

Accelerating progress and investing in gender equality – lessons learned

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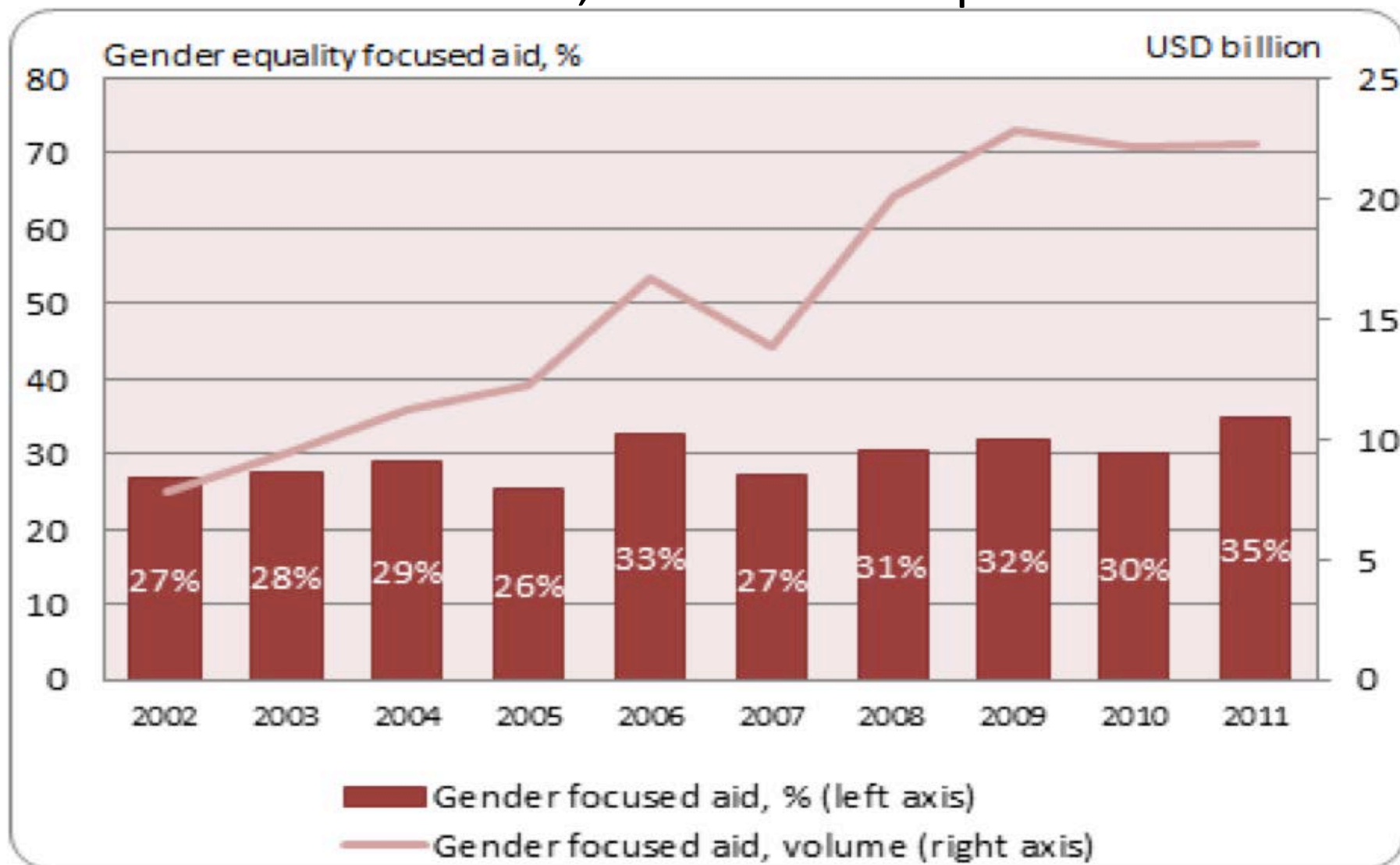
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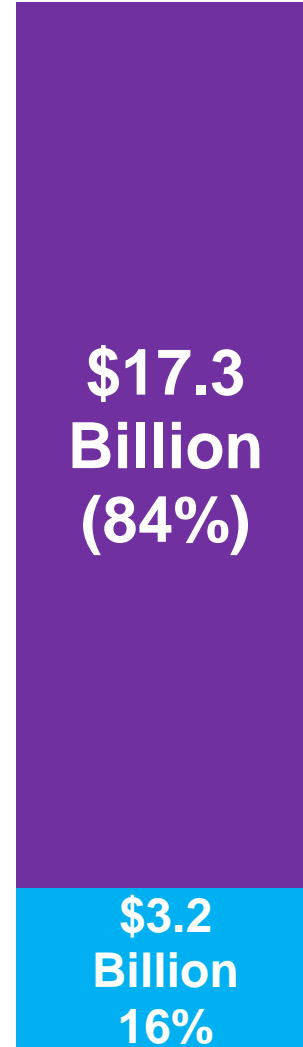
- Overview of funding trends for gender equality and women's empowerment
 - The state of funding for women's organizations
 - Opportunities & limitations of 'new funding' for women and girls
- Insights from the Dutch MDG3 Fund Experience
- Recommendations for CSW 58

