and legitimate," they say and work on developing self-defense as a means to end fascism. They also believe that the most powerful form of self-defense is in the unity of women and their solidarity. Their greatest achievement has been to work on the project Wendo to highlight and create a sense of awareness of women's own strengths. "WENDO is the way of bonding and empowerment among feminist women in the world. We see it as a great success to develop our self-defense with women in this way. The control of men, women's body, labor, identity is getting stronger. We will defend our life, our body, our right to word and decision over our soul!," they say.



FOUNDED IN



TURKEY



**AREA OF WORK
SEXUAL AND
GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE**

LAS COMADRES

The Las Comadres safe abortion accompaniment network arises from the conjectural need of Ecuador in September 2014 in a context in which restrictions to access safe abortion were decreasing and the criminalization of women for abortion began to grow stronger. The network is focused on three fundamental actions:

- **INFORM** women about safe abortion with pills, and strategies to avoid criminalization in case of having to go to a health service. They rely on the right to information that guarantees the delivery of adequate and timely information for decision making
- **FACILITATE** contacts so that women can access medicines and can act on their decision without difficulties
- **ACCOMPANY** women throughout the abortion process: before, during and after; as a strategy of social decriminalization and prevention of the criminalization of women who abort.

The network that accompanies women, allows them to know the stories of women who abort in Ecuador first hand and in first person. The face-to-face encounter with women allows them to: recognize themselves in other women; break the silence that has been imposed around the issue, since it generates the possibility to share their experiences and talk about their first-person abortion stories, without risk of moral policing or social stigma. This contributes to the social decriminalization of abortion and the politicization of the decision to abort.

In addition, the meeting promotes the creation of networks of solidarity and accompaniment.

One of their greatest successes has been the comprehensive accompaniment they provide to women, before, during and after their abortion processes. "We have managed to consolidate sustained post-abortion spaces with women who have been accompanied by us and women who have not been accompanied. These spaces allow the experience of abortions to be approached from another place, to know how each one lives it, the implications that it has, the meanings that it gives to its own process," they say. For Las Comadres, it is one of the best strategies to decriminalize abortion socially, by listening to others and speak first-hand about going through process.



**FOUNDED IN
2014**



ECUADOR



**AREA OF WORK
SRHR**

LUCIÉRNAGAS SOBRE RUEDAS

Luciérnagas sobre Ruedas was founded at the beginning of 2018. The mission of the group is to create a printed communication medium in which young women investigate the issues that concern and interest them, and encourages them to share this information with other young women in their communities. Their goal is to have their own space for the expression of their ideas and for the dissemination of information regarding the problems that affect them as young migrant women who live in rural communities in Costa Rica.

Their first achievement as a group has been to be selected as one of FRIDA's many grantee partners, and to have been counted among many applicants, receiving one of the highest votes from women outside of their country in keeping with the participatory grantmaking process. They are thankful and are excited to be working on their communication project with a lot of enthusiasm and with the ease offered by this fund to be able to launch their ideas in a more concrete way.



**FOUNDED IN
2018**



COSTA RICA



**AREA OF WORK
RURAL |
MINORITIES |
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING**

MAGDALENAS THEATER GROUP

“Ma Theater Group” is a young feminist group founded in 2017 to raise public awareness about human rights, particularly on gender and LGBT rights, using artistic theatrical techniques. Through their activities, they seek to contribute to an inclusive society in which human rights and diversity are respected.. Their greatest achievement so far has been their ability to plan concrete actions, future meetings and project plans for 2018 and 2019. They have been partnering with local theatres in Lviv, Ukraine, and are currently preparing for their performance for the festival “Tekstlab” in Oslo, Norway. They are also preparing to participate in youth exchange programmes in Germany in early 2019 by partnering with theatrical groups in Bremen who have also been engaged in gender awareness and LGBT rights.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



UKRAINE



**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM /
LGBTIQ***

MENARCHY

Menarchy was founded in 2017 with the vision to challenge the menstrual taboo and study its consequences.

“Sadly even today the menstrual poverty is a problem which many economically challenged women face and have to deal with on monthly basis,” they say and believe that menstrual poverty is a stigmatized issue in multiple ways— firstly, because of the taboo around menstruation and secondly, because of the shame of poverty. This double stigma leads to various problems affecting girls, women, trans and intersex people everywhere, but were never properly addressed in Bulgaria.

“Our motivation to deal with these issues comes from our personal experience of living as young women in a conservative patriarchal society and our willingness to challenge its oppressive mechanisms,” the group says. In the beginning of 2018, Menarchy organized an event in the capital city Sofia with the aim to raise awareness around the menstrual taboo and gain more interest around this problem.

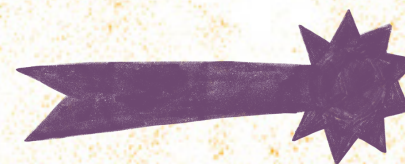
They hosted a Kenyan-born, Berlin-based activist who shared with the audience in how far the menstrual taboo is still present in Africa and what are the challenges around her own area of work.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



BULGARIA



**AREA OF WORK
SRHR**



MISS DEAF PRIDE

Miss Deaf Pride Zimbabwe was founded in August, 2017 envisioning an empowered community of deaf girls and young women achieving their potential. Through artistic and creative means, the group members work towards capacitating and building the self-esteem of deaf girls and young women to showcase their creativity, interface with their community leaders and be ambassadors in their communities to fight gender based violence against women.

