



Annual Report 2005

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Introduction

Impact. The theme of this annual report made me wonder. If I had to choose the best result of 2005, what would it be? As Executive Director of Mama Cash I look at the figures of the organisation, of course. One striking result is the significant increase of individual donors; we reached so many new people and received so many donations in 2005 which is fantastic evidence of the success of our investments. Campaign 88 Days played an important part in this. It was exciting, because we had never campaigned in this way before. All staff members were involved, and our solidarity, internally as well as externally, grew impressively. Our organisation had already gained in strength and Campaign 88 Days certainly reinforced that process. We also managed to find four new international board members which will further develop the international profile of Mama Cash.

Equally important are the developments in strategic grantmaking. For instance, Mama Cash grants enabled women employees of fast-food restaurants in Peru to stand up against sexism in the work place; enabled Palestinian women to fight for sexual rights and freedom; enabled young Polish women to give sex education to young people; and permitted survivors of sexual violence in Uganda to rebuild their lives. The impact of these small-scale projects should not be underestimated; they facilitate the discussion of subjects that were formerly taboo and enable women to make their voices heard. This is very important at this particular point in time when neo-liberalism and religious fundamentalism are increasing worldwide. Women's sexual and reproductive rights are threatened and a return to traditional roles inside and outside the family is high on conservative agendas.

Another wonderful achievement includes the fact that our sources of income are well balanced: Governments, private foundations and individual donors each provide one third of our current income. This reduces our financial risk. Moreover, half of our income is guaranteed for 2006 (compared to less than 30% at the beginning of last year) with an important shift from government subsidies to private foundations.

I am also pleased that there is a growing awareness in society of the importance of investments in women. Our Women's Fund Programme grew considerably, as did the Middle East Programme, and Mama Cash is proud of these developments. The Middle East is a new region with many opportunities for Mama Cash. We are for instance supporting the Organisation for Women's Freedom in Iraq

whose members struggle for basic women's rights at the risk of their own lives. And that is not all we do in the Middle East: our growing network continues to supply us with new applications for projects which will bring about real change.

Mama Cash supports women who fight for freedom in their struggle for justice. Every cent we receive is used to provide every woman, wherever she is in the world, a better quality of life.

I hope you will enjoy our 2005 Annual Report!

Hanneke Kamphuis
Executive Director

'If you ask me to describe Mama Cash, I would say that she is innovative! Especially in her relationship with sister funds like the Ukrainian Women's Fund. We have had the privilege of working with Mama Cash for five years now and every year brings us new knowledge, expertise and experience. We introduced the Making the Case methodology in 2005 and as a result not only the UWF but also 23 women's groups in the Ukraine are able to evaluate and communicate the results of their work more effectively. Obviously, this makes all of us stronger!'

Natalia Karbowska, director Ukrainian Women's Fund

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Vision, mission and core values

Financing small-scale initiatives by women for women in the Netherlands: that is how Mama Cash started in 1983. It was the world's first international independent fund for women. The five founders, all of them active in the women's movement, used the start-up capital that one of them provided.

Today, Mama Cash is a professional foundation of international renown with a growing (international) network of advisors. In the past two decades Mama Cash raised more than € 22 million to support more than 5,500 groups around the world.

Mama Cash is a women's fund which finances projects conceived by women; strong women who set an example for others, who know from first-hand experience that it is possible to turn the tide if women know their rights and claim them. Mama Cash is convinced that social change starts with women.

Her vision

Mama Cash strives for a just and peaceful world – a respectful world in which women have the freedom to develop their own choices and express and develop their own talents and skills.

Her mission

Mama Cash supports groundbreaking initiatives by women all over the world that advance the position of women and women's rights. By financing women's initiatives in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Mama Cash contributes to the empowerment of women and the control they have over their own lives and milieu.

Her core values

- . Mama Cash is a women's rights organisation. Her aim is to structurally change existing power relations and abolish mechanisms of exclusion and repression on the basis of gender, class, ethnicity, religion and sexual preference
- . Mama Cash thinks and works internationally
- . Mama Cash is part of the global women's movement
- . Mama Cash supports pioneers, that is, women who break new ground within a certain context
- . Mama Cash advocates solidarity, respect and the sharing of information and knowledge
- . Mama Cash advocates diversity and the importance of alliances with various organisations and individuals

Core business

Mama Cash's core business is twofold: resource mobilisation and strategic grantmaking. Resource mobilisation means identifying and securing financial capital for women's rights. Mama Cash does this directly by increasing her resource base, but also indirectly by encouraging for instance mainstream philanthropy and development cooperation institutions to increase their investment in women's rights.

Strategic grantmaking means funding initiatives which meet the criteria of Mama Cash, promoting and supporting capacity building, and measuring its impact. Mama Cash is pro-active, always on the lookout for strategic and groundbreaking opportunities for the advancement of women's rights.

'In 2005 Mama Cash has helped leverage greater resources for women's funds, and nurtured more strategic giving. She has supported activism and funding for women in the Middle East and North Africa, defying linguistic, cultural and political divides. She always dares to support the full spectrum of women's rights concerns, and the activists that defend them.'

**Jessica Horn, programme officer, Women's Rights and
Minority Rights, Sigrid Rausing Trust, London**

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Highlights 2005

Here are the highlights of 2005: addressing women's reconstruction projects in the wake of the Tsunami; 6000 gutsy women present at Women Inc., an inspirational resource mobilisation campaign that surpassed all expectations; an effective monitoring tool to measure the impact of our grantmaking; a project on Diaspora philanthropy and women; last but not least, two intrepid drivers of an orange Deux Cheveaux car racing through Africa to raise funds for the projects of Mama Cash.

Gutsy women: Women Inc.

Art, culture, media and debates: More than 6000 visitors, 300 daring women presenters, two inspiring lectures and a bright orange Deux Chevaux car in the middle of the hall made the first edition of Women Inc. a resounding success.

Mama Cash and the organisation “Founding Mothers” were present at the three-day women’s festival which was held in the *Beurs van Berlage* in Amsterdam in September 2005. This festival, called Women Inc. was organised by the Cultuurfabriek. Mama Cash’s stand was located in the main hall. Its eye-catcher was the bright orange Deux Chevaux car of Karin Horstman and Jantien Hoogmoed, two participants in the October Touareg Trail- a race from Belgium to Benin.

Middle East

In the context of (she inspires you) Mama Cash organised lectures during the festival. These were given by a speakers from Egypt, Iraq, Mexico and the Netherlands, all of them representatives of projects supported by Mama Cash. The subject of the first lecture was feminism in the Middle East. The speakers were Nawal el Saadawi (Egypt) and Yanar Mohammed (Iraq). Nawal el Saadawi is a former psychiatrist and director at the Ministry of Public Health in Egypt, and is presently a renowned writer. In 1972 she lost her civil service job after the publication of her book *Women and Sexuality*. Five years later her best-known book *The Hidden Face of Eve: Women in the Arab World* caused a scandal. In this book Nawal discusses female circumcision, prostitution, marriage, divorce and Islamic fundamentalism. While in prison she established the first feminist organisation in Egypt which existed for ten years and was then banned. In her lecture, Nawal elucidated her view of the current state of affairs in the Middle East. The former Iraqi refugee, Yanar Mohammed, founder of the Organisation of Women’s Freedom in Iraq, told the audience about her brave work in Iraq. She went back to set up the first underground shelter for women fleeing honour killings, and to support Iraqi women improve their position in society today.

Bodily Integrity

The subject of the second lecture was bodily integrity. Speakers were Rebecca Gomperts from the mobile abortion clinic Women on Waves, and Josefina Mena, active in Ciudad Juarez in Mexico. Rebecca told the audience about Women on Waves and the role Mama Cash played in the inception of the organisation. Josefina’s

presentation described the many women and girls who are killed or go missing in Ciudad Juarez. In this context she discussed the causes and influence of machismo. Josefina works together with the Mama Cash grantee, Nuestras Hijas de Regresa a Casa which has set up a radio service to inform the public and follow clues as to the whereabouts of missing women and girls. For instance, it took three days to find one ten-year old girl that had gone missing instead of the number of years it would normally have taken with out the radio programme and community participation. The project will also set up surveillance cameras. This is a good example of the innovative ways in which the support provided by Mama Cash enables an organisation to improve women's lives.

A wonderful project

This was the first time Mama Cash participated in such a massive public event aimed at women. This unique Dutch project offered Mama Cash a wonderful opportunity to increase her visibility and involve donors in an accessible way.

Overwhelming interest in Campaign 88 Days

Campaign 88 Days by Mama Cash: A new approach in the world of women's rights and resource mobilization. The power of women was central point of the campaign. Women are able to create a better world, but in order to do so they need money. Who is able to change the world in 88 days?

It was a truly inspirational idea. In December 2003 the Her Fund of Hong Kong started a campaign that lasted 88 days, from International Human Rights Day to International Women's Day. The organisation asked people to save a dollar a day and donate these 88 dollars to Her Fund. Mama Cash contributed € 880 to the initiative. The campaign proved extremely successful and generated an impressive amount of funds. This great initiative inspired Mama Cash and it deserved an international follow-up.

Where is the money?

A few months later Mama Cash received the results of a study conducted by AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development) titled *Where is the Money for Women's Rights*. AWID investigated how much money had been spent on women's rights and women's projects. The outcome was shocking: women are badly hit by epidemics, disasters and war, but in 2003 only 3.6% of worldwide government development aid, and a miserable 0.04% of European Commission aid supported women's projects. It is not possible to resolve today's problems related to poverty or illiteracy if women's unequal position in society is not simultaneously tackled. If we do not invest in women, problems will remain unsolved. Mama Cash believes that it is imperative that women's projects receive more attention and more funding.

Community

As a result, in 2005 Mama Cash decided to also initiate Campaign 88 Days. The three aims of the Campaign were to raise awareness for the position of women worldwide, take action (a petition for the European Committee), and mobilise resources. The new website was put to immediate use for this campaign. A newsletter, e-cards and emails informed our donors, grantees and friends. The Mama Cash community grew quickly; everybody enjoyed drawing in their male and female friends. Perhaps it was slightly too ambitious to want to raise € 1 million but ambitious is what our women's groups are. They not only want to change their own lives, but also the whole world.

The website crashed

By the end of 2005 (the first two weeks of the campaign), Mama Cash had received over € 88,000. The website received more than 70,000 hits and even went down for three days due to this overwhelming public attention. More than 880 people donated money (up to 31 December 2005) and the sums were much higher than the average donations to charitable causes. On 8 March 2006 Mama Cash will celebrate the end of the campaign with a party at which the (she changes the world) award will be presented to the most innovative women's group (selected by donors). It will be a wonderful closure to a successful campaign: never before has so much money been generated for women's projects in such a short period of time.

Measuring the impact of our work

It is easy to find out where your money goes. It is more difficult to measure the impact of social change and achieve real insight in what is done with your money. This is particularly true when supporting small women's groups that have just started and often work underground. However, it is not impossible- Mama Cash has a new tool!

The Women's Funding Network (WFN), a network organisation in San Francisco, USA, developed *Making the Case*, a special tool to measure the impact of social change. Mama Cash tried it and is enthusiastic. The method measures the impact of social change and indicates the effect of grants more clearly than ever before¹.

Mama Cash wanted to know whether it would also work in an international context. Together with other women's funds and grantees from around the world, Mama Cash put the instrument to the test.

Pilots

We first began by setting up pilots in four regions: Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe. Representatives of local women's funds, small women's groups (grantees), a consultant and a Mama Cash representative reviewed the Making the Case programme step by step. This group evaluated everything, from language used and questions posed, to technology and visuals. A review session took place in San Diego, USA. Staff members of women's funds were trained to apply the instrument and from then on women's funds could test *Making the Case* with their grantees.

How it works

Once approved, the applicant is introduced to the *Making the Case* methodology. The information which is required in this methodology relates directly to the information required when applying for a grant. At the end of the grant period the applicant is asked to use *Making the Case* to evaluate the project. This information is added to an international database which generates reports for women's funds.

Improving strategic financing

Making the Case was evaluated in December 2005. We concluded that the instrument is useful for our grantees including women's funds and small women's groups. It enables them to evaluate their achievements in a new way, and improves their ability to develop new strategic projects. The practical benefits are better planning,

improved communication with donors, a better recognition of the final results and an easier identification of the obstacles encountered along the way.

Making the Case has changed our vision on financing. We are much better able to indicate the effect and the added value of our grants, making our financing more strategic and specific. The extra benefit is enormous.

¹ *Making the Case* measures social change impact on several levels: the social definition of the subject; behaviour in society/the community; engagement in society/the community; policy shifts; maintaining the results gained.

The image of the rich white man- or not?

(she gives back) Women and Diaspora philanthropy

A Somali refugee returns to Somalia to find out what she can do for women. She finds the Dutch and Somali micro-financing foundation Doses of Hope. She generates her funds through resource mobilisation. The Dutch branch remains small, but a few years later 4,500 micro-credits have been granted in Somalia. It is only one example of Diaspora philanthropy.

How do women from the Diaspora contribute to social change in their countries of origin (or that of their parents)? Which local women's groups are their partners? As an organisation which is engaged in women and philanthropy, Mama Cash investigates the initiatives and activities of women in five European countries, their connections with women's groups in the countries where they are active, their motivation and the impact of their work. Mama Cash has supported a number of these activities over the years, often special initiatives which start on a small scale and have great impact.

The rich white man – or not?

In the past years, development cooperation organisations and financial institutions have paid a lot of attention to remittances: the money and resources that migrants send back to their countries of origin. Enormous sums are at stake, although nobody has a clear indication of the exact amount because a large part reaches its destination via informal routes. Current debates about remittances shed insufficient light on the role women play in this phenomenon. At the same time, there is a misconception that money is only sent to family ties; in fact, money is also invested in social change, emancipation and the advancement of women's rights. In today's society, the philanthropist is believed to be a "rich white man" wishing to spend his money on charitable causes. Women, particularly immigrant women, are seen as having no money, no access to money and no financial empowerment. Mama Cash views this subject differently. After all, philanthropic initiatives can be found at every level of society and within all ethnic groups. For years migrant groups and women's groups have set up projects whose impact is very strong. It is about time that these initiatives are acknowledged as philanthropic practices. The Black, migrant and refugee women who are involved in these practices have plenty knowledge of fundraising, grantmaking and in 'giving back' for development purposes.