Aid in support of gender equality and women's empowerment: 2002-11, annual average commitments, USD billion, constant 2011 prices



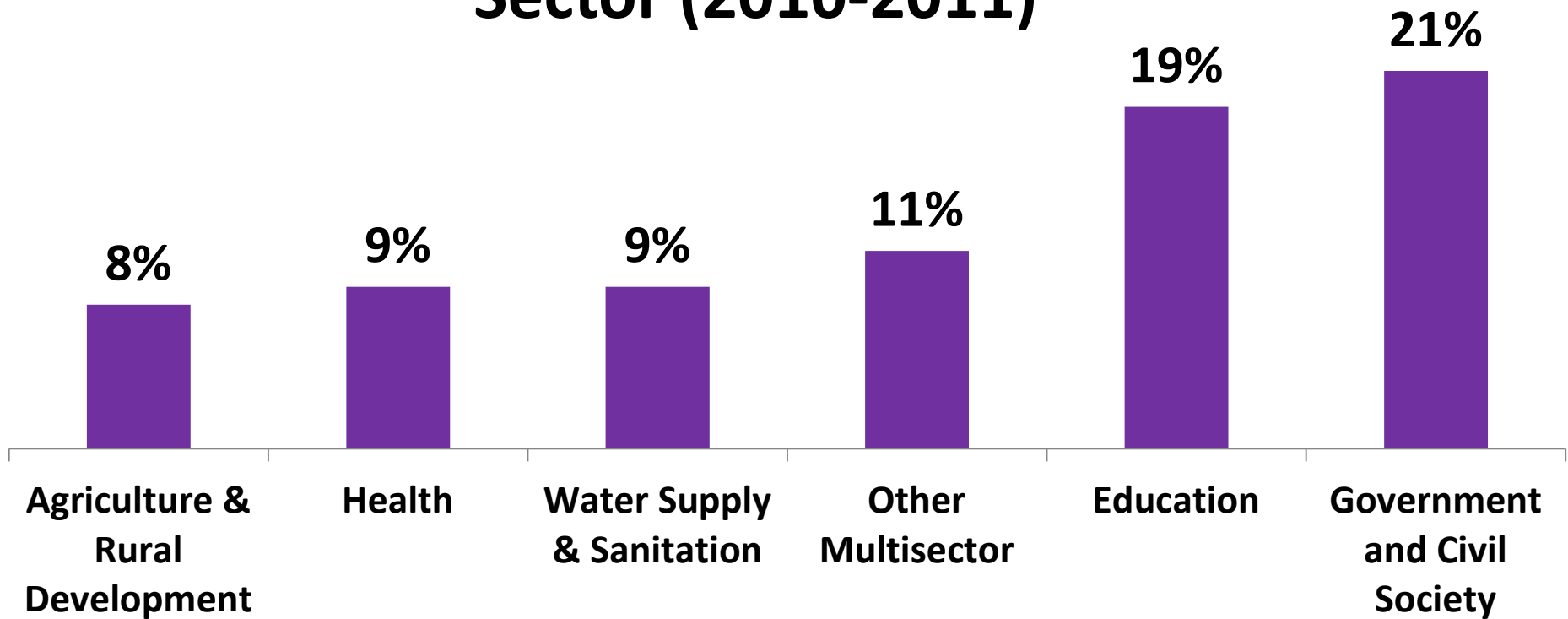
**Total Gender Equality-Focused Aid:
20.5 Billion**

Aid in support of
Gender Equality and
Women's
Empowerment (2010-
11)

