



Yearbook

In the aftermath of the COVID pandemic, we saw the rise of authoritarianism, militarization, and fascism around the globe, mounting financial and legal restrictions on civil society, and an increase in the climate crisis and armed conflicts. This, along with the rise in anti-gender and anti-rights forces, requires immediate and bold action to promote and protect human rights for all, as well as for our planet.

Amidst multiple crises, 2023 was a year in which our network identified unexplored opportunities to continue transforming the global funding ecosystem to bring more and better resources to women's and feminist movements in the Global South and East.

Our collective power is a catalyst for change—a steadfast bridge between various types of funders and feminist movements, which have an unwavering commitment to a more equitable and peaceful world.

The Power of a Network: Prospera's Collective Journey through 2023



1. A network's response to armed conflicts

At Prospera, no crisis is more important than others. Last year, the need to bring our communities together and ignite our collective power felt more vital than ever. As armed conflicts soared in [Palestine](#), [Israel](#), [Sudan](#), and [Nagorno-Karabakh](#), our network swiftly responded and issued global Calls To Action within philanthropy, urging for resourcing to be driven towards building peace and ending violence.



2.

Influencing the flow of resources to feminists in the Global South and East

In 2023, Prospera participated in numerous philanthropic advocacy spaces such as Women Deliver, Global Summit of Collaborative Funds, UN Climate Week, the African Philanthropy Forum, the African Philanthropy Conference, the Women's Funding Network Conference, WINGS Forum, EDGE Conference, Feminist Foreign Policy Conference, Shift the Power Summit, and the AVPN Summit. We will continue bringing our collective voice to philanthropic and feminist foreign policy gatherings to advocate for greater resourcing for women, girls, trans and non-binary people, and their communities in the Global South and East.



3.

Mobilizing \$1.2

Billion towards

Feminist

Movements

In 2023, Prospera reached the billion-dollar mark, [mobilizing over 1.2 billion dollars in one decade!](#) This substantial transfer of resources toward feminist movements translates into 25,174 grants, research initiatives, capacity-building programs, and advocacy efforts toward gender justice in 172 countries.



4.

Building a feminist funding mechanism

To address unequal access to capital within the network, Prospera INWF created a collaborative pooled funding mechanism of and for our members. The mechanism is led and managed by a Steering Committee of those funds and has an initial investment of 2 million USD. This mechanism aims to provide flexible, non-restricted, and trust-based funding to its smallest in-budget members, who often have unequal access to capital and resources. However, their unique position as national and sub-regional funds means they are closer to movements within their territories and have deep relationships of trust with groups, contextual understanding, and an ability to support organizations and activists for the long term. The funds in the mechanism support feminist movements in 67 countries within all continents, with close to \$10M a year.



5.

Embodying our Collective Power

2023 was a year of new beginnings for us. Following an entire year dedicated to crafting our shared vision for the next decade, we finally launched our [Strategic Framework](#) for the next decade, focusing on ensuring resource justice for feminist movements in the Global South and East. This milestone fully embodies our collective power, demonstrating that building a collective strategy as a diverse and complex network like Prospera, in a feminist and participatory manner, is possible. After this ambitious undertaking, our network stands stronger than ever.

In a world perpetually in crisis, we have a crucial role to play in ensuring that women's and feminist activists, groups, organizations, and movements are adequately resourced to transform systems of inequality and violence into ones of equality between and among genders, communities, societies, and countries, for collective care and well-being, and in harmony with our planet.

Prospera's 2023 Yearbook documents the most significant challenges encountered by our membership and the milestones celebrated by the women's and feminist funds that make up our network. We invite you to join us in this transformation!

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 Highlights

Fondo Alquimia

During 2023, we bolstered our communication stance to raise awareness of movements and position individual donations as a pathway for global transformation through three public dialogues: (1) The Pride of Transforming the World, (2) Feminist Solidarity in Crisis Contexts, and (3) For a Just Life on the Planet.

We hosted two events to strengthen the Individual Donors Network. The first was the #Alquimia20Años anniversary event, which highlighted the role of activism in Chile, and the second was the Individual Donors Encounter for Feminist Solidarity, designed as a loyalty activity to individual donors who trust our work.

In collaboration with Fondo Lunaria, we are part of the Latin American-level co-ordination of “On the Right Track,” an initiative that mobilizes resources to support movements in the region, countering the fundamentalist advance and promoting an in-depth analysis of democracies. From October 5 to 7, we organized the 2nd Latin American Encounter in Santiago de Chile to enhance strategies and forge connections in defending democracies and human rights across the continent.

Through our unique call, we successfully increased resources by establishing seven support lines for women’s and gender and sexual diversity organizations. These support lines encompass the following themes: Gender and Sexual Diversity, Against All Violence, Right to Decide, Economic Justice and Care, On The Right Track, Economic Justice and Memory, and Human Rights. Thanks to these initiatives, we increased the number of applications received from 200 to 300 in a single call.

Throughout 2023, we achieved significant progress in team strengthening by establishing four collaborative platforms for evaluation, planning, and collective participation in training workshops to consolidate collective spaces for nurturing, care, reflection, and exchanging ideas.

Apthapi-Jopueti Fondo de Mujeres Bolivia

Last year started with our motto, “institutionally ensuring that growth is not a problem,” reflecting our mission of “empowering social transformation processes in patriarchal, capitalist, and colonial systems.”

One of our significant accomplishments of 2023 was acquiring an office for the Fund as part of our financial sustainability strategy. We continued to support feminist, women’s, and diversity movements in Bolivia, witnessing a 28% increase in the number of organizations applying for the 2023 Fund Call and a 27% rise in our annual budget. Ultimately, we awarded 135 grants.

Moreover, we collaborated on creating the book “Retumbar - Feminist Creative Production,” which documents and systematizes our collaborative efforts with partners and the Feminist Research Space. This initiative collectively explores feminist insights on knowledge production.

Lastly, in 2023, Bolivia hosted the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Women’s Fund Alliance, providing an opportunity to reaffirm the impact of our collective power.

Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice

In 2023, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice continued its steadfast support of grassroots and LGBTQI+ movements globally. The foundation partnered with a record number of grantees, expanding its support for activist leaders. The Astraea Foundation’s International Fund awarded over \$1.2 million to 64 groups in 38 countries, while the U.S. Fund awarded \$1.4 million in grants to 23 groups across the U.S. and its claimed territories.

Last year, the Intersex Human Rights Fund experienced its most substantial year yet, awarding nearly \$600,000 in grants to 62 groups in over 50 countries. In addition to such record-setting grantmaking, the Astraea Foundation expanded how we sustain liberation leaders for the long term, hosting our largest Global Activist Convening to date. The June event in Thailand brought together 110 participants from 45 countries for information sharing, strategizing, and healing.

African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF)

The AWDF unveiled its ambitious [10-year Strategic Framework “Lemlem,”](#) which outlines our path toward a more movement-centered, holistic, and inclusive approach to feminist funding in Africa.