The voice of women

(she gives back) took off with an event in the conference hall Felix Meritis in Amsterdam in November 2005. The experiences of black, migrant and refugee women with Diaspora philanthropy occupied centre stage. These women, as well as those working for development cooperation organisations and other philanthropic institutions, participated in a panel discussion about the flow of funds, organising and fundraising. A second phase of this debate will take place in 2006. (she gives back) maps the activities and participation of women and facilitates research and a debate on strategic financing in this field. Mama Cash wants to be able to say to development cooperation organisations and philanthropic institutions: "Look at what women are doing. Put them on your agenda and make the investment."

The Tsunami

The Tsunami caused a great need for acute emergency aid. ‘Be careful,’ people said. ‘Don’t send money immediately. That kind of support will be taken care of.’ However, Mama Cash knew she had a crucial role to play. Mama Cash supported projects aimed at reconstructing and advancing the position of women in the aftermath of the Tsunami. Mama Cash supported brave and innovative initiatives with the capacity to bring social change and have a positive long-term influence on the lives and position of women.

According to the statistics, 80% of the Tsunami deaths in Atjeh, India and Sri Lanka were women. The survivors were confronted with a number of serious problems ranging from a lack of adequate medical care for pregnant women, to rape and abuse in the refugee camps. Women frequently lacked access to medical care, shelter or support through reconstruction projects and had to fend for themselves. Mama Cash raised more than € 60,000 in support of local women’s rights organisations and their efforts to advance the protection of women and girls.

Supported by Mama Cash, the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) investigated the abuse of women’s rights in Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Malaysia during the provision of emergency aid in the wake of the Tsunami. On the basis of its investigation, APWLD formulated guidelines to prevent the abuse of women’s rights after future disasters.

Work for women

Organisations already familiar with Mama Cash sent us applications for projects aimed at generating income for women. Mama Cash supported, for instance, a project in the coastal region of Sri Lanka. Newspapers reported extensively about fishermen who had lost their boats and hence their income, but completely neglected the fact that fishing is seasonal labour and that women structurally contribute to the family income. This project in Sri Lanka provided women who had lost their job and house with accommodation and work.

Outcasts become fish vendors

In India we found a project that supports the widows of fishermen. Widows have a low social status in India; they are seen as outcasts. This project reduces their isolation and teaches them how to sell and trade fish, the kind of work that used to be the privilege of men. In this way they generate income and are able to improve their social

position considerably. Two other projects in India focus on the extremely vulnerable group, adolescent girls. One project aims to improve the living conditions of girls and women who live in slums by teaching them skills needed on the labour market. The other project consists of day care centres in villages that were destroyed by the Tsunami. Girls are trained to work there, volunteers receive training as care workers and girls and women receive human rights and leadership training.

These women enter the labour market for the first time, doing work that used to be the task of men. These projects offer women opportunities to improve their legal position and break through traditional gender roles.

Strategic grantmaking

Mama Cash wants to change the world which is why she invests in women who, even in the face of danger, are idealistic and promote change. Mama Cash works from the conviction that women have a right to self-determination, freedom of speech, full participation in the labour process and a role in ending and preventing conflicts.

Many women's organisations are small and/or new. It is difficult for them to get access to conventional financing. Mama Cash supports these groups while they develop their often groundbreaking innovative projects. A few years ago Mama Cash decided to structure its support regionally since contexts and the issues women face differ per region. In each region, Mama Cash discusses local needs and possibilities with local advisors. We do not wait passively for applications but pro-actively look for groups: finding and funding. This increases our strategic potential. For instance, Mama Cash supports innovative and groundbreaking initiatives in regions where women's groups are barely visible or active, or where they may have a substantial impact on social change.

Mama Cash concentrates on five priority themes within women's rights: bodily integrity, economic justice, peace and security, agency and participation, and art, culture and media.

Bodily integrity

Domestic violence, trafficking, sexual violence, discrimination based on ethnicity, sexual preference, class, age or religion: these are examples of the daily violations of women's rights to bodily integrity. Many violations occur within the family or the community and remain invisible to outsiders. Mama Cash supports local initiatives by women who want to put an end to these violations.

Economic justice

In today's global, 24-hour economy, many social safety nets have disappeared. Working conditions are deteriorating and international structures have taken over power from national governments. Female employees often find themselves in dismal situations: they are exploited and marginalised. Mama Cash strives for a full recognition of women's economic contribution and equality between men and women in the workplace.

Peace and security

Almost three-quarters of the world's nations are engaged in war or armed conflict. Many women are confronted with conflict and its consequences. Women and children account for a large proportion of refugees. The aftermath of conflicts and wars usually lasts longer than is assumed, longer than most international relief organisations think. Women are better at preventing conflicts and establishing peace than men; they can play an important part in preventing conflicts and bringing peace. Mama Cash wants their voices heard, and their position, both during and after war and armed conflicts, improved.

Agency and participation

To be heard and to be empowered: all over the world, women are looking for new ways to organise themselves and support each other. Women from traditional cultures, from minorities, women who live under repressive regimes and women who refuse to conform to social expectations. Mama Cash wants to give women the opportunity to organise themselves and strengthen their position and independence.

Art, culture and media

Mama Cash views art, media and culture as forms of communication that are essential to her mission to create a more just world. They help create a climate in which ideas can be exchanged freely. Without imagination there is no perspective on the future and hence no prospect for change. Mama Cash supports independent artistic initiatives all over the world provided they critically reflect on social developments; projects which lead to a wide distribution of knowledge about women's rights and contribute to women's development.

'In 2005 Mama Cash prioritised the capacity building of grantees around the world. She provided women's funds with the opportunity to meet within the region and share experiences and knowledge and expand their activities with cooperative strategies. For example, the First Asian Regional meeting of Women's Funds was successfully organised in Mongolia with the support of Mama Cash. Many activities came forth from this meeting. Mama Cash gave us a grant that enables us to sustain our activities, and to reach our goals.'

N. Chinchuluun, director Mongolian Women's Fund

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Africa

In 2005 economic justice, and peace and security were again priority themes in our Africa programme. We decided to strengthen our strategic alliances with networks or organisations within these priority themes. This pro-active method of strategic financing began to pay off at the end of 2005: part of the grants came from these alliances. Mama Cash spent a total of € 257,345 in Africa. The largest sum, € 178,195, went to 24 projects each grant averaging € 7,425. Mama Cash also supported women's funds totalling € 79,150. More than 60% of the total budget was spent on economic justice and peace and security projects.

Economic justice

African women are severely underrepresented in national and international economic policies, laws, decision-making processes and debates. Land and property rights for women and inheritance rights are crucial to the future of African women. Mama Cash supported initiatives which informed (rural) women about their rights and how to claim them. Furthermore, labour rights of women are prioritised: for instance ending sexual intimidation and violence in the workplace, improving labour conditions and breaking through gender roles in work situations.

Peace and security

Many African countries are engaged in conflict. African women suffer disproportionately as a consequence. The majority of refugees and displaced people are women. They undergo cruelties such as rape, sexual exploitation and other extreme forms of violence. In addition, the specific hardships faced by women in conflict situations remain largely invisible. The Africa programme of Mama Cash aims to advance and strengthen women's leadership in peace or post-war negotiation and reconstruction on a local, national and international level. Mama Cash supports network activities that increase the cooperation between women activists on peace and security issues. We also support groundbreaking initiatives that prevent violence against women and girls in conflicts and enable their participation in society. These initiatives give women the confidence and the power to build a new life.

Other themes

We used slightly more than a quarter of our budget to support projects in the field of bodily integrity, and agency and participation. Within these strategies, art, culture and media approaches offer accessible and effective methods to discuss violations and taboos.

Projects in the field of bodily integrity frequently focus on sexual violence against women. They promote security for women and change ideas about women's rights within society, showing the impact that the violation of these rights has on women. The marginalisation and often difficult position of sexual minorities is important in these projects. Projects in the field of agency and participation stimulate the leadership skills of young women in particular. Attention is also paid to disabled women and awareness-raising about their rights.

Asia and the Pacific

In 2005 the total budget for Asia was € 492,200. Mama Cash supported 48 projects with a total sum of € 334,050, the amount of each grant averaging € 6,959. Mama Cash also supported women's funds totalling € 158,150. The majority of the grants were spent on agency and participation, and economic justice projects.

Agency and participation

The women's movement is strong in Asia and the Pacific region. Many initiatives focus on women's agency at the policy and decision making levels. Mama Cash supported regional projects which want to change policies regarding violence against women. We also supported projects which promote the participation of minority women in regional and international meetings and increase the political participation of women. In the wake of the Tsunami, Mama Cash supported projects which not only focused on economic support, but also on decision-making in the family and the community.

Economic Justice

Economic justice is an important core value in Asia and the Pacific due to the liberalisation of the market in many countries in this region. Mama Cash financed the establishment and activities of women workers' organisations. In India and Sri Lanka, Mama Cash supported women workers in the informal sector: small, independent groups without any form of social security. Although Mama Cash does not normally support income generating projects, she made an exception for groups that taught women new skills after the Tsunami, such as how to catch fish and sell it on the market, activities which were traditionally reserved for men. In the autumn of 2005 Mama Cash financed a large meeting of women's groups on trade and economic policy, parallel to the World Trade Organisation meeting.

Art, culture and media

Art, culture and media proved to be a wonderful medium for awareness-raising campaigns and enabling the discussion of taboo subjects. Mama Cash supported radio and media campaigns condemning violence against women. For the first time in history, women in Pakistan came together in public on 8 March, International Women's Day.

Networks

A number of important and strategic meetings took place in the region, among them the Feminist Dialogues and the Forum of the Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID) which attracted 2,000 women from around the world. In Sri Lanka, the Women Human Rights Defenders Conference took place. Mama Cash financed the activities and the travel costs of women's groups attending these conferences. Asian women's funds discussed cooperation and strategies for the future at their first regional strategic meeting.

Europe

In 2005, the Europe programme had a total budget of € 787,405 and consisted of four geographical areas: the Netherlands, Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Former Soviet Union. The sub-regions each emphasise different themes. In the region of Western Europe, Mama Cash supported six projects, mainly alliances initiated by women's groups from several European countries. The amount of each grant averaged € 8,920. In the Netherlands, Mama Cash supported 44 projects with an average grant of € 3,852. In Central and Eastern Europe, Mama Cash supported 57 projects with an average grant of € 4,010. Finally, in the Former Soviet Union, Mama Cash supported 43 projects with an average grant of € 3,405. For women's funds € 36,375 was spent on Central and Eastern Europe and € 93,008 on Former Soviet Union.

Economic Justice

Poverty, unequal pay, exploitation and discrimination of working women, crumbling social security and health care systems are only a few of the problems women encounter in today's globalised economy. It is important to find alternatives to current socio-economic policies. Mama Cash supports the development of international networks and alliances which create these alternatives at all levels, which resist the privatisation of public services, and which counter the negative effects of free trade and globalisation.

Bodily integrity

Europe is making a strong turn to the ideological right. Sexual and reproductive rights are under fire: abortions are still illegal in a number of European countries and in other countries conservatives are trying very hard to undermine abortion acts; there is a gaping lack of education for young people; and the dismantling of social safety nets in Europe leads to less health care and fewer provisions for the prevention of violence against women. Mama Cash supports innovative groups which defend women's right to bodily integrity, as well as groups which fight for the right to health care for all European women, for those who support the right to sexual diversity, and those who oppose violence against women.

Art, culture and media

In the Netherlands Mama Cash traditionally invests extensively in art, culture and media. In other European countries and the Former Soviet Union, art projects generate public discussion; women's

groups use mass media outlets to open up taboo subjects. Female artists contribute to innovation in art and cultural expression, and frequently connect their work to socially and politically relevant subjects.

Agency and participation

In the changing political landscape of Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union, it is important for women's movements to gain political influence and agency. Groups who want to advance women's rights organise themselves nationally and regionally and succeed in putting labour market discrimination and sexual and reproductive rights on the political agenda. Migrant women in the Netherlands and other European countries develop successful new strategies to influence local and national governments.

Peace and security

In the European context, the theme of peace and security is not only relevant to women living in post-conflict countries, but also to the large number of refugee women in Europe. The latter often live in insecure and dangerous circumstances. Women who do not succeed in acquiring a residence permit are still an invisible group. Mama Cash supports initiatives which draw attention to the difficult position of women with and without documents and which try to improve their position by providing practical, medical and legal support and by influencing policies and public opinion.

Middle East

Women in the Middle East and North Africa are confronted daily with the fact that they do not have the same civil rights as men. They are not equal before the law and are not protected against violence and social repression. Mama Cash believes that, especially in this region, women ought to be at the centre of the decision making process about the future of their community and their society. We want to bring about social change and alter mentalities, and give women a voice in determining the laws that govern their lives.

Strong network

This year Mama Cash supported 24 women's groups totalling € 246,301, an average of € 10,263 per project. The biggest part of our budget (almost 60%) was spent on bodily integrity projects, followed by agency and participation as well as art, culture and media projects. At the same time, we built a strong local network which is absolutely necessary for the success of our Middle East and North Africa programme. We invested in strengthening our network of local advisors: there is currently one advisor in every country who has helped us identify projects. These are projects that aim to remove the cultural, legal, procedural, economic and political obstacles to the full participation of women in society. These are projects which will benefit the whole of society.

Threats

The growth of Islamic extremist movements threatens everything women have achieved in this region and obstructs positive change. Men dominate in what are often inefficient and corrupt governments. Religious fundamentalism is on the rise. Religious leaders determine government policies, often at the expense of women. In Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan the Sharia (Islamic law) has again been introduced.

What is freedom?

For women in the Middle East, freedom is a controversial concept because it is associated with lawlessness and the degradation of moral values. Opponents of emancipation see the worldwide norm for women's rights as a threat to their basic social values. Advocates for women's rights fight two strong and mutually exclusive powers: masculine nationalism that forces women to defend and perpetuate culture; and cultural relativism that is used to legitimise patriarchal practices. In a society that traditionally emphasises collective rights, it is more difficult for women to advance their individual rights. They meet with great resistance often caused by emotionally charged religious, traditional and cultural arguments.

Change

However, even in this region there are women and women's groups that strive for change. They teach women about their rights in their own community, on a local level, and generate support for the advancement of equality, a relatively new concept in this region. Even in conservative communities a change is visible. Organised and targeted support for these groups has proven to be effective. Women build local and regional networks, draw attention to women's rights, and manage to put taboos such as sexual and domestic violence on the agenda. In North Africa, Mama Cash supports economic justice and participation in particular; in the Middle East she supports peace and security, and bodily integrity. In this whole region, Mama Cash also supports projects aimed at threatened groups such as women's rights advocates in Iraq, or sexual minorities who fight for the acknowledgement of their rights.

