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## HOW WIDESPREAD IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN AFRICA?<sup>1</sup>

- Over 60 million girls worldwide are child brides, married before the age of 18. Of those, 14.1 million live in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- A survey among 1,366 South African women showed that women who were beaten by their partners were 48% more likely to contract HIV than those who were not.
- More than half of Sub-Saharan Africa countries do not have laws to address domestic violence and over 60% do not explicitly criminalize marital rape.

## WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND DOING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THIS REGION?

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing more than **US\$ 21.3 million to address violence against women and girls in Africa, representing 34% of its global portfolio.**

UN Trust Fund grantees work in three key areas: preventing violence against women and girls, expanding and delivering critical services to survivors and strengthening the capacity of state institutions to effectively respond to violence.

### Preventing Violence against Adolescent Girls:

- In **Zambia, Equality Now** is **empowering adolescent girls** to prevent violence by **constructing safe spaces** in Lusaka and in nearby communities where schoolgirls can acquire critical life skills and build their self-esteem. The initiative is **improving adolescent girls' access to information on sexual violence and reproductive health** and introducing awareness-raising and violence prevention programs in schools, **engaging boys**

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in the effort. The grantee contributed to the development of Zambia's first school guidelines to prevent and address violence against adolescent girls.

### Expanding Services to Survivors of Violence:

- In the **Central African Republic**, the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Kenya**, **Sudan** and **Uganda**, **Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)** is developing and piloting a **mobile phone application** that will allow health professionals in remote areas to **photograph and record forensic evidence of sexual violence and to securely transmit these images** to hospitals, courts and police stations. These efforts are critical for ensuring successful rape prosecutions and ending impunity for these crimes.

### Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies:

- In **Sierra Leone**, the **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** is combating impunity for gender-based crimes and promoting access to fair and timely justice for survivors. The IRC supported the Sierra Leone Police in the conceptualization of the country's first **Standard Operating Procedures** to guide the response of police officers to gender-based violence. The IRC also played an essential role in developing the new **Sexual Offences Act**, which provides a comprehensive legal framework for the prosecution of a wide range of sexual crimes.

<sup>1</sup> Information excerpted from the World Health Organization (WHO) Website, the UN-Women Website and UN-Women's *Progress of the World's Women 2011-2012*.

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund supported programmes in the following countries

#### WEST AFRICA

Cape Verde  
Gambia  
Ghana  
Guinea  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Liberia  
Mali  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Senegal  
Sierra Leone

#### CENTRAL AFRICA

Burundi  
Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Rwanda

#### EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA

Ethiopia  
Kenya  
Somalia  
South Sudan  
Sudan  
Uganda  
United Republic of Tanzania

#### SOUTHERN AFRICA

Botswana  
Lesotho  
Malawi  
Mauritius  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
South Africa  
Swaziland  
Zambia



### Getting to Zero: Addressing the Twin Pandemics of Violence against Women and HIV/AIDS

Violence against women is both a cause and a consequence of HIV/AIDS. Yet, these issues are often addressed separately rather than in an interconnected way. In order to strengthen efforts to address HIV/AIDS and violence against women, in 2011 the UN Trust Fund established a **special funding window to support programmes focusing on the intersection of violence against women and HIV/AIDS**. This global learning initiative consists of a cohort of eight grantees working in eight countries, six of which are in Africa. By implementing integrated HIV/violence programming, the cohort is generating knowledge concerning how violence and HIV/AIDS interact in the lives of women and how these twin pandemics can be effectively and holistically addressed.

With the support of the UN Trust Fund, the **AIDS Legal Network (South Africa)** and the **Coalition of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (Malawi)** are addressing violence against women living with HIV, while the **Sonke Gender Justice Network (Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and Kenya)** is engaging men in the implementation of gender-based violence and HIV laws and policies. **Liverpool VCT Care and Treatment (Kenya)** is strengthening treatment protocols for survivors of sexual violence and developing mechanisms for collecting and preserving evidence for prosecutions. In **Lesotho** and **Malawi**, the **Southern Africa HIV and AIDS Dissemination Services (SAfAIDS)** is working with traditional leaders to champion the prevention of domestic violence and HIV.