One of the greatest successes for the group was the organizing and coordinating of a deaf awareness session in Norton. They managed to gather deaf people from in and around Norton, including others from Harare to celebrate Deaf culture, celebrate their talents as deaf people as well as meet and interact with our community leaders. They found a creative and fun way of sharing struggles in the community, fostering solidarity in fighting for equality as well as sharing the beauty of sign language.

Miss Deaf Pride joined the Deaf community in saying
"No to discrimination, NO to exclusion;
We are Deaf And Proud not Deaf and dumb."

"We were stunned by the turnout of people, the power that the Deaf community and despite very little funding from well-wishers at the time, we managed to utilize the limited resources to make an event happen," they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



ZIMBABWE



**AREA OF WORK
DISABILITY RIGHTS
/ SEXUAL AND
GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE**

MOVIMIENTO FEMINISTA POR LA ACCESIBILIDAD UNIVERSAL

Movimiento Feminista por la Accesibilidad Universal was founded in 2017 with the mission to safe feminist spaces for women, lesbians and trans people with functional diversity and/or disability from an inclusive perspective through participatory methodologies with universal accessibility, thus questioning the exclusive hegemonic model. The vision of the collective is to dignify the existence of the non- hegemonic realities of women, lesbians and trans people with or without disability, from a rights-based and feminist perspective, thus contributing to a society free of violence and discrimination.

The group believes that the Inclusive Feminist Self-Defense Meeting that they held for women, lesbians, trans and non-binary people with functional diversity and/or disability was one of their biggest successes. It was a three-day event that brought together people from two regions of the country, in where it was possible to create a safe space for the attendees, and it had a collaborative and participatory nature.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**

CHILE

**AREA OF WORK
DISABILITY RIGHTS
/ LGBTQIA***

NIGER DELTA ABIA EMPOWERMENT SOCIETY

Niger Delta Abia Empowerment Society (NDAES) is a young female sex workers group. NDAES is a network of sex workers groups and individual sex workers engaged in advocating the human and health right of female sex worker in Niger Delta Region. Founded as a regional project in 2011, the network was officially registered with Abia State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development as an NGO in May 2013, with its head office in Aba, Nigeria. Their vision is to witness an equal opportunity society. They believe and advocate for fair treatment, respect for human and health rights that should be extended towards everyone, including female sex workers regardless of their sexual orientation.

In 2016, the group members carried out advocacy campaign for the police to discuss police abuse of female sex workers at Aba Area Command Police Headquarters in Abia State. They have also trained 20 female sexual workers on HIV prevention and human right in partnership with Federation of International Female Lawyers (FIDA) South Zone Chapter supported by Rivers State Ministry of Health -2017.



**FOUNDED IN
2011**



NIGERIA

**AREA OF WORK
SEX WORKERS
/ HEALTHCARE**

NIKITA CORPS MADAGASCAR

Nikita Corps Madagascar was created in 2016, a feminist association composed of young Malagasy activists for the freedom, equity and self discovery of young people. The group's mission is aimed at Malagasy young people, especially girls most vulnerable to delinquency and ignorance of society. "We want to demonstrate another facet and a true reality of youth in our country for a generation of hope. We believe more than anything in the power of persuasion of women and positive masculinity," they say.

#Nikita_Dreams_Fund a project that secretly observes young people fighting for their dreams in the little corners of Madagascar where they passionately hope for a bright future. It is a program of help that is in the form of financial, logistic or technical support to a group of young people or individuals evaluated and observed on field by the team of Nikita body Madagascar with respect to their age, their socio economic status, but above all by the extent of their passion and motivation to achieve their dream. "Through this project, we have been able to shape and sensitize young men to adhere to feminism and positive masculinity by becoming peer educators even ambassadors of gender equity, the fight against violence against women in their community," they said.

The 'Nikita youth advocacy' has used musical artivism in collaboration with young Malagasy artists who adhere to feminism and positive masculinity in the fight against gender-based violence by conveying positive messages to young people .Nikita Youth Advocacy Through Music creates and distributes songs to serve as positive messages to reach young people.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**

MADAGASCAR

**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM**

PROYECTO MUJERES

Proyecto Mujeres is a Venezuelan foundation, founded in 2015, that works for the feminine empowerment of young women. They believe that they and those who engage with their activities and campaigns reflect about their place in the community and the world, and discover their power to make decisions against social norms about their own lives and with respect to their identities .

In 2015, when they started, they launched their first campaign, called 'Where is the pill?', whose goal was to make visible and denounce the serious shortage of contraceptive methods, which at that time (according to the pharmaceutical industry) reached 85%. With this initiative, the group managed to reach the most important media in their city, and outside of it. "We made flyers, we offered information through workshops and, of course, we replicated the message on our social networks to claim our sexual rights and reproductive health, Thanks to this, we strengthened and organized ourselves as a foundation, we managed to position our name and turn a previously invisible problem into a media issue," they say, recalling the experience to be a learning one defining their identity as a young feminist group today.



**FOUNDED IN
2015**

VENEZUELA

**AREA OF WORK
SRHR**

PURPLE FEMINISTA GROUP

Purple Feminists Group was found in February 2018 with the following aims:

- *To promote feminist literature in Myanmar*
- *To understand how puberty affects life of young girls and boys*
- *To challenge menstruation taboos*
- *To promote confidence and self-esteem in adolescent girls and boys through capacity building.*

They have been recently engaged in translating Dear Ijeawele, or A Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche, into Burmese language and have been looking forward to getting it published soon with the help of the support they have received from FRIDA.



