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1 Street campaign by the group Ponton from Poland.



2 Meeting of the Caribbean Women's Network on Sexual and Reproductive Health (CARIWONET) in St. Lucia.



3 Screenshot from Mama Cash promotional film.



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# (she grows) INTRODUCTION

"*Growing* does not have to be about becoming old. Growth is about becoming wiser, about learning from experience and achieving a vibrant stage of effectiveness, awareness and beauty. Mama Cash is the 'oldest' women's fund that grew over time with purpose and commitment to women's rights all over the world. She has showed an example and opened a new path for cutting edge social change philanthropy that many other women's funds have since followed."

**ANASTASIA POSADSKAYA-VANDERBECK**

**DIRECTOR OF OSI'S NETWORK WOMEN'S PROGRAM**

## Introduction

*(she grows)* is the theme of this annual report. Mama Cash has grown in 2006. We have acquired more funds, the number of donors has increased, we are better able to measure the impact of our grants and we have raised our profile.

A great many changes are taking place in the donor world. We are therefore looking for new forms of cooperation. Large donors are finding their way to us with increasing ease and this year, for the first time, we entered into a partnership with companies. By the end of 2006, we had already obtained half of the annual budget for 2007.

Mama Cash is out to change the world. This takes money. But it is the way in which this money is used that determines the success of our efforts. Mama Cash does not see women as victims, but invests in women who are themselves taking the initiative to create a better world, for themselves and for others. We help women's groups to grow, and we also focus on improving the capacities of these groups. There are more and more women's funds, and these are playing an ever greater role in financing women's rights in their own regions. Mama Cash helps to create the right conditions for this money to actually bring about change.

The quality of our grants has grown: we are able to measure the effectiveness of our investments. We are seeing that our grants are contributing to – for example – better lives for miners' wives in Peru, lesbians in China, women with HIV/AIDS in Tanzania and Kurdish girls in northern Iraq. Our investments are also contributing, for example, to changes in legislation in the areas of sexual and reproductive rights.

Mama Cash's investments bring about a visible social change, which is acutely necessary in a world in which conservatism and fundamentalism are on the rise and women's rights are being systematically undermined. Mama Cash supports those women who struggle against this trend, and for freedom. Every euro Mama Cash receives goes towards justice, development, respect for women and women's rights. In short, every euro brings us a step further down the road towards a better, safer world for women and girls.



Hanneke Kamphuis, executive director

# (she grows) VISION, MISSION, AND CORE COMPETENCIES

"My research into the impact of the support provided by Mama Cash to seven migrant women's organisations in Amsterdam is one of the most inspirational events in my life. To see how these – frequently marginalised – migrant women struggle for women's rights and full citizenship was an unforgettable experience. The activities and projects have had a very positive effect on the women concerned. They are learning to stand up for their interests, they are becoming more effective, and their self-image is improving. They are growing!"

**EWA SZEPIETOWSKA**

**MAMA CASH VOLUNTEER**

## Vision, mission, and core competencies

Financing small-scale initiatives for and by women throughout the world: this is how Mama Cash started out in 1983, as the first independent finance fund in the world for women. The five founders, all active in the women's movement, used start-up capital made available by one of them.

Mama Cash has now become an internationally renowned, professional finance fund with a growing (international) network of advisers. In her nearly twenty-five years of existence, Mama Cash has supported some 5,500 women's projects all over the world, with more than 22 million euros.

As a women's fund, Mama Cash finances initiatives for and by women; strong women who act as an inspiration to others. Often they are women who themselves are survivors, and who know how to turn the tide: by becoming aware of their rights and making use of them. Social change starts with women. Mama Cash is convinced of this.

### Her vision

Mama Cash strives for a peaceful and just world where women are free to make their own choices, develop their talents and skills, and help shape the future of our societies.

### Her mission

Mama Cash supports pioneering initiatives by women worldwide which contribute to strengthening the position of women and improving their rights. By financing women's initiatives in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Mama Cash helps give women greater influence on their own lives and environments. This means that Mama Cash is investing in a better future for women and girls, worldwide.

### Her core values

- Mama Cash is a women's rights organisation. To Mama Cash, feminism means striving to achieve structural change in the existing power relations, with the objective of eliminating the mechanisms of exclusion and repression on the basis of gender, class, ethnicity, religion, sexual preference or otherwise;
- Mama Cash thinks and works at national and international levels;
- Mama Cash is part of the global women's movement;





- Mama Cash supports pioneers, women who do groundbreaking work;
- Mama Cash stands for solidarity, respect and sharing information and knowledge;
- Mama Cash stands for diversity and attaches importance to cooperation with a diverse range of organisations and individuals.

### **Her core competencies**

Mama Cash has the following core competencies: fundraising and strategic finance.

*Fundraising* consists of the mobilisation and guaranteeing of financial capital for women's rights. Mama Cash does this directly through the acquisition of funds, but also indirectly. For example, we stimulate large philanthropic and co-financing organisations to increase their investment in women's rights. We call this donor education.

*Strategic finance* consists of financial support for initiatives by women that correspond to Mama Cash's preconditions and mission: those that promote and support capacity development, and social change, and those that measure the effectiveness of grants. Mama Cash searches pro-actively for strategic and groundbreaking opportunities to improve women's rights. In order to effectively implement our core competencies, we actively seek cooperation with like-minded partners as we enter into strategic alliances.



1 A participant thanks Mama Cash during a leadership training by the Political Culture Centre for Azerbaijan Women (PCCW) in Azerbaijan.

2/3 Dutch group Chebba organises a range of activities for young girls.

4 Virginia Gomez of Fundación Desafío receives the (she changes the world) award 2006 from Mama Cash ambassador Ellen ten Damme, on International Women's Day. On the right Mama Cash director Hanneke Kamphuis.

# (she grows) GRANTMAKING PROGRAMME

"Mama Cash provides more than just money to women's funds. She has been instrumental in evolving organisational development tools for the INWF members and she continues to work on the measurement of impact where she involves her grantee partners and women's funds. Talking to our members from around the world, you will hear that the involvement of Mama Cash was responsible for fast tracking our organisational and personal growth. This is certainly true for myself."

**TINA THIART**

**DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN'S FUNDS (INWF)**



## Grantmaking Programme

Mama Cash wants to change the world and therefore invests in women who, in spite of the dangers, believe in ideals and struggle for justice and change. Mama Cash works on the principle that women are entitled to determine their own destinies, have a right to freely express themselves and to participate fully in social and political life as well as to be involved in the termination and prevention of conflict.

Many women's organisations which are small and/or just starting out experience difficulties getting access to 'ordinary' finance. Mama Cash supports these groups in their, often innovative, projects. As we organise support on a regional basis, we are able to provide finance in a more targeted manner. Different regions have different contexts and different sets of problems. These are first identified, and then we determine what role we can play, on the basis of what we have found. Mama Cash has local advisers in each region, and we regularly discuss opportunities and the needs of women's groups with them. In addition, we don't just sit around waiting on grant applications, but we go out looking for women's groups that are active around the issues we consider important: *finding and funding*. In this way, we are able to work in a much more strategic manner. In 2006, for example, together with our regional advisers, we set out to find groups that use sport as a means of achieving social change.

The issues facing the women's groups and women's projects vary depending on the social, political, economic and cultural situation of the country or region. Mama Cash supports innovative and ground-breaking initiatives where women's groups have as yet hardly been heard, seen or active, or where women's groups can exert significant influence on social change.

Within the broad area of women's rights, Mama Cash concentrates on the themes *bodily integrity, economic justice, peace and security, agency and participation, and art, culture and media*. For example, we support projects and groups involved with sexual and reproductive rights, the position of women in the employment market, in peace processes and in political decision-making, and which are fighting against (sexual) violence against women. In short: projects that ensure a broad awareness of women's rights and that contribute to improving the position of many women and girls.

## Developments by region

The world is a large area to operate in. For this reason, Mama Cash has divided the world into five regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle-East and the Maghreb (North Africa), Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

One of these regions received most grants from Mama Cash in 2006: the Middle-East and the Maghreb. Social developments in this region are making the work of strong women's groups more than essential. Grants for Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean have also increased. In 2006, the grantmaking programme in Europe was targeted particularly at Central and Eastern Europe; Mama Cash focuses specially on places being abandoned by other donors, as women still face a range of challenges here on a daily basis. It is still important to support initiatives aimed at improvements. Compared to 2005, a lower grant amount was made available to the Asia and the Pacific region in 2006. This was principally due to the fact that, in 2005, Mama Cash invested a great deal in the consequences of the tsunami.

Mama Cash believes in promoting the sustainability of the groups it supports. For this reason, we invest not in projects, but also in strengthening these groups themselves.

This year, Mama Cash started participating in the Grassroots Girls' Initiative, a group of organisations, all of which make investments in girls worldwide. In this way, we are seeking to close the gap between the women's movements and the next, young generation. Women's funds are receiving extra funds from Mama Cash for investment especially in projects for girls, within their existing programmes.

In addition, as a multi-year pilot scheme, we are supporting three projects that use sport as a strategy for social change and empowerment of women and girls: projects in Poland, Rwanda and Afghanistan. In Rwanda, Hutu and Tutsi women play sports together, for example, and sport is being used as a means to bring girls together to inform them of their sexual and reproductive rights.



## Africa

Extreme poverty, life in an environment torn apart by conflict and HIV/AIDS. These are the most significant challenges faced by African women every day. Many African countries are ravaged by conflict and African women are greatly affected by this. Most refugees and displaced persons (IDPs)<sup>1</sup> are women. They are forced to suffer cruelties such as rape, sexual exploitation and extreme forms of violence.

### Leaders and negotiators

Mama Cash's Africa programme is aimed at promoting women's leadership and reinforcing their role in peace or post-war negotiations and rebuilding – at local, national and international levels.

Furthermore, we have supported projects in Africa involved with the economic rights of women. African women are seriously under-represented in economic policy-making, legislation, decision-making and debate at national and international levels. In addition, women's land and property rights, as well as inheritance rights, are crucial for their future. Mama Cash supports projects in these areas, as well as basic rights such as the right to access to water facilities and health care for women in rural areas. Through the Grassroots Girls' Initiative, we supported projects dealing with sexual violence, sexuality and HIV/AIDS.



Mama Cash supported the setting up of the first African Feminist Forum in Ghana, in order to strengthen the network in Africa, find new advisers and explain Mama Cash's strategy. The programme officer for Africa visited this forum and we now have a large number of local advisers on this continent.



## Asia and the Pacific

Women from the lower castes or ethnic and religious minorities; single women; disabled women; lesbians; female migrants and refugees; female workers; women in rural areas; young women in poor, remote areas: projects aimed at these women were supported by Mama Cash in 2006. This region has a strong women's movement. In Asia and the Pacific, we supported projects and groups working on the participation of women in decision-making processes, in politics or in public discussions.



<sup>1</sup> Internally displaced persons



### Working conditions

We also gave grants to groups concerned with working conditions and the rights of female workers. In several countries in this region there are Free Trade Zones, areas where foreign investors do not need to comply with the regulations on working conditions and the environment. This liberalisation and the opening up of the market have led to a considerable deterioration in working conditions.



### An alternative voice

Finally, we supported projects aimed at the participation of women in peace processes and conflict resolution. Our network of local advisers was extended. Our programme officer for Asia and the Pacific visited the region to find women's groups that may be interesting for Mama Cash. We looked specifically for advisers and groups in countries such as Laos, Cambodia, Taiwan and Vietnam; countries in which, to date, we have supported few projects. Special attention was also devoted to China where many women's groups are screened by the government. Outside of Beijing it is the traditional, bureaucratic Chinese women's federations that are most active. Mama Cash continues her search for women's groups that are not part of these federations in order to allow an alternative voice to be heard.



## Latin America and the Caribbean

Increasing conservatism in Latin America and the Caribbean means that struggles are going on to retain – or even regain – advances previously made in this region, such as the right to a safe and legal abortion. Here, we predominately supported projects in the areas of sexual and reproductive rights and the reduction of sexual violence.

### Sexual rights

Mama Cash supports the stimulation of policy and legislation aimed at preventing violence against women and assuring women's right to control family planning. We are investing in projects that challenge and change social attitudes concerning violence against women. We support groups that fight against trafficking in women and forced migration, but also groups who stand up for the rights of marginalised groups, such as sex workers and lesbians. This allows society to become more aware of sexual diversity and more open to constructive discussion. Particular attention has also been devoted to young women; the number of teenage pregnancies is increasing. In the

cities, a great deal has been achieved in relation to the reduction of sexual violence, but rural areas are still lagging a long way behind.

Mama Cash has supported projects in particular in rural and remote areas, and projects for lesbian and bisexual women. We also supported projects that work towards better working conditions and rights for female workers. Concrete target groups include women in the mining industry, sex workers and women in rural areas. Finally, we have also supported projects involving the rights of migrants and women refugees, and of women who have been involved with traffickers of women.

### **Policy formulated**

A meeting with local experts in the Caribbean has led to a new policy plan for this region, laying down the granting strategy for 2006 and 2007. In addition, the number of advisers has increased. We now have advisers in virtually all Latin American countries. In the Caribbean, Mama Cash has a small group of advisers who together have sufficient knowledge and contacts to cover the entire region.

## **Middle-East and the Maghreb**

Not having the same civil rights as men, no equality before the law, no protection against violence, social oppression: many women in the Middle-East and North Africa are confronted by all of these, every day. Mama Cash believes that women – particularly in this region – should play a pivotal role in determining the future of their community and society. They can bring about social change, and give women influence over the laws that govern their lives.

### **Growing fundamentalism**

The growth in extremist Islamic movements constitutes a threat to everything women have already achieved in this region and stands in the way of positive change. Government bodies are dominated by men and are often inefficient and corrupt. Rising fundamentalism and the decisive influence of religious leaders on government policy are exerting a great influence on the position and rights of women. The threat of terrorism also has consequences for security and both human and women's rights.





## Struggle for equality

In spite of these developments, there are women and women's groups in this region who are working for change. Within their own communities, at local level, they are making women conscious of their rights and creating support for the struggle for equality. And even in the more conservative communities, change is visible. Organised, targeted support for these small-scale groups is proving effective. The women are building local and regional networks, focusing attention on women's rights and putting taboo subjects such as sexual and domestic violence on the agenda.

## Real change

Mama Cash has invested a great deal of energy in this region. This has resulted in a doubling of the number of grants compared with 2005 (when the Middle-East was still a relatively new region for Mama Cash). We supported projects that were concerned with (domestic) violence against women and the position of lesbian women; projects that are making more women aware of their rights and whereby they are able to learn the skills they need to bring about real change, such as lobbying and arguing for changes in the law. Furthermore, we invested in projects aimed at improving working conditions, empowerment, the full participation of women in society and their involvement in the resolution of wars and conflict situations. Our network in the Middle-East and North Africa is constantly expanding. A visit to a regional conference in Lebanon about violence against women produced a great deal of information and many new contacts, as did attending the WISE conference (Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equity) in New York.