Latin America and the Caribbean

In 2005 we considerably expanded our network of local advisors in Latin America and the Caribbean with advisors from Haiti, Colombia, Paraguay and Guatemala. The network is essential to Mama Cash, because it enables women's groups to reach us ad to keep up to date with the issues and work of women in the region.

Mama Cash spent € 508,016 in the Latin American and Caribbean region. 38 grants totalling € 200,117 were supported, with an average of € 5,266 per grant. Plus a partner organisation in Chile received € 49,446. Women's funds received a total of € 258,453. This year, bodily integrity and agency and participation were emphasised. Within these themes two priorities need urgent attention: ending unwanted pregnancies, and violence against women.

Ending unwanted pregnancies

Mama Cash supports women's groups that fight for women's reproductive rights and their right to safe and legal abortions. Unfortunately, unwanted pregnancies, resulting from lack of information, family planning methods and/or rape, continue to be one of the main reasons for maternal mortality in the region. At the same time, many conservative groups are gaining force and taking these rights away from women. Mama Cash focuses much of her grantmaking to support legal access to information and services geared towards guaranteeing women's health and rights.

Violence

Violence against women in Latin America can at times be extreme. Hundreds of women and girls are, for instance, kidnapped and killed in the Mexican city Ciudad Juarez. Women also encounter violence in their own home and community. No one is punished for these crimes. There are laws against violence, but they are not enforced. Activists report violence against lesbian, bisexual and transsexual women, violence that is also committed by police forces. Mama Cash supports the advancement of policies and laws that prevent violence against women and secure the rights of women. We invest in projects that change the attitude of women – and of the society at large – towards violence. We support groups that fight against trafficking and forced migration, as well as those who advance the rights of smaller groups of women, such as sex workers and lesbians. This support raises the awareness of sexual diversity in society and increases its openness to constructive debates.

Women's Funds

Women's funds worldwide aim to provide sustainable and steadily increasing financial support to local initiatives that advance women's rights. Mama Cash gladly supports them with grants: fifteen international women's funds collectively received € 625,136 in 2005 (compared to € 569,235 in 2004). They spent this financial contribution on grantmaking, administrative costs, and building capacity.

In 2004 Mama Cash started a special grant programme aimed at capacity building (parallel to our grants for institutional support). The aim of the programme is to strengthen women's funds on three levels: improve the quantity and quality of the staff; improve the fund's internal competencies (for instance its financial position or its systems and procedures); and increase the women's funds' links and networks with other organisations in their region.

In 2004 Mama Cash introduced *Smart Growth*, an organisational tool specially developed by WFN for the development of women's funds. Eleven funds participated in regional training sessions in 2005, after which they assessed their own strengths and weaknesses. This assessment process formed the basis of their strategic action plans of the same year. In this way, Mama Cash contributes to the advancement of women's funds and the sustainable impact of their work. In 2006 the women's funds will start the second organisational phase: the implementation of their strategic plans.

By supporting women's funds on several levels, Mama Cash builds a sustainable women's movement. We support a whole spectrum of activities thereby creating a ripple effect. Mama Cash does not only support individual women's funds, but also plays an active part in strengthening the entire network and mobilising resources for the advancement of women's rights.

'Mama Cash has been a member of PSO since 2003. Her active and positive contribution to the PSO association has broadened over the years. In 2005 particularly, Mama Cash introduced us to Making the Case for measuring the impact of social change at grassroots level, and the Smart Growth tool, an innovative organisational assessment tool. The development and application of the latter will be shared with other PSO members, as part of one of PSO's learning trajectories.'

**Mayke Harding, programme officer PSO,
capacity building in developing countries**

she has impact



Facts and figures

Grantmaking programme

In 2005 Mama Cash supported 284 women's initiatives worldwide. The average amount per grant was higher than the year before. The impact of the Tsunami on women's lives led to extra investments.

Most of the applications were from Africa, as was the case in 2004. Mama Cash pro-actively searched for innovative projects in Africa that advance the position of women. This theme-based pro-active strategy proved to be successful in other regions. Our local advisor network has grown: there are now more advisors who have specific knowledge about the regional priority themes. This enables Mama Cash to better target her financing of innovative projects.

Procedure

Mama Cash supports projects that meet the following criteria:

- . Small-scale, local women's groups which promote rights awareness and positive changes in laws, policies and practice. As an exception, however, we sometimes finance non-women groups that have a strong gender focus, and innovative programmes that improve the social position of women;
- . Relatively new organisations with limited access to other or larger funds;

The average grant that Mama Cash awards is between € 500 and € 15,000 for projects lasting up to a year.

Mama Cash only considers proposals that meet these criteria and fit the policies for the particular region. The applications are assessed for content by our programme officers and submitted to local advisors in the specific region. Applications that receive the advisor's stamp of approval are passed on to the Mama Cash Advisory Board in the Netherlands and finally approved by the Mama Cash Board. In 2005 Mama Cash allocated strategic grants for a total amount of € 2,291,267.

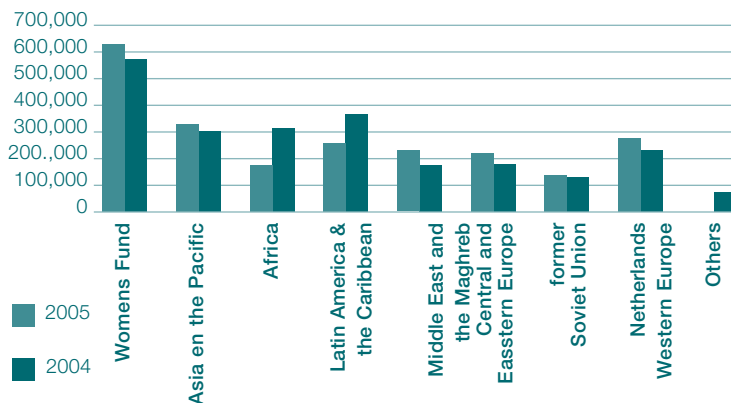
Grants per region

Regions	Grants in 2005	Grants in 2004
Africa	24	42
Asia	48	49
Latin America & the Caribbean	38	55
Middle East	24	24
The Netherlands	44	48
Central and Eastern Europe	57	41
Western Europe	6	10
Former Soviet Union	43	39
Total	284	308

Expenditures in the context of Mama Cash programs

In 2005, the expenditures for Mama Cash's programs were similar to that of 2004. Increased expenditures for the Women's Fund Programme were according to plan (an increase of 10%). Expenditures for the regions also increased, with the exception of Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2005, a total of € 3,272,455 was spent on Mama Cash's programs.

Expenditures Strategic Grantmaking



Total expenditures 2005

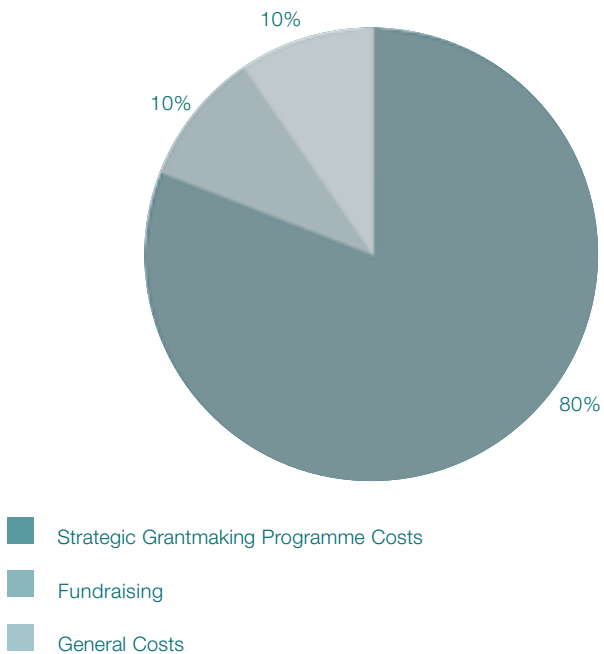
Strategic Grantmaking Programme	€ 3,004,106
Fundraising costs	€ 381,075
General costs*	€ 377,816

Total costs € 3,762,997

*In conformance with CBF guidelines the general costs fall under other expenditures in the state of income and expenditures.

General costs are those that are for management, financial management, personnel and administration, all of which are necessary for the operation of the organisation and the achievements of her goals. General costs are not directly related to fundraising and expenditures in the context of Mama Cash grantmaking.

Total Expenditures 2005



Resource mobilisation

Mama Cash generates income from several sources. Donations from private foundations, government grants and individuals were beautifully balanced this year: each represented approximately 30% of our total fundraising budget. In 2005 we raised almost € 3.9 million, half a million Euros more than in 2004. The number of individual donors increased strongly (by 35%), as did the income from private foundations.

In 2005, extra investments were made to establish a larger fundraising department. We managed to bring new funds and new donors on board. As of 2006, Mama Cash will receive an annual government grant totalling € 900,000 for a five-year period and structural contributions from NOVIB, HIVOS and Stichting Doen for a three-year period.

Private donations

In 2005, Mama Cash generated almost 70% of her income from private foundations and individual donors. Mama Cash received more than € 1.3 million from private foundations, an increase of € 579,981 compared to 2004. In 2005, Mama Cash had 3,292 individual donors compared to 2,153 in 2004. These 3,292 donors collectively gave € 1.2 million to Mama Cash. A total of 67 individual donors terminated their contributions in 2005, compared to 84 in 2004.

Regular donations

The number of regular gifts and the size of each gift decreased in 2005, probably because many people opted for incidental donations in reaction to mails relating to specific campaigns. We also did not campaign specifically for regular gifts, but opted for a strategy to increase incidental donations. In 2006 we intend to raise the number of regular gifts with a new strategy.

The average annual contribution of individual donors is € 90. Mama Cash is very proud of her donors. Their average donations are much higher than is the case for other charitable causes in the Netherlands and worldwide.

Incidental donations

In 2004, the number of incidental donations diminished although the contribution per donor was higher (€ 282). In 2005, the number of incidental donors quadrupled! Their contribution was considerably

lower than in 2004, but still very high: € 148. The Tsunami Campaign and Campaign 88 Days raised a considerable amount. Campaign 88 Days was our first encounter with e-funding and gave us the opportunity to fully use our beautiful new website. The number of online donations increased considerably, from 22 in 2004 to 159 in 2005.

Legally arranged donations

'Making a contribution by gift or deed may constitute a tax benefit.' When Mama Cash approached her donors in the Netherlands with this message in 2005, the number of regular donations increased. Those donors must commit to an annually fixed donation by deed or gift for a minimum of five years. Mama Cash offered to pay the lawyers' fees for those donating more than € 250 per year. Thirty donors decided to switch and supported Mama Cash with a substantial regular gift by deed, totalling € 447,855.

Legacies

For the fourth year in a row Mama Cash legacies. Mama Cash received four legacies in 2005, totalling € 172,506.

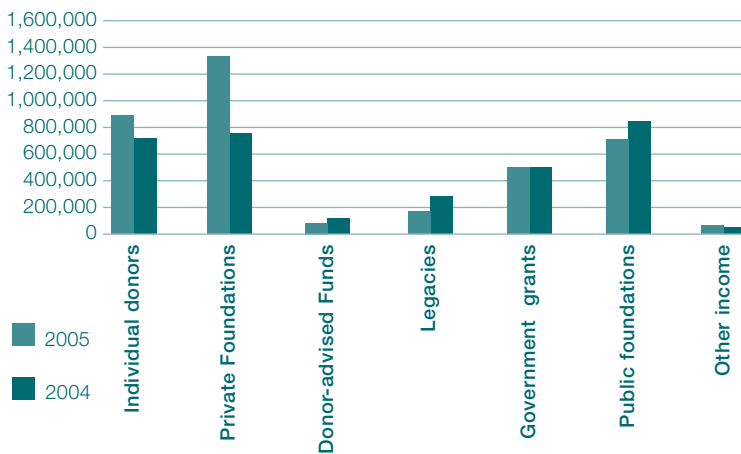
Donor-advised Funds

Donor-advised Funds allow people to contribute to worldwide women's rights in a personal and long-term way. The donor names the fund and determines its objectives in consultation with Mama Cash. A donor-advisor must contribute per year a minimum of € 10,000 and can together with Mama Cash decide on the criteria for her/his gift. In 2005 Mama Cash had three donor-advised funds.

Corporate funding

In 2005, Mama Cash began approaching companies for sponsoring and gifts. Mama Cash formulated a protocol to test branch offices or specific companies. In 2005, fundraising focused on research and an exploration of the field. The first significant gift was € 30,000 donated by the Mees Pierson bank. Our network provider, DNE, sponsored a significant part of its services to Mama Cash.

Income



'Mama Cash defends the human rights of women worldwide. In 2005 Mama Cash strengthened the work, efficiency, and growth of women's funds through their Capacity Building Programme. Mama Cash has stimulated so much of our work at the institutional and grantmaking support levels, that Jurema Batista, a Representative of Rio de Janeiro, has ratified a motion of our recognition on behalf of our institution.'

Amalia E. Fischer Pfaeffle,
director Angela Borba Women's Fund, Rio de Janeiro



In contact with donors

Of course it is possible to use a website and newsletters to inform donors, but it is equally important to meet them personally. Mama Cash organised three Mama Cash Cafés in 2005 and travelled the country (she's on tour). Mama Cash, was present at big events such as Women Inc. and other activities elsewhere in the Netherlands.

In 2005, Mama Cash introduced something new: we launched our very first e-campaign. Campaign 88 Days started with a newsletter but all other communication took place via e-mail and the website. This was more successful than we had imagined. The new website was launched in the autumn of 2005, in Dutch and English, and can also be used for online donations.

Collecting money in an orange Deux Chevaux car

An auction of projects, a rally in a Deux Chevaux car, a journey around the world: it seems that the donors of Mama Cash are becoming ever more creative in thinking of ways to collect money. What follows are the most extraordinary initiatives.

Journey around the world

Globe girls Cindy Karel and Marianne Tol are travelling around the world. Every kilometre of their journey is sponsored in favour of Mama Cash. They visit projects that are supported by Mama Cash, for instance a women's film festival and the members of Flying Broom who advance women's rights in Turkey. They travelled through Turkey, Iran and Pakistan to India and were on their way home at the beginning of 2006.

Auction

Lida van den Broek, one of the founders of Mama Cash, started The Northern Initiative two years ago to increase the visibility of Mama Cash in the North of the Netherlands. In April, an auction of Mama Cash projects yielded € 3,600.