In 2023, the AWDF provided grants totaling USD 19.2 million to women’s rights and feminist organizations, collectives, individuals, and movements across Africa. The Fund sustained its support through voice initiatives such as the writers’ workshop and collective care initiatives like the Flourish retreats, aimed at resourcing and nurturing feminist healing and self-care through structured initiatives promoting well-being and rejuvenation.

The AWDF deepened its engagement with the philanthropic community in Africa and worldwide, including collaborations such as the Leading From the South consortium and the documentation of Prospera’s African Chapter of *Herstory*. Additionally, a consortium on countering anti-rights movements, funded in partnership with ISDAO, SIHA, We Are Purposeful, and the Doria Feminist Fund, is set to launch soon. In alignment with our strategic vision, the AWDF enhanced its operational capacities, reaffirming our commitment to Pan-African feminist principles. We continue to support our Board and Senior Leadership in rethinking its composition, governance practices, and working methods to ensure that the new strategic direction—even more feminist, inclusive, and agile—reflects the Fund’s governance structures.

International Indigenous Women’s Fund (IIWF-AYNI)

During 2023, the International Indigenous Women’s Forum (IIWF-FIMI) remained dedicated to empowering Indigenous Women through a comprehensive approach. This approach involved coordinating regional and subregional mechanisms, nurturing leadership skills, conducting participatory research and advocacy, and fostering co-investment across all levels.

In pursuit of our 2023 objectives, we initiated strategic programs that effectively empowered and built Indigenous Women’s and their organization’s capacity. These programs fostered meaningful collaboration with our key stakeholders, ensuring equitable and respectful partnerships with 1) Indigenous Women’s Organizations within IIWF’s regional and subregional mechanisms and 2) strategic alliances with stakeholders from policy, research, civil society, communications and media, and the philanthropic sector.

As the philanthropic branch of the IIWF, the Ayni Fund expanded and consolidated its efforts in 2023, mobilizing resources to foster the implementation of various social, environmental, and economic development projects. The year 2023 saw the undertaking of the harmonization process of the Ayni Fund, where previous mechanisms were streamlined under Ayni Call 2023. This marked the first milestone in harmonization, achieved through the consolidation, establishment, and digital platform application for grantmaking.

Of 682 applications received for Ayni Call 2023 and the Indigenous People Assistance Facility, 421 were deemed eligible proposals. The IIWF’s selection framework prioritized connection to culture, spirituality, and collective action respecting Mother Earth and initiatives to improve their ways of life and strengthen organizational capacity. Technical support through Bilateral meetings has assisted partners with project implementation and progress tracking. These meetings facilitate discussions and strategies to overcome challenges and address the needs and priorities in advancing Indigenous Women’s rights.

Bulgarian Fund for Women (BFW)

In 2023, the BFW officially embraced a co-leadership model in line with feminist principles, emphasizing power-sharing, collective responsibility, and mutual care. The team expanded significantly to 14 staff members, compared to 9 in 2022.

During 2023, the BFW continued prioritizing small, rural, and newly established organizations addressing controversial issues. Our grantmaking process became even more responsive, flexible, and accessible to all, facilitated by the integration of Salesforce into our operations. The three primary funding lines provided by BFW were core support, project funding, and rapid response grants. One of our main achievements was negotiating with the European Commission to secure funding under the CERV program and distributing our first round of core support grants with European funding.

We are proud to share that the BFW's total budget for 2023 amounted to 2.5 million USD. By the end of the year, we had bestowed 58 grants to 45 CSOs, groups, and activists totaling 1.5 million USD.

Last but not least, after years of advocacy efforts, numerous protests funded by the BFW, official statements, and shadow reports, the Bulgarian government finally enacted much-needed changes to the Law for Protection from Domestic Violence in August 2023. These changes promise more comprehensive and timely protection for victims.

Calala Fondo de Mujeres

In 2023, we conducted advocacy activities targeting public funders in Spain and Europe to secure increased funding for the groups we support, mobilizing new resources from the Spanish Institute for Women and the European Commission. Additionally, we launched two research initiatives and the [#Sacapecho campaign](#) on the vital role of the feminist and women's movement in advancing human rights, achieving significant visibility across our channels and in the media.

We convened in Seville with potential funders and over 30 women's groups supported by our [Fondo Dalia](#) initiative, fostering dialogue on women-led economic projects and forging synergies toward a social and solidarity economy. As the year concluded, we bid farewell to our Executive Director María Palomares Arenas, who accompanied us for more than a decade, performing a fantastic job. To ensure a smooth transition, we established a co-management team of three people and initiated a process of reflection on continuing to build a more horizontally structured organization with shared leadership.

Doria Feminist Fund (DFF)

Amidst the ongoing crisis in the MENA region, including earthquakes in Turkey, Syria, and Morocco, floods in Libya, and armed conflicts in Sudan and Gaza, the Doria Feminist Fund initiated emergency grants funding to address immediate needs, covering three key support areas—advocacy and awareness, movement building, and crisis and humanitarian relief. This Emergency Response grants support groups that broader emergency response efforts may not cover.

Doria Feminist Fund collaborated with like-minded peer funders throughout 2023 to strategize on philanthropic responses during times of crisis, especially when there's a lot of volatility and polarization, emphasizing the importance of collective action in preserving civil society. Despite the escalating threats, activists in the MENA region continue to channel their power to organize, mobilize, and activate the movements that liberate and bring change to their communities.

Doria Feminist Fund is uniquely positioned to connect and support underserved communities in the region, map the current landscape of the organization, and respond to the most pressing needs for funding. In 2023, the DFF attracted more resources to increase its grantmaking and support more feminist groups across the region. Additionally, the DFF awarded four feminists who dared to challenge injustice as they overcame ever-escalating challenges, encouraging other young activists to follow their lead. Each awardee received a financial award, and their inspiring stories were documented and posted on [Doria's website](#).

Furthermore, in its commitment to the local production of feminist knowledge, the DFF conducted qualitative research on funding for feminist collective action in Lebanon and Tunisia.

Fundo ELAS+

Throughout 2023, ELAS+ Giving for Change reaffirmed its purpose of strengthening the role of cis and trans women, and other transidentities by supporting initiatives they led.

The ["Building Movements – for solidarity, justice, and democracy"](#) program, ELAS+'s most significant initiative, completed its seventh edition, attracting applications from initiatives across Brazil, including urban centers, rural areas, indigenous territories, and Black traditional communities, considering the country's diversity and multiplicity of women. The program's extensive reach ensures resources flow to every corner of Brazil, institutionally strengthening grantees through flexible resources. "Building Movements" reflects ELAS+ confidence in the grantees' deep understanding of their challenges and their capacity to devise effective solutions.