## Europe

Poverty, unequal pay, exploitation of, and discrimination against, working women, crumbling social security provisions and health care: these are just a few of the consequences of today's globalised economy. Mama Cash supports the development of international feminist networks and forms of cooperation, and develops alternatives at all levels for the negative consequences this globalisation has for women. The Europe programme consists of four areas: the Netherlands, Western Europe, Central Europe and Eastern Europe, and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS: the former Soviet Union). The focus of funding varies within each of the sub-regions.





### Swing to the right

Europe is undergoing a swing to the right. Sexual and reproductive rights are under attack. Abortion is still illegal in a number of European countries, and in many countries that do have a right to abortion, conservatives are working hard to undermine this. Mama Cash supports groups who resist the threats to the physical integrity of women in an innovative way, and who stand up for the right to self-determination and access to birth control for all women in Europe, as well as for sexual diversity, and against violence against women.



### A voice in the social debate

It is important for women to be involved in the social and political decision-making process. Mama Cash invested in this in 2006. In addition, we support projects aimed at working conditions for women who work in the 'informal sector', the rights of women who have been involved in trafficking in women, female migrants and (illegal) refugees. In the Netherlands, Mama Cash has traditionally invested a large proportion of her budget in the arts, culture and the media. In the rest of Europe too, and the Commonwealth of Independent States, art projects stimulate public discussion and women's groups are prompting discussion of 'taboo' topics in the media. Mama Cash supports art, cultural and media projects that focus attention on social and politically relevant issues.

In the changing political landscape of Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, obtaining political influence and participation is an important item on the agenda of the women's movements. Mama Cash provides support for this, as a voice for women is crucial in a region in which democracy is still developing. Groups that stand up for women's rights are organising nationally and regionally and are having joint successes in getting subjects such as discrimination on the employment market and sexual and reproductive rights onto government agendas. At the local level, women's organisations are fighting for the participation of women in the community and the creation of access to education and the employment market.

In a European context, the subject of peace and security is relevant not only to women in those countries dealing with a (post-) conflict situation, but also to the many women who have arrived in Europe as refugees. Female refugees in Europe often find themselves in uncertain, unsafe circumstances. Women who are not successful in

obtaining a residence permit are still a relatively invisible group. Mama Cash supports initiatives by women – whether with or without permits – who focus attention on the difficult situation of these women and improve this by providing practical, medical and legal support, and by influencing policy and public opinion.

### Expanding the network

During visits to conferences and meetings in Budapest (study meeting by and for young women from minority groups), in Warsaw (WIDE conference – Women in Development Europe) and in Dubrovnik (meeting with women's funds and local advisers), Mama Cash's network has expanded and new local advisers have been found for the Balkans, as well as advisers in the area of economic justice. In the Netherlands, we have also found new advisers who are more specialised in the migrant and refugee women's movements.



## Women's funds

To form a sustainable and growing source of finance for local initiatives that promotes the rights of women. This is the aim of women's funds the world over, which they try to achieve by collecting money locally: philanthropy aimed at social change and positive action in their own regions. Mama Cash is keen to help them in this, by providing grants for projects and to increase their capacities.

In 2006, women's funds jointly received € 775,389 from Mama Cash (in 2005 this figure was € 625,136). In 2006, we decided to invest more in women's funds worldwide, to make them stronger and to reduce their dependence on 'the rich North'. The funds themselves determine the final use of the institutional grants they receive. They are issued a grant over several years, which they can spend on expanding capacity, but also covering their administration costs, rent, salaries or specific activities.

Mama Cash invests in building up sustainable women's funds, which can then take over or complement part of our work, and where necessary set up a finance strategy at regional level together with us. This has already happened in Latin America and Asia where women's funds have gotten together to hammer out a joint strategy. Owing to a number of factors, large donors are withdrawing from these regions, so Mama Cash invested relatively large amounts here in 2006. Alongside our existing partners in Africa, we started supporting a new

women's fund that provides regional grants. There are as yet no women's funds in the Middle East and the Maghreb. Mama Cash is looking for initiatives in this area, in order to provide support to the development of a women's fund.

### Smart Growth

In 2004, Mama Cash introduced the *Smart Growth instrument*, specially developed by the Women's Funding Network (WFN) for the organisational development of women's funds. Following participation in training sessions organised in the regions, eight women's funds evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of their fund in 2005. The results form the basis for the strategic action plans drawn up by the funds that year. In this way, Mama Cash is able to contribute to the development and sustainability of the women's funds and their work.

In 2006, the second phase of this organisational development strategy got under way: the implementation of their strategic plans over a period of three years. Mama Cash facilitates this development with tailor-made programmes for capacity building among these funds. In addition, these women's funds have been given the opportunity to set up a three-year cooperation plan. The funds taking part in Smart Growth are Angela Borba (Brazil), Semillas (Mexico), Central American Women's Fund (Nicaragua), Nirnaya (India), Mones (Mongolia), HER fund (Hong Kong), AWDF (Ghana) and Wheat (South Africa). Women's funds are also receiving support in Europe.



Mama Cash supports women's funds at various levels. We cover the whole range of activities and activism and ensure that our support to women's funds leads to a snowball effect. The independent women's funds are an increasingly important source of finance for women's activities and women's rights. Mama Cash plays an active role in the reinforcement of the development of these women's funds and thereby in the mobilisation of financial resources and moral support for women's rights.

## Facts and figures

### Procedure

Mama Cash applies the following criteria for issuing a grant:

- Mama Cash provides support to small, local women's groups that are active in creating awareness of women's rights and stimulating positive changes in legislation, policy and practice. In exceptional cases, however, we also finance groups that do not consist solely of women, provided that these are strongly focused on women and on innovative programmes aimed at improving the social position of women.
- When allocating grants, Mama Cash gives priority to relatively new organisations with limited access to other, large financiers.
- The amount of the grant is generally between € 500 and € 20,000 per project.
- Mama Cash does not finance activities aimed at generating income, nor do we finance credit programmes or traditional skills training.
- The grants are aimed at the core themes bodily integrity, economic justice, agency and participation, peace and security, and art, culture and media.

All applications are tested against these criteria. Only applications that fulfil the criteria and fit in with the policy for the region in question will be considered. The content of all applications is assessed by the programme officers and submitted to our local advisers for a recommendation. Following approval by the local advisers, the advisory council in the Netherlands assesses the application, before the application is finally formally approved by the board of Mama Cash.

Mama Cash granted 209 women's projects in 2006. An overview of supported projects can be found as from page 72.

### Expenditure

In 2006, Mama Cash's grantmaking programme Strategic Finance issued a total of € 2,165,903 in grants. The average grant amount was € 10,486 compared with € 8,068 per project in 2005. The expenditure per region can be found in figure 1.

Expenditure within the context of Mama Cash's mission in 2006 was comparable to that in 2005. The Women's Fund Programme is going according to plan: we have allocated larger and more grants to women's funds. In total, 15 women's funds received grants from Mama Cash.



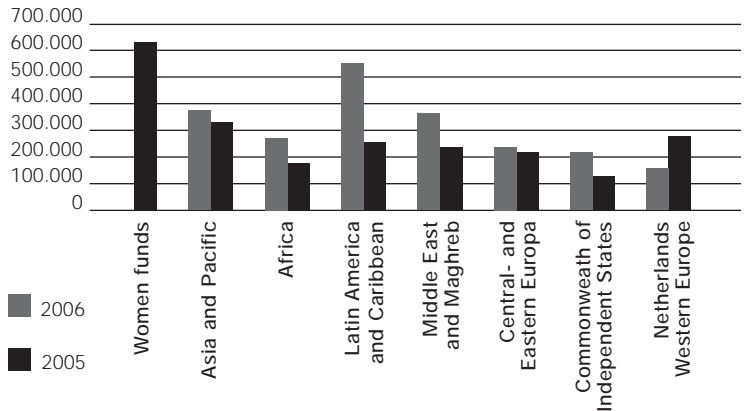


Figure 1: Strategic financing spending (in euros)<sup>2</sup>

### Making the Case

The initial results from *Making the Case*, the evaluation and measuring instrument that makes the impact of our grantees visible, show that in 2006 our grants were targeted principally at stimulating discussion of sensitive or taboo subjects such as sexual and reproductive rights. In concrete terms, it means that a change is beginning to take place in the way the public looks at certain issues. An example of this is domestic violence, which has been taken out of the private sphere and opened to public discussion.

<sup>2</sup> In 2006 objective spending on the Women's Fund Programme was allocated according to the regions where it was made. In 2005 that was not yet the case; the grants to women's funds were stated separately.

## The Netherlands > Be at the Media

### Ghetto Girls

*A marvellous low-budget documentary about a topic that is central to the current social debate, but receives overly one-sided coverage. (Esther Vonk, programme officer Europe)*

Uprisings, riots, 'clashes of cultures': in the media attention devoted to the situation in 'underprivileged' neighbourhoods, it was always only young men and boys who were seen and heard. So what about the girls?

With the help of the young people's media centre, 'Be at the Media', four young women of Moroccan background living in Amsterdam made a documentary about the French women's movement Ni Putes, Ni Soumises, which combats violence against women taking place in the banlieues of Paris. "The four young women were fascinated by the subject, so they went to Paris and made a film", says Esther Vonk, programme officer Europe. With screenings and discussions throughout the Netherlands, they were able to focus attention among people of their own age on violence against women.

### Do girls exist?

In the wake of the uprisings in the Parisian banlieues (autumn 2005) the four women made a new film, *Ghetto Girls*. In the public debate that subsequently arose (also in the Netherlands) about uprisings, 'culture clashes', and underprivileged neighbourhoods, it seemed that girls almost didn't exist. "Just like in France, here everyone's always talking about troublesome boys", says Esther. "You never hear about the girls from these neighbourhoods. People say 'youth' or 'young people', but they mean boys. Violence, for example, is constantly linked to cultural and ethnic background, but it is never explicitly stated that it is principally boys and young men who are violent, and what this means. In *Ghetto Girls* the 'invisible' girls are highlighted, which broadens the social debate." The documentary reveals the perspectives, the roles and visions of these girls and how they relate to life.

### Honourable mention

The screenings of the documentary are combined with debates and activities for girls. In September 2006, at Mama Cash's behest, *Ghetto Girls* received an honourable mention during the presentation of the Anke Kooke Bokaal, a biennial award for the most innovative initiative in the area of 'alternatives to violence'.



## Uganda > Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalization

### An end to a 'forgotten' conflict

*These women are involved in peace at local level, within their own community. (Josephine Abahujinkindi, programme officer Africa)*

A clear 'no' to war, conflict and all forms of human rights abuses. A clear 'no' to violence and humiliation, such as forcing sex for food, shelter and protection. Gulu Women gives women a voice with which they can say 'no'. Loud and clear.

It has been going on now for over twenty years: the conflict in northern Uganda, between the LRA rebels and government forces. The consequences of this war – largely 'forgotten' by human rights organisations, are enormous. Millions of people have been displaced and are staying in IDP camps. Countless people are being killed and injured, including many women and children. They are being raped, abused, kidnapped and exploited or murdered. (Sexual) violence against women and children is contrary to any form of humanity.

### Awareness

Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalization argues for moves towards peace and a sustainable resolution to the conflict. The group is active in fifteen IDP camps. Josephine Abahujinkindi, programme officer Africa, says: "Gulu Women provides workshops and training to make women aware of their situation and promote their involvement in peace initiatives. The training deals with peace and security, women's rights and gender-related issues. They educate the women in the camps to become leaders so that they can train other women in turn. They give women a voice." That is not all: Gulu Women set up a committee that focuses specifically on peace and security.

### Changing behaviour

"Gulu Women uses films, TV advertisements, posters and radio broadcasts to ensure that the community is aware of the consequences of violence against women and girls", Josephine continues. "They organise discussions and debates in order to create a platform for women. These women are involved with peace within their own communities. A change in behaviour is taking place. They become aware of their rights and also demand these. They have the opportunity to speak out and become strong leaders. This will have a great deal of influence on their own situation, and also on that of other women."



## Bolivia > Campaña 28 de Septiembre por la despenalización del Aborto en Bolivia

### Fighting to retain past victories

*This project is reuniting the women's movement in Bolivia, around a subject that unites all feminists: abortion. (Carmen Reinoso, programme officer Latin America and the Caribbean)*

A new president and constitutional reform: the moment to have women's rights – such as the right to a safe and legal abortion – adopted in the constitution. Bolivian women's groups are combining forces to achieve this.

"Women's groups in Bolivia had somewhat lost their identity", says Carmen Reinoso, programme officer Latin America and the Caribbean. "They had been incorporated into larger social movements with the primary objective of changing the corruption, centralisation and abuses of power by the political regime." Now that the first ever Indian president has been firmly installed, the women's movement is returning to its original activities: "They have formed a network. The aim of *Campaña 28 de Septiembre por la despenalización del Aborto en Bolivia* is to get women's rights back on the agenda." Throughout Latin America, women are being forced to fight to retain past achievements, such as the right of control over their own bodies. Abortion is a controversial issue in conservative, Catholic Bolivia. It is a criminal offence to carry out an abortion, unless the woman's life is in danger. "This subject unites all feminists, and through this cooperation, the women's movement can only get larger, stronger and broader."

### Guardians of culture

The election of the new president Evo Morales gave rise to a wave of optimism among the Bolivian population, but the women's movement is less optimistic: "He comes from a very conservative background in which women have no rights and are seen as guardians of the traditional culture. You are therefore not allowed to ask questions about these traditions; you can't attack your own culture." Furthermore, Morales has formed a coalition with conservative parties. Another issue is the lack of experience and resources in the newly formed government in relation to filling all of the ministries and departments with qualified, highly educated people. The women's movement believes this represents a good opportunity for it to exercise influence on gender policy. At the same time, it may give other groups –



including conservative ones – an opportunity to exercise influence on themes of importance to women, such as health care and education. This could be a very dangerous development, with extremely negative consequences.

### Sticking plasters

In the meantime, the new government is predominately just applying plasters. Carmen says: "Bolivia is one of the poorest countries in this region. The government is combating the consequences of poverty, giving the population doctors and education, but without tackling the causes of this poverty. There are a great many political, social and economic problems that are deeply rooted in Bolivian society and that should be tackled by the new government. If this does not happen, the problems will only get bigger and create greater instability."





## China > Common Language

### The only lesbian network in China

*Young, old, poor, rich, urban, rural: this group focuses on lesbian, bisexual and transgender women in China and offers them a place where they can be themselves. (Preeti Kirbat, programme officer Asia and the Pacific)*

In the Chinese society lesbian, bisexual and transgender women are mainly invisible. And if you're invisible, you think you are alone - until a group stands up to represent your interests and strives for equality, equal rights and recognition.

"Sex, women's rights and gay rights, these are subjects that are hardly ever mentioned in Chinese society", says Preeti Kirbat, programme officer Asia and the Pacific. "Most lesbians are not accepted by their families or colleagues. They find it extremely difficult to be open about themselves, so they are forced to lead a double life. Common Language gives lesbians an opportunity to be themselves and to talk about their isolation and the discrimination they face on a daily basis. Incidentally, changes are starting to take place in Chinese society: young people and students in the cities have a more positive attitude to gay rights."