**FOUNDED IN
2015**



MYANMAR

**AREA OF WORK
HEALTH CARE
/ LEADERSHIP
BUILDING**

QUEER/TRANS TEENS

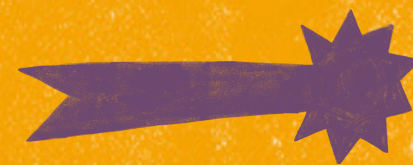
Started in 2016, Queer/Trans Teens provides a safe space for young queer, trans and questioning people to meet, share experiences and create together, aiming to build a young generation of queer people working in solidarity. "Queer and trans youth suffer a high level of bullying, depression, substance misuse and self-harm in Czech Republic. We want to build an inclusive, safe, queer community to care for each other, from which to advocate for our rights, and create the space for us to tell our stories," they say, following the three values of solidarity, diversity and participation in all the work they do. They are committed to constructive and non-violent communication and believe in creativity as a source of empowerment. The group works from a queer feminist perspective and their activities are inspired by creative resistance, counter storytelling and well-being for resilience.

In the 2018 Pride week, Queer/Trans Teens had an exhibition presenting their work at Prague's Queer community cafe/centre, Patra. They presented their group's mission, provided descriptions of their working approach and methods, and artworks produced at their workshops. The exhibition was on display throughout the week in a room where many other events were held through the Pride week, and the group members were very happy to reach so many people.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**

**CZECH
REPUBLIC**



**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA***

RISING FLAME



Rising Flame was founded in September 2017 with the aim is to work for recognition, protection and promotion of human rights of People With Disabilities (PWDs), particularly women and youth with disabilities. Their vision is to build an inclusive world where diverse bodies and voices thrive with dignity, live a life free of discrimination, abuse and violence and where there are equal opportunities and access for all. Their mission is to:

- *Build capacities of PWDs specially those marginalised by gender and age to become leaders and self advocates*
- *Enhance social integration of PWDs which leads to their independence, better social participation and stronger sense of identity*
- *Build skills and knowledge of PWDs for their socio economic empowerment;*
- *Create an enabling socio-cultural and legal environment, where PWDs are effectively able to claim their entitlements and exercise their rights.*

“The biggest achievement for us was that we worked simultaneously on building the organisation, building a committed team of women living with diverse disabilities including those with chronic illnesses and mental health conditions, while initiating programs, events, public conversations and campaigns,” they say. Rising Flame has been engaged with several big campaigns focussing on women with disabilities, their concerns, voices, and

needs, especially as a young feminist group less than a year old. Check out their twitter conversations on violence faced by women with disability, initiated last year during the 16 days of activism against gender based violence, here.

“The aim was to support women with disabilities to speak out and build their agency through participation. It was an important step in making experiences and voices of women with disabilities visible in conversations around violence against women and in mainstream campaigns like #metoo,” they say. Their other big campaign was ‘My Tale Too’ in collaboration with One Billion Rising. Through a workshop and over a month, 11 women with disabilities participated in re-writing and re-claiming fairy tales. The stories can be read on their blog.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



INDIA



**AREA OF WORK
DISABILITY RIGHTS
| LEADERSHIP |
BUILDING**

ROCK CAMP FOR GIRLS

Rock Camp for Girls Serbia was founded in 2016 when the group members felt the need to promote and affirm girls who want to play in bands and to promote female musicians. They envision a musical and cultural scene that provides equal opportunities for all and is based on feminist principles. Their mission is to make changes in the current musical/cultural scene by organizing innovative and brave activist projects that will make an impact on the participants' communities, musical/cultural scene makers and general public.

They have already organized two successful Rock camps for girls in Serbia that saw 61 camp participants from different parts of Serbia participating both from urban and rural areas. It also resulted in a great media following! "We believe that even having this type of projects in Serbia in the first place is a huge success. Most of our campers continued playing instruments and also stayed in touch with each other, and we monitor their growth and motivate them to keep learning," they said.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



SERBIA



**AREA OF WORK
GIRLS | ARTIVISM**

SERUNI CENTRAL KALIMANTAN

SERUNI Central Kalimantan was found in 2016, with the vision and mission to increase the awareness of women's issues in Central Kalimantan region. Its goal is more specifically to build the confidence and awareness on women's rights through empowering, organizing, researching, campaigning and advocacy. Their work is also focussed on indigenous women and women workers in palm oil industry, because 83% areas of Central Kalimantan have been occupied by extractive industries where palm oil plantation is the majority occupation.

The group has been organizing women's discussion groups with the purpose of increasing awareness about women's issues from Palangka Raya city (urban) to Parenggean village (rural), where they talk about human rights and ecological problems. From these activities, they have succeeded to make some women local communities/groups based around the palm oil plantation in Parenggean. From the organizing and discussion, the women, especially the workers from PT. SPMN in Parenggean village are brave and confident to join welfare commission (forum bipartite between the worker and the company).