### Active grants in Africa in 2012

Thirty-four projects in 32 countries for a total value of US\$ 21.3 million.

### New grant awards in 2012

Two grants in two countries for a total value of US\$ 1.5 million.

### WHO ARE THE UN TRUST FUND'S NEW PARTNERS IN AFRICA?

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund awarded **US\$ 1.5 million to two initiatives in Africa**. Together, these initiatives will reach more than **half a million beneficiaries by 2015**.

- In **Malawi**, **Concern Worldwide** will address gender-based violence in schools by promoting equal access to quality primary education for girls and at-risk children in twenty-five schools in the Nsanje district. The project will create a safe learning environment for girls by ensuring that effective awareness, prevention and response mechanisms are put into place. In partnership with local civil society organizations and government agencies, the grantee will empower children, youth and schoolteachers to stop violence against girls and will bolster the capacity of enforcement structures at the community, district and national levels to effectively address these abuses.
- In **Cape Verde**, the **Institute for the Advancement of Gender Equality**, the national entity responsible for mainstreaming gender in the country's national policies and plans, will spearhead the implementation of the 2011 Gender-Based Violence Law in coordination with a network of civil society organizations. The programme will focus on three strategies: curbing the acceptance of violence through education and mass communication, establishing ten victim support centers and building the institutional capacity of government institutions and civil society organizations to implement and monitor policies that address violence against women.



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## HOW WIDESPREAD IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC?<sup>1</sup>

- Over 40% of South Asian countries lack legislation criminalizing domestic violence and more than 60% do not criminalize rape in marriage.
- According to a 2010 study in the Indian city of Delhi, almost two thirds of women reported facing two to five incidents of sexual harassment in the past year.
- More than 65% of women in Papua New Guinea have been victims of domestic violence.

## WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND DOING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THIS REGION?

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing more than **US\$ 16.1 million in 19 countries to address violence against women and girls in Asia and the Pacific, representing 25% of its global portfolio.**

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### Preventing Violence against Women and Girls:

- In **Cambodia**, **CARE** and its local implementing partner, the People Health and Development Association (PHD), are **engaging young men in sexual health and gender-based violence dialogues.** As part of the grantee efforts, the Cambodian Ministry of Interior launched the **first hotline for women to report gender-based violence.** In partnership with the police, the grantee is also developing a gender-sensitive protocol for recording and responding to hotline calls.

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- In six countries across South and South-East Asia (**Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka**), **CARAM Asia**, a Malaysia-based regional network, is working with partners in source and destination countries to **sensitize government officials on the widespread abuses faced by women migrant workers.** The grantee has developed a comprehensive **pre-departure orientation programme** to educate women migrants on their labour rights, ensuring that they receive vital information on safe migration.

### Expanding Services to Survivors of Violence:

- In **India**, the **Karnataka Health Promotion Trust** is implementing a programme to address the high levels of violence and increased vulnerability to HIV/AIDS experienced by sex workers in the Southern state of Karnataka. Intervening at the individual, community and institutional levels, the programme is **improving knowledge and changing attitudes and behaviours** amongst community members, service providers, sex workers and their partners. The programme has **sensitized police and the judiciary on sex work and violence against women**, and the state's Judicial Academy is replicating this training across all Karnataka districts.

### Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies:

- In **India**, the **Lawyer's Collective Women's Rights Initiative** is addressing coordination gaps that hamper the implementation

<sup>1</sup> Information excerpted from UN- Women's *Progress of the World's Women 2011-2012*; UN-Women Pacific Sub-Regional Office, *Ending Violence Against Women and Girls. Evidence, Data and Knowledge in Pacific Island Countries*, 2011; JAGORI and UN-Women, *Report of the Baseline Survey on Violence Against Women and Girls – Delhi 2010*, 2011.