In 2023, ELAS+ made history by organizing the first [Black Women Alliance Exchange](#), bringing representatives from 16 Brazilian organizations to the USA to address racial violence. The exchange allowed participants to engage with US activists' experiences and participate in events like the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent. Additionally, representation at COP 28 in Dubai reinforced the narrative that environmental justice is inseparable from gender justice.

In the last quarter of the year, the launch of the study ["Feminist Activism and Transformative Philanthropy Post-Pandemic"](#) underscored ELAS+'s commitment to producing content on feminist philanthropy.

At the institutional level, 2023 was a year for strategic planning and a renewal of organizational culture at ELAS+, focusing on systemic management to empower multiple leadership roles within the team. Establishing a Board of Managers reflects ELAS+'s commitment to horizontal decision-making within the institution.

The Equality Fund

In 2023, our fund significantly expanded its influence and support within the global feminist ecosystem, largely thanks to strategic partnerships with many peer members of the Prospera network who stand as essential feminist grantmakers and movement builders worldwide.

The Equality Fund disbursed grants totaling \$21,245,362 in close collaboration with other feminist funds. The fund's resources reached 654 women's rights and feminist organizations in 90 countries, including 42 countries, for the first time. This 134% increase in grantmaking from the previous year reflects our commitment to act swiftly and purposefully amid intense global crises and conflicts.

Simultaneously, our investment team was thrilled to launch the Equality Fund Toolkit for Gender-Lens Investing (GLI), a dynamic knowledge hub designed to assist investors in analyzing how investments benefit women, girls, and trans people. With over 1,000 downloads and counting, these tools will channel new capital toward investments that promote equity and redistribute power.

Continuing our dedication to accountability and learning within global feminist movements, we hosted two global town halls involving 200 leaders from 45 countries. These discussions provided candid insights from our collective journey to date. Additionally, throughout the year, we intensified our advocacy for feminist policies and increased funding for feminist movements. We engaged in landmark events and dialogues with The Philanthropy Workshop, the Ford Foundation, and worldwide influential cultural and political figures.

To delve deeper into our initiatives and accomplishments, explore our 2023 Annual Report: [Feminism in Motion: Delivering Change in an Uncertain World](#).

Ecumenical Women's Initiative (EWI)

EWI organized an in-person gathering on Militarism and Peacebuilding, bringing together activists and curious minds from the West Balkans. During the event, we pondered the state of the world. We delved into the Logic of Peace tailored to our regions, successfully establishing a safe space where constructive criticism, intergenerational knowledge exchange, and hope were encouraged.

Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres (FCAM)

2023 was a significant year for the FCAM. We celebrated 20 years supporting women's and feminist movements in Central America. Although the context remains challenging for human rights defenders, and persecution, criminalization, and the closing of civic spaces are increasing in our region, we resist and strategically act with flexibility and political creativity.

Our celebration focused on honoring the movements. We commemorated their struggles and existence; we danced and laughed because this, too, is part of a revolution. We created a [virtual tour](#) reflecting the significance of our journey and organized numerous activities throughout the year, including an in-person gathering where over 100 FCAM members, partner organizations, and allies came together. We continued our work of funding, accompanying, and providing technical and political support to 175 organizations and 12 Central American activists, disbursing USD 4.9 million in 223 direct grants.

Partnerships with other funds and allied organizations were vital to our annual plans, reaffirming how strategic collaborative work is essential to achieving joint goals.

In 2023, we conducted the mid-term evaluation of the Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA), an alliance led by the FCAM, which yielded interesting insights into how the bond between movements and the incorporation of necessary approaches to achieve environmental, climate, and gender justice have deepened, resulting in new projects and collaborations among those involved.

Last year's achievement in Panama clearly exemplifies the movement's collective power. After a month of mobilization and citizen pressure, the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the 40-year-old contract that allowed the renewal of the exploitation concession of Central America's largest open-pit copper mine.

FemFund Poland

In 2023, FemFund transitioned from operating in a constant crisis mode to consolidating its efforts. We remained outwardly focused on responding to the evolving needs of local feminist movements while also looking inward to strengthen our team and streamline our workflows. We took deliberate steps to prioritize our well-being and engaged in deep conversations about centering collective care as a bold feminist practice.

During the past year, FemFund expanded its commitment to becoming a more accessible organization. This involved enhancing internal capacity building, such as providing a crash course for the team on Polish Sign Language and introducing supplementary accessibility grants to all FemFund's grantee partners. Additionally, since 2023, all of FemFund's grantmaking programs are accessible in Ukrainian and Russian languages.

Furthermore, we launched a visibility campaign to reach a wider audience and raise awareness about FemFund. This campaign featured [a video inspired by FemFund's grantee partners](#), who are also featured in the film.

Last but not least, 2023 marked a significant political shift with the abolition of the far-right authoritarian government (finally!). This makes us rethink our role in this new context.

Fonds Pour Les Femmes Congolaises (FFC)

The FFC initiated an inclusive call for projects spanning a wide range of themes, receiving an impressive 245 submissions from 12 provinces. Through a rigorous selection process undertaken by an independent committee, 57 projects ultimately received funding across four distinct themes of strategic focus. Thus, 60% of the projects were dedicated to sexual and reproductive health, 17% addressed combating sexual violence and gender-based violence, followed by empowerment initiatives constituting 16% of the funded projects, and the remaining 7% focused on conflict transformation and management, highlighting efforts to address the root causes and consequences of conflict.

The FFC supported four organizations addressing conflict management and transformation in the Tanganyika and North Kivu provinces. These organizations carried out media and community awareness campaigns, meetings with local leaders, reception and guidance for demobilized ex-combatants and other vulnerable youths, and training members of peace huts: an initiative focused on supporting the community's youth in the demobilization process in collaboration with the Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration, Community Security and Stabilization Program.

Grants were awarded to ten organizations across ten provinces that have made remarkable achievements by conducting training programs for 281 girls and boys aged between 14 and 17 across 34 schools. The training sessions provided them with a deep understanding of the legal frameworks surrounding sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and knowledge about its various forms. Furthermore, a thoughtfully structured mentoring program was implemented to develop their leadership skills, enabling them to become influential champions and agents of change within their schools and communities, actively promoting awareness, and advocating for transformative actions against SGBV.

filia.die frauenstiftung (filia)

Participation is fundamental to filia's grantmaking approach. With the publication of "Empowerment: Between Theory and Practice," we have taken a significant step forward: participatory evaluation. Member activists of our advisory board for the Empowerment Program for Refugee Women have examined their experiences and the challenges and accomplishments of the program. This publication is a valuable resource that will guide the development of both of filia's Empowerment Programs in the future.

In 2023, filia also made notable progress in its advocacy work, bringing women's funds and their initiatives to the forefront. Our collaboration with the German Federal Foreign Office, particularly in conjunction with our colleagues from the Reconstruction Women's Fund, the Ecumenical Women's Initiative, and the Bulgarian Women's Fund, was well received during the conference "Voices From Around The Globe: A Feminist Foreign Policy Networking Day."