The group has also initiated and organized campaigns to raise awareness on women's activism against violence, exploitation and discrimination, One Billion Rising and International Women's Days action campaigns. It was the first time where women campaign in Central Kalimantan held in unity with many other women communities and groups.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**

INDONESIA

**AREA OF WORK
CLIMATE JUSTICE
/ RURAL**

SIGURAN KORAK (SAFE STEP)

Founded in September 2017, the Association for development and education of young people or "Safe step" (Udruženje za razvoj i edukaciju mladih "Siguran korak") is an advocacy platform representing the interests of women, young and marginalized vulnerable groups, providing active participation and developing systemic solutions in order to improve the position of young people, especially women, through the development of strategic partnerships, cross-sectoral and international cooperation, as well as strengthening the capacity of member organizations and other subjects of youth policy. The group envisions harmonious and productive communities, whose inhabitants have a developed sense of mutual enjoyment, affinity, solidarity and tolerance, working together to actively participating in the common good. Their primary focus is on women from marginalized groups, Roma women and women from rural areas, women victims of violence or discrimination, who are particularly vulnerable.

In Bijeljina, nobody over 65 years old has the right to have insurance, if they do not have pension. The group worked with a 70-year-old woman helping her to get health strengthening her affordability towards proper medication.

The group wishes to set an example of young women working with people across ages and support them in realising their human rights. They have particularly been working with the Roma community encouraging and empowering women to report violence and not shy away from outing the perpetrators, while providing them with a safe space that they can call as home.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**

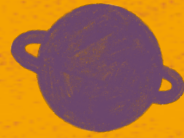


**BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA**



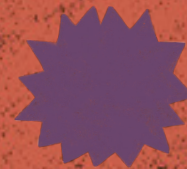
**AREA OF WORK
SEXUAL AND
GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE /
MINORITIES**

SPACE 27



Space27 is a feminist community and artist run space/work studio. As young feminist artists, the group members needed a safe space to create art and a support network both personally and professionally. Since 2016, the space has grown organically with the need for other young women/trans*/queer artists (like them) also not having access to established production and exhibition spaces and resources. "We see art as a tool for change and activism and not as a commodity of the art world," they say.

In the last two years, the group has survived entirely in a self-sustainable way, and also worked on exhibitions and art projects, like their party "Albi Ay! Ay!" based on the work of Maha Abdul Wahab, a local forgotten sex-positive singer/composer from the 60's. The group has also hosted exhibitions, performances and workshops, a recent one being "Pussy Cupcakes" where they decorate (vegan) cupcakes into edible portraits of cunts, while discussing gender embodiment, sexuality, and menstruation + give out free menstrual cups!



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



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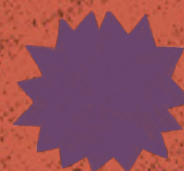


**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM /
LGBTQIA***



SRHR ADVENTURES

SRHR Adventures was established in 2017 and its mission is to promote SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights) with a special focus on family planning/contraception in Guyana. They wish to establish a sexual and reproductive health clinic where persons, especially women and girls, can access low cost services free of stigma and discrimination. The SRHR Adventures team was able to successfully run a cervical cancer screening campaign alongside an HPV vaccine awareness campaign. This led to a number of women realising the importance of pap smears and additionally why it's paramount that their kids are vaccinated against HPV. Read more about it [HERE](#).



**FOUNDED IN
2017**



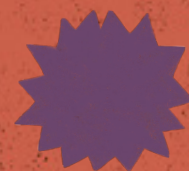
GUYANA



**AREA OF WORK
SRHR**

SUBSAHARIENNES ACTIVES

subsahariennes actives (Sub-Saharan Active) is an association that aims to welcome integration, orientation, young sub-Saharan women in their home country. It also aims to make young women active in civil society. Born from an initiative of some students in Tunisia, their first objective is to help the new students integrate into their new environment and create a family and friendly climate amongst them. This association also aims to help these young women and girls to enhance their skills, through associative and collaborative projects and training. It encourages young women to become active in civil society in order to become a driving force for development.



FOUNDED IN

TUNISIA



**AREA OF WORK
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING |
LEADERSHIP
BUILDING**

SUNAYRA LANKA

Sunayra Lanka was formed in 2016 by three people of Sri Lankan heritage, who wanted to find a way to contribute to Sri Lanka's growth and development. In deciding the best way to focus their energy, they started by asking "What does the future of Sri Lanka look like?" This has now become the cornerstone of Sunayra Lanka's mission. After witnessing the talent, ambition, and optimism in young people, the group members recognized that Sunayra Lanka needed to provide them with a support system to learn and grow. So, their vision is for young people to become the drivers of change in creating their own futures. "We firmly believe that community participation and feedback is the driving force behind our programming, and the only way to create long-lasting and sustainable change," they say.

For the group, one of the greatest successes has been to see young women in their classes become more sure of themselves, exude confidence, and take up space that they would previously shy away from. Because their classes are mixed gender, this change was immediately evident. "On the flip side, the young men in our classes, who had initially been more vocal, now consciously make space for their female peers, and have developed the self-awareness to know when to give others a chance to share their thoughts," they shared. The group firmly believes that holistic change can only happen with long-term programming and an intersectional approach to all learning objectives.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**

SRI LANKA

**AREA OF WORK
EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP
BUILDING**

SZABADNEM (OPEN GENDER) BLOG

SzabadNem Blog is a group of intersectional feminists, working together since 2016 on sharing information, mobilizing and building a community of like-minded activists. Their GOAL is to reach the younger generations with a consistent, comprehensible message of what intersectional feminism is, thus helping to turn the tide from recent years' political trends of conservatism and right-wing ideologies toward a more progressive, feminist future in Hungary.