### Active and dynamic

Common Language was set up in 2005 by young lesbians as a lesbian-feminist, pro-active, dynamic group, and is the only national interest group for all lesbian, bisexual and transgender women in China. The group's first activity took place shortly after its establishment. "Common Language organised the first national lesbian conference ever in China", Preeti explains. "More than twenty lesbian activists from China and ten from Hong Kong and Taiwan shared their experiences, explored their lesbian communities and discussed strategies and forms of cooperation." The group set up a network for LBT women: "They keep in touch with their members through a newsletter and other publications, a hotline, meetings, conferences and festivals." In 2006, with financial support from Mama Cash, Common Language attended the annual conference of the ILGA (International Lesbian and Gay Association), a conference on sexual minorities, health and human rights. "They returned with many ideas for strengthening their organisation", Preeti says. "And they are now receiving international support for their work."

### Ever closer

Encouraged by a growing stream of enthusiastic responses from LBT women from all over China, Common Language is continuing its activities. The lesbian hotline has four telephone numbers women can call for help, support or a sympathetic ear. Common Language also publishes *LES+* magazine, the only magazine for LBT women in China. The group provides workshops to promote the emancipation of this group of women. Two years after its establishment, the first cautious results are visible: more lesbians have come out and are open about their sexuality and new local support groups are being established. With this and future activities (a weekly discussion salon, a radio programme, leadership training and more intensive and better use of the internet), Common Language is moving ever closer to its objective: equality, equal rights and social recognition.

## Papoea Nieuw Guinea > Women With Disabilities Pasifika Network

### The strength of women with a handicap

*These women not only receive help, they themselves bring about change. (Preeti Kirbat, programme officer Asia and the Pacific)*

Invisible and misunderstood, sometimes in grinding poverty, illiterate, abused, ignored by the government, but in spite of all this, no less effective: disabled women in Papua New Guinea are cooperating on a national network, at the initiative of Morobe Disabled Agency, the interest group for the disabled.

"Disabled women are a disadvantaged group throughout Asia", says Preeti Kirbat, programme officer Asia and the Pacific. "Their problems are increased by poverty, poor education and poor health care and through the lack of basic facilities for the disabled. In most Asian countries, women with disabilities are not organised. They receive no government support."

### Specific needs

Morobe Disabled Agency represents the disabled and fights for their rights and their independence. This group knows the problems the disabled face every day. They have seen how women and children with disabilities are disadvantaged and treated more unjustly than men. "They realised that they were not doing enough for women and children," Preeti says, "and that there was a need for a national network that concentrated specifically on their needs."

### Becoming visible

Morobe organised a national meeting at which women with disabilities were able to exchange experiences in an informal setting and learn from one another. During the meeting, their specific needs and rights were discussed, and work was done on developing leadership skills. In addition, they were able to make contact with representatives of women's and disabled organisations. "The aim is for these women to organise themselves and then themselves set up a branch of the Women With Disabilities Pasifika Network, the network for the disabled in the Pacific", Preeti says. "This won't be easy, as they have been invisible for so long. In Papua New Guinea, this means people do not understand the needs of the disabled. But once the branch is established, they can start lobbying for changes to government policy."



## Bringing about change

Compared with other islands in this area, Papua New Guinea is a country with great economic and political problems. Furthermore, owing to its geography – Papua New Guinea is a mountainous country with a lot of rainforest – organisation is difficult. “The few women’s groups that do exist, often are unaware of one another, making it difficult to cooperate”, says Preeti. “The women’s movement is scattered across the country and relatively weak. This is one of the things that makes this project so special: the group is one of the few to approach the problems from a feminist perspective. As this is an initiative by the women themselves, this organisation has sufficient grassroots support to gain a good foothold. They look into services, but also at strategic issues and argue for changes in policy. They also conduct all kinds of training courses in order to further develop their leadership qualities and be better able to carry out their work. These women therefore not only receive help, but bring about change themselves, and this will make them stronger.”



## Irak > Khatuzeen

### Learning that your life is valuable

*What sets Khatuzeen apart, is that this group concentrates on both girls and boys. If you want to change the situation of women, you have to involve the people around them. (Naima el Moussati, programme officer Middle East and the Maghreb)*

You're just fifteen and your life is a disaster. Your school reports are terrible. You are in love, but you are certain your parents will not like your choice of boyfriend. Exile and honour killing are in the air. You just can't see any way out. And so... you set yourself on fire. Khatuzeen shows young people that there are other solutions.

In the north of Iraq, Kurdish traditions are deep-rooted. "Violence against women, and in particular violence resulting from traditions and habits, is an everyday occurrence", says Naima el Moussati, programme officer Middle East and the Maghreb. "Honour killings and stonings, as well as suicides, are common, particularly among young people. Girls commit suicide not only because of matters of family honour, but also because of poor performance at school. Little is done by families and the community at large to stop these traditions. The number of girls burning themselves to death has recently undergone an alarming increase. And very many suicide attempts fail."

### Empowerment for the young

Khatuzeen gives these vulnerable young people empowerment training, explains Naima: "They go into schools and teach girls the value of their lives, and that it is not normal to harm yourself. Khatuzeen shows these young people that you can talk about your problems in order to resolve them. In addition, they are given training in women's rights and gender equality. As well as sex education, which is not a standard part of the curriculum in schools." Khatuzeen also works with hospitals, the police and municipal authorities and has a radio programme with a hotline young people with problems can call.

### Equality

"Khatuzeen takes a mobile library to the most remote, poor regions of Northern Iraq", says Naima. Boys are also involved in the project: "They teach boys that men and women are equal and that it is not acceptable to banish girls or kill them in the name of family honour. If you want to change the situation for women, you have to involve the



people around them. Otherwise nothing much will change.” The women of Khatuzeen are themselves Kurds: “So they are aware of how sensitive these subjects are. Talking about them is a big taboo, you are interfering in family situations. Fortunately, thanks to its good contacts with the police and local leaders, Khatuzeen enjoys sufficient support.”

The US involvement in Iraq has given rise to tensions in the country, Naima says: “The number of extremists is rising, the conservatives now have more support. It is not easy to carry out your work as a feminist organisation with a secular ethos. Khatuzeen tries to exert influence on the government and institutions to promote women’s rights and equality, and to punish the perpetrators of honour killings, as well as those who encourage it. The teachers in the schools are often sceptical at first, but generally come around during the project: they see that the girls become much more self-assured, and how positive this is. Khatuzeen is an example of an organisation that has a pro-active and preventive way of working which really gets to grips with the problems.”



## Georgië > StudioMobile – Accent on Action

### Travelling video theatre reaches women

*They go to places where women are isolated from information and social activities and use the media to talk about women's rights. And they are successful. (Esther Vonk, programme officer Europe)*

How can you reach women in remote areas? And how can you influence public opinion there? There are two methods: either you go there yourself, or you make a TV programme. StudioMobile in Georgia does both.

"Georgia is large and certainly not rich", says Esther Vonk, programme officer Europe. "The communities are isolated and many people have never heard of women's rights. Many women experience inequality as 'normal': in the employment market, in politics, in marriage and in the family." There is a lot of room for improvement, the women of StudioMobile believe. With their media productions on women's rights and the situations with which women are confronted every day, broadcast on TV and radio, they reach enormous audiences.

### Immediate effect

StudioMobile's travelling video theatre visits the most remote communities in rural Georgia. There, they talk about the situation of women in a way these women can relate to, and about women who organise in order to bring about positive changes in their lives and position. They illustrate their stories with short documentaries. In this way, they are able to involve women and girls actively in women's rights activism. Women's groups are now being set up in the most remote parts of the country, and these are extremely active. "They are very successful", says Esther. "We get feedback from new groups, who started up with support from StudioMobile. A new women's group from an isolated mountain village wrote to us: 'They arrived in a van, got the young women together and showed us films about our lives! We didn't know anything about women's rights; we didn't know that a women's movement existed. Following their visit, we started to have meetings and make plans, and we asked them whether they would help us to set up a group ourselves'. So this project had an immediate effect."



## Increasing involvement

Alongside this work in 'the field', StudioMobile supports a growing number of female politicians in the production of TV advertisements. Political involvement by women is still rare in Georgia. For this reason, women and women's rights hardly play any role in the decision-making process and there is no equality between men and women. StudioMobile films the women taking part in local elections and thus gives them the opportunity to increase the involvement of women in politics and society. "It's not just a question of saying: 'Vote for a woman'", Esther says. "At the same time, the women are trained to enter politics with solid preparation. They learn about women's rights and gender, so they can actually implement changes. A vote for these women is a vote for all women. This is what StudioMobile is showing."



## Tanzania > Tanzania Women of Impact Foundation (TAWIF)

### Learning to take good care of your business

*The project by TAWIF is the only HIV/AIDS project to date that is geared not to prevention, but to the legal consequences of this disease for women and children. (Josephine Abahujinkindi, programme officer Africa)*

Your husband has just died of the effects of AIDS and his family has thrown you out of the house. You are also HIV-positive, just like virtually everyone you know. What can you do now? How can you live? And who will look after your children if you die? Tanzania Women of Impact Foundation helps women with HIV/AIDS to tackle these problems.

Tanzania is one of the countries hit hardest by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. And like everywhere in the world, women and children are the most vulnerable group. "If your husband dies, legally the family's property devolves to his own family members", says Josephine Abahujinkindi, programme officer Africa. "So they can simply turn up and demand his property and put you out on the street. Women often don't know what their rights are, and even if they do, they often don't have enough money to take legal action."

### Learning to make arrangements

Tanzania Women of Impact Foundation teaches women and widows with HIV/AIDS how to deal with this kind of issue. "Both women and men learn how to draw up a will, to prevent the property of widows being taken away by members of their husband's family." TAWIF supports women in legal conflicts. "And the women in this group can tell you how to appoint a guardian for your children, so they are well taken care of if both you and your husband pass away."

### Innovative project

Unequal treatment, traditional beliefs, polygamy, unemployment, illiteracy and economic hardships: all of these can ultimately lead to widows living in poverty and being dependent on members of their family. Many children end up on the streets, with no future and no roof over their heads. In order to show women that this need not be an inevitable fate, TAWIF has set up a training and consciousness-raising campaign on reproductive and sexual rights, health and human and



women's rights, Josephine says. "This project is innovative, as it is about the legal aspect of the HIV/AIDS problem within a traditional cultural context, with a clear focus on the legal position of the woman. There are hundreds of projects in Tanzania dealing with HIV/AIDS, but all of them are geared to prevention. The rights of those infected with HIV must be as well protected as those of healthy people."

Eventually, the entire community around the participants in the project will profit from it, says Josephine. "Widows, women and children, will get to know their rights, understand their own health problems, take legal action if necessary and cooperate in order to become less vulnerable. Their political consciousness will improve and women and girls will learn that they can express themselves and stand up for themselves."

## Peru > Central Nacional de la Mujer Minera

### Miners' wives work towards a better society

*This group carries out important work, in a society in which it takes a great deal of energy just to ensure that the position of women doesn't deteriorate any further. (Carmen Reinoso, programme officer Latin America and the Caribbean)*

'Men know where to find us if they need to protest, we are allowed to cook for them and care for them, but when they go and sit round the table with the government, they send us home', commented the chair of Central Nacional de la Mujer Minera, the union of miners' wives in Peru. Four years later, things are looking very different.

The mining industry is an important source of income in Peru. The mines are located in the centre of the country and the miners' families live in isolated communities, often lacking the basic facilities. Women play a major role in these communities, Carmen Reinoso, programme officer Latin America and the Caribbean, explains. "The women don't work in the mines themselves, but they do experience the problems. For example, they have to wash their husbands' clothes, clothes full of poisonous substances. They make sure that their husbands are fit enough to work in the industry. They therefore also want to be involved in solving the problems and improving the deteriorating working conditions."

### Threatened, but not scared

In 2006, Central Nacional de la Mujer Minera played a key role in the miners' movement. The group fights for the rights of women, spouses, daughters and mothers in the closed communities. It stands up for human and women's rights, provides training programmes and seeks to cooperate with other women's organisations. "The miners' union, a large institution with a political agenda, is not happy about this", says Carmen. "Central Nacional de la Mujer Minera asks critical questions about the role and the working method of the union and about the agreements the union enters into with the government. Threats from the union make the work of the group difficult and dangerous. But its members are strong, and they carry on."



### Social responsibility

Central Nacional de la Mujer Minera receives support from the whole community. "This is because it cooperates with other groups," says Carmen, "groups that are against the mining industry. Their joint aim is to make the industry take responsibility for everything connected with the mines: the environment, agriculture and the circumstances in which the people in the mining communities live. The local government is involved in this and there is some goodwill."



The groups discuss the social responsibility of the companies that operate the mines. The groups believe that the companies have a responsibility to their workers, the economy, society and the environment. Central Nacional de la Mujer Minera ensures that a female voice is heard in the discussion. The group makes miners and their families aware of their rights, strives to improve working conditions and social facilities and involve women in the policy-making process. Cooperation in this way can lead to a better society, not only in the mining areas, but in all industrial sectors.



## Israël > Nisan

### Strong girls are the leaders of tomorrow

*Girls who have followed this training course are able to place developments in Israel in a broader perspective and play a role in decision-making and peace processes. (Naima el Moussati, programme officer Middle East and the Maghreb)*

How can you grow up in an environment in which you are herded from checkpoint to checkpoint, where you cannot be yourself and where tradition plays just as restrictive a role as the constant tension? The organisation Nisan, in Haifa, teaches Arabic and Jewish young girls to work together towards systematic social change. But more than this: they build up courage and are given the tools to educate themselves, carve out a career and become financially independent. These girls are the leaders of the future.

Girls aged between fifteen and seventeen can follow the Nisan Young Women Leaders programme, alongside their regular secondary school. This group of girls, making the transition from girl to woman, is often overlooked by women's and women's rights organisations. "In Israel, the existing women's groups don't do anything specifically for young girls. Nisan focuses on girls and is also a very young organisation, which makes it very special", says Naima el Moussati, programme officer Middle East and the Maghreb.

The Young Women Leaders programme highlights leadership qualities, respectful cooperation and female strength. Some 200 girls take part, for a period of one school year. They are given an introduction to feminism, follow workshops and seminars and gain practical experience. "They also do work placements in the community", Naima says, "for example, in a library or old people's home. The point is that they become socially active and discover the problems within their community. Then they will discover that they themselves can do something about these."

### Together in dialogue

The programme is well constructed: "It starts with separate sections for the Palestinian and Jewish girls. Before they come into contact with one another, they first have to learn how to enter into dialogue and conduct a discussion", explains Naima. "At the end of the programme, they go on a week-long scouting camp together, for team-





building. And they talk together about topics that are important to them. This can be *school*, or *drugs* or *smoking*." The parents and the school are also involved in the project: "In this way, everyone coming into contact with the girls will realise that there are Jewish and Palestinian people who are open to dialogue, getting to know one another, and peace."