Last but not least, filia has invested in enhancing its donor community through meetings and events in major cities like Berlin and Munich.

Fondo de Mujeres del Sur (FMS)

During 2023, we continued to deepen our work related to care and its multiple dimensions. Thus, we presented to the Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos an advisory opinion document prepared jointly with our colleagues regarding the right to care and its links to economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights. The report reflects the voices and realities of workers in community kitchens and dining rooms, migrant workers, domestic workers, and women with disabilities.

Another notable advancement was launching a new support line for organizations working on sports issues in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Additionally, we extended our Environmental Defenders Program to Uruguay, preparing to celebrate, in 2024, 10 years of funding for socioenvironmental and climate justice efforts.

2023 has been a year of significant challenges that will continue in 2024, related to changes and setbacks in the Latin American political context, especially in Argentina and Paraguay. This has led us to rethink strategies and take measures to protect our role as resource mobilizers, ensure the integrity and safety of the activists and organizations we support, and strengthen their advocacy and resistance strategies.

Finally, in 2023, we supported 226 organizations, contributing to 470 organizations supported throughout our history.

FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund

In 2023, FRIDA operated with a budget exceeding \$10 million for the first time since its inception. Over \$3.8 million was allocated to direct grantmaking, while FRIDA reinforced its advisory community with \$183K in direct support to advisors. In 2023, FRIDA introduced a running call for renewals, with three payment rounds, awarding USD 2,232,300 in core, special, and transition grants to 232 grantee partners across six regions. FRIDA's core grants offer significant flexibility both for project and core expenses.

The creation of FRIDA's Risk Reserve grant last year stemmed from recognizing that grantees need immediate resources to respond to emergent crises rather than "evaluating" a crisis once it has already happened. Thus, by operating on radical trust, FRIDA fosters meaningful risk-sharing with the movements it serves.

Following its Resource Mobilization Ethics policy, FRIDA prioritized fundraising efforts in close collaboration with its Resource Mobilization Taskforce. As a result, FRIDA succeeded in renewing existing partnerships and attracting new donors, enabling the Fund to execute its 2020-2025 strategic plan.

FRIDA's MEL efforts in 2023 emphasized strategic discussions, Data and Learning Systems enhancement, and capacity strengthening. FRIDA also bolstered Holistic Security practices and implemented robust processes for backups, laptop replacements, and staff onboarding/offboarding to ensure operations. Moreover, FRIDA provided dedicated support for digital security initiatives, launched a Travel Toolkit, and offered recommendations to demonstrate solidarity with Palestine.

FRIDA partnered with ActionAid UK to host a donor roundtable discussion titled “Investing in Girls’ Wellbeing Post Covid-19”. Additionally, the Fund coordinated and co-wrote a solidarity statement with Palestinian resistance despite pressure from right-leaning funders.

GFW | Global Fund for Women

By the end of the fiscal year–June 30–we awarded 434 grants totaling \$14,914,306 to 383 organizations across 90 countries. Our grantmaking significantly contributed to strengthening and sustaining gender justice movements worldwide. This support extended to groups advancing freedom from violence in Palestine, advocating for climate justice in the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands, promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights in West and East Africa, and addressing gender-based violence in Peru, among other crucial efforts. Additionally, we allocated crisis support funding to gender justice organizations in response to political and health crises and climate-induced disasters, offering continuous support to national and regional women’s funds.

Throughout 2023, we led initiatives to raise awareness about the insufficient funding for gender justice movements. We successfully influenced the philanthropic sector to increase its budget for women-led organizations, notably through our 1.9 Rising monthly giving campaign. Last year, we also led efforts for feminist accountability regarding commitments made at the Generation Equality forum; we supported artists working at the intersection of gender justice movements and creativity and collaborated with our adolescent girl’s advisory council to advance our initiatives in youth-led participatory grantmaking.

HER Fund

Amid the epidemic, grassroots and marginalized women, girls, and transgender communities faced unprecedented challenges, so it was crucial for organizations advocating for gender equity to respond promptly to their needs. At HER Fund, providing companionship and flexible funding that values gender perspectives and supports the community’s resilience is paramount. In 2023, we swiftly and flexibly allocated HK\$1,305,440 to 23 organizations, initiating a total of 28 projects to address community needs during the pandemic.

Beyond supporting projects initiated by gender equity organizations, we were committed to fostering their sustainable growth. In 2023, we organized training sessions on transformative feminist leadership and project design through a gendered lens. Participants highly acclaimed these sessions and found the training instrumental in reflecting on gender issues in their daily operations and project design, prioritizing their team’s physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, and navigating their organization through diverse challenges.

Jumuiya Women Fund (JWF)

In 2023, Jumuiya Women Fund achieved significant milestones and implemented impactful initiatives, demonstrating our commitment to empowering women and communities across Kenya.

We allocated resources to share the real-life stories of beneficiaries from our Food Livelihood and Nutrition project, showcasing the tangible impact of our initiative. [Through a documentary](#) covering six counties, we captured the transformative effects of this project, which involved providing a monthly cash transfer of 6,000 Kenyan shillings over six months, along with comprehensive Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) training and seed distribution.

Enabled by the Activate Program funding stream of Equality Fund, we prioritized the inclusion and empowerment of women groups in marginalized regions of rural Kenya by providing targeted funding and capacity-building training. We witnessed incredible stories of transformation exemplified by grantee organizations like [BintiCare](#) and [Keiyo Women Trust](#).

Jumuiya Women Fund proudly became part of esteemed feminist funding associations such as PROSPERA and FEMNET. These partnerships reaffirmed our commitment to feminist principles and collective action, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing within the philanthropic community. The JWF also joined the [Cash and Learning Partnerships \(CALP\) Network](#), which promotes using cash and voucher assistance to support people affected by humanitarian crises and boost local economies in most crisis contexts.

Last year, we established strategic collaborations with the Urgent Action Fund to help steer the Strengthening of Underfunded Women’s Groups initiative. This collaboration led to funding the Kasperet Self-Help Group, a women’s group advocating for women, girls, and children living with disabilities.

Our impactful work was made possible through the generous support of our donors, namely the Equality Fund and Mama Cash. Their collaboration enabled us to amplify our efforts, reaching even more women and communities with vital resources and support.

Korea Foundation for Women (KFW)

The Korea Foundation for Women raised a \$1.8M fund in 2023 from individual and corporate donors, including in-kind donations. The foundation allocated these funds to 15 grant programs across four core areas: gender equality grant (32%), women’s human rights grant (19%), women’s empowerment grant (34%), and diversity and caring society grant (15%). Regarding impact, the KFW supported 194 projects from 316 women’s groups/organizations, engaging 200,896 people throughout the year.

In 2023, the KFW launched Brave Changes. A new grant program that aims to broaden the ecosystem for women NGOs by providing long-term, flexible, core support. Notably, there was a twofold increase in the gender equality grant compared to 2022, despite the political backlash against feminism and the women’s movement in South Korea.