Their work's larger scope is communication. They believe that in the age of social media, there is a vast amount of communication tools that should be used effectively in order to convey messages on social justice. To their end, they have set up an online blog called SzabadNem (i.e. OpenGender) and published about 50 articles. SzabadNem's articles are not only well-researched and well-edited, but also written in an accessible language.

The group believes that young feminists are vigorously active, energising the movement and giving hope to others. They explain this from the example of the often used term "intersectionality" in feminist movement building.

"The world "intersectionality" sounds very foreign from the Hungarian language. It seems very hard to build a widespread movement if the main concept is a rather abstract, academic term. Therefore, we decided to create a Hungarian translation, something that conveys the meaning but sounds homely. Our new term "metszetszemlélet" does just that. It literally means "seeing the world in/via intersections". Now this term is being used more and more in writings about social justice," they say.



***FOUNDED IN
2016***



HUNGARY



***AREA OF WORK
EDUCATION /
KNOWLEDGE
BUILDING***



THAICONSENT

Project Thaiconsent started in 2015. The idea came from seeing many friends talking about sexual abuse cases and how the victims struggle to obtain justice. In typical misogynist fashion, survivors are accused of causing the sexual abuse.

The group was interested in the concept of power relations and consent, and incorporating art to express their views on about it. Therefore, the project came out to be a platform where people of the younger generation and the general public can get information, knowledge and exchange ideas about sexual consent, power relations, gender justice, gender equality and political feminism.

Currently, the group is composed of 40+activists, with two full-time staff and others as part-time contributors from various socio-political backgrounds who contribute actively to write articles and papers and organize activities to make their voice heard in the Thai public sphere, and hopefully in the international community of feminists and gender justice. So far, the group has been active online through its website and via social media, with 40,000 followers on Facebook and over 2000 on Twitter.

They have published more than 300 anonymous stories about sexuality, sexual abuses, sexual violence faced by young Thai women mainly and men.



The initiator of the Thaiconsent project, Wipaphan Wongsawang, has represented the group as guest speaker in various seminars since 2017. The art featuring Thaiconsent media pages have also been part of a 2-day art exhibition in February 2018 that comprised over 20 artworks of both local and international artists in San Francisco, USA.



**FOUNDED IN
2015**



THAILAND



**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM | SEXUAL
AND GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE**

THE NOMZAMO CLUB

The Nomzamo Club was founded in 2016 and since then has evaluated its impact and re-strategised to better accommodate its new vision to become the #1 network of SDG clubs lead by young girls in South Africa. Our mission is to leave no one behind by educating and supporting more girls to be involved in the sustainable development goals. Their biggest achievement so far has been to launch their initiative in Cape Town. Since then they have had a reading club for kids in primary school, a movie screening and their annual 'Take a Girl Child to the Cinema' where they accompany teenage girls to go watch a movie at the cinema as a way to expose them to non-traditional careers such as filmmaking, directing and storytelling.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



**SOUTH
AFRICA**



**AREA OF WORK
GIRLS /
LEADERSHIP
BUILDING**

THINK YOUNG WOMEN

Think Young Women (TYW) is a young women-led, non-profit organization in The Gambia that was formed in 2010 and officially registered in 2011. The organization seeks to inspire and assist girls and young women to achieve their individual needs and collective interests by developing their leadership skills empowering them through capacity building, awareness raising, networking and mentorship. TYW believes that by building the skills and fortifying the voices young women and girls, more impact and support will be created towards the realization of women's rights. It is an inclusive organization premised on the belief that young women and girls are active members of the wider community and play a vital role in it. Their vision seeing a generation of well-informed, self-possessed and enlightened young women leaders.

The group has significantly contributed to the prohibition of child marriage and FGM in the Gambia following its advocacy in the abandonment of these harmful traditional practices.

The country has also seen an increment in youth advocacy, as a result of their engagement with the youth of the country. The organization is also leading the use of new media communication platforms and techniques among youth organizations in The Gambia. It has been able to strengthen itself and set standards even with limited resources available.



"Our sanitary pad drive remains one of our success stories. For purposes of menstrual hygiene, we started a drive for sanitary pads for girls who do not access them. Our desire is to #SmashShame! Our Girls' mentorship programme is also changing the narratives! We are indeed creating a new generation of enlightened young women." they say.



**FOUNDED IN
2010**



**THE
GAMBIA**



**AREA OF WORK
GIRLS /
LEADERSHIP
BUILDING**

TRANS SWATI

Founded in 2016, TransSwati was officially registered as a non profit in May 2018. Lack of trans* community representation in programmatic activities of the development sector in Swaziland led to the formation of this young feminist group. They are working together to fight social stigma, much of which has also been perpetuated by gays and lesbians, in addition to cis people in the community. The group envisions country-wide equality for transgender people so that they can have access to all public services. Their mission is to enhance the livelihood of transgender people in Swaziland through an intersectional approach to advocacy and programmatic activities that target the youth, healthcare, law enforcement, economic empowerment, education, culture, religion and wider societal attitudes. Their biggest success remains to be one of first ever trans-led organization in Swaziland and being successful in getting funding support from FRIDA.



**FOUNDED IN
2016**



SWAZILAND

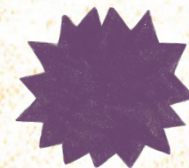


**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA***

UNPROTECTED

UNPROTECTED is a young feminist group that was founded in March 2018. Their work centres on bringing sex education closer to young feminists and uses theatre as a tool towards knowledge. "We want to share our expertise in sex education and theatre making with young feminists and empower them to take action and bring change in their communities," they say. Their mission is to offer a safe environment for young girls and women to talk about their sexuality, relationships, reproductive rights, sexual violence, consent, sexism and other important issues related to women's role in the Romanian society.