### **Growing into strong women**

For teenage girls in Haifa (where Nisan is active), life is not easy. And the tensions just increase. Naima: "Girls have problems with their identity; for example, you are not allowed to openly refer to yourself as a Palestinian, there are restrictions on your choice of education and on your freedom of movement, because of the identification laws and checkpoints. The traditions within the Arabic community also have a restrictive effect. In a society like this, it can make a crucial difference whether you are self-assured or not." Thanks to the Nisan programme, more girls are becoming aware of their rights, and more girls will choose dialogue and discussion. They will grow into strong women: leaders who can play a significant part in peace processes and are able to instigate social changes in the future.



## Campaign 88 Days

*If you improve the position of women, this improves their whole environment and the whole community. (Diana van Maasdijk, director of development and communications)*

**Action, awareness, cash.** The aims of Mama Cash's Campaign 88 Days were not difficult to remember: Action for women's rights, raising awareness of the situation of women worldwide, and raising hard cash for concrete projects, taking the strength of women as the starting point.

Who can change the world in 88 days? On the International Day of Human Rights, 10 December 2005, Mama Cash initiated a campaign that was to last for exactly 88 days, until International Women's Day, 8 March 2006. This campaign was prompted by the report *'Where is the Money for Women's Rights?'* by AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development). This organisation investigated what proportion of the money spent on development cooperation went to women's emancipation and women's projects. The results were shocking: worldwide, only 3.6% and from the European Commission a paltry 0.04% target women, and this while women are always hardest hit in the case of epidemics, disasters and war. You cannot tackle the problems of poverty or education, for example, without simultaneously tackling inequality between men and women. To try to do so simply does not solve the problems. Much more attention must therefore be devoted to women's rights, and to projects that promote these.

### Well-visited website

It was the first e-campaign ever undertaken by Mama Cash. In one fell swoop, we informed donors through the printed newsletter, as well as using e-cards and e-mail. The Mama Cash community grew extremely rapidly, and everyone was glad to involve friends. During these twelve campaign weeks, the website was visited more often than in the previous two years. Visitors to the website were able to send e-cards, sign a petition and of course donate money. In addition, a mass vote was organised for the (she changes the world) award, an award for the women's group or women's organisation carrying out the most innovative work. The winner of the award (€ 20,000) was announced at a large-scale event on March 8: Fundación Desafío from Ecuador. This organisation helps women and girls take back control over their own bodies, in a country in which unwanted pregnancies are the order of the day. And during the same event, we were able to proudly state



that the campaign had brought in more than € 134,000. Never before had so much money for women's projects been collected in so little time in the Netherlands. This proved to be a very good way of raising money, creating awareness and building a community. The ePhilanthropy Foundation thought so too: Mama Cash was one of six organisations from all over the world nominated for the ePhilanthropy Award. We didn't win, but it was great to have been nominated with our first campaign.

### **New campaign even more stunning**

Women's projects and women's rights of course deserve ongoing attention. On 10 December 2006, the second Campaign 88 Days got off the ground. Mama Cash has developed a stunning, interactive, dedicated campaign website: *88days.mamacash.org*. Here, visitors can leave a message, create their own fundraising page, take part in a quiz on women's rights, forward information to friends and watch a short film about Mama Cash. And once again, the responses are positive: the Campaign 88 Days is seen as a fun, refreshing way of talking about difficult subjects, problems and the situation of women all over the world. It is the only internet campaign in the world devoted purely to women's rights. This campaign inspires people to make a better world for women and girls.



## Research report (she gives back)

*With these research findings, we can convince development cooperation organisations and funds that migrant women play an important role in philanthropy. This must lead to growth. (Esther Vonk, programme officer Europe)*

How can migrant women contribute to positive social change in their countries of origin? With which local women's groups and international networks do they cooperate? Mama Cash initiated a survey in five Western European countries, into the initiatives and the activities of these women, their relationships with women's groups in the countries where they are active, their motives and the results of their work. This research resulted in the report '*(she gives back)*' > *Migrant women's philanthropic practices from the diaspora*'.

In recent years, organisations for development cooperation and financial institutions have devoted a great deal of attention to 'remittances': money and resources sent by migrants back to their countries of origin. The amounts concerned are enormous. In the discussion surrounding remittances, insufficient attention is devoted to the role of women. At the same time, the focus is often simply on money, while in actual fact investments are being made, and particularly by women, in social change, emancipation and improving women's rights – in the form of money and time, expertise and networks. In the Netherlands, philanthropists are often considered to be rich white men wanting to do some good with all the money they already have. In this concept, (migrant) women have no money, no access to money and no control over money.

Mama Cash sees the situation differently, based on her contacts with women's groups worldwide. Migrants' groups and women's groups have for years been setting up philanthropic projects, and these have had a tremendous impact. It is high time these philanthropic practices were recognised. The black, migrant and refugee women involved in this as a group have a great deal of knowledge and experience in the area of 'giving back' for development purposes.

### Groundbreaking information

The (she gives back) research began in November 2005, and one year later, on December 12, 2006, the report was published. It provides new, groundbreaking information that enables Mama Cash to make targeted investments in women's rights and the position of women.





We have always had a lot of good examples of the ways in which women are involved in philanthropy, but we have now been able to make a host of new information available. We know where they get their money from: a combination of own funds, collection from their own communities and from development cooperation. We know how they spend their money: they initiate and support activities, both in the countries where they live and in their countries of origin.

### Striking result

This trans-national nature of the work of migrant women was one of the striking results of the research. What the women do in the countries where they live, reinforces what they do in their countries of origin and internationally. It is not just development cooperation, and this turns traditional thinking on philanthropy and development cooperation upside down. These women make an active contribution to society at various levels and the women in the countries of origin are much more than purely recipients: they bring about change. Reciprocity and trans-national thought and action is central to almost all the initiatives.

Migrant women make the most of their position as migrants: they know the social structure of the country where they live and of their country of origin, they know where to go and how to bring people together. With very few resources, these women bring about great changes.

# (she grows) DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

"She honours the local need and deed. She embraces cultural diversity. She believes in the wisdom borne of experience. She pursues the agenda as she finds it. She takes chances. She unfurls her banner across the Arab world. She supports Karama, the Arabic word for dignity, a concept to end violence against women by engaging activists on the issues closest to their hearts. She builds dialogue that uncorks the strength of women. She is the spirit for change. I am smitten. She is Mama Cash."

**HIBAAQ OSMAN**

**REGIONAL ADVISOR MIDDLE EAST AND THE MAGHREB / CHAIR V-DAY KARAMA**

## Fundraising

Mama Cash is getting better and better at raising funds. For the second year in succession, income is up. In 2006, we saw an increase of 19% compared to 2005 (an increase of 41% compared to 2004). All of the investments we have made in communications, new staff and systems – aimed at making donating easier – are starting to pay off.

Since 2004, the number of donors has increased by 49%. The total amount of donations received from private funds has doubled in the past two years, from € 750,000 in 2004 to € 1,400,000 in 2006. The contribution from the Dutch government (Directorate-General, International Cooperation – DGIS) has virtually doubled, to € 900,000 per year.

### Companies

Donations from companies have also undergone explosive growth. Continuing on from last year, our network administrator, DNE, once again provided its services at a reduced fee. In addition, the company Mobilis sponsored some of our office furniture. The total amount of donations from companies – which in 2005 was € 30,000 – increased in 2006 to € 186,000, through donations from just two companies. This therefore represents a large pool of untapped resources.

### Private individuals and private funds

Through our newsletters and the website, we inform readers and visitors of the disadvantaged position of women and girls around the world. The more people become aware of this situation, the bigger the chance that they will want to give a donation to Mama Cash. For this reason, we have broadened the activities of our donor network which assures continued growth in involvement with Mama Cash.

In 2006, Mama Cash received 31% of her income from private funds and 26% from individual donors. Among the private donors, we focused in particular on upgrading donations. We approached all of our donors: we asked those who occasionally made a donation to become regular donors, or to donate more through regular gifts.

This resulted in an increase in the number of regular donations: from € 146,511 in 2005 to € 191,411 in 2006. Whereas in 2005, 11 donors made the switch from occasional to regular donations, in



2006 this was 258. The average donation was € 101 annually per individual donor, € 11 up on 2005. Mama Cash is extremely proud of her loyal donors who – compared with other good causes – give an extremely high average amount.

### Occasional donations

The number of occasional donations decreased in 2006, as did the total amount of individual donations (a decrease of € 55,822). Some of this decrease can be explained by the fact that in 2005 a large amount was received for projects surrounding the consequences of the Tsunami. In addition, a number of occasional donations were switched to regular donations. The amount per donation increased: from € 148 in 2005 to € 160 in 2006. The number of online donations showed a slight increase, from 159 to 171.

### Notarial acts

A notarial act binds the donor for a period of at least five years to an annual, fixed donation by notarial deed. If the amount is greater than € 250 per year, Mama Cash pays the notarial fees. In 2006, 123 donors supported Mama Cash in this way. In total, these regular donations brought in € 412,867.

### Specific legacies

In total, in 2006 Mama Cash received 12 specific legacies, 8 more than in 2005, for a total amount of € 315,691 (with an average amount of € 26,308). If a donor decides to leave an amount to Mama Cash, Mama Cash will spend the money from the estate in a responsible manner, in the spirit of the deceased and in consultation with the heirs. Since 2006, good causes have been exempt from paying inheritance tax on specific legacies.

### Donor Advised Fund

A personal way to make a long-term contribution to women's rights worldwide is the creation of a Donor Advised Fund. The donor determines the name of the fund and the aims of the fund are established in consultation with Mama Cash. A Donor Advised Fund can be set up during life, but also in a will. The minimum amount to be paid out annually by the Donor Advised Fund has been set at € 10,000. In 2006, Mama Cash had two Donor Advised Funds. Together, these funds brought in € 62,500, a slight decrease compared with 2005, when we had three Donor Advised Funds. Since 2006, no gift tax has to be paid on this type of donation.





## Communications

### Informing and inspiring

Raising Mama Cash's profile with a larger group of people; this was the aim in 2006. To generate greater name-recognition; to tell more contacts, donors and potential donors what we do and what the result of our work is.

### Newsletter now also in English

Mama Cash's newsletter (she has news) appears three times a year, bringing information about Mama Cash's projects and activities. In 2006, we also started up an English-language version of the newsletter on our website especially for international readers. Alongside the newsletter, we have also developed the E-zine (she has e-news), outlining the most important new developments and links to further information on the website.

### New DVD

In November, our promotional film (she changes the world) appeared, including a film of examples of projects involving female leadership (in Liberia, Iraq and Jamaica), showing what Mama Cash stands for and what we do. In addition to this film, the DVD includes a one-minute advertisement, which can also be seen on the website. The DVD is in Dutch and in English, and is available in PAL and NTSC format.

### Mama Cash in the press

We have paid a lot of attention to free publicity. In 2006, articles about Mama Cash appeared in *Europe in the world* (from the Dutch NGO network), in volunteers' magazine *Vakwerk*, in the feminist magazine *OPZIJ*, in *Compassion* (from Dutch religious organisation Sisters of Love), in *Hivos magazine*, in *NRC Next* magazine, in *Zens* (a meaning-of-life and spirituality publication), in *Marie Claire* and in *Avantgarde*.

### Courses 'Women, Money and Ideals'

How does the tax system work? What is the tax deduction for gifts to good causes? What do you need to do if you want to leave money to a good cause after your death? If you want to expand your financial knowledge as a woman, to invest in social change and meet kindred spirits, you can follow various courses with Mama Cash. Inheritance law, ethical and sustainable investment, micro-credits, estate planning, supporting good causes and investment for beginners were topics covered in 2006. The 'Women, Money and Ideals' courses were well attended and are sure to be continued and expanded in the near future.



## Presentation

Mama Cash is also looking to interest more businesswomen in her work. We have been actively looking for active women's networks. The first Mama Cash presentation for businesswomen was held at the The Hague branch of Zonta, a worldwide organisation of women with their own businesses or occupying a leading post within a company or organisation.

## Northern Initiative

The Northern Initiative ('Noordelijk Initiatief') is a fantastic group of enthusiastic donors wishing to raise the profile of Mama Cash and generate income in the northern provinces of the Netherlands. An information meeting was organised in the spring in support of this goal, followed by a networking reception.

## Women Resisting Violence

More than a hundred interested parties attended the third International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament in the ABC Treehouse in Amsterdam. The theme this year was *Women Resisting Violence – Experiences and Realities from Eastern Europe*. Mama Cash cooperated on this project with Women for Peace, the International Museum of Women and V-Mania. On the itinerary were the exhibition *1000 Peace Women across the Globe*, a panel discussion (featuring experts in the field of gender, trafficking in women and United Nations resolution 1325, which allocates women a greater role in peace processes), a workshop, film and video screenings, animated films and an information market.

## New ambassador

Singer and presenter Angela Groothuizen has been an ambassador for Mama Cash since the end of 2006, alongside presenter Samira Abbos and musician Ellen ten Damme. Angela Groothuizen attaches great importance to investments in small-scale women's projects: "The big success stories are seldom the cash-hungry projects pushed forward from far-away countries (and from within the Netherlands!). It is the small projects set up by women's groups themselves, which are often very successful. I have seen with my own eyes, in Sudan and Guatemala, that investing in women is highly effective, because it means that you are investing in a whole community. Mama Cash makes a significant contribution to a more beautiful world. And I want to help in this." One of Angela's first activities in 2006 was promoting the Campaign 88 Days, which launched on December 10.



1 The women's group FemLINK Pacific from the Fiji Islands is making a documentary on gender-related topics in the run up to the upcoming elections. In this documentary, various women tell their stories.

2 Mama Cash ambassador Angela Groothuizen.

3 The Stichting Vrouwen Zonder Verblijfsvergunning [Women Without Residence Permits Foundation] and Stichting ASKV [Refugees Support Foundation] organise regular café dinners for female refugees.

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# (she grows) ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL REPORT

"We are very excited to work in partnership with Mama Cash because of the unique way in which she funds and supports grass roots organisations that focus on the rights of women. We believe sports is a universal language and that our combined efforts can bring about a fresh and innovative approach in using sport as a tool for social change in empowering women"

**MARIA BOBENRIETH**

**CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY DIRECTOR NIKE EMEA**



## Abbreviated financial report



The balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure included in the annual report have been derived from the annual accounts 2006, drawn up in accordance with the Directive on Reporting for Financial Institutions, as adopted by the Central Bureau on Fundraising (CBF) of the Netherlands.

The auditor's report by PricewaterhouseCoopers on the annual accounts for 2006 is enclosed. The annual accounts were drawn up under the responsibility of the Board of Directors of Mama Cash. The complete annual accounts for 2006 are available upon request.

### Income

For the second successive year, income has increased. This year it increased by 19% in relation to 2005. Total income amounted to € 4,587,217. Following the deduction of € 499,619 for the cost of our own fundraising, € 4,087,598 of this was available to spend on the mission of the organisation. In total, € 3,440,993 was spent on the mission. The positive investment result was € 97,228; an amount of € 39,027 was added to the continuity reserve.



