

UN TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

2024 At a Glance



The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund) remains **the world's only global, multilateral grant-making mechanism exclusively dedicated to eliminating violence against women and girls**. Since its inception in 1996, it has invested over \$240 million in 706 survivor-centered initiatives across 140 countries and territories.

In 2024, the UN Trust Fund awarded **US\$ 15.9 million to 36 new grantee partners across 41 countries and territories** through rigorous selection, despite facing a record-breaking demand with 2,889 applications collectively requesting US\$ 1.5 billion – an 81% increase from the previous year.

Through strategic funding windows, the UN Trust Fund channeled US\$ 4.6 million to support **crisis-affected women and girls** (funded by Sweden and the United Kingdom), and US\$ 2.3 million to eight multi-country initiatives strengthening **movement building** across Africa and Latin America through

the ACT programme (in partnership with the European Commission and UN Women).

Beyond traditional grant-making, the UN Trust Fund delivered an **adaptive, feminist-informed model** combining **flexible funding** with comprehensive **'wraparound' support** – capacity building, technical assistance, knowledge production, and organizational strengthening – all guided by an **intersectional lens** and a commitment to **operational excellence**. In 2024, this approach sharpened its focus on three transformative areas:

ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE

was strengthened through extended grant durations, increased core allocations and care budgets, and tailored support - enabling partners to navigate complex challenges while sustaining quality programming;

PRACTICE-BASED EVIDENCE

was deepened through the co-production of 8 knowledge products with grantee partners and support for over 25 evaluations, translating field insights into global policy and programming improvements; and

AMPLIFIED CIVIL SOCIETY VOICES

through 52 global and country-level events, ensuring that those closest to the challenge help shape international policy and programming.

The UN Trust Fund's Mid-term Review reaffirmed its unique role operating as more than a traditional donor, delivering excellent value for money

"Despite the scale of the challenge, we at the UN Trust Fund remain hopeful – because we witness what's possible every day through the incredible efforts of our grantee partners. Their determination gives us direction. Their strength gives us hope."

ABIGAIL ERIKSON, CHIEF, UN TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The UN Trust Fund's intensified **'listening and learning'** mechanisms surfaced urgent challenges requiring immediate adaptation. Its **Beyond Backlash** report revealed that 70% of partners experience **systematic opposition** - including legal restrictions, funding cuts, and escalating violence - all of which undermine survivors' access to justice and essential services. **Technology-facilitated gender-based violence** also emerged as a critical and growing threat, affecting 88% of surveyed partners and driving funding needs of over US\$121 million. In response, the UN Trust Fund enhanced its monitoring systems, provided flexible funding for real-time adaptation, and strengthened advocacy support.

Despite hostile environments, grantee partners achieved **transformative results** – from supporting women with hearing disabilities in Argentina to co-create sign language expressing experiences of violence, to assisting communities in Gaza accessing life-saving services amid destruction, to

facilitating healing for adolescent girl survivors in Kenya through innovative art-based counselling. These initiatives prove that preventing and responding to violence catalyzes broader development progress with **ripple effects across all Sustainable Development Goals**.

Recognizing that systemic change requires systemic solutions, the UN Trust Fund leveraged its inter-agency mandate to **pioneer an initiative transforming how women's rights and civil society organizations are resourced across the UN System**. This bold step is designed to ensure that the movement to end violence against women and girls grows stronger, more resilient, and more effective.

The results are clear: when civil society organizations receive sustained, flexible support coupled with genuine partnership, they deliver lasting change that extends far beyond individual lives to transform entire communities and societies.

2024 Portfolio

180

Civil society & women's rights partner organizations

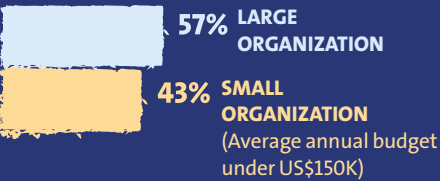
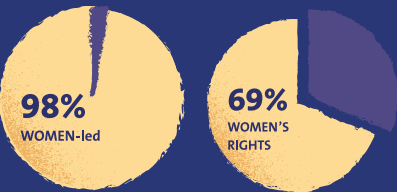
IN 74

Countries & territories

With grants totalling

US\$ 87.5M

ORGANIZATIONS



31% Grantee partners reported first-ever grant from the United Nations

INITIATIVES

MORE THAN 82% FOCUSED THOSE MOST AT RISK, INCLUDING:

AT LEAST 59% Interventions for crisis-affected women & girls

30% Supporting women & girls with disabilities

2024 Results

GLOBAL REACH



14.7M

Total reach, including:

7.7M

Women and girls



276,466

Women & girls accessed resources or services to help prevent or respond to violence



116,351

People involved as partners

119M

PEOPLE REACHED SINCE 2020

DRIVING SYSTEMIC CHANGE

SECTORAL PROGRESS



66 Grantee partners implemented multisectoral strategies, policies & action plans advancing health, education, economic empowerment, justice & peace

ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

PREVENTION



35,410

Women & girls with new skills in self-efficacy and agency to prevent violence



26,621

Women & girls with leadership capacities to participate in public life

SERVICES



41,359

Women & girls used specialist services to heal & recover from violence



7,543

Individual providers improved services for survivors and at risk women & girls

LAWS, POLICIES & ACCOUNTABILITY



13,236

Women & girls accessed justice services in cases of violence



1,612

Institutional partners increased capacities to develop & implement policies

ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE & ADAPTABILITY



80%

Grantees with improved ability to withstand challenges & adapt



LESS THAN 1%

Audited funds with financial findings



US\$ 21M

Additional funding raised by 50% of supported organizations

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