Patsy Party

The Euro Games, an international sporting event for homosexuals and lesbians, took place in June in Utrecht. The organisers invited Mama Cash to the popular women-only Patsy Party on 17 June 2005. The 800 guests were asked to support the work of Mama Cash. In total we raised nearly € 400.

Mama Cash Café

In 2005, Mama Cash organised three Mama Cash Cafés with interesting guests. The first Mama Cash Café in June was initiated by a donor. She accompanied the Iranian photojournalist Newsha Tavakolian to Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Newsha's pictures show strong and independent women at tragic moments and high points in their lives. She received a Mama Cash grant in 2004. Through the Mama Cash Café more people became familiar with Newsha and her work.

In September Yanar Mohammed, founder of the Organisation of Women's Freedom in Iraq, spoke in the second Mama Cash Café. The last one took place in November, with a performance by Abhakabaya, a theatre group from India.

An orange Deux Cheveaux car

The orange Deux Cheveaux car of the two drivers Karin Horstman and Jantien Hoogmoed cut a dash in the centre of the hall at the Women Inc. festival. They drove it from Brussels to Benin along the Touareg trail. This race can be compared to Paris-Dakar but with a different emphasis: cooperation instead of competition. The sponsors they approached were asked to donate a mere cent per kilometre. The proceeds, approximately € 2,500, went to Mama Cash.

'What is so special about Mama Cash is that she sees women as ambitious, like me, instead of victims. Mama Cash is also enthusiastic and brave which resulted in the Campaign 88 days and '(She connects)', a well-developed network of donors. My best wishes for 2005 go to everybody who is helping Mama Cash.'

Benedicte Lochtenberg,
marketing manager Fortis MeesPierson



Abbreviated 2005 Financial report

The balance sheet and state of income and expenditures included in this 2005 annual report are based on the 2005 financial report which was drawn up in accordance with the Dutch Central Bureau for Fundraising's 'Reporting Guidelines for Fundraising Organisations' (CBF). The declaration of approval by Berk Accountants and Tax advisors of the Abbreviated 2005 Financial Report is added. The annual report is drafted under the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Mama Cash Foundation. A complete version of this Financial Report 2005 is available upon request.

Income

The 2005 investments in the Fundraising Department were clearly successful. In comparison to 2004, fundraising revenues increased by more than half a million Euros. The number of individual donors increased considerably by 35%. In 2005, the fundraising result (after a deduction of € 490,541 fundraising expenses) was € 1,967,783. For the first time we were able to generate revenues from corporations in 2005. Fundraising expenses were 11% lower than budgeted. Revenues from government and other grants decreased from € 1,318,295 to € 1,209,935 when compared to 2004. Total income was € 3,869,016. After deducting € 490,541 fundraising expenses, € 3,378,475 was available for Mama Cash programs.

Expenditures

We accomplished almost 90% of the programme 'Strategic Financing of women's initiatives worldwide', although only 30% of the budget was guaranteed at the beginning of 2005.

Funds for the Women's Funds Programme rose steadily from € 569,235 to € 625,136 when compared to 2004. Apart from two regions (Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean) our grant programmes grew in size, in the Middle East in particular.

In total € 3,272,455 was spent on Mama Cash objectives. The result was added to the continuity reserve.

The combination of total fundraising expenses on the one hand, and slightly lower costs on the other hand, has led to the following ratio's:

- . Fundraising expenses in % from revenues generated from private fundraising: 19.95%.
This is below the 24.34% projected for 2005.
- . Internal administration costs as % spent on objectives: 26.01%.

Balance sheet of December 31 2005 in Euros

ASSETS	31-12-2005	31-12-2004
Tangible fixed assets	96,220	132,604
Loans provided in connection with objectives investments	-	28,177
Investments	1,068,277	1,599,674
Receivables	967,976	878,197
Liquid assets general	1,194,799	732,705
	3,327,272	3,371,357
 LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Disposable equity reserves :		
- continuity reserve	1,351,467	1,179,424
Restricted capital reserves:		
- tangible fixed assets	96,220	132,604
- loans supplied in relation to objectives	-	28,177
- allocation reserves	56,737	53,612
- Maria Willard Fund	144,648	172,148
Total restricted equity reserves	297,605	386,541
Total equity	1,649,072	1,565,965
Provisions:		
- loan guarantees	1,839	6,930
- small loans	-	7,044
Long-term debt	398,644	469,984
Short-term debt	1,277,717	1,321,434
	3,327,272	3,371,357

Revenues and expenditures in 2005 in Euros

INCOME	2005	2005	2004
	Actual	Budget	Actual
Fundraising revenue:			
Donations:			
- periodic gifts	447,855	637,340	452,261
- regular gifts	146,511	300,000	147,283
- incidental donations	293,584	50,000	138,085
- contributions-private foundations	1,333,790	1,260,000	753,809
- donor-advised funds	66,500	114,000	104,797
- corporate funds	30,000	-	-
Inheritances	172,506	-	281,169
Minus: gift tax	-32,422	-90,000	-58,179
TOTAL FUNDRAISING REVENUE	2,458,324	2,271,340	1,819,225
Expenditure on Mama Cash fundraising:			
- direct fundraising costs	135,200	200,000	52,846
- internal administration costs	355,341	352,948	242,197
	490,541	552,948	295,043
Total expenditure on fundraising:			
As % of income from			
Mama Cash fundraising	19,95%	24,34%	16,22%
Revenue from private fundraising	1,967,783	1,718,392	1,524,182
Subsidies: governments and others:			
- government	500,000	500,000	500,000
- others	709,935	1.650,000	818,295
Return on investments:			
- general	150.428	15.000	77.482
Other revenues:			
- other income	50,329	5,000	32,349
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR OBJECTIVES	3,378,475	3,888,392	2,952,308

EXPENDITURES	2005	2005	2004
	Actual	Budget	Actual
Strategic Grantmaking Programme			
Women's Funds	625,136	461,000	569,235
Africa	178,195	380,325	321,958
Asia	334,050	380,325	299,100
Latin America and the Caribbean	249,563	380,325	351,261
Middle East and the Maghreb	246,301	253,550	185,865
Central and Eastern Europe	228,566	130,000	190,688
Former Soviet Union	146,431	123,550	132,335
Netherlands / Western Europe	283,025	377,565	238,034
Others	-	-	73,384
	2,291,267	2,486,640	2,361,860
Internal administration costs	735,928	784,000	783,764
	3,027,195	3,270,640	3,145,624
Information and communication			
- Mama Cash activities	130,157	125,000	146,765
- Internal administration costs	115,103	164,645	88,486
	245,260	289,645	235,251
Total available for objectives	3,378,475	3,888,392	2,952,308
Total spent on objectives	3,272,455	3,560,285	3,380,875
RESULT	106,020	328,107	-428,567
Internal administration costs as % spent on objectives	26,01%	26,65%	25,80%
THE RESULT IS AS FOLLOWS			
<i>Disposable equity reserves: Addition</i>			
- continuity reserve	107,482		
<i>Fixed capital: *Allocated equity</i>			
- Maria Willard Fund	27,500		
<i>Addition:</i>			
- allocated funds	26,038		
Total	106,020		

Accountant's Statement for the Year 2005

Accountants

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Auditors' report

Introduction

We have audited the abbreviated financial statements of Mama Cash, Amsterdam, for the year 2005. These abbreviated financial statements have been derived from the financial statements of Mama Cash for the year 2005. In our auditors' report dated March 27, 2006 we expressed an unqualified opinion on these financial statements. These abbreviated financial statements are the responsibility of the board of Mama Cash. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these abbreviated financial statements.

Scope

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the Netherlands. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the abbreviated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the abbreviated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the abbreviated financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, these abbreviated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and the result of the foundation.

For an understanding of the foundation's financial position and results and for an adequate understanding of the scope of our audit, the abbreviated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which the abbreviated financial statements have been derived and our unqualified auditors' report thereon issued on March 27, 2006.

Zaandam, March 27, 2006

Berk Auditors and Tax advisors

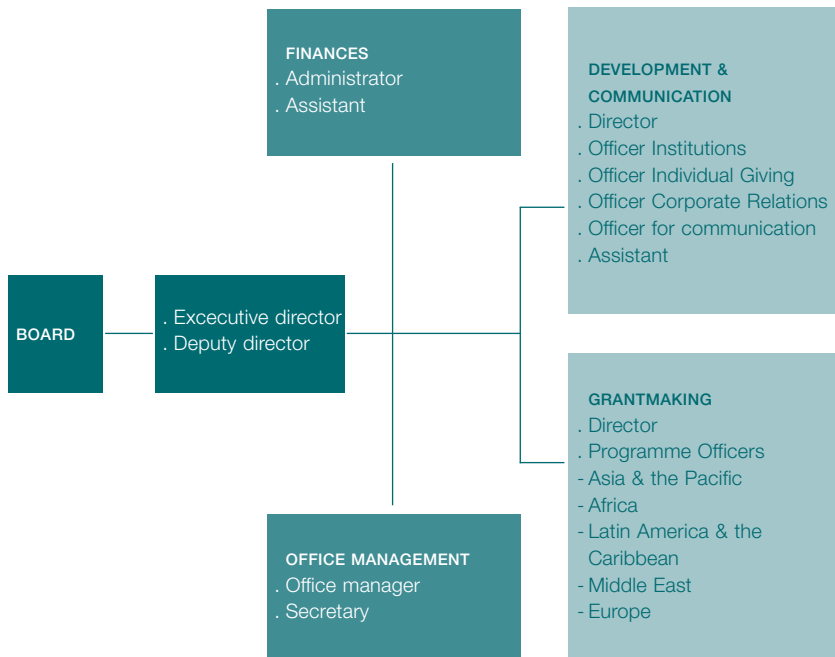


A. Folkers
Registeraccountant



J.B.M. Smulders
Accountant-administratieconsulent

Organisation chart



'In 2005 Mama Cash was again a very important source of encouragement and concrete support that significantly contributed to the advancement of women's rights here in Cameroon. Her support helped to motivate and educate many grassroots rural girls and women on their inheritance, marital and property rights, as well as educating them on the benefits of self-reliance and management of community based organisations.'

Grace Tange, Coastal Sisters Bamenda, Cameroon



Impact

Seven examples of projects with impact:

Peru:

ending sexism in fast food restaurants;

Iraq:

a voice for women's rights.

Uganda:

a safe place after the war misery and camps;

Sri Lanka:

better labour conditions for women in the Free Trade Zone;

Poland:

shooting at sperm cells with a Terminator gun in a computer game;

Israel:

a safe place to meet for Palestinian lesbians;

Netherlands:

Women who changed Dutch society.

Fast food with a message

'These women are involved and know their own value. They know they do not have to accept sexual abuse in the workplace.' *Carmen Reinoso, Programme Officer, Latin America and the Caribbean, Mama Cash.*

Imagine that you are working in a fast food restaurant under awful conditions, your boss is abusing you and you are fired when you refuse to shorten your skirt even further. Why not start your own fast food restaurant in that case? Carmen Reinoso: 'This is a very attractive and innovative project. Young women take control of their own lives and try to improve the lives of other women.'

Fast food is very popular in Peru. There are hundreds of fast food restaurants in the capital Lima alone. Their employees are often 18 to 25 year old women. 'They work ten hours without a break. Their working day ends at two o'clock at night.' says Carmen. 'They are not protected against work problems, for instance harassment and sexual abuse by their boss. There is nothing they can do against it. The moment they complain, they are fired. The only alternative is to go and work in another fast food restaurant where the same thing happens all over again.'

Practically all of these women are second or third-generation migrants of Indigenous background. Their families left the Andes to find work in Lima. They are living in slums and in many cases their ethnic background and social class are an obstacle to a decent education. It is normal to exploit these women and girls: 'Nobody in Peru pays any attention to them or sees the problem. There will always be women and girls willing to work in these restaurants. The only other option is being a domestic servant, but the fast food sector pays more.'

Napkins

A small group of women changed this seemingly vicious circle. 'The mother of one of these women knows Mama Cash. We supported one of her projects which targeted the wives of mineworkers. When her daughter told her about the abuse in these restaurants, she argued that they should organise themselves. That is how the Asociación de Mujeres trabajadoras de las Cadenas de Cafes y restaurantes de Comida Rápida del Perú came into being. They also decided to establish their own restaurant next to other fast food restaurants. Messages on the napkins inform guests that they are sup-

porting women's rights while eating there. They plan to unite the female employees of the fast food sector in some sort of union and tell their story to the tabloids.'

The power to proceed

Of course their plans meet with resistance. But they have not been threatened directly yet. 'The managers of restaurants did tell us that we are not allowed to talk to the women waiting at the bus stop. These women live in the same neighbourhoods and take the same bus to and from work. Of course it is an ideal opportunity to talk to them.' Fortunately, some restaurants are an exception; 'There are big and small chains, usually family businesses, and some of them are open to discussion. Even though things are difficult sometimes, women are drawing strength from their own restaurant.'

When Yanar organises something, hundreds attend

'Yanar offers women hope of a different future even when they are in a desperate situation. If they unite, they are able to bring about social change and strengthen their legal rights. Anything gained in that position has eternal value.' *Amal van Hees, Programme Officer, Middle East.*

She fled to Canada but remained involved in the country she left behind. So Yanar Mohammed went back to Iraq where she founded the Organisation of Women's Freedom in Iraq. Amal van Hees believes that Yanar can be a role model to other women: 'Yanar is brave. She keeps women moving. She is one of the few willing to be a leader and risk her life for other women.'

'In the Middle East and North Africa the situation for women is bad', says Ama. 'There are hardly any laws protecting women in the more conservative countries. The new constitution in Iraq has not improved the position of women. Marrying off under age girls and polygamy are again permitted and a rapist is freed when he marries his victim. These are scandalous developments of course. Yanar Mohammed fights them vehemently'.

Dangerous work

The Iraqi architect Yanar Mohammed fled to Canada with her family and encountered feminism there. She wanted to help women in Iraq and returned to 'her' country. Amal: 'Yanar started awareness-raising in a small group. Emancipated working-class women were her only entrance.' Eventually the movement became the Organisation of Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI). Yanar organised meetings and demonstrations and received public support. 'Ordinary women at home also realise that OWFI can do something for them. Hundreds of women attend when they organise something. Yanar even reaches women in Najaf, one of the most isolated Shiite areas.' It can be dangerous to demonstrate: 'It is easy to throw a bomb, especially in Iraq. The women meet in safe places and demonstrations are announced shortly before.' The establishment of a shelter for women in Bagdad, one of the most dangerous Iraqi cities, was a major breakthrough. 'The OWFI has also campaigned against the new Islamic constitution.'