## In 2012, the UN Trust Fund supported programmes in the following countries

### SOUTH ASIA

Bangladesh  
India  
Nepal  
Sri Lanka

### EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Cambodia  
China  
Indonesia  
Malaysia  
Philippines  
Thailand  
Viet Nam

### THE PACIFIC

Cook Islands  
Marshall Islands  
Papua New Guinea  
Samoa  
Solomon Islands  
Tonga  
Tuvalu  
Vanuatu

of the 2005 Protection of Women from Domestic Violence (PWDV) Act. Linking key state agencies, the Lawyer's Collective has created a **model protocol for effective multi-agency responses to women survivors of violence**. The Lawyer's Collective established the **Delhi Domestic Violence Survivors Group** to provide legal support to women engaged in litigation and in the process of receiving assistance. The grantee **monitors the implementation of the PWDV** through its annual report, *Staying Alive*, which offers a national snapshot of its effectiveness.

- In **Nauru, Tuvalu, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Kiribati**, the **Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT)** is implementing a programme to **improve the legislative environment for women and children across the Pacific**. The programme has already contributed to significant legislative victories that pave the way for addressing comprehensively violence against women in the region.

## WHO ARE THE UN TRUST FUND'S NEW PARTNERS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC?

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund awarded more than **US\$ 1 million to two initiatives in Asia and the Pacific**. Together, these initiatives will reach nearly **60,000 beneficiaries by 2015**.

- In **Papua New Guinea**, **Voice for Change**, a women's human rights organization, will work with the local government of the newly-established Jiwaka Province to facilitate the development of by-laws to address harmful traditional practices such as polygamy, bride prices, and the torture and murder of 'sorcerers'. The grantee will work in partnership with communities, tribal leaders, youth leaders, village and district courts and the police to guarantee the endorsement and implementation of the laws.

- In **Thailand**, the **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**, in conjunction with the Karenni National Women's Organization (KNWO), will work to curb violence against women refugees across the Thailand-Myanmar border by scaling-up a survivor-centred, multi-sectoral approach to gender violence that addresses the specific needs of women and girls in refugee camps. The KNWO will act as the lead service provider, enhancing the local technical capacity to respond holistically to violence against women and ensuring the community's ownership of the approach.

### Active grants in Asia and the Pacific in 2012

**Twenty-four projects in 19 countries for a total value of US\$16.1 million.**

### New grant awards in Asia and the Pacific in 2012

**Two grants in two countries for a total value of US\$ 1 million.**

## Developing participatory approaches to stop sexual harassment in garment factories

Efforts to improve conditions for women garment workers have tended to focus solely on factories, ignoring the complex social context in which abuses take place at the community, national and international levels. To respond to this challenge, the **Fair Wear Foundation** is implementing a comprehensive programme to address violence against women in export-oriented garment factories in **India and Bangladesh**.

The programme **trains factory staff and managers on how to prevent and address sexual harassment** while developing **worker-run anti-harassment committees** in these factories. By establishing effective anti-harassment committees, the grantee is creating a formal mechanism where workers can advance their rights and pursue complaints of sexual harassment and workplace violence. As part of the programme, the grantee developed the **first toolkit on how to set up anti-harassment committees and handle complaints** regarding violence against women at work, filling a critical gap in resources for the implementation of violence prevention and reduction systems.

The grantee is also **working with European clothing brands** to improve the relationships between workers and export-oriented garment factories. Outsourcing companies are being informed of the nature and frequency of violence against women in their supply chains and on how to address this issue.



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# EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

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## HOW WIDESPREAD IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA?<sup>1</sup>

- The practice of bride kidnapping is widespread in Kyrgyzstan. According to data by the Women Support Centre, a local organization that works to end violence against women, there are at least 11,800 cases of forced abduction of women and girls every year. Only one in 1,500 cases results in a judicial sentence.
- In Moldova, 28% of married young women aged 15 to 24 have experienced violence. This represents more than double the percentage of single women in the same age group.
- More than half of the countries in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia do not criminalize marital rape.

## WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND DOING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THIS REGION?

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing more than **US\$ 8.3 million to address violence against women and girls in Europe and Central Asia, representing 13% of its global portfolio.**

UN Trust Fund grantees work in two key areas: expanding and delivering critical services to survivors and strengthening the capacity of state institutions to effectively respond to violence.

### Expanding Services to Survivors of Violence

- In **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, **Rights for All** is **bolstering the capacity of Roma women to access justice and influence decision-making processes** by delivering paralegal support to survivors of violence. The paralegal support program established in ten Roma communities is providing access to legal and psychosocial counseling services to survivors. This

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grantee is also contributing to generate a dialogue with state institutions on the status of Roma women in society.

- In **Ukraine**, the **Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health** is piloting an innovative programme to **engage perpetrators of violence in behavioural change counselling.** By developing synergies across service providers and creating a platform for civil society and government collaboration, the grantee is also building and strengthening the commitment, systems and capacity of the government to prevent and respond to violence. The initiative established **Kiev's first identification, referral and service provision system for women and girls with HIV/AIDS living on the street**, providing essential services to this excluded and stigmatized group.

### Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies

- In **Belarus**, a **United Nations Country Team** led by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is contributing to the implementation of a **national violence prevention law that introduces the first legal definition of domestic violence** and is spearheading efforts to coordinate inter-institutional prevention and service delivery initiatives at the national level. The grantee contributed to the development of the **country's first domestic violence hotline**, which offers counseling to survivors and assists them in accessing support services.

<sup>1</sup> Information excerpted from the UN-Women Website, UN-Women Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Fund Population Fund (UNFPA), *The Adolescent Experience In-Depth: Using Data to Identify and Reach the Most Vulnerable Young People. Data, Tables, Graphs and Maps Based on the Demographic and Health Surveys, 2009 and UN-Women's Progress of the World's Women 2011-2012.*

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund supported programmes in the following countries

#### EUROPE

Albania  
Belarus  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Croatia

Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)  
Republic of Moldova  
Republic of Serbia  
Turkey  
Ukraine

#### CENTRAL ASIA

Armenia  
Tajikistan

## WHO ARE THE UN TRUST FUND'S NEW PARTNERS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA?

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund awarded more than **US\$ 1.2 million to two initiatives in Europe and Central Asia**. Together, these initiatives will reach **290,000 beneficiaries by 2014**.

- In **Armenia**, the **Women's Resource Centre**, the first organization to address sexual violence against women in the country, will contribute to the implementation of the **2011-2015 Strategic Action Plan to Combat Gender-Based Violence** by developing monitoring mechanisms and providing recommendations to government agencies on the legal and policy changes required to adequately support survivors of violence. The initiative will pioneer a referral system for survivors based on sustained cooperation between governmental and civil society organizations.
- In the **Republic of Serbia**, a **United Nations Country Team** led by the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will contribute to establish a coordinated institutional response to violence against women by developing a set of comprehensive prevention and protection measures. The programme will strengthen the government's institutional response in alignment with the requirements of the **Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence** (2011). The UN Country Team will also contribute to publicize services for survivors of gender-based violence, increasing the visibility and impact of the existing national SOS hotline and one-stop centre.

