

Fund for Gender Equality 2016-2018 Portfolio

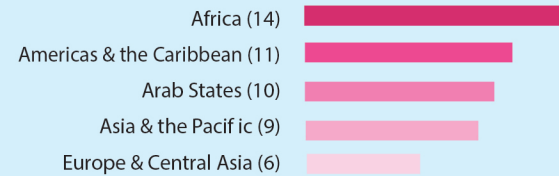
Overview

- 50 finalists ready to start on 1 January 2016
- US \$16,340,000 grant amount requested
- 830,000 total direct beneficiaries targeted
- US \$7.3 million available for 24 programmes
- Another US \$9 million needed for additional 26 programmes

Thematic distribution

- 56 on women's economic empowerment
- 44 on women's political empowerment

Geographical distribution



Programme beneficiaries



Most common types of beneficiaries:

- Rural women and agriculture sector workers
- Indigenous women
- Domestic workers
- Young women
- Community-based leaders

Most common cross-cutting strategies

- Capacity development, including vocational training, leadership and communications skills
- Engaging men and boys
- Using ICT as a tool for change
- Awareness raising through social media & campaigns

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GEARED UP FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



2016-2018 GLOBAL PORTFOLIO



UN WOMEN IS REQUESTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT HIGH-QUALITY INITIATIVES FROM CIVIL SOCIETY GEARED TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA.

ABOUT THE FUND FOR GENDER EQUALITY

UN Women's Fund for Gender Equality is a global grant-making mechanism dedicated to the economic and political empowerment of women. The Fund provides technical and financial support to high-impact, innovative initiatives from women-led civil society organizations that demonstrate concrete results on the ground, especially for women in situations of marginalization—such as rural and migrant women, domestic and informal workers and indigenous women.

In only six years and with an investment of US \$64 million in grants, the Fund has touched the lives of more than 10 million direct beneficiaries, supported through 120 programmes in 80 countries worldwide. Thanks to the 2014 active grantee programmes, 3,100 women became land owners; 58,000 participated in public forums and influenced policies; 10,400 gained access to sustainable income and resources, and the adoption of 550 new constitutional provisions, laws and policies to protect women's rights was facilitated.

ACCELERATING SDG IMPLEMENTATION

UN Women is ready to build on these achievements and boost gender equality in the post-2015 agenda by placing women's organizations at the forefront of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In March 2015, the Fund for Gender Equality launched a grant-making cycle with a specific focus on spurring the SDGs. After a rigorous, independent selection process, 50 finalist proposals were technically assisted to start implementation in January 2016.

THE FUND HAS AWARDED US \$ 7.3 MILLION IN GRANTS TO 24 PROGRAMMES WORLDWIDE.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AMOUNTING TO US \$9 MILLION ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING 26 TOP-QUALITY PROGRAMMES.

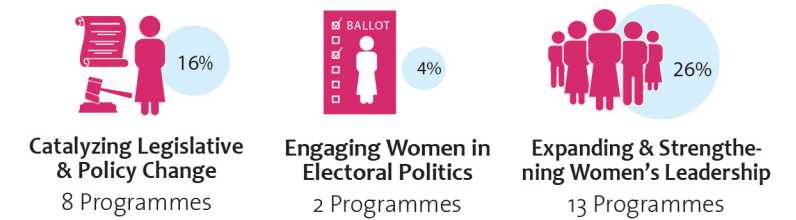
THE FUND'S UPCOMING PROGRAMMES AND THE SDGs



All 50 selected programmes have SDG 5 as a priority, seeking to achieve gender equality and women's political and economic empowerment. Reflecting the multi-dimensional nature of women's empowerment, proposals put forward a variety of strategies and focus areas that address 11 out of 17 SDGs. Above is a breakdown of the Fund's 2016-2018 portfolio by SDG, showing that interconnection.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT

Political empowerment proposals prioritize efforts to enhance women's effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making and in all spheres of life. This category encompasses efforts to help design, enforce and implement new and existing gender equality laws and policies and to shift social norms and practices toward greater respect for and enjoyment of women's equal rights.



Main strategies aimed to enhance women's agency in the political sphere include: advocacy and lobbying, creating support networks, particularly through women's associations and inter-generational exchange groups.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Economic empowerment proposals prioritize efforts to expand access to and control over economic resources (e.g. land, technology, financial services and natural resources); promote women's sustainable entrepreneurship with an emphasis on environmental sustainability; and promote access to decent work and equal pay for women including recognition of unpaid domestic and care work and access to social protection.



Main strategies proposed in the economic area include: facilitating access to financial resources and to income-generating activities, and promoting women's land and labor rights.