The total income portfolio reveals a well-balanced breakdown of the income. The categories *government*, *private institutions* and *individuals* each make up approximately one third of the total. In 2006, Mama Cash received 31% of its income from private funds, 26% from individual donors, 4% from companies and 39% from government entities and others. Since 2004, the number of individual donors has increased by 49%.



Funding from private foundations has doubled during the past two years, from € 750,000 in 2004 to € 1.4 million in 2006. The contribution from the Dutch government (Directorate-General, International Cooperation, DGIS) has also almost doubled, to € 900,000 per year. Donations from companies have undergone explosive growth. The total amount of funding from companies – still only € 30,000 in 2005 – increased in 2006 to € 186,000.

In 2006, net income from own fundraising (following deduction of the cost of own fundraising) was € 2,297,157. The cost of own fundraising was 22% lower than budgeted.

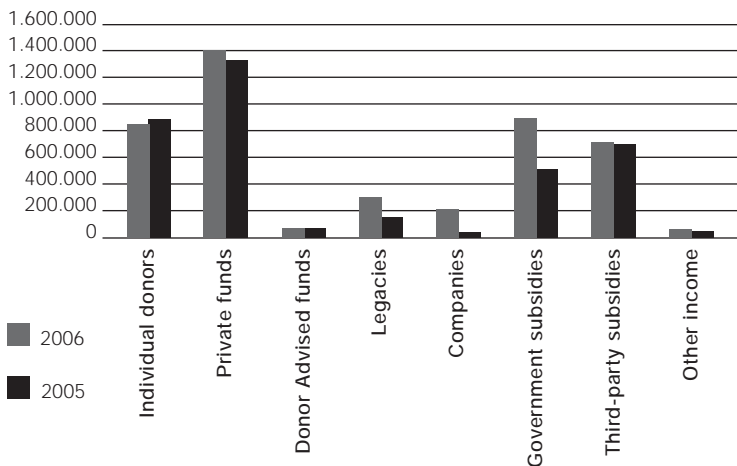


Figure 2: Income

## Expenditure

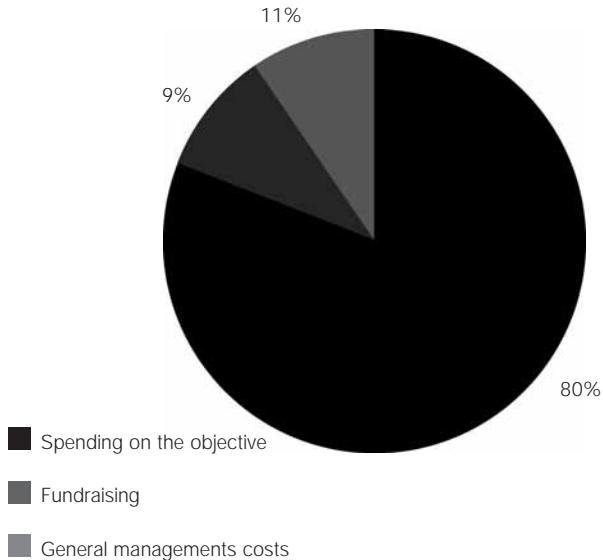
In accordance with the planning for 2006, four decision rounds for grantmaking took place. Total expenditure on strategic grantmaking was € 2,977,749. The breakdown by region can be seen in the table on page 56.

Only 82% of the 'Strategic Grantmaking for women's initiatives world-wide' programme was realised. This was caused by funds promised for 2006 by a large donor only arriving on January 3, 2007, whereby we were no longer able to finance the proposed projects in 2006. Alongside the Women's Funds programme, the grant programme in the Middle East underwent particular growth.

Grants per region	2006	2005
Africa	22	24
Asia and the Pacific	39	48
Latin America and the Caribbean	46	38
Middle East and the Maghreb	21	24
The Netherlands	28	44
Central and Eastern Europe	30	57
Western Europe	0	6
Commonwealth of Independent States	23	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>284</b>

**Total expenditure in 2006**

Strategic Financing programme/spending on the objective	3,129,612
Fundraising costs	371,911
General management costs*	439,090
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<b>Total costs</b>	<b>€ 3,940,613</b>



*Figure 3: Total spending 2006*

\*General management costs are costs that are not directly attributable to fundraising and spending on the objective. They relate to the costs of management, financing, personnel matters and the secretariat necessary in order to give direction to the organisation in the context of achieving its goals.

**Ratio**

The combination of total expenditure on the one hand and slightly lower costs on the other gives the following ratio:

- The cost of own fundraising as a percentage of the income from own fundraising: 17.86%. This is lower than budgeted, i.e. 21.46%.



## Balance as of 31 December 2006

Assets	31-12-2006	31-12-2005
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Tangible fixed assets	53.100	96.220
Investments	1.143.679	1.068.277
Receivables	955.757	977.741
Liquidities	1.521.014	1.194.799
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	<b>€ 3.673.550</b>	<b>€ 3.337.037</b>
Liabilities		
Capital and reserves		
Freely disposable capital:		
- continuity reserve	1.433.614	1.351.467
- reserve for 25 year anniversary	200.000	-
- strategic financing reserve	373.151	-
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	2.006.765	1.351.467
Invested capital:		
- management asset fund	53.100	96.220
- allocation fund	109.164	56.737
- Maria Willard fund	126.648	144.648
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Invested capital total	288.912	297.605
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Capital and reserves total	2.295.677	1.649.072
Provisions:		
- long-term sickness provision	47.718	-
Long-term debts		
Short-term debts	367.984	398.644
	962.171	1.289.321
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	<b>€ 3.673.550</b>	<b>€ 3.337.037</b>



## Statement of income and expenditure over 2006<sup>3</sup>



Income	2006	2006	2005
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
Income from own fundraising			
Gifts:			
- periodic gifts	412.867	675.000	447.855
- regular gifts	191.411	375.000	146.511
- incidental donations	237.762	100.000	293.584
- private foundations	1.404.752	1.685.000	1.333.790
- donor advised funds	62.500	150.000	66.500
- corporate donations	186.000	-	30.000
Legacies	315.691	100.000	172.506
Less: gift tax	-14.207	-100.000	- 32.422
<b>Total income from own fundraising</b>	<b>€ 2.796.776</b>	<b>€ 2.985.000</b>	<b>€ 2.458.324</b>
Costs of own fundraising:			
- direct fundraising costs	111.185	250.000	135.200
- implementation costs	388.434	390.564	355.341
	499.619	640.564	490.541
Costs of own fundraising as % of income from own fundraising	17,86%	21,46%	19,95%
Income from own fundraising	2.297.157	2.344.436	1.967.783
Grants from government and others:			
- government	900.000	900.000	500.000
- others	716.186	1.050.000	709.935
Investments result:			
- general	97.228	5.000	150.428
Other income:			
- other income	77.027	7.500	50.329
<b>Total available for objective</b>	<b>€ 4.087.598</b>	<b>€ 4.306.936</b>	<b>€ 3.378.475</b>

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with CBF instructions, the general management costs are allocated to other expenditure in the income and expenditure statement.



Expenditure on objectives	2006	2006	2005
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
<b>Strategic Financing Programme</b>			
Women's funds <sup>4</sup>	-	-	625.136
Africa	263.354	613.000	178.195
Asia and the Pacific	368.148	565.000	334.050
Latin America and the Caribbean	543.635	565.000	249.563
Middle East and the Maghreb	363.921	275.000	246.301
Central and Eastern Europe	246.500	340.000	228.566
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	232.206	170.000	146.431
Netherlands / Western Europe	148.139	300.000	283.025
	<u>2.165.903</u>	<u>2.828.000</u>	<u>2.291.267</u>
Programme implementation costs	811.846	822.387	735.928
	<u>€ 2.977.749</u>	<u>€ 3.650.387</u>	<u>€ 3.027.195</u>
<b>Donor development<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>€ 52.012</b>		
<b>Public relations and communication</b>			
- own activities	219.962	140.000	130.157
- preparation for Mama Cash 25 year anniversary	-	200.000	-
- quality and strategy	-	100.000	-
- programme implementation costs	191.271	149.694	115.103
	<u>€ 411.233</u>	<u>€ 589.694</u>	<u>€ 245.260</u>
Total available for objective	4.087.598	4.306.936	3.378.475
Total expended on objective	3.440.993	4.240.081	3.272.455
<b>Result</b>	<b>€ 646.605</b>	<b>€ 66.855</b>	<b>€ 106.020</b>

<sup>4</sup> In 2006 objective spending on the Women's Fund Programme was allocated according to the regions where it was made. In 2005 that was not yet the case; the grants to women's funds were stated separately.

<sup>5</sup> No implementation costs are charged to this objective spending, it relates to persuading donors and philanthropic organisations to invest more in women's rights.





The result was arrived at as follows:

*Freely disposable capital*

Addition:

- continuity provision	39.027
- provision for 25 year anniversary	200.000
- non spent funds from anonymous donor <sup>6</sup>	373.151



*Invested capital*

Withdrawal

- Maria Willard Fund/Novib/PSO	22.809
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Addition:

- Nike Inc. allocation fund	57.236
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€ 646.605



<sup>6</sup> This amount for the benefit of the Strategic Financing Programme 2006, was received on January 3, 2007.



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To the Board of Stichting Mama Cash

## Auditor's report

### *Introduction*

In accordance with your assignment we have audited the abbreviated financial statements for the year 2006, as set out on pages 51 to 57, of Stichting Mama Cash, Amsterdam. The abbreviated financial statements have been derived from the financial statements for the year 2006 of Stichting Mama Cash, Amsterdam, as audited by us. We issued an unqualified auditor's report dated 8 March 2007 on those financial statements.

The abbreviated financials statements are the responsibility of the foundation's board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the abbreviated financial statements based on our audit

### *Scope*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law. This law requires that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the abbreviated financial statements have been correctly derived from the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the abbreviated financial statements have been correctly derived from the financial statements.

For an understanding of the company'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 auditor's report, dated 8 March 2007 thereon.

29 March 2007

PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V.

R. Goldstein RA



1 On International Women's Day, Virginia Gomez of Fundación Desafío expresses her thanks for the (she changes the world) award 2006.



2 A calendar by the Institute Women Human Rights (IHAP) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.



3 Two fans are showing the new Mama Cash cap.

# (she grows) ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

"Through means of her 'Economic Justice' programme, Mama Cash improves the economic rights and economic position of women world-wide by financially supporting women's organizations active in this field. And so creates the preconditions for social-economic development. DOEN Foundation finances this Mama Cash programme with the contribution from the Postcode Lottery. In this way we join forces to improve working conditions and to combat exploitation and forced labour."

**MECHTILD VAN DEN HOMBERGH**  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR DOEN FOUNDATION**

## Organisational developments

In 2006, Mama Cash worked towards greater stability of her internal organisation. We looked into and amended our terms and conditions of employment, took a critical look at our financial-administrative system and gained employee representation and an international board.

### Employee representation council

It was on the agenda for a long time, and in 2006 it finally arrived: the employee representation council (a kind of works council for organisations with fewer than 35 employees). Following the elections, the newly elected members of the employee representation council drew up a plan of action, geared in particular to working conditions and terms & conditions of employment. Once a month, the employee representation council meets with the director.

### Salary adjustment

We noticed that it was difficult to attract qualified staff and employees to Mama Cash and to keep them. Half way through the year – the employee representation council had not yet been installed – we carried out a survey of our primary elements of remuneration and compared these to those of other good cause organisations. The salaries offered by Mama Cash proved to be lower. As from January 1, 2007, our primary elements of remuneration will were therefore be raised, in line with the market rates for smaller NGOs.

### Board

If you are an international organisation, providing international grants, raising funds internationally and employing people from all over the world, you naturally need an international board. We drew up a profile and went in search of potential board members within our international networks. By the beginning of 2006, we had created our first, eleven-member board, and the members met for the first time in June. The full board holds a teleconference twice a year and meets twice a year in Amsterdam. These are inspirational meetings.

Alongside the international board, there is also an executive board, which is principally concerned with non-strategic issues and stands by for urgent matters.



## Great Britain

Mama Cash UK. This is the name of Mama Cash's new sister organisation, which works from the Netherlands, but in cooperation with English women's organisations. At the end of 2006, Mama Cash UK was granted charity status (official recognition as a good cause). This means that residents of the UK can give money to Mama Cash and benefit from tax incentives. In 2007, we will be working on further increasing name-recognition and raising funds there.



## Finance

Just how vulnerable you can be as an organisation was demonstrated when our head of finance fell ill. Mama Cash is a small organisation that has a great involvement with money, receiving many small contributions and incurring a lot of small-scale expenses. It turned out that we were dependent on one person for all of our financial processes. Fortunately, we were able to find an interim manager for finance (the first ever man to be employed by Mama Cash). He ensures that the organisation's day-to-day business runs smoothly: providing grants and raising funds. Furthermore, he took a critical look at our financial/administrative system, which had undergone many expansions and modifications over the years. Based on a description of procedures, he will be making recommendations for improvements to the system. In March 2007, the new financial director will take over and start improving the financial organisation. Our core business has always been investing money, but since 2004 it has also included fundraising. And we can now say that we are also able to look strategically at finance.



## Personnel changes

Following a period of turmoil in 2005, a certain degree of stability was achieved in 2006 within the organisation. The vacancy for communications officer, which arose in April 2005, was filled in March 2006.

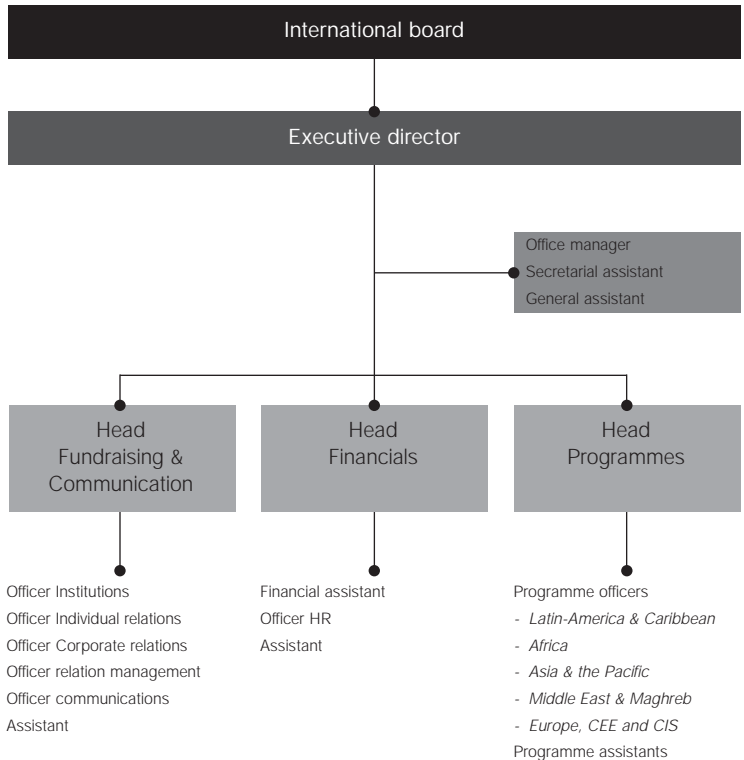
With the departure of the deputy director, who was also responsible for Personnel & Organisation, Mama Cash decided to recruit a P&O consultant, a decision that has since proven its worth.