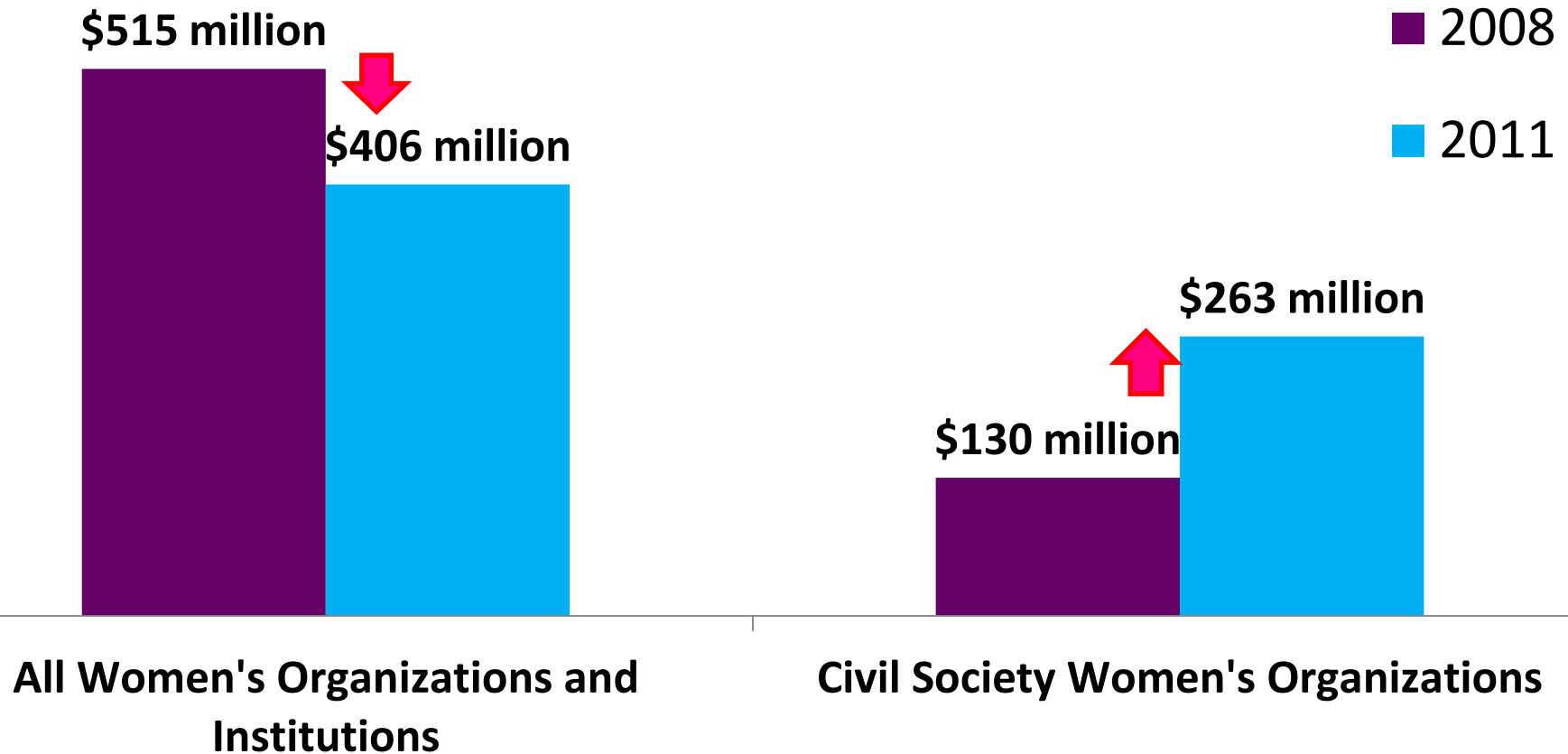


- **Significant Objective**
- **Principal Objective**

Bilateral Aid Focused on Gender Equality by Sector (2010-2011)



ODA to Women's Equality Organizations & Institutions



How are women's organizations faring?

The combined income of

740 women's

organizations
in **2010** was
approximately



\$106
MILLION
USD



Their median annual income was \$22,750.

Role of 'New Actors'?