Popular

Religious activists have threatened to kill Yanar, but she is protected by ordinary people, not all of them women by the way: 'Yanar is also popular among men. She represents democracy and the fight against war. And she offers protection: some men send their daughters to the shelters, because they are safe there. Social support for her work is increasing as is the awareness within Iraqi society', says Amal.

'She stimulates women to work and be heard. She works really hard to make sure that women participate in society and live independently and know their rights and also claim them. This means they can play a significant part in society and change the laws eventually.' According to Amal, the pacification of Iraq cannot take place at the expense of women. 'Governments are trying to remain on friendly terms with the local powers that be and women suffer because of that. ' Yanar wants to show everybody that pacification does not need to sacrifice women's rights. She will continue in the hope that social awareness will increase in the whole of Iraq.

A small piece of land with a wall around it

'Women in this area have often survived terrible things. It is admirable how they talk, think and live after what they've been through.' *Marijke Langeveld, Programme officer, Africa.*

'I am very glad that we are able to support this group. These women take risks and are doing everything to bring about change', says Marijke Langeveld, Programme Officer for Africa at Mama Cash. Marijke is referring to the shelter of the Lira Rural Women Development Initiative Program & Child Protection (LRWDIPCP), a group of survivors of violence against women in the IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps in the North of Uganda. 'Perhaps you think this is only a shelter but it also provides women with a safe place to regain their sense of self-worth.'

'There are many conflicts in the African region and they lead to humanitarian disasters,' says Marijke. 'The conflict in the North of Uganda is twenty years old. This "forgotten war" receives very little attention, but the consequences are disastrous. More than 1.5 million homeless people are staying in camps. Many people are killed. Many women and girls are raped, beaten, kidnapped, abused or killed. 'This sexual violence against women and children goes against any form of humanity.'

Security and trust

Mama Cash's Africa programme prioritises peace and security. The position and abuse of the human rights of women and children in conflict areas is very alarming, as is the extent and nature of the violence. Rape is used as a weapon to destroy people physically, emotionally and psychologically. This has consequences for victims but also for their environment. 'It is a terrible weapon and we want to show that this is not allowed. Ever!'

Survivors of violence living in the camps in the North of Uganda, all of whom experienced terrible horrors, established the LRWDIPCP. They also built a shelter in this conflict area which is much more than just a shelter: in this environment women's rights are acknowledged and respected and women are protected against any form of violence. 'Perhaps it seems only a shelter to you, but it offers women safety and trust, the basis of a new life. This small piece of land with a wall around it fulfils one of the most important primary needs.'

The strategic approach

Apart from immediate relief and medical and social care, the group also wants to inform local people about the abuse of women's rights. Not much is known locally, or in the camps, about the rights of women and children. The group wants to change this. 'Their strategy works well: they approach the whole community and work together with Uganda Women Lawyers and the National Council for Children. They are successful in mobilising support. They also engage local, religious and tribal leaders and cooperate with the police. When a woman reports to the police, they phone the shelter.' People within the community know where to find the shelter.

Sometimes a family member or a neighbour tells about the maltreatment and abuse of an individual. In that case women are secretly brought to the shelter at night.' Marijke expects that this project will gradually lead to a change in behaviour: 'Trust in the future, empowerment and finally respect for and protection of women's rights. The whole community will benefit.'

A human existence in the Free Trade Zone

'What is great about this project in Sri Lanka is the involvement of the partners of the women. This definitely increases the impact of the project.' *Preeti Kirbat, Programme Officer, Asia and the Pacific.*

In Asia, international companies are increasingly moving to Free Trade Zones. There are no strict rules there and the labour force – mainly women - is cheap. You don't have to pay an employee who is ill, and if she becomes pregnant, you just fire her. Kantha Diri Piyasa wants to change this. Preeti Kirbat, programme officer for Asia and the Pacific at Mama Cash, argues that their efforts will be successful: 'The work of this group will improve the whole of society.'

Asia, which is going through enormous economical changes, has an increasing number of Free Trade Zones. These areas are accessible to foreign investors which receive all kinds of attractive perks: they are frequently exempt from environmental and labour laws in the Free Trade Zones. 'Mama Cash receives many applications which focus on the rights of working women in the Free Trade Zones,' says Preeti Kirbat. 'These women are working under very bad conditions and lack protection. The situation is even worse in the Katunayake Free Trade Zone in Sri Lanka, because Sri Lanka is still embroiled in an ethnic conflict. A truce has been reached, but peace negotiations are at an impasse.' Many workers in the Free Trade Zone are migrants. 'This makes them even more vulnerable. They feel socially inferior and are often sexually abused, maltreated and robbed. Their health is poor because of malnutrition or lack of hygiene. And the idea that they will not be paid when ill or pregnant makes them fearful and depressed.'

Reproductive health

Women in the Katunayake Free Trade Zone established Kantha Diri Piyasa, a group that wants to improve the living conditions of women and their partners. Preeti: 'Women often live and work in boarding houses, far away from their families.' Many women in the Free Trade Zones have a Singalese background. It is not common in Singalese culture that single women live outside their families. It is seen as amoral. These young women have not received sex education and know nearly nothing about pregnancy, contraceptives or abortion. Thus, sex education is among Kantha Diri Piyasa's priorities. 'The good thing about this project is that the partners of these women also benefit. This increases the impact of the project,' says Preeti. 'The group has established a centre where women and their

partners receive relief, help and advice. They also visit boarding houses to help people.'

A decent existence

'If Kantha Diri Piyasa gets a chance to grow and develop, the work done by this group may improve the whole of society,' says Preeti. Kantha Diri Piyasa wants to ensure that workers lead a decent existence, that they know their rights and do not experience violence. They want to create a safe place where women may go for help, information and answers to their questions. They also want to train women economically and socially to enable them to become leaders in their own community and beyond. In the long term this will be quite successful.

Every woman can become pregnant

'Contraceptive ought to be used as additional teaching material in schools, but perhaps this would immediately reduce its popularity.'
(Beata Baradziej, programme assistant, Eastern Europe.)

The name of the computer game is Contraceptive. As the gamer you are a sexy manga fighter who draws her Terminator gun to destroy an army of sperm. Of course it is impossible to destroy them all so you become pregnant and have to visit a gynaecologist. 'It's fun,' says Beata Baradziej, programme assistant for Eastern Europe. 'It's not didactic in any repulsive way, it is just a fun and exciting game for everybody.'

'The women who made this game are not a traditional high-tech bunch. Gamers are given accessible information about pregnancies and related issues,' says Beata. Contraceptive provides young women with information about contraception and empowerment over their own bodies. It makes them aware of sex stereotyping and informs them about motherhood. All of this without being pedantic.

Ever more conservative

The young women of Exgirls Informal Group, inventors of the game, are occupied with the many aspects of women's rights: for instance bodily, integrity and reproductive rights. This is urgent in Poland which is becoming ever more conservative. Due to the strong position of the Catholic Church, women's rights such as abortion and anti-conception have suffered. This women's group works together with other organisations and individuals. The Church and the conservative government obstruct their work. Paradoxically this improves solidarity and cooperation between and within social change groups.

Sex education

'Their website's statistics show that Exgirls reaches a very young audience with Contraceptive,' says Beata. 'It's important, because sex education at Polish schools contains boring information about the anatomical differences between men and women. Everybody learns that the uterus exists, but the clitoris is a different story. Sexuality is only discussed in the context of contraception within marriage. The title of the lessons is "Preparing for family life." It's all quite unrealistic so there is a great need for information about sexuality. And to add insult to injury the government plans to abolish even this meagre education with the argument that parents are able to take over. A patriotic upbringing is seen as the alternative.'

It would be unwise to underestimate the impact of the work done by Exgirls. 'Their contribution to positive change is considerable. This group reaches a young audience with this game. It is an introduction to all aspects related to pregnancy. One of its strongest points is that boys and men can also play. Every woman/girl can become pregnant.'

There is more at stake than sexual orientation

'Women are responsible for the continuity of the community. Patriarchal society expects women to pass on its culture to subsequent generations. It is nearly impossible to resist this expectation, but these women have done so.' *Amal van Hees, programme officer, Middle East.*

Heterosexuality is the norm in this community and everything is geared towards reproduction, the transmission of cultural norms and the responsibility of women in this respect. Your family tries to find you a husband the moment you reach the age of fifteen. If you refuse a marriage partner, scandal hits yourself and your family. Any woman proclaiming herself a lesbian has an awful lot of guts.

Rauda Marcos, a highly educated Palestinian lesbian living in Israel, met with a lot of incomprehension and resistance. 'She discussed it with others, and her informal network grew into a kind of support group,' says Amal van Hees. 'There is no freedom of choice in that community. Lesbianism is not an option. Women who do not marry and openly declare themselves lesbians are threatened.' It all began as a small movement with informal meetings between women who needed help and answers to their questions. But this group grew quickly which was not surprising. It is the first lesbian women's group in the Palestinian movement in Israel, the only place for lesbian women. 'The movement and its needs grew, but resources remained scarce. Rauda shocked her surroundings by publicly talking about her sexual orientation and tried to collect money for her friends. The latter remained anonymous for safety reasons.'

Israeli women

An acquaintance in Lebanon told Rauda about Mama Cash. 'She approached us for support. The group which had been named Aswat Palestinian Gay Women planned a virtual Internet forum providing information and support. They are also building an official website to increase their visibility among a growing group of lesbians. The site is successful and Aswat has become a reference point. For the first time, women in this conservative community are able to talk about a subject that used to be taboo.' Aswat women do more than this, says Amal. 'They live in an area of conflict, and they approached lesbian women in Israel. This went well: at first only Palestinian women participated, but it has become a mixed group. The Israeli community is not as modern as everybody assumes. In that community it is just as difficult to say publicly that you are a lesbian.'

Liberation movement

Now Aswat is running a lesbian hotline in the occupied territories. 'Apparently they receive many calls. Lesbian women ask questions, talk about their fears and look for help and support. It is amazing what they have been able to achieve in that conflict area. Aswat is a liberation movement which goes beyond a shared sexual orientation. Talking about your sexual orientation is just as problematic as approaching the Israeli community. This is exactly what Aswat does: discussing taboos and opening up society so that changes in behaviour and mentality are possible.'

Amazing women

'Many people think that women do not deserve a more prominent place in history. It's unbelievable. Women have achieved so much.'
Carla Brünott, volunteer, archives.

Carla shows a picture. 'This was the Member of Parliament, Corry Tendeloo, who introduced a motion which granted women full legal rights. That was only in 1956!' According to Carla, few people are interested in the history of women. 'Our historical awareness needs a revival. That is why we opted for a series of portraits of influential women.' In order to honour and remember women's work, Mama Cash joined forces with the International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement (IIAV), and made two series of portraits of rebellious, strong-willed women who were present at critical moments of social change, in Dutch history.

'These women fought for the position of women with all their heart. And still they are seldom mentioned in history books.' Carla points to another portrait. 'Wilhelmina Drucker. She was an illegitimate child who was humiliated and ridiculed. It made her a fighter and she became one of the first Dutch feminists. The raving Mina's in the sixties named themselves after her.' The selection was rather difficult, says Carla. 'It took us half a year to decide. In the end we managed to write twenty short biographies and published the cards. Distribution began in November. The cards are also available at Mama Cash and a bookshop here and there. With the proceeds we will make a new series of international portraits.'

Andreas Burnier 1931-2002

Henny de Swaan 1909-1995



Joke Smit 1933-1981



Asta Elstak 1917-1994



Anneke van Balen 1937-1997



'Mama Cash opened my eyes and made me aware of the situation of women around the world. Probably everybody knows that many women are disempowered in many countries, but most of us don't know how many women. We don't know how often women's rights are violated each day in the world. Mama Cash showed this to me. She helps women on five continents. She fights for their rights and she shows her partners and donors why it is important to invest in women. If somebody asks me to define Mama Cash, I would say: Mama Cash is run by women for women around the world.'

Milagros Koperdraad – Castro, volunteer Mama Cash

she has impact



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List of grants made in 2005

AFRICA

Capacity building in Africa

Capacity building grant to women's groups for monitoring and evaluation process to determine the impact of their work.

€ 3,666.06

Benin

West Africa Network for Peace building (WANEP)

Women and Peace building Network (WIPNET)

Participation of West-African women's groups in the 4th Women in Peace-building Conference in Benin.

€ 8,391

Cameroon

Coastal Sisters Bamenda

Workshops on women's legal position to enable illiterate rural women to claim their land, inheritance and reproductive rights.

€ 5,258

Democratic Republic of Congo

Federation of Women for Peace and Development

Psycho-social training programme for women survivors of rape and other forms of violence which face trauma and stigmatisation after the war.

€ 5,000

Promotion et Appui aux Initiatives Féminines (PAIF)

Skills training and learning centre for women and girls who survived rape and other forms of violence.

€ 8,000

Gambia

The Network of African Women Economists

Participation of a Gambian representative in the

annual European Women in Development conference.

€ 1,821

Ghana

Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)

Participation of two African women's rights activists to the seminar 'North-South Aspects of International Criminal Court and International Justice' held in the Netherlands.

€ 3,500

Kenya

Association of Media Women in Kenya

Media campaign to end work-related sexual violence and harassment against women in Kenya.

€ 10,000

Femnet

Feminist Dialogues at the World Social Forum in Bamako on fundamentalism, neo-liberal globalisation, militarism and collective intervention strategies.

€ 6,900

Fida Kenya

Attendance of female legal council representative at the International Conference on Legal Aid in South Africa.

€ 2,432

Kenya Association for Empowerment of

Disabled People (KADEP)

Adequate access to legal aid and leadership skills training for disabled women.

€ 7,500

Liberia

Women and Children Rehabilitation Resource Centre (WOCHIRRC)

Trauma counselling and vocational skills training for female survivors of rape and other forms of

violence in order to enable their reintegration into society.

€ 10,784

Madagascar

Centre Sembana Mijoro

Civil and legal rights training for disabled women.

€ 10,000

Malawi

Women's Campaign International

Participation of a representative of the Women's Caucus on women's rights in the 8th International Women's Policy Research Conference in Washington.

€ 2,360

Mozambique

Finger in the Door Productions

Performance of the Vagina Monologues in the townships in Botswana and Mozambique aimed at the empowerment of women survivors of sexual violence.

€ 15,000

Nigeria

Gender and Development Action (GADA)

Capacity building programme monitoring, evaluating and influencing major economic Nigerian reform policies that affect women.

€ 12,260

International Centre for Reproductive Health & Sexual Rights (INCRESE)

Safe home and counselling skills training centre for lesbian women who suffer from discrimination and violence.