The group members wish to shift the patterns Romanian men have about the women's role in family and society. And mostly, they want to encourage women to think about themselves regarding their sexuality and rights outside their own established patterns. They produced their first theatre play recently— PROTECTED / UNPROTECTED, and feel deeply encouraged in receiving funding support from three different organizations, including FRIDA. "The financial support received, gives us the opportunity to not only put the conversation surrounding the lack of comprehensive sexuality education on the Romanian theatre stage but to tour the country in several big cities and talk to young people and stakeholders on the local status quo," they say. They also have their own [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#).



**FOUNDED IN
2018**



ROMANIA



**AREA OF WORK
ARTIVISM /
EDUCATION**

VPRIDE ORGANIZATION

VPride Organization is a trans-led community based group founded in 2009 that was set up to help mobilize and educate, advocate for rights of LGBTIQ and other minority groups in based in Port Vila in the Pacific island of Vanuatu. Their vision is unity, celebration and affirmation of sexuality, gender, health and human rights of everyone and promoting gender diversity in Vanuatu. As a local network of persons of different sexual orientation and gender diversity populations, their mission is to strengthen community leadership, mobilization and advocacy in the areas of sexuality and gender identities with respect to sexual health including STI's, HIV and AIDS, wellbeing and human rights.

The group considers getting VPride legally registered in 2017 as its biggest achievement. Back in 2013, VPride wanted to register as an Association but was unsuccessful as the President of Vanuatu Christian Council at that time made a call to all Chiefs, Government and other NGOs to not welcome VPride. The organization was seen with disgust that will create division in Vanuatu's society where it stands strongly on Melanesian Values and Christian principles.

Therefore, in the following years, VPride continued to reach out to communities to advocate for HIV and AIDs prevention integrating Stigma and Discrimination agenda as a key ingredient to sensitize the communities in understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and its diversity. Four years later, in June 2017 VPride was successfully registered under the charitable act of 140 of the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission.



**FOUNDED IN
2009**

VANUATU

**AREA OF WORK
LGBTQIA* /
HEALTH CARE**

WOMEN LEADERS IN TECHNOLOGY

Founded in June 2015, Women Leaders in Technology's mission is to provide technical and professional skills and pass on available opportunities to young women to assist them excel in tech fields. They do so by helping them get mentorship, exposure, and networks to become innovators, role-models and mentors for young girls coming after them.

"Starting as an informal group of 5 female members and expanding to a community of more than 40 members as a formal organization over 3 years of our establishment is one of the things we consider as our success," they say. In the last three years, WLIT has witnessed many wonderful young female enthusiasts and leaders and what they have gained through WLIT programmes. Many of their fellows go on to become interns (and then software engineers/developers) at partner companies. Many of the WLIT fellows and alumni have participated and won at local hackathons earning themselves various titles.



**FOUNDED IN
2015**



NEPAL



**AREA OF WORK
ICT**



YOUNG FEMINIST NETWORK

Young Feminist Network was founded in October 2017 as an outcome of the Feminism and Advocacy Training that was facilitated by Global Platform Bangladesh. Young Feminist Network is a movement formed by diverse and dynamic young people in Bangladesh trying to challenge the patriarchal system of the country. The group promotes young women's rights and gender inclusive society through feminist leadership. Since the network was formed, they have been raising awareness of young people's rights and mobilize them to advance their rights and their common agenda through dialogues and campaigns.

One of the biggest achievements of the network was when they organized a 3-day Feminist Fair in March 2018 to observe the International Women's Day for the first time in Bangladesh. They invited young women entrepreneurs from different parts of the country to sell their products at the fair. A Feminist Film Festival was also integrated into the fair, where 10 young filmmakers across the country submitted their entries that depict women and transgender issues. Forums were also organized where they talked about women's rights, social movements and youth participation in the electoral campaign. "We also facilitated interactive sessions and cultural shows where we invited feminists, artists and the Hijra (Transgender) community in Bangladesh. It was a breakthrough for the network. Since then a lot of young people are now interested to be part of the network," they said.