From 1 January 2006, we have also had a new office manager. We finally found someone who really plays a pivotal role and is a good point of contact for employees within the organisation, as well as for Mama Cash's external contacts.

## Sickness absenteeism

Mama Cash is a small organisation with 20 FTEs. It is therefore particularly important for us that we prevent sickness absenteeism as far as possible: a small organisation is vulnerable in this respect. We therefore devote a great deal of attention to this, and this is bearing fruit. Sickness absenteeism had already fallen to 6.7% in 2005, and in 2006 it decreased even further, to 6.3%.

## Organogram





# (she grows)

## THE WORLD, THE FUTURE & THE ROLE OF MAMA CASH

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**ANGELA GROOTHUIZEN**

**SINGER AND PRESENTER / MAMA CASH AMBASSADOR**

## The world, the future & the role of Mama Cash

For some years now, we have been seeing a worrying increase in religious fundamentalism and conservatism, worldwide. The rights women have fought to achieve over the years are under systematic attack. Women and children still make up 70% of that portion of the world's population that lives in poverty. It is therefore more important than ever to continue to invest in women and women's rights.

### Strategic plan

The strategic plan developed in 2004 '(she makes the difference)' describes Mama Cash's vision, mission and ambition in this regard for the period from 2005 up to and including 2008. This plan also includes a challenging financial ambition on Mama Cash's part: to gradually increase her funds from € 3.8 million in 2003 to € 6 million in 2008. Major elements of the strategic plan include, alongside increasing the financial resources, a far-reaching professionalisation and development of the Strategic Finance grantmaking programme. As in 2006, the choices contained in this strategic plan form the starting point for the operational year plan for 2007.

### Major goals

2007 will also be an important year for Mama Cash. We will continue on the course we have set out towards further professionalisation. We certainly want to retain the stability we have achieved with the organisation. Like last year, we will be investing more in fundraising and communications. We will be examining our financial/administrative system and looking into how this can be made more efficient. In recent years, Mama Cash's grantmaking programme has increased significantly in terms of both people and resources. We will continue to work hard on the quality of this programme and devoting attention to women's funds.

Research<sup>7</sup> has shown that, worldwide, there are less and less funds available for women's rights. The same research has demonstrated that the role of women's funds is becoming increasingly important within the finance of the women's movements worldwide. For this reason, it is important that Mama Cash further develops one of her other core competencies, namely lobbying large donors and philanthropic institutions to invest in women's rights. In 2007, exerting influence on the philanthropic world gained greater prominence as part of our core

<sup>7</sup> *Where is the money for women's rights?* - AWID (2006)



business. Mama Cash raises funds and then allocates these, but there is also another component: to mobilise as much money as possible for women's rights. Money spent on social change, justice and the awareness that money offers not only a plaster over the wounds, but can bring about real, fundamental change. It is our mission to be a stable, ever-growing source of finance for women's rights.

The most significant strategies and choices for Mama Cash for the future:

### **Strategic finance, including the Women's Fund Programme:**

- to boost the women's movements and women's rights by means of the philanthropic support programme and entering into strategic alliances;
- to position women's funds as an effective and sustainable model for the support of women and women's rights, and as a financial branch of the women's movements;
- to communicate effectively the social changes to be achieved through strategic finance;
- to provide pro-active support to new and existing women's groups and women's funds.

### **Fundraising:**

- to expand the financial resources to € 5.7 million in 2007;
- to become a household name throughout the Netherlands and Europe.

### **Communications:**

- to raise the profile of Mama Cash and her work, in the Netherlands and Great Britain;
- to make better use of the internet and ensure that we are covered by the media (free publicity);
- to develop a long-term communications strategy;
- to celebrate Mama Cash's 25th anniversary in style in 2008.

### **Organisational development:**

- to further professionalise the organisation through a sound personnel policy;
- to further develop the internal quality systems and project management;
- to create a healthy, stable financial situation;
- to further develop an organisational culture and structure based on the core values of *involvement and respect, diversity, teamwork and results*.



### And after 2008?

The basis for the policy plan for 2004-2008 is: Mama Cash works worldwide and we focus on five specific themes in the area of women's rights (bodily integrity, economic justice, peace & security, agency & participation, art, culture & the media). In 2007, we will look critically at whether what we consider to be important is still relevant: the environment has changed, Mama Cash has changed, and the world is constantly changing. This strategic thought process will result in a new multi-year policy plan for a better future for women and girls, all over the world.



# (she grows) THE WOMEN BEHIND MAMA CASH

"I can hardly imagine the enhancement of women's rights in Georgia without Mama Cash. Just one specific case: timely support of Mama Cash in 2006 enabled us to implement a project, which not only increased women's activism and solidarity, but also raised awareness and interest in women's political participation in Georgian society. The issue was subject of debate in several well-known Georgian TV and radio programmes. Long live Mama Cash!"

LIANA JAELI

CHAIRWOMEN STUDIOMOBILE – ACCENT ON ACTION

## Board

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- Naima Azough
- Lin Chew Choo
- Leila Jaffar
- Jasvir Kaur
- Marijke Kuijpers
- Marjo Meijer
- Wanda Nowicka
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- Marjo Meijer
- Marjan Sax
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- Marjolein van der Tweel
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## Staff

### Direction

- Hanneke Kamphuis (executive director)

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- Astrid Aafjes (director)
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- Jacqueline Fonteijn (development officer corporations)
- Yolanda Jansen (development officer institutions and foundations)

- Esther Lever (development assistant)
- Amóna Schliessler (development officer individual giving)
- Ingrid Verver (communications officer)

#### Support staff

- Thelma Doebar (head of finance)
- Tanja Elias (assistant finance)
- Andrea Looijer (office manager)
- Marijke Marica (general assistant)
- Saskia Meijnaar (personnel and organisation officer)
- Mirjam Zaandam (secretariat)

#### Volunteers in the Netherlands

- Ellen Ambags
- Mahutin Awunou
- Elisabeth Bereket
- Marije Bijvoet
- Carla Brúnolt
- Dara Colwell
- Elise Le Guil
- Femke de Jong
- Jessica Kerckhoven
- Viola van Kerckhoven
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- Gen Llamas
- Pamela Lucas
- Marjo van Loosdregt
- Inge Reyntjes
- Ewa Szepletowska
- Eden Tekeste
- Henny van Vugt
- Nadia Warters
- Vivian Wenli Lin

#### Ambassadors

- Samira Abbos
- Ellen ten Damme
- Angela Groothuizen

#### Founders of Mama Cash

- Lida van den Broek
- Dorelies Kraakman (1946 - 2002)
- Tania Leon (1944 - 1996)
- Marjan Sax
- Patti Slegers

#### Institutional and corporate donors

- CAF America (USA)
- CAF / Levi Strauss Advised Funds (GB)
- CAP SD (NL)
- Cordaid (NL)
- Diepeveenfonds (NL)
- DNE (NL)
- HIVOS (NL)
- King Baudouin Foundation (BE)
- Maria Willard Fonds (NL)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS) (NL)
- Nike Foundation (USA)
- Nike Inc. (NL)
- OSI Development Foundation (CH)
- Oxfam NOVIB (NL)
- Pentascope (NL)
- PSO (NL)
- The Sigrid Rausing Trust (GB)
- Stichting DOEN (NL)
- Mobilis (NL)
- Tides Foundation (USA)
- Anonymous foundation (USA)



1 Female rapper Bad Brya performing during the Nacht van de Vervanging [Night of Alternative Action].

2 Visitors of the Mama Cash event in Amsterdam during International Women's Day 2006.





**(she grows)**  
**SUPPORTED WOMEN'S  
PROJECTS IN 2006**

## Women's groups

### Africa

#### Côte d'Ivoire

*Centre féminin pour la démocratie et les droits de l'homme en Côte d'Ivoire (CEF-CI)*

Capacity building for women's organisations in order to increase their leadership skills and participation in peacekeeping activities in conflict areas.

€ 9,991.00

*Women In Peace-building Network (WIPNET-CI) / Femmes Africaines pour la Paix et*

*l'Environnement en Côte d'Ivoire (FAPECI)*

Simplify the texts of UN Resolution R1325 and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and disseminate these texts amongst (rural) women of 5 regions in Ivory Coast.

€ 14,877.00

#### Ghana

*African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)*

Organisation of the first African Feminist Forum in Accra, Ghana to define and implement ways to preserve African feminism and put forward new visions.

€ 15,587.00

#### Kenya

*Eco Clubs of Kenya*

Decrease the school drop-out rate and unwanted pregnancies among Masai girls in primary schools through education about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS.

€ 14,550.00

*FEMNET*

Organisation of the 3rd Feminist Dialogues meeting at the World Social Forum in Nairobi, Kenya.

€ 4,279.30

*Kajiado Women Advocacy & Development Association (KWADA).*

Travel grants for women to participate in workshops that train women's groups on how to effectively lobby and advocate for women's property land rights.

€ 10,000.00

#### Liberia

*Women Aid Liberia*

Mobilise and inform rural women of their rights, in order to improve rural women's participation in decision-making in post-war Liberia.

€ 5,000.00

#### Madagascar

*Centre Tulen Toasmasina (CMGDM)*

Training for women and girls in Toamasina/ Madagascar in a martial art form (Poekoelan) which focuses on physical, verbal and mental self-defence techniques.

€ 5,000.00

#### Nigeria

*Connecting Gender for Development*

Lobby activities to ensure rural women's access to public services including water and health services.

€ 14,943.00

#### Rwanda

Association of Kigali Women Football (AKWOF)  
Promote leadership, empowerment and reconciliation/unity through sports events aimed at girls, young women and street children.

€ 28,270.00

**Sierra Leone**

*National Association for the welfare and human rights of disabled women and girls in Sierra Leone*

Training for handicapped women and girls on disability rights and leadership to increase their capacity to cope with their disability.

€ 3,650.00

**Tanzania**

*Kigoma Women Development Group*

Advocacy and public education project to eliminate sexual abuse, sexual harassment, violence and bullying of girls at school.

€ 10,450.00

*Tanzania Women of Impact Foundation*

Training for HIV-positive women and paralegal volunteers on the rights of these women and on how to write their wills to prevent inheritance problems following their death.

€ 14,093.00

**Uganda**

*International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)*

Participation by an African lesbian activist at the 23rd ILGA conference on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual rights in Geneva.

€ 1,558.00

*Women Economic Development and Globalization (GULLU)*

Peace-building and leadership training to assist women in effective participation in the peace and reconciliation process at internally displaced people's camps.

€ 16,950.00

**Interregional**

*V-Day*

Enabling the participation of women activists from (post-) conflict zones as key speakers at the international conference 'Until the Violence Stops' in New York.

€ 6,000.00

**Asia and the Pacific****Cambodia**

*V-Day*

Travel grant for women activists from (post-) conflict zones as key speakers at conference 'Until the Violence Stops' in New York.

€ 3,000.00

**China**

*Common Language*

Participation of a Chinese lesbian activist in the 23rd World Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association to speak on health concerns of Chinese lesbians.

€ 1,500.00

**Fiji**

*FemLINK PACIFIC*

Production of a documentary film in the run-up to the general election, aiming to inform women and the general electorate of women's issues.

€ 10,000.00

*Fiji Women's Rights Movement*

Strategic meeting of 15 women's groups in the Pacific region in order to facilitate a cohesive and dynamic women's movement in the region.

€ 20,000.00

**Hong Kong**

*Action for REACH OUT*

Travel grant for an organisation that works for social inclusion of female sex workers in Hong Kong, to participate in a regional women's forum in China.

€ 690.00

*United Filipinos in Hong Kong (UNFIL-HK)*

Support for a platform of Filipino domestic workers to allow them to press for amendments to Philippines and Hong Kong government policies, needed to protect these women's wellbeing and rights to fair treatment.

€ 2,000.00

**India***Centre for Feminist Legal Research (CFLR)*

Workshop on gender and migration in South Asia, which addresses issues of the legal regulation of cross-border movements in the context of female migration and women's rights.

€ 15,647.00

*Indira Female Peer Educator's Collective (IFPEC)*

Capacity building of sex workers to improve their organisational and advocacy skills to enable them to achieve basic rights and to counter violence and harassment.

€ 7,000.00

*Natya Chetana*

A theatrical performance by rural tribal women using puppetry, highlighting issues of emancipation based on indigenous tradition.

€ 300.00

*Nawa Chhattisgarh Mahila Samiti (NCMS)*

Travel grant for a Dalit woman leader to attend the World Social Forum in Caracas in to represent her organisation and participate in various workshops.

€ 1,500.00

*Tamil Nadu Kattaikkuttu Kalai Valarchi Munnetra Sangam*

Education, training and employment for young rural girls to become established artists in an otherwise male-dominated art form.

€ 10,433.00

**VACHA**

Training in information and communication technology as well as traditional forms of cultural expression in order to verbalise issues affecting girls living in slums and attending state-supported schools.

€ 8,745.00

**Indonesia***Yasanti – Yayasan Annisa Swasti*

An advocacy initiative to help women workers in industrial and non-industrial areas of Central Java and Jogjakarta to communicate and lobby for their rights.

€ 8,000.00

**Mongolia***The 'Princess' centre for the protection of girls and young women's rights*

Training, counselling and peer support to empower young teenage mothers from low income backgrounds to take control of their lives and become financially independent.

€ 5,000.00

**Papua New Guinea***Morobe Disabled Agency*

Enabling a leadership development forum for women with disabilities in Papua New Guinea to establish their first national network called Women With Disabilities Pasifika Network.

€ 8,000.00

**Philippines***Luntlaw Mindanaw Inc.*

Capacity building for local women farmers by increasing their access to agricultural services, grants, cooperative memberships, information and technology on sustainable agriculture and micro-enterprises.

€ 5,980.00

*Mindanao Tri-people Women Resource Center Inc. (MTWRC)*

Enabling the participation of Indigenous women at the 4th Mindanao People's Peace Summit in order to ensure that they become an integral part of the peace process.

€ 2,448.63

*Women's Media Circle Foundation, Inc. (WMC)*

Develop, pre-test and reproduce training and advocacy materials for a training module on rights for young girls in school.

€ 4,780.00

**Sri Lanka**

*Red Flag Women's Movement*

Establish women in leadership positions and introduce a women-worker-sensitive mandate within one of the larger tea plantation trade unions.

€ 8,000.00

**Thailand**

*Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN)*

Travel grant for five Muslim women activists to attend a workshop on Islamic Feminism as an alternative to religious conservatism and Western feminism.

€ 3,000.00

*Committee for Asian Women*

Travel grant for representatives of two Asian domestic workers' organisations to attend an international seminar on domestic workers in the Netherlands.