## Active grants in Europe and Central Asia in 2012

**A total of 13 active grants in 11 countries for a total value of US\$ 8.3 million.**

## New grant awards in 2012

**Two grants in two countries for a total value of US\$ 1.5 million.**

## Coordinating inter-institutional partnerships to address violence against women and girls

In post-war **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, responses to violence against women and girls are challenged by complex and fragmented administrative structures and by the absence of a functioning overarching mechanism to coordinate existing services. A **United Nations Country Team** programme implemented jointly by UNFPA and UNDP in collaboration with the government is **transforming the entire chain of services to survivors of violence** by assessing the capacities of key actors, revising referral mechanisms and guidelines and providing essential training to governmental and non-governmental service providers. The programme has **engaged all institutions involved** in the process of providing assistance to survivors, including representatives of local government ministries, social work centres, law enforcement, community health and mental health institutions and women's groups. The initiative has also **empowered women's groups** by improving the government's perception of their contribution to advancing the rights of survivors and by formalizing their role in activities related to violence response. The programme has been so successful that the **target municipalities have committed additional resources** to ensure its sustainability. For example, local authorities in **13 municipalities are funding programmes on gender-based violence prevention**, a sign of their commitment to eliminate violence against women and girls.



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# LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

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## HOW WIDESPREAD IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN?<sup>1</sup>

- According to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), more deaths and injuries are caused by violence against women than by cancer, malaria, traffic accidents and war for women between the ages of 15 and 44.
- In Colombia, 39% of women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetimes at the hands of their intimate partner. This figure is higher for Mexico and Ecuador (46%).
- While most countries in the region have laws against domestic violence, over 50% of them do not criminalize marital rape.

## WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND DOING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THIS REGION?

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing more than **US\$ 11.2 million in 15 countries to address violence against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean**, representing **18% of its global portfolio.**

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### Preventing Violence against Women and Girls

- In six municipalities across **Peru**, **Calandria Comunicadores Sociales** is implementing an **intercultural model** to prevent violence against adolescent girls, including Afro-Peruvian, Andean and Amazonian indigenous populations. By strengthening their skills in political advocacy, the initiative is **empowering adolescents to be at the forefront of this anti-violence movement.** The grantee ensured the **adoption of four ordinances** on sex-disaggregated statistics, adolescent

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pregnancy, sexual violence and municipal prevention of violence against women, improving the policy context in which these efforts are taking place.

### Expanding Services to Survivors of Violence

- In **Mexico**, a **United Nations Joint Programme** is developing **culturally-sensitive protocols to address violence against girls and boys in indigenous municipalities** in Southern Mexico. After engaging in state- and community-based consultation processes, the grantee developed the protocols by closely working with the municipalities' social and judicial services. In order to test the effectiveness and cultural adequacy of the protocols, authorities are piloting them in select gender-based violence cases. Due to the grantee's efforts, **one municipality established an Attorney's Office for Children and the Family.** To date, this Office has resolved a significant number of cases utilizing the protocol.

### Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies

- In **Mexico**, **Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir** (Catholics for the Right to Free Choice) is strengthening the implementation of protection orders and criminal investigations of gender-related killings. In partnership with the National Citizen's Observatory on Femicide, the grantee successfully developed the **first draft protocol for the criminal investigation of gender-related killings and forced disappearances** of women in Mexico City.

<sup>1</sup> Information excerpted from the UN-Women Website, the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) Website and UN-Women's *Progress of the World's Women. 2011-2012.*

- In **Peru**, the **Municipality of Lima**, headed for the first time by a woman, is striving to make Lima an inclusive city by addressing violence at home and in the streets. The Municipality developed a **model of comprehensive services for female survivors of violence based on a citizen safety approach**. The model is being incorporated in the formulation of the 2013-2020 Regional Development Plan for Metropolitan Lima.

#### Active grants in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2012

Sixteen grants in 15 countries for a total value of US\$11.2 million.

#### New grant awards in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2012

Three grants in five countries for a total value of US\$ 1.9 million.

### WHO ARE THE UN TRUST FUND'S NEW PARTNERS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN?

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund awarded **US\$ 1.9 million to three initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean**. Together, these initiatives will reach more than **37,600 beneficiaries by 2016**.