€ 10,000

South Africa

Cape Mental Health Society

A court preparation programme for women with

intellectual disabilities who have been raped and need to bring their cases to court.

€ 5,000

Sudan

New Sudanese Indigenous NGOs Network

Strategic planning exercise that lead to the creation of a comprehensive plan to address gender inequality issues in Southern Sudan.

€ 1,500

Solidarity for African Women's Rights Coalition (SOAWR)

Advocacy and media campaign to push for the universal ratification of the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa.

€ 15,000

Togo

Wanep - Togo

Leadership training for members of peace-building organisations of rural women in Togo.

€ 8,900

Uganda

Lira Rural Women Development Initiative Program & Child Protection (LRWDIPCP)

Shelter for women survivors of sexual violence in a conflict zone in Northern Uganda and the promotion of women's rights among the general public and local leaders.

€ 15,000

Zambia

Young Women in Action (YWA)

Networking, capacity building, mentorship and leadership training for girls and young women in Zambia.

€ 5,000

ASIA*Capacity building in Asia*

Capacity building grants for women's groups in monitoring and evaluation, enabling them to determine the impact of their work.

€ 30,257.74

Bangladesh*Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS)*

Travel grant for a gender activist to the Symposium on Gender and Trade Liberation in Hong Kong.

€ 775

Kisani Sabha

A rally and mass demonstration with 20,000 participants protesting the strong rise of Muslim fundamentalist influences in the political and cultural sphere

€ 10,000

Cambodia*Strey Khmer*

Safe houses and provision of counselling, medical assistance and information on women's rights to women survivors of violence.

€ 7,000

China*Beijing AIZHIXING Institute of Health Education*

National lesbian activist workshop focusing on networking, legal and human rights advocacy and health concerns.

€ 2,500

Fiji*WICEJ*

Participation of a women's rights activist from Fiji at the Feminist Forum in Brazil.

€ 320

Hong Kong*Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC)*

Gender and Economic Justice Meeting of 15 women's groups in the context of the WTO meeting in Hong Kong

€ 1,300

Capacity building in Hong Kong

Women & Economic Justice Strategic Meeting in Hong Kong on the (negative) influences of WTO agreements and other international trade policies on women's lives.

€ 24,604

India*Aanchal*

Trainings and counselling for lesbian women in small Indian cities and villages.

€ 5,000

Center for Women's Development and Research (CWDR)

Skills training programme for women and adolescent girls rebuilding their lives after the Tsunami.

€ 5,000

CREA: Creating Resources for Empowerment

Workshop for women's human rights activists and representatives of other social movements on common issues and strategies.

€ 4,000

KRITI

Grant enabling KRITI to manage their activities, research and capacity-building.

€ 500

Mercy Trust

Trainings for widows of fishermen killed by the Tsunami so they continue fishing trade.

€ 4,600

Olakh Women's Group

Purchase of an office in Baroda for Feminist Perspectives and Practises.
€ 5,000

Ponpulari

Organising women in the informal sector in Cochin and lobbying the government to provide basic wages and rights for them.
€ 11,750

Shaheen Women's Resource & Welfare Association

Provision of legal advocacy, support and awareness-raising to low-income urban women and adolescent girls primarily from Muslim families in Hyderabad.
€ 8,000

Women's Awareness and Rural Development (Ward)

Human rights training for women and girls from 11 villages to rebuild their lives and their communities after the Tsunami.
€ 4,593

Women for Women (WFW)

Women from a street theatre group raise awareness about women's health and development issues in their own villages.
€ 3,028

Indonesia*Enhance Media and Networking Capabilities of Spek-Ham*

Media communication programme for women survivors of violence in the Surakarta District.
€ 5,000

YAPIM-Yayasan Bina Potensi Masyarakat

Legal campaign aimed at reducing harassment and sexual violence faced by young women workers in the public sector.
€ 5,000

Yayasan Institut Perempuan (IP) Women's Institute

Women's centre for the advocacy and empowerment of rural women in the West Java province.
€ 6,300

International*WLUML: Women Living Under Muslim Law (Shirkat Gah, Pakistan)*

Analysis of the ways in which female victims of violence or threats by fundamentalists have used the media to demand justice.
€ 10,000

Individual Support

Participation of human rights activist in the Feminist Dialogue, The World Social Forum and the Women's Human Rights Defenders Meeting.
€ 2,668

Malaysia*Empower Pusat JanaDaya Berhad*

Support for women from communities hit by the Tsunami aimed at an effective gender-sensitive community response and rebuilding of the affected communities.
€ 10,000

Nepal*Mahila Sanchar Samuha - Women's Communicator's Forum*

Mass media awareness campaign to end the practice of 'Chaupadi': the segregation and isolation of menstruating women in remote parts of Nepal.
€ 5,000

Women for Human Rights (WHR)

Presentation of a WHR representative at a conference on widows rights.
€ 1,400

Pakistan*AEHD*

Awareness training and education of women, men, law enforcement officers and the general public about violence against women.

€ 3,592

Blue Veins (Women Welfare & Relief Services)

Rebuilding of grassroots women's organisations in the North-West Province of Pakistan in the post earthquake situation.

€ 10,022

Development of Marginalized (DOM)

Training about women's rights for women from a conservative and rural part of Pakistan who normally are not allowed to travel.

€ 1,700

Foundation for Liberty, Awareness and Mankind Empowerment (FLAME)

Interactive theatre aimed at women workers informing them about their rights.

€ 4,110

Uks-Research, Resource & Publication Centre on Women and Media

Presentation at an international radio conference about the lack of attention to honour killings in the Pakistani media.

€ 1,000

Women in Development (WID)

Organising and making Brick Klin women in rural Pakistan aware of their rights.

€ 2,800

Philippines*Asia-Pacific rainbow support center*

Regional workshop on sexual rights and health to increase the visibility, participation and networking of lesbians, bisexual and transgender women.

€ 5,000

*Asian Women's Human Rights Council**(AWHRC)*

A book and film about Filipino victims of Japanese military sexual slavery during World War II.

€ 5,000

Brokenshire Women Center (BWC)

Local meeting and workshop on issues adversely affecting women's health, poverty reduction and sexual and reproductive rights.

€ 1,607

Gender Watch Against Violence and Exploitation (GWAVE)

Advocacy campaign for an effective justice system and support of services for survivors of gender-based violence.

€ 3,000

Migrant International

Provision of counselling, shelter, legal aid and training for Filipino migrant workers on their return home.

€ 5,000

ISIS International Manila

Travel grant for two members of an international women's network based in the Philippines at the Feminist Dialogue.

€ 5,000

Solomon Islands*Solomon Islands National Council of Women (SINCW)*

Travel grant for a female candidate to attend the second Solomon Islands National Council of Women.

€ 2,000

Sri Lanka*Asia-Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)*

Presentation at an international conference by

women living in Tsunami-hit areas to create gender awareness in the context of post-Tsunami relief efforts.

€ 4,000

Kantha Diri Piyasa

Training and counselling of women working and living in the Katunayake Free Trade Zone to minimise problems of sexual harassment and violence.

€ 3,000

Siyath Foundation

Support of the Sri Lankan association of self-employed women who are rebuilding their villages after the destruction brought about by the Tsunami.

€ 15,000

Thailand

Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)

Survey of Women's Human Rights Violations in the Tsunami Aftermath and Guidelines for Gender Sensitive Disaster Management and Relief.

€ 82,000

Empower Foundation

Forum to celebrate a decade of action, activism and solidarity in the struggle for sex workers' rights.

€ 1,700

LATIN AMERICA

Capacity building in Europe

Capacity building grants for women's groups to enhance their monitoring and evaluation process enabling them to determine the impact of their work.

€ 13,444.32

Argentina

Catolicas Por el Derecho a Decidir (CDD)

América Latina/ Regional Office

National Campaign for safe, legal and accessible abortions in Argentina.

€ 10,000

Desalambrando

Support for a centre for lesbian women who experience domestic violence (as victims or as aggressors).

€ 8,300

El Lamento de los Muros

Photo exhibition of violence against women during the military dictatorship in Argentina.

€ 5,000

Manos y voces de mujeres libres

Training of young women and girls in Argentina about sexual and reproductive rights

€ 6,000

Bolivia

Asociación para el desarrollo integral de la mujer Adeim-Simbiosis

First Lesbian Cafe in La Paz, Bolivia, where lesbian artists can present their work and share their experiences in a safe space

€ 4,000

Brazil

Coisa de Mulher: Centro de Documentação e Informação (CEDOICOM)

Institutional support for the only group in Rio de Janeiro that works directly with black lesbian women to promote their human rights.

€ 5,000

Jóvenes Feministas de SP

Strategy workshops for young women to evaluate government implementation of the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of

Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in Brazil.

€ 10,000

Movimento Lesbico de Campinas (MO LE CA)

Institutional support of lesbian group in Campinas to promote the understanding of lesbian identity in society.

€ 4,000

Chile

Bloque Lesbico

Institutional support of the group which serves as a strong political force for lesbian issues in Chile.

€ 7,263

Comision Organizadora del Encuentro

Feminista 2005

Support of the organisation to reposition the feminist movement in Chile as a real and strong political actor.

€ 11,880

Coordinadora jovenes feministas

Participation of a young woman in the 10th Feminist Encounter.

€ 1,500

Movimiento Rebelde del Afuera (MRA)

Participation of a Chilean feminist in the 10th Feminist Encounter.

€ 1,500

Revista lesbica online rompiendo el silencio

Art Festival for lesbian artists aimed at raising awareness of lesbianism in Chile and promoting understanding and acceptance.

€ 4,065

Colombia

Locuramia productions

Production of a film about the lives of lesbian women in Latin America and the USA.

€ 3,200

Costa Rica

Asociación para el Mejoramiento de la Calidad de Vida de las Trabajadoras y Ex Trabajadoras Sexuales

Development and strengthening of the institutional capabilities of a group of sex workers

€ 8,000

Cuba

GALFISA - Grupo America Latina: Filosofia y Axiologia

Travel grant for women from different Latin American countries to testify at the first Women's Court on the Impact of Globalisation on Women's Lives

€ 4,820

Dominican Republic

Centro de Servicios Legales para la Mujer, Inc CENSEL

Legal education programme on sexual harassment for women working in Free Trade Zones in the Dominican Republic.

€ 10,000

Ecuador

Fundación DESAFIO

National working group of young women from different cities in Ecuador defending the use of emergency contraception as a fundamental human right.

€ 8,000

Honduras

Comunidad Gay Sampedrana

Hotline for lesbian and bisexual women in Honduras to prevent high-risk sexual practices and to promote human rights

€ 4,837

Mexico

Consorcio para el Dialogo Parlamentario y la Equidad, A.C.

Participation of feminist groups in the monito-

ring of the government's decisions on women's issues.

€ 10,000

Elige Red de Jovenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos A.C.

Travel grant for young Mexican women for the 10th Feminist Encounter.

€ 3,000

Investigaciones Queer A.C.

Participation of two lesbian journalists in the 10th Feminist Encounter in October 2005 in Brazil.

€ 2,600

Mujeres para el Dialogo A.C.

Second Regional Encounter of Rural Women to develop a common agenda and strategies.

€ 5,000

Mujeres y Cultura subterránea A.C.

Production of a video with a lesbian love story, helping lesbians and Mexican society to understand and accept different sexual orientations.

€ 5,000

Nicaragua

Movimiento de Mujeres Por Nuestros Derechos Humanos (MOMUNDH)

Training of fifty women who will act against domestic and sexual violence in their communities, promoting better living conditions for women in Nicaragua.

€ 4,247

Red de Mujeres de Condega Para la Formacion y Dearrollo Integral

Participation of Nicaraguan women in the 10th Feminist Encounter to strengthen and promote the country's feminist movement.

€ 1,000

Paraguay

Coordinacion de Mujeres del Paraguay (CMP)

Integrante de la Ariculacion Feminista Marcosur Feminist National Encounter in Paraguay to consolidate the feminist movement in the country.

€ 5,000

Kuna Roga

Participation of ten Paraguayan women in the 10th Feminist Encounter in Brazil.

€ 1,500

Peru

Asociación de Mujeres trabajadoras de las cadenas de cafés y restaurantes de comida rápida del Perú

Union of women working in the fast food industry in Lima to eradicate discrimination and sexual violence in the workplace.

€ 6,000

Centro de Promoción Cultural

Artistic training for young disabled women to improve their self-esteem and facilitate their social integration.

€ 8,100

Milenia Radio - Colectivo Radial Feminista

Radio programme on preventive campaigns against domestic violence for women at the outskirts of Lima and other rural areas

€ 3,323

Surinam

Nationale Vrouwen Beweging

Micro-credits for novice rural women entrepreneurs to help them start their own businesses.

€ 6,615

Uruguay

Cotidiano Mujer

Participation of four feminist representatives

from Latin America in the Feminist Dialogues during the World Social Forum.

€ 3,000

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan

The Afghan Institute of Learning

Training and education of Afghani women aimed at broadening their social perspective and achievements.

€ 5,000

Three Graces Productions, LLC

Documentary about Afghani women as social entrepreneurs who meet entrepreneurs from a other countries to share experiences

€ 0,000

Egypt

The Arab Women's Solidarity Association (AWSA)

A conference promoting Arab women networks, advocacy and joint activities against local authorities, stereotypes and misogyny.

€ 7,000

Iran, Islamic Republic of

Hastia Andish

General support for an Iranian women's NGO, enabling women activists to professionalise and set up an office.

€ 10,000

The Women's Cultural Center

Travel grant for an Iranian women's rights activist to attend the AWID conference.

€ 1,058

Iraq

Alyousser Organization for Assistance and Rehabilitation of Women

Awareness raising project for marginalised and

isolated women in conservative and remote areas of Iraq.

€ 5,000

Organisation of Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI)

A long-term advocacy and media campaign aimed at ending violence against women in Iraq.

€ 48,020

WADI Association for Crisis Assistance and Development Cooperation

Training and empowering project for women in remote and isolated rural areas in northern Iraq.

€ 12,260

Support of mobile teams in remote areas in northern Iraq which work at awareness raising and legal aid assistance for women

€ 9,190

Israel

ASWAT Palestinian Gay Women

General support for a lesbian Palestinian NGO enabling them to professionalise their work and broaden their outreach.

€ 11,385

El Sana

A media project aimed at fostering and promoting the access of young women to the media.

€ 5,000

The Working Group for Equality in Personal Status Issues

Awareness raising campaign among Palestinian women in Israel on a range of legal status issues, particularly combating underage marriages.