Fondo Lunaria

Throughout the year, we strengthened our social research area, enabling organizations and collectives to build narratives that reflect their realities based on the voices of young women and trans people. This interest led to the publication of two studies: “We are Transforming Something, Because We Are Disturbing. Bets, Challenges, and Agendas of Young Women in the Defense of Territories,” and “Welcome Freedom: Refuting Essentialist Positions. An Approach to Trans-exclusive Feminism in Colombia.” Additionally, we organized the first research certification course in collaboration with the University of Cauca.

Another significant achievement was our “coming out” supporting organizations and collectives of trans men, trans masculinities, and non-binary people in a context of increasing trans-exclusive discourses in the region. This initiative expanded Lunaria’s reach and internally strengthened the team to address discriminatory discourses within the feminisms. Although we have extensive experience supporting initiatives for trans women, in 2023, we adopted a trans-inclusive perspective as a fundamental part of our collective learning in collaboration with the organizations we support and other alliances.

We also highlight the exercise of collaborative leadership, reflecting our political convictions. We opted for co-directing the Fund and the systematic functioning of a coordinating team to speed our actions to strengthen organizational efforts and our collective and strategic work.

Finally, we fulfilled our dream of having a Lunaria house. A physical space where we can create, build, and foster learning alongside the collective processes of young women and trans people.

Mama Cash

In 2023, Mama Cash distributed €8,182,760 through 244 grants, marking a 40% increase in new Resilience Fund grantee partners compared to 2022. Apart from providing core, long-term, flexible grants and renewals to our grantee partners, Mama Cash also extended crisis and emergency relief support grants to partners grappling with the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, as well as the ongoing conflicts in Sudan, Nagorno-Karabakh, and Gaza, among others. The Solidarity Fund, Mama Cash’s participatory fund for Women’s Funds, saw a 61% increase in grants, expanding from 13 to 21 Solidarity Fund partners. This expansion enhanced our regional reach and representation regarding the locations of our Solidarity Fund partners and the regions where they operate. To celebrate Mama Cash’s 40th anniversary, we commissioned an impact study covering four decades of feminist resourcing. Additionally, we initiated a series of anniversary events that will culminate in a Mama Cash Festival entitled “For Love. For Change. For Justice.”

Mediterranean Women's Fund

In 2023, despite significant challenges in our region, the Mediterranean Women's Fund experienced a year of growth and impact. Earthquakes in Turkey, Syria, and Morocco, floods in Greece and Libya, and armed conflicts in Palestine underscored the urgency of our work. Our fundraising efforts yielded €1,3 million in grantmaking, a 50% increase from 2022, with 30% allocated for emergency support.

We organized Strategic Reflection meetings across Tunisia, Lebanon, Croatia, and Paris, focusing on Feminism and Climate Justice, engaging activists from 13 countries. Workshops on digital security were conducted in Algeria, along with our second Feminist Training in Collective Intelligence held in Morocco.

We prioritized field visits to our grantee partners and strengthened our national and regional network support. We engaged with organizations addressing issues such as antiracism, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and journalism—including several online meetings with the network of migrant women's organizations from lower-income neighborhoods of the Paris suburbs. Finally, we worked hard on our next strategic plan, enhancing our team capacity and defining clearer strategies for the coming five years.

Mongolian Women's Fund (MONES)

In 2023, MONES issued 37 grants totaling \$115,000 to urban and rural women's groups and NGOs, focusing on promoting gender equality, reducing discrimination, empowering girls, and strengthening women's leadership in addressing the impacts of climate change. With MONES's backing, the Coalition Against Sexual Harassment at the Workplace outlined its strategy for 2023-2026. Our support for girls in STEM also led to four Mongolian girls winning three bronze medals and an honorary mention at the European Girls Mathematics Olympiad 2023. Furthermore, MONES contributed to LGBTQI+ rights by participating in the PLAY TIME FESTIVAL, an International Music Festival held in Mongolia featuring six drag queen artists.

To foster philanthropy in Mongolia and cultivate a long-term relationship with local businesses, we surveyed Mongolia's top 100 tax-paying companies to gauge their approach to gender equality and women's rights within their organizations. The survey aimed to understand the strategies employed by these companies and quantify the Corporate Social Responsibility funding explicitly dedicated to gender equality initiatives. The insights gleaned from this survey will guide MONES in forging collaborations with the corporate sector and align our goals to enhance the local funding landscape in support of gender justice initiatives.

Pacific Feminist Fund (PFF)

In 2023, the Pacific Feminist Fund registered as the Pacific Feminist Fund Charitable Trust in New Zealand and was officially introduced in May 2023 during the 3rd Pacific Feminist Forum in Fiji. The event also included the publication of the "Pacific Feminist Fund Design Report."

Last year, the PFF laid the groundwork for its systems and processes while assembling a new team of Pacific-based feminists to lead the development of our three-year inception plan. Additionally, we've set up our online presence across various social media platforms. Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and X at @PacFemFund.

The Pacific Feminist Fund aimed to facilitate transformative collaborations and engagements to garner support while strategically engaging with diverse funders, allies, and partners to secure funding. Moreover, we actively participated in crucial spaces to amplify the voices of Pacific feminists and address region-specific issues as well as continued to enhance collaborations and peer-to-peer learning with existing alliances. By the end of 2023, the PFF had secured NZD 4 million from various bilateral funders and private foundations.

Reconstruction Women's Fund (RWF)

Last year, we visited Fondo Alquimia in Chile to discuss the significance of constitutional processes and pondered the setback in adopting Chile's new progressive constitution.

We engaged in conversations facilitated by the network of activist and philanthropic organizations convened by [Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace](#) and leveraged the [Reforming International Development](#) platform, conducting a comprehensive review of outdated peace models and development philanthropy.

Djurdja Trajkovic from RWF and other representatives from women's funds, networks, and foundations organized online seminars focused on women's funds' resilience and the potential for collaboration with private philanthropy to foster stronger relationships and identify common avenues of action, obstacles, and opportunities.

Our new RWF Archive and Library houses various materials, including books, publications, brochures, posters, photographs, audio and video recordings, and theses. Through this, we are preserving a vital part of feminist history and the history of women's groups in Serbia and the wider region.

Finally, in the past five years, our total grant-making budget increased by 2.5 times; the General Support budget grew by 1.8 times; we welcomed five new groups into our General Support system; the Special Focus budget expanded by 3.5 times; the maximum amount awarded per grant in the Special Focus program has increased 1.5 times within the last two years; 60% of the stipend budget has been raised within the local community; and since 2020, 75% of the costs are allocated for grants, while 25% for the fund.

Fondo Semillas

In June 2023, Fondo Semillas hosted Mexico's first [Feminist Philanthropy Forum](#). The aim was to influence national philanthropy and encourage flexible, trust-based donations to support organizational sustainability and dignified activism. The Forum welcomed 135 attendees, including national and international institutional donors, private sector representatives, activists, and academics.