170
Initiatives



TRAINING &
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE

44%



IN-KIND SERVICES
& CONTRIBUTIONS

31%



RESOURCING &
LAUNCHING THEIR
OWN INITIATIVES

28%



MICROCREDIT /
MICROFINANCE

12%



DIRECT FUNDING TO NGOS OTHER
THAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
BUT FOR WORK WITH WOMEN/GIRLS

12%



\$14.6

BILLION
DOLLARS

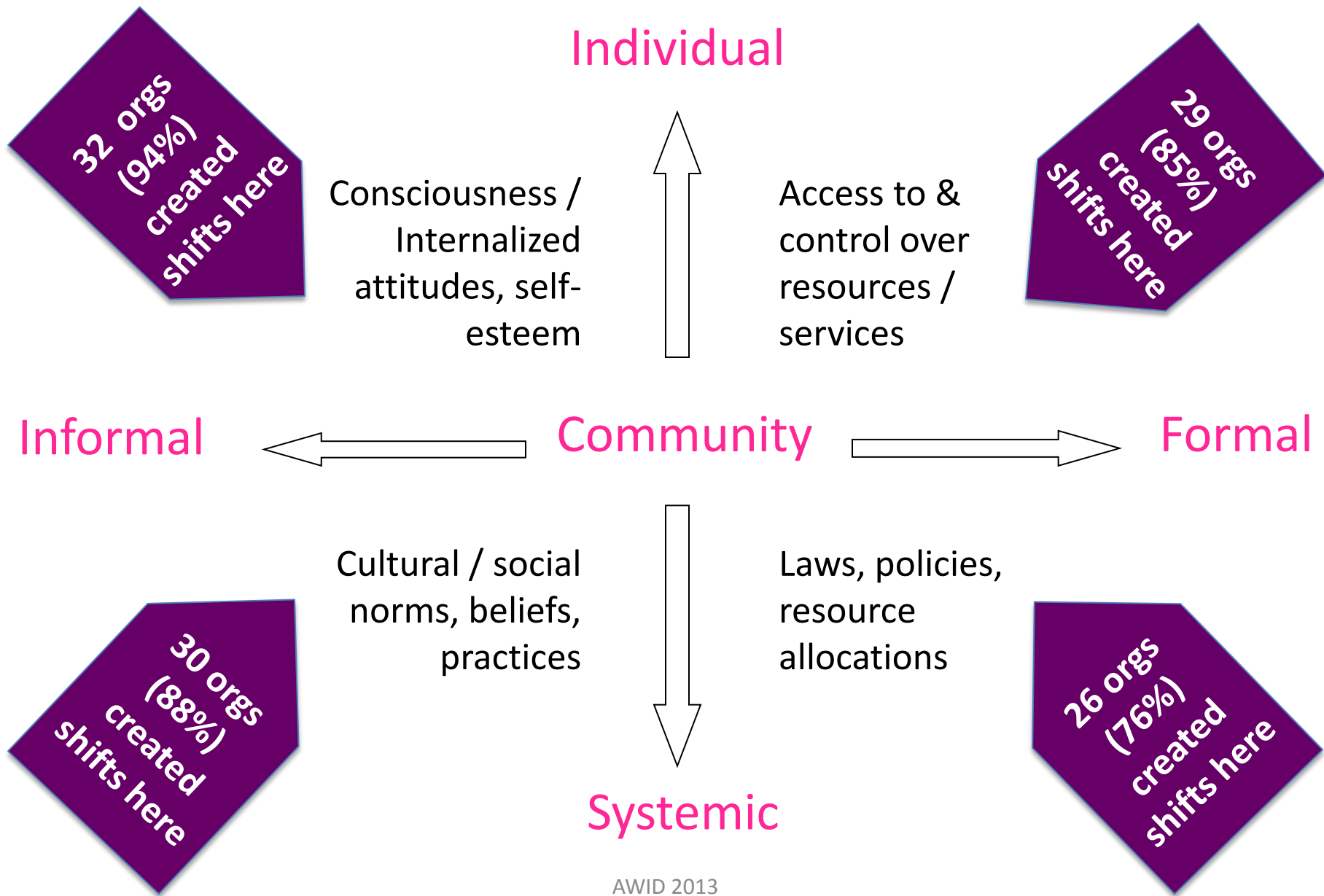
Lessons from the Dutch MDG3 Fund

82 million euros, awarded to 45 different organizations between 2008-2011

Some key grantee achievements, 2008 - 2011

- Almost *225 million people* reached and inspired with new awareness of women's rights
- Over *230,000 activists* were provided tools and skills to support women's assertion of their rights
- Over *105,000 women's organizations* had their capacity built and received new tools
- *38 Local governments and 45 national governments* were influenced and to re-assess, strengthen, and improve their gender equality policies, programs and outcomes
- *13 international and regional human rights / women's rights institutions and mechanisms* were influenced to better advance women's rights

How gender power was altered (N=34)



Characteristics of the Dutch MDG3 Fund that contributed to its impact

- Significant size, duration of funding
- Provided flexible, core support
- Under the MDG3 umbrella, supported a range of work:
 - Reducing violence against women
 - Enhancing women's economic independence
 - Increasing women's political participation
- Focused support for women's rights organizations and funds (re-granting reached multiple levels)
- Open to influence from, negotiation with grantees
- Facilitated cross-grantee (& other stakeholder) collaboration

Recommendations for CSW58

- **Scale up the share of ODA** for gender equality and women's empowerment to 20% by 2015
- Advance clear **mechanisms for assessing performance, results and accountability** for gender equality and women's empowerment objectives

For More Information...

- *Watering the Leaves, Starving the Roots: The Status of Financing for Women's Rights Organizing and Gender Equality* (Oct 2013)
- *Women Moving Mountains: The Collective Impact of the Dutch MDG3 Fund* (forthcoming - Dec 2013)
- *New Actors, New Money, New Conversations: A Mapping of Recent Initiatives for Women and Girls* (forthcoming - Jan 2014)