€ 3,000

Women Against Violence

Educational and empowerment programme promoting women's advocacy, female education

and community organising in small Palestinian communities.

€ 5,000

Morocco

Association AMAL

Capacity building training to enhance a team's professional skills in assisting and supporting women survivors of violence.

€ 9,925

Capacity building training to enhance the professional skills of local network staff members.

€ 16,800

Association Epanouissement Feminin (AEF)

Purchase of a lap top computer and portable audio-visual equipment to support women rights education programmes.

€ 4,800

Association Oued Srou

Empowerment project in a rural area that provides permanent support to women victims of violence.

€ 7,000

Association pour la Promotion de la

Scolarisation dans la Province de Khouribga

Empowerment project in which social workers inform rural women about the set of rights recently introduced by the new Moroccan family law.

€ 6,590

Union de L'Action Féminine Section Casablanca

Najda Centre

Innovative project aimed at launching a women's court for divorced migrant women.

€ 15,000

Palestina

Wahj Media

A film festival highlighting women's achievements and women who challenge socio-cultural

perceptions, roles and values in the Palestinian community.

€ 15,000

Turkey

Aslihan Eker

Documentary about the horrors of honour killings in Turkish society and the Turkish Diaspora.

€ 10,000

Filmmor Women's Cooperative

Film production making central policy makers in Turkey and civil society more sensitive to gender inequality.

€ 9,350

Organization of women to support life (KAYAD)

Radio programme 'Voice of women' promoting inter-ethnic dialogue between Greeks and Cypriots in a conflict area.

€ 10,000

Study on violence against women where the results will be used for advocacy purposes and a change of the law.

€ 5,000

WESTERN EUROPE

Belgium

International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers

First ever European conference gathering sex workers and their allies from women's labour rights, migrants and human rights organisations, activists and politicians.

€ 30,000

V-DAY Europe Paris and Brussels

Performance of the Vagina Monologues on the first European V-day in Brussels (a training and strategic platform for organisations involved in

the European struggle against violence against women).

€ 10,000

Germany

Frauen Tribunal (Hamayesh-e Zanan-e Irani)

Conference by and for Iranian refugee women in Europe

€ 5,000

Ireland

GALFISA - Grupo America Latina: Filosofía y Axiología

Participation in the International Court of Women 'The South Facing Neo-liberal Globalisation'.

€ 1,000

Netherlands

She gives back

Research into the philanthropic activities of women in the diaspora in five European countries aimed at mapping the field, good practices and successful funding strategies in this area.

€ 23,358.39

She gives back

Public event presenting the philanthropic activities of women in the diaspora in Europe in order to generate debate, engagement and funding of effective initiatives in this field.

€ 5,029

Anti SGP

Website protesting the anti-women nature of a political party

€ 180

BeeZ produkties

Musical play about a woman from Surinam in the Netherlands and the current Dutch tendency to think in prejudiced ways

€ 5,000

Bianca Visser

Exhibition of the work of five young female artists

€ 500

Burundian Women for Peace and Development

A two-year programme about the taboos in the Burundian and Rwandese communities in the Netherlands relating to domestic violence, sexual rights and war related traumas.

€ 5,000

Chebba Meidenplaza - Stedelijk Jongerenwerk Amsterdam

Festival for girls from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds with successful role models and information about education and jobs.

€ 4,000

Clean Clothes Campaign

A special issue newsletter on women and labour rights.

€ 7,000

De natte vinger / Groningen

Witches Night- a demonstration by women resisting violence against women and promoting women's rights

€ 500

National poster campaign publicising the Witches Nights organized in various Dutch cities.

€ 200

FATUSCH Productions

Audiovisual report of an international meeting of Islamic scholars in Pakistan on gender and Islam.

€ 5,000

GEM (V-day Utrecht)

Event aimed at raising awareness and funds for the struggle against violence against women.

€ 1,000

Humanistische Omroep Stichting

Documentary about a Moldovan woman, survivor of trafficking, about her struggle against deportation and her life in the Netherlands without documents.

€ 4,000

I/AV

Two series with postcards highlighting the foremothers of the Dutch women's movement who were crucial in achieving equal rights and opportunities for women.

€ 7,872.69

NEAG-Alternatieven voor geweld

Training of refugee women in the Netherlands to increase their resistance to conflicts, tensions and violence.

€ 7,700

*Organisatiegroep Heksennacht 2005**Amsterdam*

A demonstration by women resisting violence against women and promoting women's rights to their own bodies and lives.

€ 347

PRIME - Participating Refugees in Multicultural Europe

Manifestation on 8 March 2005 drawing attention to the position of refugee women as victims of sexual violence.

€ 1,500

Queer Guerilla

Weekend organised by the queer movement about theory, activism and current issues in the field of sexuality and gender.

€ 250

Safari

Documentary about the Afro-American Muslim activist Amina Wadud.

€ 6,000

Samenwerkende Iraanse Vrouwengroepen

Meeting for Farsi women from the Hague area to discuss discrimination and domestic and sexual violence against Iranian women.

€ 1,250

Setheater

Interactive play about 'lover boys' for girls in secondary schools in Limburg

€ 2,500

Shora Iraanse Vrouwen

Meeting on the position of women in Islamic countries and the women's rights.

€ 1,120

Stedelijk Museum Bureau Amsterdam

Exhibition by the feminist artist Jill Magid.

€ 4,000

Steungroep Vrouwen zonder Verblijfsvergunning

Support for their services and information to women without a residence permit.

€ 5,000

Stichting ASKV / Steunpunt Vluchtelingen

Event that draws attention to the 26,000 refugees who are being deported back to dangerous countries.

€ 500

Information for women with and without residence permit about their rights under Dutch law

€ 1,150

Stichting Atelier D. - Atelier voor theater, gender en literatuur

Research on the participation of Muslim women in the Dutch theatre world

€ 2,500

Stichting Bayanihan - Centrum voor Filippijnse Vrouwen in Nederland

Meeting for Philippina women in four Dutch cities aimed at raising their awareness of and resistance to violence.

€ 4,000

Participation and contribution to the workshop 'Migrant Women Defining Change for Women's Rights' at AWID

€ 700

Stichting Bodylab

Post-production of experimental documentary filmed in Sierra Leone about three female ex-child combatants in the Liberian and Sierra Leonean civil wars of the 1990s.

€ 5,000

Stichting Harriet Tubman Huis

Shelter for homeless women and children without residence permits in four apartments in South-East Amsterdam.

€ 7,500

Stichting Iraanse Vrouwen Maastricht

Course about health and labour and the bottlenecks refugee women encounter in the Dutch health system.

€ 2,000

Stichting LauwRecht - Steunpunt Illegalen (STIL)

Six month provision of medical care, education and legal support for women and children without residence permits.

€ 5,000

Stichting Pink Media/Roze Filmdagen

The programme of the Pink Film days contains 80 short international and Dutch films with homosexual and lesbian themes.

€ 800

Stichting Public Art Squad

Public debate at the opening of 'Lady Shave Home Edition', an exhibition by 11 female artists about female identity and gender.

€ 3,500

Stichting Searchweb

Research into the position of female domestic workers in the Netherlands which will lead to recommendations for policy changes.

€ 3,800

Stichting TURERE

Meetings for young women and girls from Rwanda living in the Netherlands about sexuality, contraceptives, aids prevention, alcohol and soft drugs.

€ 2,168

Stichting Window to Europe / East Area

Exhibition in Amsterdam by Lala Rascic, a young female artist from Bosnia.

€ 2,840

Vereniging Atalantas

Atalantas offers legal, social, economic and psychological support to victims of trafficking who were forced into prostitution.

€ 10,000

Villa Lila

Multicultural encounters organised by the homosexual/lesbian/bisexual community in Nijmegen.

€ 2,000

Vrouwenvereniging Safak

Discussion about the position of women in Islam in the context of International Women's Day in Rotterdam.

€ 1,100

Vrouwenwerkgroep Zanan

Presentation of a study of the social, cultural

and artistic activities of black, migrant and refugee women.

€ 1,550

Women@Work in Action

Sunday market for refugee women in Amsterdam at which they present their products or services.

€ 10,000

ZIJ/HIJ in Beeld / Saskia Kouwenberg

Inventory of the (in)visibility of women in the progressive weekly De Groene Amsterdammer.

€ 100

United Kingdom

Rape Crisis Network Europe

General support of the Rape Crisis Network Europe that links European organisations which attempt to influence European policy-making on sexual violence prevention.

€ 10,000

Trapese

Through workshops, a 'training of trainers' and an instructive cd-rom, this women's popular education collective aims at economic and social justice for women in the context of globalisation.

€ 3,000

EASTERN EUROPE

Capacity building in Europe

Capacity building grants to women's groups for the enhancement of their monitoring and evaluation process enabling them to determine the impact of their work.

€ 73,677.57

Bosnia and Herzegovina

SEE Q Network – South-eastern European Queer Network of LGBTIQ

Participation in the ILGA conference by queer feminists from South Eastern Europe.

€ 3,000

Voice of Women - Glas Zene

Public awareness campaign of the problem of violence against women and work-related violations of women's rights in the municipality of Bihac.

€ 3,000

Zene Zenama Sarajevo

Three day strategic gathering of the women's movement in Sarajevo for the promotion of women's rights on a national level.

€ 5,000

Bulgaria

Civil Women Association "Social Non-governmental Centre Pirin TV"

Establishment of the first shelter for women and children who have become victims of violence in the South-West of Bulgaria.

€ 9,000

IKAR Association

Monthly bulletin and public debates on women's rights in health, on the labour market and social issues.

€ 3,000

Women in Culture to Sonm Publishers

Anthology of Bulgarian and Hungarian women's poetry giving women a place in literary history.

€ 2,000

Women's Health Initiative in Bulgaria

Improvement of the awareness of women's rights in the Bulgarian health care system

€ 2,500

Croatia

CESI Center for Education and Counselling of Women (Anti War Campaign)

Conference linking groups and organisations from South-Eastern Europe working on issues of gender and gender equality.
€ 4,000

Croatian Association of Midwives, Branch Rijeka
Six Croatian midwives trained in alternative birthing methods by Dutch obstetrics
€ 4,000

LORI Lesbian Organization Rijeka
Series of workshops for the education and the empowerment of the LGBT community of Croatia
€ 2,500

Czech Republic

HAM - the Movement for Active Motherhood - Hnutí za aktivní mateřství
The first ever exhibition on pregnancy promoting women's autonomous choices on reproductive issues.
€ 3,600

Georgia

Women's Fund in Georgia (WFG)
Awareness raising campaign to engage local businesses and the community at large to invest in women
€ 3,000

Hungary

European Roma Rights Center (ERRC)
Participation in the 2005 Commission on the Status of Women
€ 1,750

International

Gender Changer Academy (GCA)
Training for young women in Do-It-Yourself computer technologies and multimedia
€ 3,000

IGLYO (International Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Youth and Student Organisation)
Participation of 11 young activists from South-East Europe in the annual conference.
€ 2,500

KARAT Coalition
Participation in the delegation of the 2005 Commission on the Status of Women.
€ 9,000

Network of East West Women Poland (NEWW)
Participation in the delegation of the 2005 Commission on the Status of Women.
€ 4,500

Women's Center for Democracy and Human Rights
Training on economic literacy for commissions and councils for gender equality in Serbia.
€ 4,000

Latvia

Latvian Young Women Association
Summer school training for 35 women from the Baltic countries active in youth organisations.
€ 2,240

Lithuania

Center for Equality Advancement - Lygių galimybių plėtros centras
Presentation of a collection of 15 life stories, breaking the taboo around lesbianism in Lithuania.
€ 5,000

Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of
Aureola Women Association
Twenty television portraits of successful and courageous female role models
€ 5,000

Shelter Center –for women and children victims of violence

Research gathering data on sexual abuse in Macedonia contradicting the assumption that support for victims is not needed.

€ 3,000

Poland

Campaign Against Homophobia - Kampania Przeciw Homofobii

Study visit, professionalisation and capacity building trainings.

€ 520

Exgirls Informal Group c/o eFKa Women Foundation

Computer game about contraception, reproductive health and rights issues a

€ 1,950

Foundation for Freedom - Fundacja dla Wolności

Country-wide campaign on taboo issues through t-shirts with provocative slogans.

€ 3,000

KARAT Coalition

Participation in the planning process for the first ever European Feminist Forum

€ 700

Participation in the AWID Forum

€ 1,700

Konsola

Three day conference for 300 activists on women's and lesbian rights

€ 3,032.16

La Strada International

Conference on issues combating trafficking of women in Europe and the CIS region.

€ 4,000

Street Yoginis - Joginki Ulicy

Documentary film on the lives of Russian

women in the textile factories

€ 4,900

Romania

The Association for Gender Equality and Liberty (ALEG)

Awareness campaign targeting young women and men on reproductive rights and women's protection from sexual abuse.

€ 3,000

AnA Society for Feminist Analysis

Promotion of the introduction of gender sensitive policies addressing disability in Romania

€ 3,000

Ladyfest Romania

Arts and activism activities addressing issues women's rights

€ 1,000

Serbia

Anti Trafficking Center

Participation in the 'Allies for Social Change' course for knowledge and skills

€ 1,370

DEVE Lesbian and Gay Cultural Centre

The first women's art colony in Serbia where women artists from different disciplines work on a joint exhibition on women's autonomy

€ 4,900

Girls Center Uzice - Centar za devojke Uzice

Training programme, magazine and SOS hotline for girls

€ 4,000

NANDI Art Research Station

'The Danube's Nymphs' is an exhibition of women artists inspired by cases of female suicide, linked to discussions on women's rights and lives.

€ 3,000

Women's Alternative Workshop ZAR

Public multimedia and theatre performances by marginalised women in rural Serbia focusing on women's rights and lives.

€ 4,000

Women's Initiative Priboj (WIP)

Media campaign, an SOS hotline for female victims of abuse and legal assistance for survivors of violence

€ 4,500

Slovakia (Slovak Republic)*C.A. Odysseus*

Project for sex workers of Bratislava with access to outreach workers and information material about safe sex and safety on the street.

€ 5,500

Poradna pre občianske a ľudské práva Center for Civil and Human Rights

Two court cases against the Slovak Republic at the European Court on Human Rights, representing 11 Roma women victims of forced sterilisation.

€ 7,370

Slovenia*Kud Mreža*

Autonomous Women's Festival combining arts and political activism with workshops, discussions, performances and exhibitions.

€ 3,000

SKUC-MONOKEL - lesbian club

Performances, workshops and public discussions at the women's art & performance festival Red Dawns in Ljubljana and Slovenian towns.