In April, we brought together 169 activists from the 2022-2024 grant cycle for our largest meeting since our inception. Over three days, sustainability, healing, and creativity were the main themes, providing an opportunity to celebrate achievements, share struggles, and learn from the diverse activisms that intersect the country.

In collaboration with a qualitative research agency, we conducted an audience study to understand better the opinions, feelings, interests, and receptivity of individuals similar to Fondo Semillas donors. Through focus groups, the research provided specific insights to guide the planning and development of communication and fundraising campaigns to reach broader audiences beyond the feminist and activist spheres.

Alongside activists, we reflected and generated original knowledge, contributing to the transformation of the economic system from a feminist perspective. "[Care Tasks: Profiles and Motivations of Caregivers](#)" highlights the significant time dedicated by women, the LGBT+ community, and activists to domestic and caregiving responsibilities. The study also explores perceptions of traditionally assigned roles and presents three caregiver profiles.

Lastly, the "[BuenVivir Study: Systematization of the Experience of Organizations Generating Alternative Livelihoods](#)" provides an analytical framework for this model, describing strategies implemented by twelve Mexican organizations in their progress towards an alternative civilizational paradigm.

Taso Foundation

In 2023, the Taso Foundation significantly advocated for women's rights and well-being, especially in rural areas. The organization employed a diverse grant-giving strategy through campaigns, community engagement, and strategic collaborations to address crucial issues and support women across Georgia.

One notable event on our calendar was the Rural Women Fest. This gathering served as a meaningful platform for fostering community bonds and celebrating the strength and resilience of rural women. Moreover, the Taso Foundation celebrated the International Day of Rural Women through a six-week campaign featuring a captivating three-minute film competition. The initiative aimed to leverage the impact of visual storytelling, focusing on portraying women's lives in rural areas. Participants were encouraged to raise awareness and prompt reflection on the numerous challenges faced by these women.

The foundation hosted a Women's School featuring an oral history course. During this course, students had the unique opportunity to explore the foundation's extensive expertise in oral history recording, gaining valuable insights and practical knowledge.

Last year, the foundation reached a significant milestone with a working meeting in Sairme, where nine community foundations, partner organizations, and groups convened. This gathering facilitated insightful discussions on the existing challenges within civil society, including gender-based violence and social justice.

The Taso Foundation consistently strengthened collaborative networks and capacity-building efforts throughout the year. Implementing a new Salesforce system enhanced operational flexibility, while strategic grant allocations to community funds empowered them to initiate independent regional projects.

Tewa for Women's Empowerment

Last year, we hosted grantee convenings in the Koshi, Sudur Paschim, Gandaki, and Lumbini provinces, providing a connecting platform to partners who have received Tewa's support over the past 27 years. The exchange of experiences and networking opportunities proved invaluable, fostering a sense of community among the partners.

Moreover, Tewa played a pivotal role in fostering collaboration and networking among its grantee partners by connecting them with prominent organizations such as the Urgent Action Fund, the International Indigenous Women's Forum, Women's Fund Asia, and the Alternative Energy Promotion Centre—a vital government institution in Nepal.

As part of Tewa's Community Philanthropy program, we ventured into novel fundraising initiatives, including the "Pedal for Tewa" cycling event held in October. This event aimed not only to raise awareness about breast cancer but also to make significant contributions to both financial support and addressing broader societal issues.

A significant achievement was the successful conclusion of the Community Safety Net and Feminist Movement Building (CSN&FMB) initiation in February 2023, followed by the launch of Phase II in November 2023. Through this three-year process, we aim to consolidate the initiative across all provinces of Nepal, empowering women and excluded groups through support for existing CSNs. Furthermore, the program extended its impact by addressing Violence Against Women during crises.

Finally, the organization dedicated a day to review and reflect on its strategic planning for the next five years (2021-2025), fostering meaningful discussions on values with board members and staff.

Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism (UAF)

As conflicts and crises intensified in 2023, the Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism remained responsive to the needs of frontline feminist movements, providing our highest number of grants to date—510, totaling \$3,691,340 with a notably 35% of our grants constituted to crisis funding.

Supported by the Count Me In! Consortium, of whom we are a part, our fund will launch an interactive virtual reprisal handbook. This handbook serves as a resource for activists facing retaliation due to their activism and an advocacy tool to influence the policy and practice of donors, policymakers, and international institutions, helping them better understand and meet movement needs.

The Urgent Action Funds, a consortium of four autonomous feminist funds, launched a report that provides insights on prioritizing collective care to mitigate risks and promote the well-being and sustainability of feminist movements. "How Can We Ground Ourselves in Care and Dance Our Revolution?" features interviews with 141 activists in 63 countries who discuss integrating care into their activism and work. The perspectives shared in our report provide a unique and diverse understanding of collective care, highlighting the experiences of women, trans, and non-binary feminist activists who have been historically marginalized within social justice movements worldwide. Thus far, the report has been translated into seven languages, and each Sister Fund promotes and integrates its learning in different ways.

Urgent Action Fund-Africa (UAF-Africa)

In 2023, with approximately \$3.5 million in grantmaking, the UAF-Africa resourced 395 African women human rights defenders (WHRDs) and their movements in 48 African countries. In response to the Sudan conflict, we stood in solidarity with grassroots WHRDs and organizations by providing resources, holistic security

support, and linking to larger networks, including supporting cross-national movements and response. Beyond this, we engaged in philanthropic influencing and advocacy to draw attention to the crisis and developed a [policy brief on feminist responses](#), offering insights into the politicized feminist analysis of the war and its impact on Sudanese activists and defenders.

Adopting a healing justice and collective care approach is essential in our response. Grounded in the [healing justice framework](#), this approach centers on healing and questioning the structural roots of trauma, violence, and harm as a radical strategy for movement-building and sustainability, critical for building resilience and resistance in crises. This approach informs our grantmaking and the work of the Feminist Republik platform, which prioritizes healing and places care at the center of activism and our response. We are proud that, out of over 582 nominees, the Feminist Republik platform received the 2023 Uwiano Award, organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, for supporting the human rights of LGBTIQ+ people in East Africa.

In June 2023, we officially launched the Pan-African and Feminist Philanthropies initiative in collaboration with Trust Africa. This initiative focuses on philanthropic narratives and practices that value Africa's everyday and institutionalized philanthropic practices. Rooted in African solidarity, collective action, independence, and agency, the initiative allies with African-led efforts to advance inclusive and intersectional political and feminist agendas for justice and liberation of all people of African descent.