- In **Belize**, the **Belize Women's Department** will lead the efforts to implement the National Plan of Action on Gender-Based Violence, prioritizing primary prevention through the development of a specialized school curriculum, the engagement of teachers as allies and the generation of data on violence against women in coordination with the National Statistical Institute.
- In **Colombia, Chile** and **El Salvador**, **Sur Corporación**, building on previous success of the regional Safe Cities programme in Latin America, will work with the police to prevent and respond to violence against women in cities across the target countries. The grantee will develop public safety plans and policies in the three countries, ensuring an effective institutional response to violence against women in both public and private spaces.
- In **Peru**, **DEMUS – Research for the Defense of Women's Rights** will work to end impunity in cases of sexual violence by safeguarding women's access to justice in the application of the new Criminal Procedures Code. The grantee will bring justice closer to victims by generating mechanisms of dialogue between justice authorities and grassroots women's organizations in six districts and by strengthening the capacities of justice officials to avoid gender discrimination throughout the judicial process.



### Using New Technologies to Map Out Safe Spaces for Adolescent Girls in Indigenous Communities

In **Guatemala**, the **Population Council** and 1300 Mayan girls in 15 communities carried out a community mapping exercise based on the use of a Geographic Information System-based (GIS) technology. The community mapping aimed to redefine the relationship of girls to their social and physical environment. Young women were paired with mentors from organizations working to end violence against women and invited to collect data on every household, including the number of adolescent girls in a community, using GIS technology. **Maps generated from this data identify where adolescent girls feel safe and where danger is present**, making young women and their safety concerns visible for the first time. As the maps transform community members' ideas about the gendered significations of physical space, the way girls are regarded by the community also began to shift: they are now seen as social change agents and potential leaders. The mapping exercise served as a **tool to engage community leaders and girls** in discussions about the widespread prevalence of gender-based violence and the **need for locally-based solutions**.



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## HOW WIDESPREAD IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST?<sup>1</sup>

- In Morocco, more than 30% of people surveyed believe that it is “sometimes justifiable” for a man to beat his wife. More than 10% of people in Jordan share this opinion.
- In Egypt, almost 34% of women have been victims of physical and/or sexual abuse by an intimate partner in their lifetimes.
- 80% of countries across the region do not have specific legislation against domestic violence. Marital rape is not explicitly criminalized in virtually all countries in the region.

## WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND DOING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THIS REGION?

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing more than **US\$ 3.4 million in five countries to address violence against women and girls in the Arab States and North Africa**, representing 5% of its global portfolio.

### Delivering Services to Survivors of Violence and Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies

In **Iraq**, **International Medical Corps** (IMC) is strengthening the capacity of the health sector to respond to violence against women and girls in Baghdad. In partnership with the Ministry of Health, the grantee has **improved the capacity of primary healthcare providers** to deliver critical care to survivors. The grantee is developing a **referral pathway system** that coordinates the activities of hospitals and primary healthcare centers, local civil society organizations and community-based organizations to ensure that government officials are **equipped to respond to gender-based violence** and that they are ready to advocate for women's rights within their ministries.

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### Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies

In **Jordan, Egypt, and Morocco** the **Jordanian Women's Union** is addressing the rights of women migrant workers by establishing a **network of lawyers and social workers to support the recovery and repatriation of survivors of trafficking.** The grantee developed the Arab region's first model law on female trafficking through a partnership with women's rights organizations in the three target countries, generating a **collective commitment to harmonize legislation** in both source and destination countries.

### WHO ARE THE UN TRUST FUND'S NEW PARTNERS IMPLEMENTING MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA PROGRAMMES?

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund awarded **US\$ 1 million** to an **International Medical Corps**-led initiative that will strengthen the institutional response to conflict-related violence against women and girls in **Libya**. This programme will **benefit more than 41,000 women and men.** The grantee will train the police and will support the creation of safe spaces for survivors of violence. This programme will operate during a critical state-making period, a remarkable opportunity for shaping a gender-responsive institutional environment.