**FOUNDED IN
2017**

BANGLADESH



**AREA OF WORK
LEADERSHIP
BUILDING**



QUOTE UNQUOTE



“Наша миссия – продвижение прав девочек и женщин в
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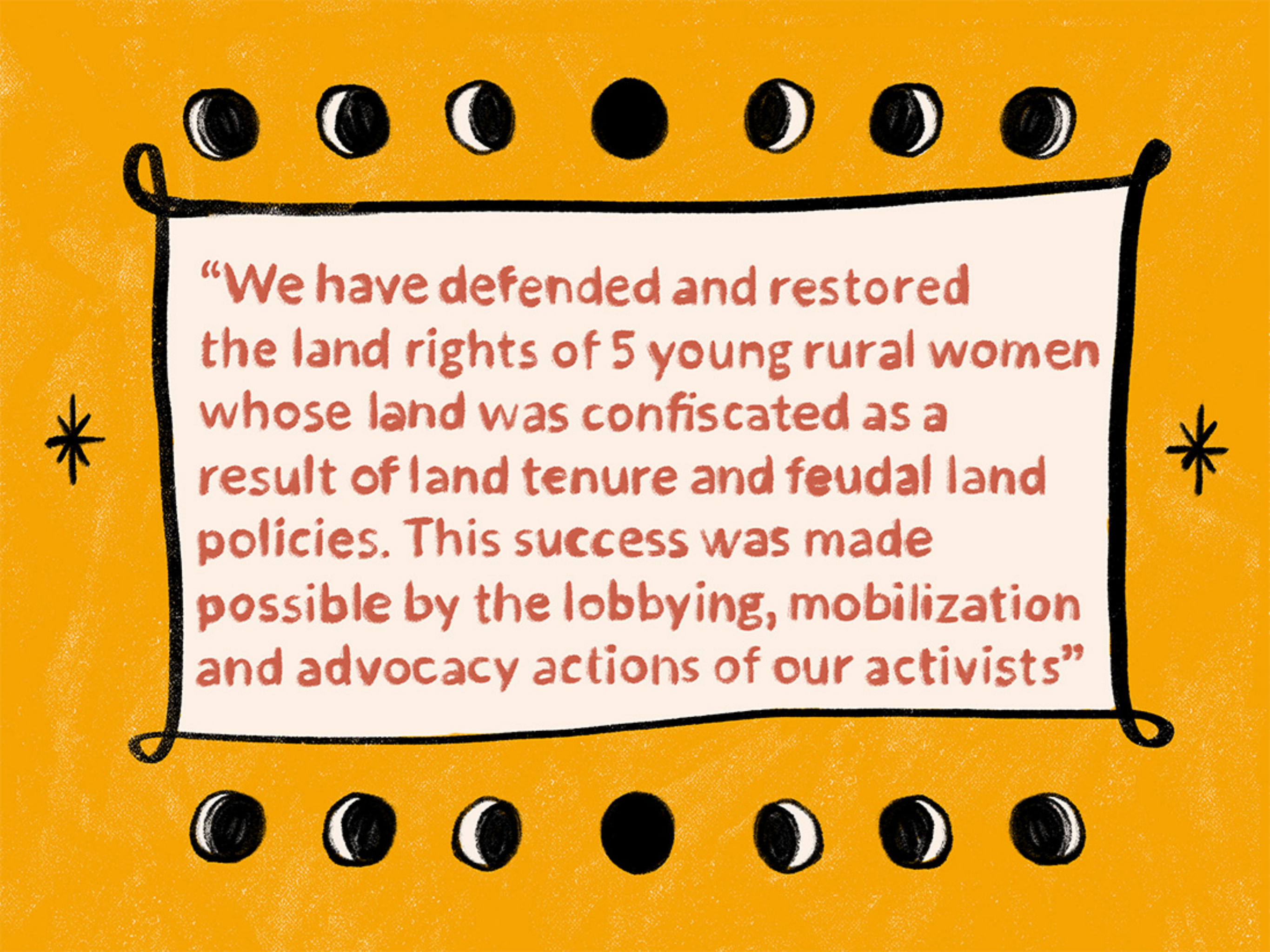
“[We are] a young feminist group whose mission is to promote the rights of girls
and women in remote mountain areas”

“[We] provide a virtual safe space for women who go through an emotional crisis, and through catharsis and loving feminist accompaniment avoid possible self-harm or suicidal thoughts that are consequence of the depression or anxiety crisis.”


“Our motivation to deal with these issues comes from our personal experience of living as young women in a conservative patriarchal society and our willingness to challenge its oppressive mechanisms”

“In our work we are guided by the principles of equality, diversity and justice, intersectional feminism, trans-inclusiveness and inclusive activism”


“Working from creative collaboration is a very powerful satisfaction”



“We have defended and restored the land rights of 5 young rural women whose land was confiscated as a result of land tenure and feudal land policies. This success was made possible by the lobbying, mobilization and advocacy actions of our activists”



“Our motivation to deal with these issues comes from our personal experience of living as young women in a conservative patriarchal society and our willingness to challenge its oppressive mechanisms.”



“[Nosso] foco é fortalecer a comunicação feita por mulheres negras e voltadas não só para o público negro, mas, para todos que se importam com uma comunicação socialmente diversa e responsável”

“[Our] focus is to strengthen the communication made by black women not just for the black public, but also for all who care about a socially diverse and responsible communication”





“Nuestro primer logro como grupo ha sido quedar seleccionadas en los fondos Frida y haber contado con los votos de otras mujeres fuera de nuestro país en este proceso”



“Our first achievement as a group has been to be selected as one of FRIDA's many grantee partners, and to have been counted among many applicants, receiving one of the highest votes from women outside of our country in this [grantmaking] process.”