Urgent Action Fund-Asia & Pacific (UAF A&P)

In 2023, the UAF A&P disbursed 450 grants worth approximately \$2.4 million across 27 Asian and Pacific countries. Of such, 190 grants were allocated to countries facing acute crises like Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar, constituting 42% of the total grants disbursed. Additionally, 15% of the grants were directed to Environment and Climate Justice defenders in 18 countries, while 16% supported LBQTI+ defenders across 15 countries. UAF A&P also strengthened its solidarity with sex worker's rights activists by disbursing 43 grants in 12 countries. Moreover, 66 Webs of Safety and Care grants were disbursed to activists to prioritize their individual and collective care. Regarding geographical distribution, 16% of the total grants were allocated to the Pacific region, with increased outreach efforts by the team in the area. South Asia received 40% of the grants, Southeast Asia 38%, and East Asia received 6%.

During 2023, UAF A&P conducted targeted outreach in [Indonesia](#), [Fiji](#), and [Sri Lanka](#), aiming to better understand feminist activist's contexts, needs, and ongoing crises. Additionally, they organized a three-day [Oasis of Reflection](#) to reflect on their individual and collective experiences, challenges, practices, and inspirations.

Furthermore, 2023 marked the conclusion of UAF A&P's five-year strategic plan. They conducted a comprehensive and participatory organizational review, which served as the basis for developing their new five-year Strategic Plan for 2024-2029. They also initiated efforts to activate philanthropic giving in Australia in collaboration with the International Women's Development Agency and the Pacific Feminist Fund. To learn more about UAF A&P's work, read their latest Annual Learning Report, "[Stirrings of the Earth](#)."

Fondo de Acción Urgente de América Latina y el Caribe (UAF-LAC)

In 2023, our regional historical crises intensified. The democratic system faltered, the climate change impact worsened, and migration processes became even riskier. As the only regional feminist fund for Latin America and the Caribbean, we believe crisis response must have a political commitment that prioritizes care and listens to activist's voices, experiences, strategies, and movements in their territories.

During 2023, we initiated the "AcuerpaFau" meetings, aimed at forging closer ties based on trust with organizations, collectives, and networks. At UAF-LAC, we know that we are accountable to the movements. Hence, an everyday relationship of deep listening and dialogue with grassroots organizations is fundamental to our work, for it is in these collective spaces that dialogue is deeper and more interconnected. For us, "accompanying" the movements involves weaving deep connections with political substances and understanding reality and contexts more holistically. This closeness provides us the foundation to propose other forms of financing that support activists and defenders in times of urgency.

<p>VidaAfrolatina</p>	<p>VidaAfrolatina's primary achievement in 2023 was completing our first non-competitive grant cycle. Modeled after Equality Fund's Activate Stream, we disbursed funds to 17 organizations, marking a quadruple increase in funding partners from our pilot cycle.</p> <p>We also slightly increased the grant amount from USD 5,000 in our pilot cycle to USD 5,589. During the second half of 2023, we concluded the evaluation process for this cycle. Additionally, our team traveled to Latin America for the first time in our organization's brief history to collaborate and deepen relationships with our grantee partners.</p> <p>For our team, 2023 was a profoundly inspiring and energizing year dedicated to developing our grantmaking program.</p>	<p>In 2023, Women's Fund Armenia published four studies. "Collective Care: Summary of Needs Assessment Data" sheds light on perceptions, practices, and needs regarding healing, self-care, and collective care among our partner organizations. "Institutional and Team Resilience of Women's Organizations," conducted among women's foundations in Armenia, Ukraine, Georgia, and Germany, aimed to gauge the readiness of four women's funds and their partners to handle crises. "Where is the Money for Women's and Feminist Organizations in Armenia?" aimed to provide a comprehensive view of the financial status of women's and feminist organizations and suggest strategies to attract more resources. Lastly, we published a collection of articles based on the Femtalk series.</p> <p>In 2023, we celebrated the fifth anniversary of Women's Fund Armenia. To commemorate this milestone, we summarized the number, amount, and geographical distribution of grants over these five years.</p>
<p>Women's Fund Asia (WFA)</p>	<p>Last year, through our Strengthening Feminist Movements 2023-2024 cycle, we allocated 1,588,769 USD across 17 Asian countries, marking a 55% funding increase with 87% more applications. Grant sizes were increased, and a percentage of partner budgets were allocated for care, well-being, and institutional strengthening.</p> <p>We completed the development of our institutional strategy for crisis response, the <i>Emergency Solidarity Strategy</i>. Responding to the increasingly volatile context facing women, girls, trans, and intersex people in Asia, our strategy underscores a feminist analysis of crises and views emergencies as a continuum of complex intersections that groups of women, girls, and trans and intersex people are working to transform. For WFA, solidarity and supporting feminist movements through emergencies and crises are essential to achieving our impact and sustaining feminist movements.</p> <p>Furthermore, we participated in the AVPN Global Conference and co-hosted a session in collaboration with LGT Venture Philanthropy, supported by The Bridgespan Group. As part of the Leading from the South Consortium, we played a crucial role in dialogues at critical events like #CSW67 and the Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Conference. As one of the SFFP Conference Ambassadors, Anisha Chugh, WFA Executive Director, reiterated the message that resources are political. Additionally, we continued our involvement in the Steering Committees of various global alliances and networks like the Alliance for Feminist Movements, the Human Rights Funders Network, the Feminist Alchemy Network, and the Advisory Board of Resilience Fund for Women in Global Value Chains.</p> <p>As part of the Amplify-Invest-Reach partnership (a DFAT-supported partnership with Urgent Action Fund Asia & Pacific, the Pacific Feminist Fund, and Women's Fund Fiji) in the Asia and Pacific region, we contributed to a consultation on Australia's International Gender Equality Strategy emphasizing the "nothing about us without us" principle and the importance of centering structurally excluded and marginalized populations in all policies and practices. Our 2023 Linking & Learning grants supported feminist activists who participated in key spaces such as the ASEAN People's Forum 2023, the 86th CEDAW Session, the Global Grassroots Women Caregivers Summit, COP28, and the International Conference on Disability, Equity, and Justice, among others. Moreover, we hosted cross-regional thematic convenings on Resistance, Resilience, and Care with the LFS Consortium (African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), Fondo de Mujeres del Sur (FMS), International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI) / AYNi Fund (AYNI)) with over 50 women, young women, trans and non-binary feminists from 26 countries in the Global South. The Convening co-created a shared feminist understanding of collective care, well-being, and healing in feminist movements operating in challenging contexts.</p> <p>Read WFA's Annual Report 2022-23. Read our latest publication -Kaagapay Fund to Support Feminist Resilience in the face of COVID-19 An Advocacy Brief.</p>	<p>Women's Fund Armenia is establishing a collective care and co-healing center named "Gardens of Silihdar" in Ashtarak City. Follow Silihdar Gardens on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on renovations and co-healing practices.</p> <p>Women's Fund Fiji (WFF)</p> <p>Women's Fund Fiji experienced significant growth, expanding from five contributors in December 2022 to eight. A groundbreaking partnership with the New Zealand Government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade was secured, placing it as our second-largest donor. Additionally, we established a pioneering collaboration with Fondation Chanel, securing a USD 300,000, 3-year partnership. This milestone alliance, initiated through discussions at Prospera and facilitated by a referral from Women's Fund Asia to the Pacific Feminist Fund, underscores WFF's commitment to diversifying resources and broadening its impact.</p> <p>The "Climate Justice: Gender Solutions" workshop aimed to enhance knowledge and skills in climate justice and gender equality among grantee partners. Key lessons emphasized the vital importance of trauma-informed approaches, community-centered solutions, inclusive engagement, and the transformative potential of technology.</p> <p>Our grantee partners demonstrated remarkable progress and impact across the Fund's thematic areas, driven by collaborative coalitions of change. Partnerships in Ending Violence Against Women strengthened linkages with agencies like the Fiji Police Force and community leaders to enhance awareness and referral systems. Similarly, partners focused on Women's Economic Empowerment leveraged capacity-building opportunities to enhance livelihood skills. The collaborative ethos extended beyond thematic boundaries, with partners like BIRTH Fiji and Lifebread Stay Connected Foundation combining expertise to provide comprehensive support to women. Moreover, WFF facilitated networking opportunities, enabling partners like Women in Fisheries Network Fiji to access international forums and partnership platforms. Through peer learning initiatives, partners like Cicia Women's Network and Soqosoqo Vakamarama Cakaudrove enhanced their organizational capacities, showcasing the transformative potential of collective action.</p>
<p>Women's Fund Armenia</p>	<p>Due to Azerbaijan's large-scale offensive on September 19, over one hundred thousand ethnic Armenians were forcibly displaced from Nagorno Karabakh. Responding to the humanitarian crisis, Women's Fund Armenia launched a fundraising campaign to mobilize resources and aid for forcibly displaced women and girls.</p>	<p>Women's Fund Georgia (WFG)</p> <p>In 2023, Women's Fund Georgia announced 19 calls for proposals and awarded 110 grants. The topics covered Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Environmental Justice, Women's Labor Rights, Advocacy at the Municipal Level, Healing Justice, Anti-gender Movements, Rapid Response, and Core Support grants.</p> <p>One of the year's highlights was organizing the 4th feminist festival in Racha, Georgia. The festival's central theme was the intersection of environmental justice and feminism. It served as a traveling space organized outside the capital to engage as many people from the regions as possible, with up to 100 attendees throughout the week.</p> <p>The "Kato Mikeladze Award for the Women Human Rights Defenders" was established by the WFG in 2013 to honor women's rights activists and celebrate the International Day for Women Human Rights Defenders (DWHRD). Named after Kato Mikeladze, a 20th-century feminist, women's rights activist, and publicist in Georgia, the award aims to build a safe environment where WHRD's work is acknowledged,</p>