### Active grants in the Middle East and North Africa in 2012

**Four active grants in five countries for a value of US\$ 3.4 million.**

**In 2012, the UN Trust Fund supported programmes in the following countries**

#### NORTH AFRICA

Libya  
Egypt  
Morocco

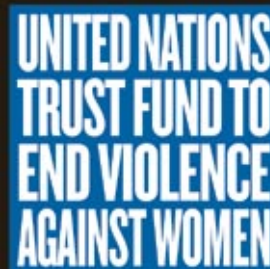
#### MIDDLE EAST

Iraq  
Jordan



1 Information excerpted from the UN-Women Website and UN-Women's *Progress of the World's Women 2011-2012*.

# CROSS-REGIONAL GRANTS



## WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND DOING TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH CROSS-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES?

By supporting a number of multi-country programmes across regions, the UN Trust Fund is generating knowledge and scaling up effective strategies to address violence against women. The UN Trust Fund is investing more than **US\$ 2.9 million in cross-regional programmes in 20 countries**, representing **5% of its global portfolio**. The following provides a snapshot of programmes supported by the UN Trust Fund in two key areas: preventing violence against women and girls, expanding and delivering critical services to survivors.

### Preventing Violence against Women and Girls

- In eleven countries across Africa and Asia, **Oxfam Novib** is scaling up **education-entertainment strategies** (edutainment), a proven approach that combines mass media campaigns with content tailored to specific communities in order to encourage **social awareness and mobilization** against gender-based violence. Oxfam Novib is partnering with former UN Trust Fund grantees Soul City Institute (South Africa), Breakthrough (India) and Puntos de Encuentro (Nicaragua) to implement the programme in **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan and Viet Nam**.

### Delivering Services to Survivors of Violence and Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies

- In **Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda**, **Acid Survivors' Trust International (ASTI)** is working to develop comprehensive strategies to **end acid and burns violence**. ASTI and its local partner organizations are providing integral **medical, psychosocial, and legal support to survivors** while advocating for **comprehensive legislation** to respond to acid attacks. In 2012, the grantee played a central role in the development of the **Cambodian Acid Attack Law**, which provides comprehensive regulations on the sale of acid and harsher penalties for perpetrators of acid attacks.

## WHO ARE THE UN TRUST FUND'S NEW PARTNERS IMPLEMENTING CROSS-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES?

In 2012, the UN Trust Fund awarded over **US\$ 1.6 million to two cross-regional initiatives** working in nine countries. Together,

these initiatives will reach more than **30,000 beneficiaries by 2015**.

- In the **Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, Uganda and Libya**, the **Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice (WIGJ)** will implement a programme to advance gender justice in these four conflict and post-conflict countries where the International Criminal Court (ICC) is conducting ongoing investigations. WIGJ, the only international women's organization that has been granted *amicus curiae* status by the ICC, will work to implement post-conflict recovery and transitional justice mechanisms. WIGJ will work with a network of women's organizations, tailoring interventions to meet the specific needs of survivors in each country.
- In **Tunisia, Nepal, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Uganda**, the **International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)** will work to ensure that transitional justice mechanisms are designed to effectively meet the specific justice needs of survivors of gender-based violence. By providing in-depth technical assistance and training to national policymakers, women's organizations and practitioners involved in the design of transitional justice measures, the project will ensure that gender-based violence is addressed effectively, particularly in the areas of truth-seeking and reparations.

### Active cross-regional grants in 2012

Four projects in 20 countries for a total value of **US\$ 2.9 million**.

### New grant awards in 2012

Two grants in nine countries for a total value of **US\$ 1.6 million**.

### CROSS REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

|                                  |         |          |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Afghanistan                      | Egypt   | Pakistan |
| Bangladesh                       | Kenya   | Rwanda   |
| Cambodia                         | Libya   | Somalia  |
| Colombia                         | Mali    | Sudan    |
| Côte d'Ivoire                    | Nepal   | Tunisia  |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Niger   | Uganda   |
|                                  | Nigeria | Viet Nam |



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