**“We believe that
our greatest achievement
has been and is...
to resist”**

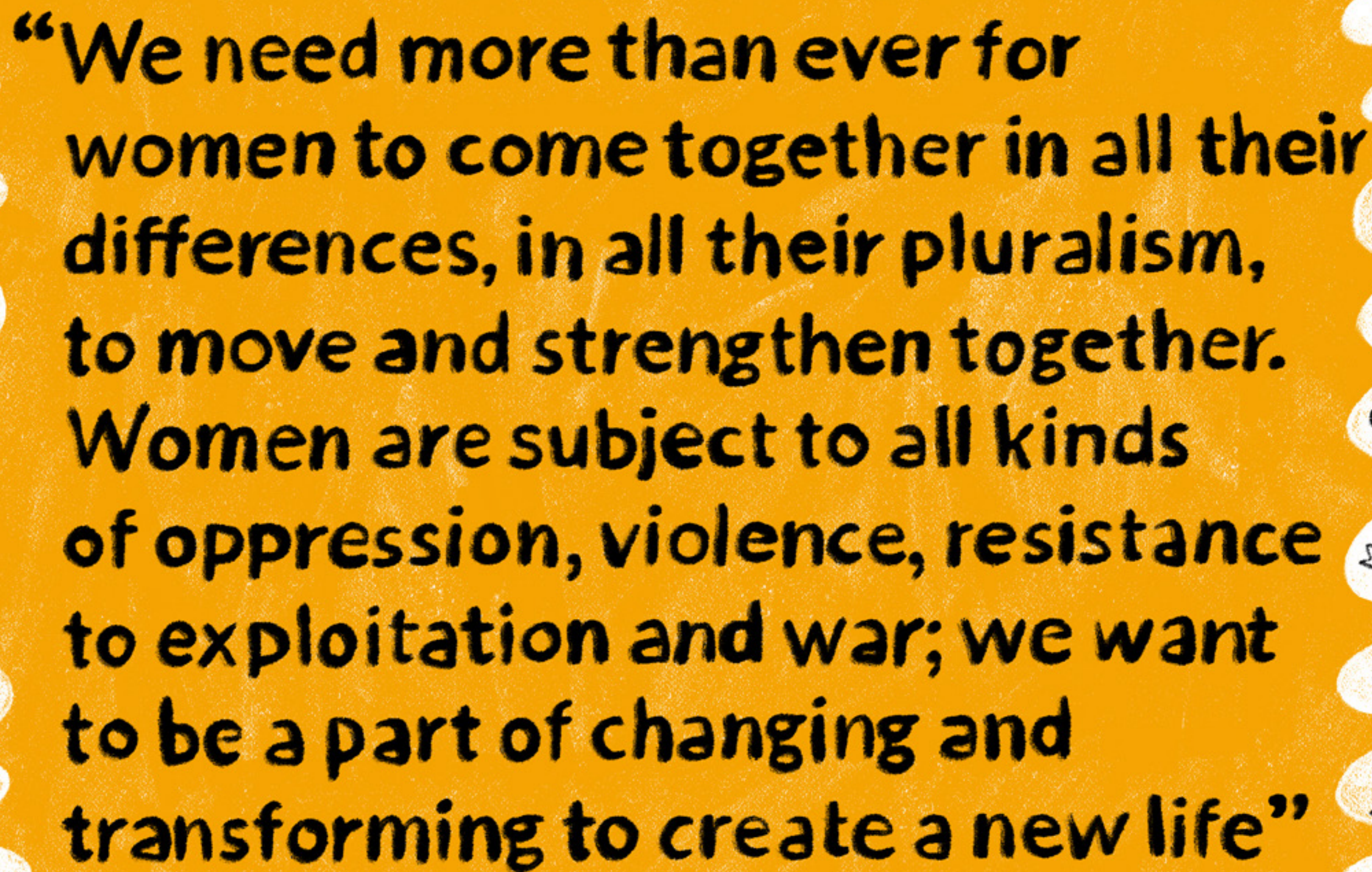


“These public spaces are also dominated by cis hetero people who often make LGBTQ people feel unsafe, and in many cases actively inflict physical violence to community members. For this reason we wanted a community run space where we can control our own narratives and feel safe being vulnerable and ourselves.”



“[We are] fully engaged in educating and raising women’s awareness on their fundamental rights including land ownership, matrimonial property-inheritance rights etc.”






“We need more than ever for women to come together in all their differences, in all their pluralism, to move and strengthen together. Women are subject to all kinds of oppression, violence, resistance to exploitation and war; we want to be a part of changing and transforming to create a new life”

“Although hospitality is—at least theoretically—so deeply rooted in the Polish culture, only few Poles realize that the Polish word ‘gościnność’ (Eng. ‘hospitality’) consists of two other words: Guest and Difference. That is how Gościńność has become the name of educational cooking workshops run by immigrants and refugees, and dedicated for youth aged between 9-16 years old.”





**“We strongly believe in the motto:
When the whole world is silent, even
one voice is powerful”**



**THANK YOU! MERCI! ¡GRACIAS! شكرا لكم!
OBRIGADO! Спасибо! 谢谢!**

FRIDA is humbled to be able to support such incredible groups across the world. We want to thank all of the supporters that have enabled FRIDA to grow its grantee community to **NEARLY 200 YOUNG FEMINIST GROUPS** today. This is certainly not an isolated accomplishment and we are so grateful for the many hours, insights and inputs from all FRIDA advisors, staff members, board members, translators, countless applicants who put in their time in being part of the democratic voting process, and the critical resources from all our donors who believe in the power and potential of young feminist organizing. **CLICK HERE** to see a list of FRIDA's current and former funding partners.

WE ARE PROUD TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FLEXIBLE FUNDING TO EMERGING INITIATIVES LED BY YOUNG FEMINIST ACTIVISTS, AND TRULY BELIEVE IN THE INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP OF YOUNG FEMINIST ORGANIZER EVERYWHERE.

If you believe in them too, **CONSIDER SUPPORTING FRIDA'S FIERCE NETWORK OF YOUNG FEMINIST GROUPS TODAY.**

With gratitude,

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