€ 2,000.00

**Tonga**

*Coconut Productions*

Production and distribution of a film series of 6 case studies titled 'His Land - My Land' from around the Pacific region, on women's rights to land and adequate housing.

€ 10,000.00

**Interregional**

*International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)*

Support for a publication from the International Lesbian and Gay Association, written by and for lesbian women from different regions of the world and dealing with their health concerns.

€ 500.00

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Argentina**

*Fondo de Mujeres del Sur*

Feasibility study for the creation of a women's fund in Argentina that will strengthen the autonomy and empowerment of the women's movement.

€ 5,000.00

**Bolivia**

*Campaña 28 de Septiembre por la despenalización del Aborto en Bolivia*

Organisation of the Bolivian Feminist Encounter to strengthen the feminist movement and to bring the issue of legal and safe abortion into the political debate.

€ 6,789.00

**Brazil**

*Labris*

Film festival for Brazilian lesbian artists to promote positive changes in the way lesbians are represented in society.

€ 4,590.00

*Setor de Gênero do Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra (MST)*

Organisation of a meeting with rural and peasant women in the southern region of Brazil to prepare a common plan of action for the improvement of living conditions for women agricultural workers.

€ 8,400.00

**Colombia***Católicas por el derecho a decidir (CDD)*

Institutional support to raise awareness and promote political changes which benefit women's sexual and reproductive rights.

€ 16,600.00

*Fundación Casa Gami*

Support programmes and an awareness-raising campaign for government institutions and NGO's on issues of violence and discrimination against HIV-positive women.

€ 10,000.00

*Mujer Te Ves*

Developing an alternative educational programme called 'youth and sexuality' for school students to improve conditions of sexual health and practices in the region of Tequendama.

€ 10,516.00

*Red Latinoamericana por el Derecho a Decidir - Colombia*

Support a regional meeting in Central America to increase the number of groups and women participating in the movement Catholics for Free Choice, to enable them to exchange experiences and strengthen alliances.

€ 15,000.00

**Dominican Republic***Centro de Servicios Legales para la Mujer, Inc (CENSEL)*

Travel grant for a representative to participate as a panellist on the subject sexual harassment in the export industries, at the World Social Forum in Nairobi.

€ 2,281.00

**Ecuador***Colectivo Flor de Azalea*

Institutional support for a sex workers' rights organisation working to improve the living and working conditions of sex workers in the country.

€ 6,083.00

*Fundación Desafío*

\* Institutional support to implement services and programmes which promote and guarantee sexual and reproductive rights.

€ 20,000.00

\* Travel grant for representatives to attend the (she changes the world) awards ceremony in the Netherlands.

€ 2,862.51

**Guatemala***Asociación Desarrollo de la Mujer K'ak a Na'oj (ADEMKAN)*

Training programmes for women community leaders to address the problems of violence against women and to change traditional acceptance of domestic violence in rural communities.

€ 3,595.00

*Mujeres por la Justicia, Educación y el Reconocimiento (Mujer)*

Institutional support for a sex workers' group to promote women's rights through education and awareness-raising programmes.

€ 10,000.00

*Organización de Desarrollo Integral de la Mujer con Discapacidad y Bajo recurso económico (ODIM)*

Travel grant for a representative of this disabled women's group in Guatemala to attend the AWID meeting 'Movimientos y Dinero' in Mexico, to increase their knowledge of fundraising strategies.

€ 1,439.98

**Jamaica***Combined Disabilities Association (CDA)*

Travel grant for a representative of a Jamaican disabled women's group to participate in the International Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability in Oregon.

€ 478.20

**Mexico***Association for Women's rights in Development (AWID)*

International conference in Oaxaca for women's groups and networks around the world and international donor agencies to identify challenges and opportunities for the sustainable funding of women's rights organisations.

€ 33,355.00

*Movimiento de Acción Lésbica*

Research study among lesbian and bisexual women in Aguascalientes, Mexico, to identify discrimination and to initiate a lobby campaign for their rights.

€ 7,506.00

*Red latinoamericana y Caribeña de Jóvenes por los derechos sexuales y reproductivos (REDLAC)*

Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights to strengthen their regional presence and build the fundraising capacity of members for future sustainability.

€ 8,464.00

*Red Nacional Género Y Economía (REDGE)*

Capacity building workshops for women's organisations in Mexico, to enable them to lobby against the negative impact of neo-liberal globalisation on women.

€ 8,000.00

**Nicaragua***Movimiento de Mujeres Por Nuestros Derechos Humanos (MOMUNDH)*

Strengthen a legal defender's team of 60 women in a rural area in Nicaragua to reduce sexual and domestic violence and promote better living conditions for women in their communities.

€ 6,353.00

**Paraguay***Aireana Grupo por los derechos de las lesbianas*

Research study on sexual practices among lesbian women in Paraguay leading to the implementation of an educational and health programme to prevent HIV transmission among this particular group.

€ 3,700.00

*Mujeres Políticas por la Ciudadanía*

Capacity building training for women members of parliament to enhance their impact and influence on decision-making processes.

€ 6,675.00

**Peru***Central Nacional de la Mujer Minera*

Support the work of mine workers and mining communities to promote social corporate responsibility with a gender perspective within the mining industry.

€ 11,887.00

*Dirección Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos (PROMSEX)*

Educational and awareness-raising activities with key actors in the medical community to stimulate public discussion of legal and safe abortion issues.

€ 4,915.00

**St. Lucia**

*Caribbean Women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CARIWONET)*

Organisation of a regional meeting on communication techniques for issues surrounding abortion & religious values for women activist members of this network.

€ 19,994.00

**Trinidad and Tobago**

*Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA).*

Support for a two-day workshop on gender and human rights for young women in order to promote a more active political role for this social group.

€ 2,062.00

**Uruguay**

*Cotidiano Mujer*

Media campaign against all forms of fundamentalism and their negative impact on women's rights.

€ 3,766.45

*Relacahupan (Red Latinamericana por Humanización del Parto y el Nacimiento)*

Training programme for health services personnel on natural and humane childbirth procedures.

€ 4,990.00

**Interregional**

*Women on Waves*

Online help service providing women in countries where abortion is illegal with access to safe abortions, promoting women's right to choose and reducing mortality due to unsafe abortions.

€ 5,000.00

**Middle East and the Maghreb****Afghanistan**

*Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)*

Travel grant for Muslim women activists to attend a workshop on Islamic feminism as an alternative to religious conservatism and Western feminism.

€ 1,150.00

*The Afghan Women's Network*

Start up 4 school volleyball teams to empower and raise the awareness of young Afghani girls in Jalalabad and Peshawar.

€ 28,918.70

*V-Day*

Travel grant for women activists from (post-) conflict zones as key speakers at the festival 'Until the Violence Stops' (NYC, USA).

€ 10,000.00

**Bahrain**

*BWS*

Raise awareness of sexual discrimination against women in the workplace and advocate the improvement of labour laws regarding women's rights in Bahrain.

€ 14,360.00

**Iran**

*Shahin Vahjeh*

Encourage former female political detainees (and single mothers) to become financially independent by providing computer training and support networks.

€ 4,000.00



**Iraq***Khatuzeen*

Telephone hotline and school visits project to enable Kurdish schoolgirls and women to discuss their problems and find solutions to them.

€ 11,333.00

*Organisation of Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI)*

Advocacy and empowerment project aimed at banning violence against women in Iraq.

€ 48,020.00

*Women's Rights at Work (WRAW)*

General support for this Iraqi group to foster women's leadership in the Iraqi labour union movement.

€ 7,000.00

**Israel***Aljana Center for Cultural and Social Development*

Creation of a group of young Arab women leaders in the village of Nahif to become agents of change.

€ 12,809.00

*GRANIT Association for aid to women before, during and after divorce proceedings*

Support to amend the Pension Law to protect divorced and separated women in Israel against poverty.

€ 7,500.00

*Nisan Young Women Leaders*

Train Palestinian and Jewish girls (aged 15-17) in awareness and leadership, and to respect each other and work together.

€ 12,485,33

**Lebanon***Association Najdeh*

Emergency project related to women's situation in South Lebanon and Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut during the crisis resulting from Israel's attack on Lebanon.

€ 10,000.00

*KAFA (Enough) Violence & Exploitation*

\* Organisation of a 3-day workshop for 11 Arab women's groups to develop strategies around the main challenges faced by Arab women regarding violence against women.

€ 25,000.00

\* Emergency aid support related to, and focusing on, women's situation in Beirut and northern Lebanon during the Israeli attack.

€ 5,000.00

**Morocco***Mains Solidaires*

Continuation of the empowerment and counselling projects on violence, health and human rights for female prisoners, young girls and other women at risk.

€ 13,650.00

**Palestine***Association of Women Committees for Social Work (AWCSW)*

Support in running programmes and operational costs, to compensate for the financial consequences of fund providers pulling out of Palestine.

€ 12,729.00

*Palestinian Working Women Society for Development (PWWSD)*

Support for the group's administrative and human resources capacity and its programmes on women's legal and social rights, as well as leadership skills.

€ 19,680.00

**Turkey***Kaos Gay Lesbian Cultural Researches and Solidarity Association*

Survey and booklet on discrimination and violence against the homosexual community in Turkey.

€ 16,300.00

*Van Women's Association*

Empowerment of disadvantaged women and building of networks for engagement in public life through counselling and integration activities.

€ 20,000.00

**Interregional***V-Day*

Set up the regional women's network 'Karama' to strengthen the women's movement in the Middle East and North Africa and stop violence against women in the region.

€ 76,517.67

*Women on Waves*

Online help service providing women in countries where abortion is illegal with access to safe abortions, promoting women's right to choose and reducing mortality due to unsafe abortions.

€ 5,000.00

**The Netherlands***Network for Social Change*

Institutional support for this European network.

€ 1,230,50

*Allaboutus Film Factory*

Documentary made by teenage girls from different cultural and religious backgrounds, focusing on dialogue between diverse generations of women on life choices, possibilities and taboos.

€ 8,800.00

*Bad Brya*

Production of the first album by this young female Moroccan-Dutch rapper, whose music is achieving success in a sector dominated by men.

€ 5,600.00

*Be at the Media*

Documentary from the perspective of young women in ghetto neighbourhoods of Amsterdam and Paris in the aftermath of the uprising by young men in the suburbs of Paris.

€ 4,500.00

*Comitee Recht op abortus*

Manifestation in The Hague in solidarity with women who risk imprisonment by having an abortion in Nicaragua and other countries, and to stress the need for access to safe and legal abortions worldwide.

€ 378.00

*Festival Vrouwenfilms Assen*

Annual film festival with films and documentaries produced by women about women in various circumstances.

€ 2,500.00

*Gon Buurman*

Photo book 'The life of women', portraying a diversity of women in different phases of their lives.

€ 1,450.00

*I/AV*

Production of an interactive calendar featuring life stories of Moroccan, Surinamese and Indo-Dutch women role-models combined with the histories and achievements of the black, migrant and refugee women's movement.

€ 5,000.00

*Janine Bakker Audio Visuele Projecten*

Film about gay and lesbian parenthood, broadcast on national television, about the legal obstacles and persistent taboos around same-sex parenting.

€ 7,500.00

*Leerstoelgroep Muziekwetenschap*

Organisation of a conference, concerts and musical workshops to stimulate contemporary female classical composers and musicians.

€ 2,000.00

*Linda Huijsmans & Mirjam Hemker*

Publication of the 'Lesbo-Encyclopedia for the Netherlands', the first standard work to appear on lesbian women's lives, history and position in the Netherlands.

€ 5,000.00

*Multicultural Women Peacemakers Network*

Organising an international peace conference where women and refugee women from conflict areas work together on strategies to strengthen the role of women in (post-) conflict zones.

€ 3,000.00

*Samenwerkende Iraanse Vrouwengroepen*

Two-day meeting with Iranian refugee women on the history of the women's movement and feminism, focusing on today's agenda for women in the Netherlands as well as in Iran.

€ 1,800.00

*Solidaire Diaspora Stichting*

Foundation of an international solidarity organisation by women migrants and refugees from Latin America, focusing on strengthening the social and economic position of Latin American women and girls in the Netherlands and in Latin America.

€ 10,500.00

*Steungroep Vrouwen zonder Verblifvergunning (SVZV)*

Institutional support for women living without residence permits, to improve their independence and social status through lobby work, information and counselling.

€ 10,000.00

*Stichting ASKV/Steunpunt Vluchtelingen*

Support for the national campaign promoting the 'legalisation' of refugees without residence permits who have been in the Netherlands for years, with particular attention to the position of refugee women.

€ 12,000.00

*Stichting Bayanhan – Centrum voor Filippijnse Vrouwen in Nederland*

Institutional grant to increase the professional capacity of this organisation to develop strategies to imbed Filipino women in the social, economic and political landscape of the Netherlands.

€ 8,000.00

*Stichting Cinema Asia*

Film festival with a focus on new and familiar Dutch-Asian filmmakers, with innovative programmes such as 'Queer and Asian' and a prominent role for young female filmmakers.

€ 3,000.00

*Stichting Debuut*

Series of training programmes to stimulate networking, strategic entrepreneurship and capacity building, with a focus on strengthening refugee women entrepreneurs.

€ 7,500.00

*Stichting Habagat*

Two-week women's rights, peace and reconciliation mission to the Philippines, including a conference to build strategic alliances with women peace workers and peace institutions for future international cooperation.

€ 2,000.00

*Stichting P=P*

Workshops and training for youth workers, teachers and young boys, based on the video 'Tough Guise', to draw attention to violence and masculinity.

€ 8,895.00

*Stichting Powerlady*

General support for a new study-work programme for girls of diverse backgrounds in Amsterdam, focusing on education and job opportunities and active participation in society.

€ 10,000.00

*Stichting Women in Paradise*

Cultural event celebrating International Women's Day, featuring a variety of women artists.

€ 3,000.00

*Ulrike Montmann*

Contentious and controversial art project focusing on the lives of women drug addicts, in cooperation with the women themselves, institutions, art centres and feminist organisations.

€ 6,727.00

*Vanja Dimitrova*

Debut film about the role of women in war, focusing on the war in Bosnia.

€ 2,600.00

*Vereniging van Emancipatie van Iraanse vrouwen in Nederland*

Programme 'Stop Violence Against Women' focusing on the position and rights of Iranian refugee women in the Netherlands.

€ 1,300.00

*Voices of Women (VOW)*

Media workshops for young refugee women in asylum centres, training women and girls to produce their own short films narrating their lives, followed by screenings at community festivals.

€ 3,858.00

*Vrouwen aan het Woord*

Production of a TV programme broadcast on local Amsterdam television by and for women from an Islamic background on issues of emancipation and participation.

€ 10,000.00

**Central and Eastern Europe****Bosnia and Herzegovina***VIVA Ustipraca – Association of Women*

Strengthening of women's position and rights within the community of Novo Gora?de Municipality through a combination of training for women, and exposure on public platforms and radio broadcasts.