recognized, and serves as a model for the younger generation of women. This year, queer feminist activist Alla Parunova was honored.

The construction of the feminist residency remains one of the fund's central projects. The space is intended to serve feminist activists, WHRDs, LGBTQI persons, green activists, artists, and local women free of charge for meetings, conferences, workshops, presentations, and planning sessions. It aims to support cross-movement cooperation and create a friendly, open, and safe space beyond formal settings, serving both Georgian and foreign activists. The construction of the space is in its final stages and is set to be launched in Autumn.

Women First

In 2023, Women First embarked on a profound learning and reflection journey. We deepened our connections with partners through gatherings in Rwanda and Kenya, and by visiting communities in Uganda, Tanzania, and India, we embraced the power of solidarity with visionary leaders shaping a gender-just world.

Among the women and trans people we support, 294 launched their businesses, 664 increased their savings, and 1,023 saw a raise in their monthly income. Nearly 150,000 women and trans people received support to pursue their visions of economic justice, thanks to \$927,000 in grant funding distributed to 67 organizations. By engaging with local artists, activists, and regional and global women's funds, we sought a collective vision to address the root causes of inequality.

As we enter the new year, our commitment remains unwavering: to continue centering the wisdom and voices of grassroots leaders who understand the needs of their communities and can drive transformative change.

Women Win

Last year, Women Win delved deeply into our fiscal sponsorship practices under our sister brand, Ignita, to infuse them with feminist and decolonized principles.

We learned and collaborated with other Women's Funds, including participating in two collaborative grants with Fenomenal Funds: the Feminist Organisational Evolution Collaborative and Collective Learning on Participatory Grant-Making. Additionally, we are part of the Oak WF Constellation and hosts of the Prospera GIFT Mechanism.

In 2023, we expanded our climate justice exploration, including launching the Water Justice Fund in partnership with Simavi. This program aims to support women in addressing water vulnerability through local climate initiatives.

The Fund continued its dedication to movements. Guided by consultant Dani Prisacariu, we engaged in internal dialogues and conversations with partners to understand their perspectives on Women Win's role in the gender justice movement. The valuable insights gathered will shape our approach, influence our working methods, and contribute to developing an organizational impact framework.

Finally, we enhanced our understanding of investment practices, including participation in Prospera's webinar series, formulating our Investment Policy, and initiating investment activities with some of the gifts received.

Le Fonds pour les Femmes Francophones - XOESE

We continued supporting francophone women's groups and movements, investing time and resources to amplify our work and showcase its impact. Our support has increased in quantity and quality, with grants awarded to 49 new initiatives to bolster existing and new grantee partners. Additionally, we facilitated various capacity-building and networking opportunities through online and in-person training sessions.

We launched several campaigns to bolster advocacy efforts within the francophone women's movement, enhancing their ability to articulate issues and better understand their relationship with financial resources. Engaging in global and collaborative endeavors such as the Alliance for Feminist Movement, the Feminist Financial

Resilience collaboration, and the Feminist Fund Database Emergent Group on Salesforce, we strengthened our connections and impact. Our 2023 concluded on a high note with the success of our Francophone Feminist Forum held in Lomé, which attracted over 650 participants from 23 countries in

person and online. Despite facing numerous challenges, we created a welcoming and inclusive space, fostering a sense of belonging among francophone activists who may typically be hesitant to identify as feminists. We received positive and encouraging feedback from participants and resource people, highlighting how the forum facilitated strengthened bonds, meaningful exchanges, discussions, laughter, mutual support, collaborative thinking, and exploration of opportunities for collaboration and alliance-building. This unique event within the francophone women's movement fostered the development of numerous projects aimed at organizational growth and advancing the well-being of defenders. Most importantly, it encouraged participants to tackle issues with innovative solutions, paving the way for change.

Grantmaking is only one way for Women's and Feminist Funds to support movements. Our membership fosters dialogues among and between different social movements at local and global levels, collectively influences philanthropy and resource allocation, and establishes equitable partnerships with activists to transform gender norms toward systemic change.

As Women's and Feminist Funds stand as key actors in their countries, regions, and the global aid ecosystem, building gender justice movements rather than merely serving as intermediaries, Prospera celebrates our collective political power, which is the bedrock of the feminist funding movement.



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