€ 2,575

FORMER SOVIET UNION**Armenia***Armenian Democratic Forum Gyumri*

Empowerment training for vulnerable pregnant women in Gyumri and an alternative service centre providing them with medical, psychological and legal assistance.

€ 2,000

Haytour

Raising women's awareness of health issues and reproductive rights in seminars on health, reproductive rights, sexual education, family planning, abortion, HIV/AIDS and prevention.

€ 2,250

Legal Gender Cultural Foundation (LIZA)

Organisation of the second International Women's KIN-Film festival in Yerevan

€ 3,000

Martuni Women's Community Council

General support for the continuation of the activities of the shelter for women survivors of violence.

€ 2,500

Gyumri Development Foundation

Organisation of two photo exhibitions in Yerevan and Gyumri by women artists and photo journalists who are refugees and represent the problems of contemporary women refugees.

€ 3,000

Azerbaijan*Azerbaijan Young Lawyers Union*

Establishment of the only hotline run by women for women on women's rights issues.

€ 2,000

Political Culture Center for Azerbaijan Women

Leadership training for women members of political and social organisations.

€ 2,478

RESCUE - Young Women Association

Empowerment of rural women through educational seminars on the issues of women's rights and reproductive health.

€ 2,000

Solidarity Among Women Social Union

Leadership training seminars for local women leaders and the creation of a network of leaders.

€ 2,000

Belarus*Law Initiative Commission of Women Rights of the Republican*

Training the experts of a crisis centres for victims of domestic violence in Belarus.

€ 2,000

Women's Information Center Interforum

Belarusian Women Social Forum in Minsk for 400 women's activists to discuss women's social issues.

€ 6,000

Georgia*Girls and Gender Education*

Establishment of a training centre for girls in Tbilisi where they can discuss their problems and use the services of lawyers and psychologists.

€ 1,500

Gender Media Caucasus Journalists Association

Publication of the international Gender E-Magazine 'CaucAsia' aimed at overcoming gender imbalance in society.

€ 8,000

Mnatobi - Medical - Psychological Center for Women

Theater and puppet shows in the villages, schools and IDP centres of Zugdidi to address the problem of violence against women.

€ 3,000

SKCAVNG - Anti-Violence Network of Georgia

Establishment of a shelter in Gori for victims of domestic violence and training of women, authorities and police on the prevention of domestic violence.

€ 5,000

Soplis Sakhli (Village House)

General support to continue the publication of the monthly women's newspaper 'Gugutelebi' for rural women.

€ 2,000

Contemporary Art Club

Art project by nine Georgian women artists whose work presents concepts of individual liberty to improve women's right to artistic expression and freedom.

€ 4,000

Women's Information Center

Development and reshaping of their website in order to strengthen the activities of the women's movement in the South Caucasus region.

€ 3,000

Women's Club Peoni

Empowerment women's NGOs through a publication of English-Georgian guidebook on NGO-terminology.

€ 2,580

Women's Voice

Awareness raising campaign about violence against women in eight parts of the Kakheti region.

€ 2,500

Kazakhstan*Feminist League Kazakhstan*

Creation of two 30-seconds animation films on gender equality, which will be used in training seminars and will be shown on national TV.

€ 5,450

Kyrgyzstan*SHOOLA Public Association*

Establishment of an information and legal centre for women migrants and refugees
€ 3,500

Moldova*Lia-Cimislia*

Opening of Cimislia Rural Women's Business centre which provides rural women with business and computer training.
€ 2,500

Tolerance and Pluralism Promotion Center

TV production about women's rights violations in Moldova and organisation of workshops in sixty rural villages.
€ 7,000

Mongolia*Foundation for the Empowerment of Rural Women*

Awareness-raising campaign on violence against women and children in rural areas a television on ten local stations.
€ 3,000

Globe Art Center

Assisting the career of Mongolian women filmmakers and exchanging information and cooperation.
€ 4,000

Mongolian Women Lawyers Association

Training of trainers on domestic violence issues to supervise law enforcement officials under the new law of 2003.
€ 4,000

National Center Against Violence

Travel grant for the training "Responding to Violence - Narrative possibilities" in Australia.
€ 1,600

*Russian Federation**Against Women's Unemployment*

Economic empowerment training for women
€ 3,000

Kaliningrad Regional Foundation

Awareness raising campaign for school girls and young women on the prevention of STDs, alcohol and drug addiction and on reproductive health.
€ 3,000

Russian Female Art Association (RFAA)

Organisation of the Female Arts Festival in Russia with 50 women artists from different countries.
€ 5,000

Samara Gender Center

Information and education programme for women leaders to promote eradication of violence against women and images of women as sexual objects.
€ 3,000

Tajikistan*FEMIDA Tajik Center of Social-Legal Support for the Woman and Teenagers of Republic of Tajikistan*

Awareness raising campaign and training seminars about violence against women four Tajik regions.
€ 2,000

Gulruksor Crisis Center

Research and awareness raising campaign on the dire consequences of domestic violence, such as suicide.
€ 4,000

Women's Public Union " Health Rights & Society"

Creation of five clubs and economic training

courses for 470 elder women representatives of national minorities

€ 2,500

Turkmenistan

Anna Women's NGO

Assisting the social integration of former women refugees from 22 Turkmen villages

€ 4,520

Ukraine

Rodyna

Innovative methods of psychological and physical prenatal preparation to improve maternity and child healthcare.

€ 4,000

Step into the Future

Information centre for women in the sex business and training of police improving their attitude towards women in the sex business

€ 4,193

Sychasnik

Opening of the shelter for women survivors of domestic violence and trafficking in Chernivtsi.

€ 2,779

VIKTORIA Women's Business Center

Eight lectures about non-profit fundraising with active input by the participants in small group discussions.

€ 300

Women's Information Consultative Center (WICC)

Improvement of leadership skills of Ukrainian women via training seminars and the publication of a book based on women's stories about their perception of the Orange revolution.

€ 3,500

Uzbekistan

The Center for Women Leaders (CWL)

Leadership training for women members of parliament and deputies of the city council of Tashkent.

€ 5,000

Sabr Women's Crisis Center (Crisis/Trust Centre Sabr)

Travel grant for 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York.

€ 4,500

WOMEN'S FUNDS

Brazil

Angela Borba Fund

Institutional support to enable support to women's initiatives that promote and protect women's human rights in the country.

€ 37,043.51

Capacity building grant for institutional support to support women's initiatives that promote and protect women's human rights in the country.

€ 16,840

Bulgaria

Bulgarian Fund for Women

Institutional support to strengthen the fundraising capacities through capacity building of personnel, fundraising events and the production of PR materials.

€ 10,730

Chile

Colectivo Alquimia

Institutional support grant for women's fund in Chile to support women's initiatives for development and social change in the country.

€ 20,000

Czech Republic*Slovak-Czech Women's Fund*

General support that will contribute to the development of a database and the preparation and start of a PR campaign aimed at placing the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund 'on the map'.

€ 10,730

Georgia*WFG Women's Fund in Georgia*

Campaign to engage local businesses and the community at large in Georgia to invest in women's rights.

€ 11,158.74

Ghana*African Women's Development Fund*

Capacity-building grant to integrate and upgrade software support systems in combination with training for enhanced performance, security of data and productivity.

€ 15,000

General institutional support for the overall activities of the fund.

€ 7,800

Hong Kong*HER Fund*

Institutional support for women's fund that focuses on marginalised women's groups that fight for economic justice for women, women's political and civic participation, better health education and provision for women, sexual and reproductive freedom and the protection of women from sexual violence.

€ 35,000

Support to fundraising capacity to give grants to women's organisations helping to empower women in Hong Kong.

€ 8,134

India*Niraya Trust*

Empowering and encouraging women at grassroots level about their rights and aiming for a social transformation by providing easy access to technical and managerial skills training, literacy workshops, health programmes, funds for grantee groups.

€ 20,000

Capacity building for the empowerment of women

€ 5,000

Multiple year grant for grantmaking and related activities to enhance the decision-making power of marginalised women.

€ 15,000

International*Women's Funding Network & International Network of Women's Funds*

Contribution to Women's Funding Network.

€ 846.76

Mexico*International Network of Women's Funds*

2005 membership fees and contribution to INWF.

€ 15,000

SEMILLAS: Sociedad Mexicana Pro Derechos de la Mujer

Institutional support for the empowerment of women by funding women's rights initiatives.

€ 61,315

Strengthen public presence of Semillas in Mexico during its 15th anniversary as the only women's fund in the country.

€ 4,450

Capacity building grant for institutional strengthening process to empower women through funding women's rights initiatives.

€ 30,500

Mongolia

Mongolian Women's Fund / MONES

Travel and organisational costs related to the First Regional Meeting of the Asian Women's Funds.

€ 11,000

Three-year grant to strengthen the capacity of the fund and create stronger, powerful methods of fundraising and grantmaking.

€ 20,000

Strengthening fundraising capacity.

€ 5,700

General support to contribute to the equal participation of Mongolian women in society, politics and culture.

€ 15,000

Nepal

Tewa, for self-reliant development

Local fundraising grant to help the organisation to assist rural women in Nepal to raise money locally and implement projects for the benefit of the community.

€ 15,000

Nicaragua

Central American Women's Fund

Institutional grant to promote young women's leadership in Central America.

€ 30,000

Institutional support to provide grants and training of women organisations that defend and promote women's human rights in the region, particularly to young women's groups.

€ 21,396,92

Institutional support for the women's fund in Central America that defends and promotes women's human rights in the region, particularly to young women's groups.

€ 13,000

Serbia

Reconstruction Women's Fund

Support of RW Fund's grant-making programme focused on supporting women's rights, women's groups, individual feminist activists and academics.

€ 10,730

South Africa

Wheat Trust

Capacity building grant based on organisational need analysis, strengthening strategy and policy development as well as human resource development and management.

€ 2,670

General support for fundraising, grantmaking, impact monitoring and covering operational costs.

€ 21,460

Capacity building and institutional support grant strengthening communication strategy.

€ 20,000

Ukraine

Ukrainian Women's Fund

General support focusing on the creation of public awareness of women's issues in Ukraine and the consolidation of the women's movement.

€ 84,305

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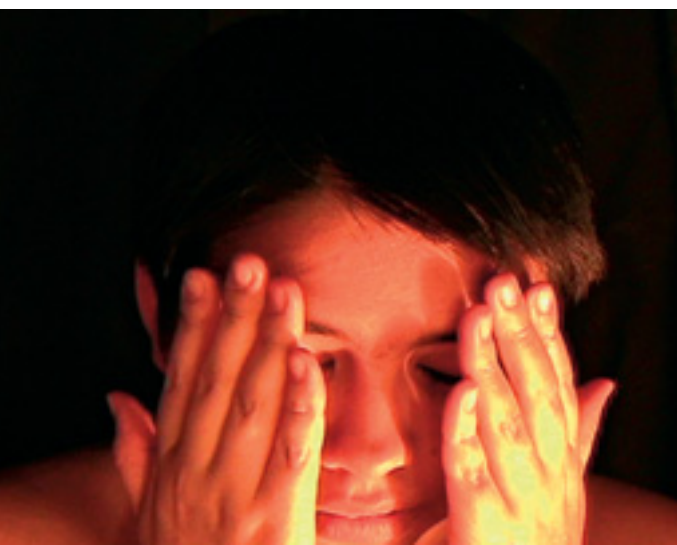




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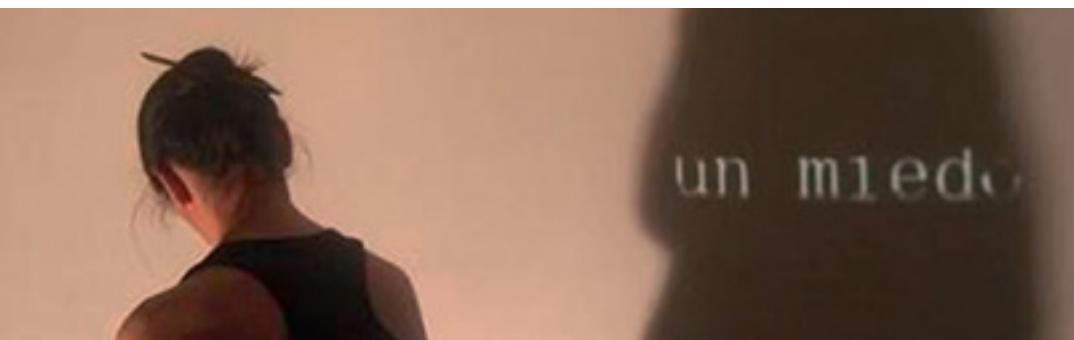
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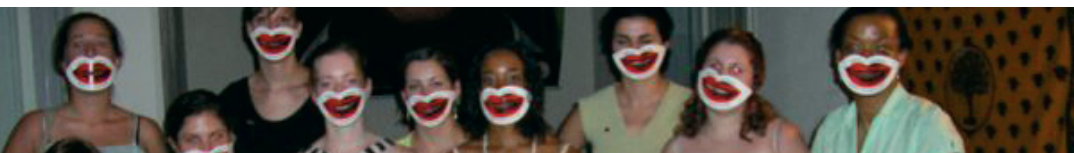
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- 1 Making the Case monitoring tool visit to South Africa.
- 2 Union de L'Action Féminine Casablanca Najda Centre supports divorced migrant women in Morocco.
- 3 KADEP from Kenya fights for the rights of handicapped women.
- 4 The '300 women with guts' Women Inc conference.
- 5 Women in Atjeh involved in tsunami reconstruction projects.
- 6 Locuramia Productions from Colombia produced a film on lesbian lives in Latin America.
- 7 Ducktrail traveled from Brussels to Benin and raised money for Mama Cash.
- 8 Desalambrando from Argentina combats domestic violence.
- 9 From the photo series Women in the Axis of Evil by Newsha Tavakolian.
- 10 Independent Social Ecological Movement NESEHNUTI organised lectures on rights for women in the Czech Republic.
- 11 Making the Case monitoring tool visit to South Africa.
- 12 From the photo series Women in the Axis of Evil by Newsha Tavakolian.
- 13 Cotidiano Mujer from Uruguay participated in the Feminist Dialogues at the World Social Forum.
- 14 Art project by the Contemporary Art Club from Georgia that emphasizes the right to artistic freedom.
- 15 Project supporting migrant women in Morocco.
- 16 Yanar Mohammed of the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq.
- 17 Mama Cash ambassador Samira Abbos.
- 18 Young Middle Eastern women performers in Amsterdam.

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