€ 6,630.00

*Women's Association MOST*

Promotion and monitoring of the implementation of the new Gender Equality Law in 4 cities while increasing cooperation between cities and between different actors in the process.

€ 5,000.00

**Bulgaria***Association NAIA*

Legal assistance and counselling for women survivors of violence in the form of a consultation centre and the introduction of a hotline in the Targovishte district, where no such services are available.

€ 7,970.00

*Gender Education, Research and Technologies Foundation (GERT)*

Participation in the Know How Conference in Mexico, which aims to advance gender justice and provide access to information for women, and to link up with and learn with other women's information centres and organisations.

€ 330.00

*Nadja Centre Foundation - Ruse Branch*

Prevention of trafficking of girls living in circumstances of poverty and violence through a multi-dimensional programme including professional education, group counselling and empowerment training.

€ 6,265.00

**Croatia***HOMO Association for Protection of Human Rights and Citizen's Freedom*

Creation of a local women's movement with the aim of lobbying for the implementation of the Law on Gender Equality in Lika-Senj.

€ 8,000.00

**Lithuania***Association of HIV/AIDS Affected Women and Their Intimates*

Assistance to sex workers in Vilnius in their efforts to protect and improve their rights and to increase their possibilities to engage in society.

€ 7,720.00

**Macedonia***Permaculture and Peacebuilding Center Shqip (PPC)*

Field research and advocacy through a network of five women's NGOs for the labour rights of women working in the informal economy as home-based workers in Macedonia.

€ 4,780.00

**Poland***European Feminist Forum (EFF)*

Participation by three key women from the Central and Eastern European region in a planning meeting for the first European Feminist Forum, which will take place in 2007.

€ 2,882,76

*Exgirls Informal Group c/o eFKa Women Foundation*

Art project reversing the stereotypical roles of women and men, in an exhibition launched on March 8.

€ 1,950.00

*Feminoteka Foundation*

WenDo self-defence workshop for secondary school girls to enhance their physical and psychological capacities to protect themselves from violence and oppression.

€ 20,000.00

*KARAT Coalition*

Organisation of the WIDE annual conference on women and economic justice, for the first time in a Central and Eastern European country, aimed at building strategies for addressing macro-economic policies and their effects on women.

€ 7,500.00

*Ponton – Youth Advisors Group*

Programme of workshops on sexual and reproductive rights and health carried out in secondary schools where this information is banned from the curriculum.

€ 11,540.00

*Tomek Byra Art and Ecology Foundation*

Creation of a think-tank, a website, courses and training workshops, and public debate forums to place feminism firmly on the public and political agenda in Poland.

€ 10,000.00

**Serbia***Anti Trafficking Center*

Performance of the 'Vagina Monologues' for a broad audience, sending the message to the government and society that violence against women is a public problem.

€ 6,000.00

*Novi Sad Lesbian Organization (NLO)*

Creation of the first safe space for lesbians in Vojvodina and a series of training programmes for lesbians with the aim to empower women and counter the overwhelming homophobia.

€ 4,000.00

*Women in Black Belgrade*

Educational programme for women activists in Serbia to share and multiply knowledge, skills and strategies of effective action against negative fundamentalist trends and movements.

€ 11,507.00

*Women's Alternative*

Awareness-raising programmes for village schools and rural girls on women's human rights and gender issues, and the problems rural girls encounter.

€ 8,774.00

*Women's Center for Democracy and Human Rights*

Travel grant to participate in the WIDE annual conference in order to exchange strategies which lead towards economic justice for women in a globalised economic system.

€ 596.00

**Slovenia***Kud Mreza*

Feminist festival to enable greater visibility of creative and active women and to open a space where women artists and activists can show and share their work and strategies.

€ 3,000.00

**Interregional***Bootlab zur Förderung unabhängiger**Projekte e.V.*

Programme combining art, activism and an academic approach around feminist issues across Europe.

€ 7,000.00

*European Feminist Forum (EFF)*

\* Travel grant for participation in the WIDE annual conference and the European Feminist Forum planning meeting, in order to further plan and coordinate the Forum, which will take place in 2007.

€ 702.00

\* Creation of Feminist Dialogues and Feminist Strategic Spaces on Europe's new political and economical realities at a European level in order to build new alliances and joint strategies.

€ 10,000.00

*Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues*

Research resulting in a mapping of available funds for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights globally.

€ 5,698.00

*Southeast European Queer Network of LBTIQ (SEE Q Network)*

Capacity building meeting and kick-off of strategic process for the SEE Q Network in order to optimise the strategies of the member organisations to further lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights in the region.

€ 6,303.00

*V-Day*

Participation of Rada Boric, a feminist peace activist from Croatia, in a global V-day event, speaking on a panel of women activists from (post-) conflict zones.

€ 2,000.00

## Commonwealth of Independent States

**Armenia***Initiative group*

Creation of a new group of women leaders for the protection of women's rights in the Stepanavan region.

€ 5,750.00

**Azerbaijan***Model Court on Women's Rights (MCWR)*

\* The organisation of public hearings and simulated trials as a means of raising awareness of women's rights violations among Azeri NGOs, the government and society at large.

€ 4,989.00

\* Follow-up trajectory, including public hearings, simulated trials and training, with Azeri NGO's and governmental institutions, to work towards changes in legislation to end the violation of women's rights.

€ 14,922.00

*Young Human Rights Defenders*

Peer education programme with young women's rights activists addressing the root causes of trafficking and migration.

€ 4,119.00

**Belarus***Seventh Side YNGO & Female Center 'Adliga'*

Street actions and a wide public awareness-raising campaign to bring attention to violations by police against women activists.

€ 7,893.00

**Georgia***Alliance for Society Advancement (ASA)*

Series of bi-monthly radio broadcasts on women's rights issues in order to inform and engage a wide audience.

€ 8,200.00

*Georgian Disabled Women Association (GDWIA)*

Project creating a leadership coalition of physically disabled women living in different regions of Georgia.

€ 7,899.00

*Organization of Disabled Village Women*

Programme aiming to reduce discrimination against disabled women in the Sachkhere region and to include them in society, socially and economically, with a focus on young women and girls.

€ 6,866.00

*Progress – the Union of Assistance, Cooperation and Development*

Establishment of the Women's Regional Center for Information and Development as a starting point for awareness-raising and action to strengthen women's rights.

€ 6,270.00

*Sakhli - Women's Advising Center*

Education and cooperation with local authorities, police and NGOs with the aim to get the new Law on Elimination of Domestic Violence, Protection and Support of Victims implemented.

€ 7,421.00

*Studio Mobile – Accent on Action*

Production of a film and television clips to promote women candidates engaged in gender equality issues for the election campaign in autumn 2006.

€ 7,561.00

**Kyrgyzstan**

*Gender Equality Center (GEC)*

Establishment of the Legal Assistance Center for women in Talan to provide women with support in breaking customary law and create access to the land they are legally entitled to.

€ 6,497.00

*LABRYS Lesbian, Bisexual and Female to Male (FtM) Transgender Organization*

Emergency grant to provide basic safety for the members of the homosexual rights group in Bishkek, who have received death threats.

€ 2,540,03

**Moldova**

*NGO Lia-Cimislia*

Access to existing economic and social services, information and legal assistance for women on issues such as pension rights, labour rights and ownership rights.

€ 9,076.00

**Russia**

*Information Center of the Independent Women's Forum (ICIWF)*

Participation in the Know How Conference 2006 to link up with and learn from other women's information and documentation centres around the world.

€ 1,465.00

*Irkutsk Crisis Center for Women (ICC)*

Education programme for young men to enhance awareness of domestic violence, with the aim of reducing the number of perpetrators of violence.

€ 9,900.00

**Turkmenistan**

*Anna Women's NGO*

Institutional support to strengthen the legal and economic position of refugee and internally displaced women, and legal support for those women who encounter violence.

€ 17,376.00

*Yuzarlik – Network for Women's Human Rights*

Support to enhance the security of the staff, office and data to prevent police raids in the organisation's offices.

€ 7,119.00



**Uzbekistan**

*HAYOT – Assistance Center for Disabled Women*

Feasibility study for the establishment of a women's resource center and a women's fund to support women's rights in the country.

€ 5,000.00

**Interregional**

*European Feminist Forum (EFF)*

Creation of Feminist Dialogues and Feminist Strategic Spaces in relation to Europe's new political and economical realities at a European level, in order to build new alliances and joint strategies.

€ 10,000.00

*LABRYS Lesbian, Bisexual and Female to Male (FtM) Transgender Organization*

Creation of a safe space for lesbian, gay and bisexual young people as a starting point for awareness-raising of LGBT rights in society.

€ 4,109.00

## Women's funds

### Africa

#### Kenya

##### *Urgent Action Fund – Africa*

\* Training of African grantees in using the new monitoring instrument 'Making the Case'.

€ 1,400.00

\* Regional conference on women, armed conflict and peace-building to advance mutual learning and strategies for sustainability, networking and partnership building.

€ 37,280.00

#### South-Africa

##### *Wheat Trust*

\* Capacity building activities to strengthen strategies, management and policy development for this local women's fund.

€ 9,660.00

\* Capacity building and institutional support to strengthen the communication strategy.

€ 20,000.00

\* Organisational support for both the grant-making and fundraising programmes.

€ 17,000.00

#### Interregional

##### *International Network of Women's Funds (INWF)*

\* Support to facilitate the international network meetings.

€ 1,559.00

### Asia and the Pacific

#### Hong Kong

##### *HER Fund*

\* Capacity building activities, under the Smart Growth programme, for this women's fund.

€ 24,402.00

\* Re-granting for young girls' projects in Hong Kong.

€ 10,000.00

\* Multiple-year grant to strengthen regional collaboration between women's funds in Asia (Hong Kong, Mongolia, India and Nepal).

€ 8,000.00

\* General support grant to support growth and sustainability.

€ 20,000.00

#### India

##### *Nirnaya Trust*

\* Support for institutional capacity building for Nirnaya, India's first and only local women's fund.

€ 5,338.00

\* Multiple-year support for institutional capacity building.

€ 20,000.00

\* Multiple-year grant to strengthen regional collaboration between women's funds in Asia (Hong Kong, Mongolia, India and Nepal).

€ 8,000.00

## Mongolia

### *Mongolian Women's Fund (MONES)*

\* Multiple-year grant to strengthen regional collaboration between women's funds in Asia (Hong Kong, Mongolia, India and Nepal).

€ 8,000.00

\* Travel grant for a Mongolian woman leader (nominee for the Nobel Peace prize) to attend a meeting in Kuming, China, with the aim of establishing a network of the Asian Peace Women and Development Cooperation.

€ 1,525.00

\* Grant for organisational capacity building.

€ 40,850.00

\* Travel grant to attend an international conference on Global Social Change Philanthropy to further improve their fundraising capacities and to explore potential donors in the United States.

€ 2,683.00

\* Re-granting for a young girls' project to stop sexual abuse of young girls and provide support to victims.

€ 10,000.00

\* A three-year grant to enable the fund to implement and strengthen its fundraising and grant-making capacities.

€ 20,000.00

\* Support for institutional capacity building of Mongolian women's funds and their grantees.

€ 27,792.00

## Nepal

### *Tewa, for Self-reliant development*

\* Support for institutional capacity building.

€ 16,150.00

\* Multiple-year grant to strengthen regional collaboration between women's funds in Asia (Hong Kong, Mongolia, India and Nepal).

€ 8,000.00

## Latin America and the Caribbean

### Brazil

#### *Angela Borba Fund*

\* Institutional grant for capacity building to strengthen the organisation at different levels.

€ 40,840.00

\* Multiple-year grant to strengthen regional collaboration between women's funds in Latin America (Brazil, Mexico and Central America).

€ 4,100.00

\* Institutional support to promote and defend women's rights in Brazil.

€ 30,000.00

\* Re-granting support to train and strengthen local young women's groups in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro.

€ 20,000.00

### Chile

#### *Colectivo Alquimia*

\* Institutional support for a women's fund in Chile working to promote the participation of women as protagonists of social change.

€ 20,000.00

**Colombia***Fondo Mujer*

\* Institutional support for the establishment of Colombia's first women's fund, the mission of which is to promote women's human rights through resource mobilisation for women's initiatives.

€ 15,000.00

**Mexico***Sociedad Mexicana Pro Derechos de la Mujer (Semillas)*

\* Institutional grant for capacity building to strengthen the organisation at different levels.

€ 24,500.00

\* Multiple-year grant to strengthen regional collaboration between women's funds in Latin America (Brazil, Mexico and Central America).

€ 31,800.00

\* Institutional support to strengthen women's groups working for the advancement of women's rights.

€ 43,411.00

**Nicaragua***Central American Women's Fund (CAWF)*

\* Institutional grant for capacity building to strengthen the organisation at different levels.

€ 6,423.00

\* A training programme with women's groups in Nicaragua to use monitoring and evaluation instruments, helping them to evaluate their work at micro and macro levels.

€ 1,900.00

\* Multiple-year grant to strengthen regional collaboration between women's funds in Latin America (Brazil, Mexico and Central America).

€ 4,100.00

\* Endowment grant to the only women's fund in Central America dedicated to guaranteeing young girls' human rights.

€ 20,000.00

\* Re-granting to support young women's groups from Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador working to guarantee their rights to physical and emotional integrity, economic justice and participation as leaders.

€ 10,998.00

**Interregional***Women's Funding Network*

\* Strategic meeting with women's funds from the global South to build their capacity around fundraising & grantmaking.

€ 15,000.00

\* Institutional support for the Women's Funding Network

€ 1,867.00

**Central and Eastern Europe****Bulgaria***Bulgarian Fund for Women / Gender Project for Bulgaria Foundation*

\* Institutional support to strengthen the work of the fund through grantmaking and capacity building.

€ 20,000.00

## **Czech Republic**

### *Slovak-Czech Women's Fund*

\* Institutional grant in support of the fund's organisational costs and grantmaking programme.

€ 25,000.00

## **Serbia**

### *Reconstruction Women's Fund*

\* Institutional grant in support of the grantmaking programme of this fund.

€ 25,000.00

\* Regional strategic meeting of the women's funds based in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

€ 2,080.00

## **Commonwealth of Independent States**

## **Georgia**

### *Women's Fund Georgia (WFG)*

\* Campaign to engage local businesses and the community in Georgia to invest in women's rights through awareness-building, ongoing dialogue with business representatives in TV and radio talkshows, and grantmaking around 'Popularisation of Women's Activism'.

€ 5,731.26

## **Ukraine**

### *Ukrainian Women's Fund*

\* Institutional support for the fund's organisational costs and grantmaking programme.

€ 70,000.00



1 More than 22,000 women took part in the 'Course Feminine', organised for the 8th time on May 21, in Casablanca, Morocco. 40 participants in the conference 'Gender Equity within Sport for Development programs' also joint this women's run.



2 Mama Cash employees during a sporty personnel outing.

3/4 The women's group FemLINK Pacific from the Fiji islands is making a documentary on gender-related topics in the run up to the upcoming elections. In this documentary, various women tell their stories.



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