

# AFRICA



In 2011, the UN Trust Fund supported programmes in the following countries:

## WEST AFRICA

GAMBIA  
GHANA  
GUINEA  
IVORY COAST  
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  
TANZANIA  
UGANDA

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

BOTSWANA  
LESOTHO  
MALAWI  
MAURITIUS  
MOZAMBIQUE  
NAMIBIA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
SWAZILAND  
ZAMBIA

## WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND?

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund) is the only multilateral grant-making mechanism exclusively devoted to supporting local and national efforts to end violence against women and girls. Since its establishment by the UN General Assembly in 1996, the UN Trust Fund has delivered more than US\$ 78 million to support 339 vital initiatives in 127 countries and territories. By the end of 2011, the UN Trust Fund had an active portfolio of 96 grants, covering 86 countries, with a total value of over US\$ 61 million.

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

- 92 million girls over the age of 10 in Africa have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C), with more than 3 million at risk of the practice in the region each year.
- In South Africa, a woman is killed every 6 hours by an intimate partner.
- 64% of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo have experienced physical and/or sexual violence during their lifetime.

## 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\$ 19.8 million to address violence against women and girls in Africa, accounting for the largest share of its portfolio, nearly 33% of its active grants. These investments are supporting local and national initiatives aimed at transforming the day-to-day lives of women and girls throughout the region.

The following provides a snapshot of the UN Trust Fund-supported programmes in the region that are preventing violence against women and girls by addressing its root causes, delivering critical services to survivors, and strengthening the capacity of state institutions to respond effectively to these crimes:

### Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls:

- Save the Children Sweden is working to eradicate the practice of female genital mutilation/cutting

(FGM/C) in **Gambia, Guinea, Mali and Senegal** by up-scaling a proven human rights-based model of community mobilization. Using existing community channels to implement awareness-raising activities, the grantee is engaging a range of strategic partners, including youth, police officers, health workers, and traditional leaders in order to establish an effective mechanism for the prevention of FGM/C by 2012. The grantee is collaborating with Ministries of Education in each of the target countries to ensure that awareness-raising programmes are integrated into school curricula with the view to empowering youth to help end this harmful practice.

### Building the Capacity of First Responders:

- In **Mozambique**, Pathfinder is enhancing coordination mechanisms between the police, medical, psychological, and legal services in order to better respond to the needs of survivors. By building the capacity of over 1300 community health workers, the programme is reaching a range of women and girls including adolescents, women living with HIV, and other underserved groups.

### Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies:

- In **Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zambia**, Genderlinks is supporting the effective implementation of plans of action to end gender violence at the local, national and regional levels. The programme is linking the overarching regional framework set out by Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol on Gender and Development with these multi-sector action plans at the national level.
- In **Sierra Leone**, the National Commission for Social Action is providing survivors of sexual violence with the tools necessary to build sustainable livelihoods, including vocational skills trainings and micro-grants. The programme registered 3,600 victims of crimes in Sierra Leone and prioritized 650 of the most vulnerable survivors of sexual violence to receive reparations from the national reparations programme. Over 300 women are currently participating in this grantee's economic empowerment initiatives across 14 districts of the country.

<sup>1</sup> Information excerpted from World Health Organization (WHO) publications, Demographic Health Surveys, and the UN Women website.



## SPOTLIGHT ON ZAMBIA

The UN Trust Fund is investing over US\$ 2.8 million in vital initiatives throughout Zambia that are improving access to justice for survivors of violence, engaging boys in violence prevention through school-based programmes, and sensitizing government officials on the newly-enacted gender-based violence legislation.

With support from the UN Trust Fund, the *Zambia Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)* is promoting community awareness and action through data collection, sensitization of parliamentarians to support the new Gender-Based Violence Bill, and gender-sensitive media training while establishing nearly 200 men's networks to advocate against violence.

With a grant from the UN Trust Fund, *Equality Now* is improving adolescent girls' access to information about sexual violence and to reproductive health while introducing awareness-raising and violence prevention programmes in schools. This grantee has established boys' networks in five schools with approximately 100 members each to develop radio programmes aimed at challenging stereotypes that condone sexual violence against girls.

Another grantee, the *International Association of Women Judges* in partnership with the *Zambian Association of Women Judges* is implementing a programme to develop the capacities of law enforcement personnel and the judiciary to adjudicate cases of violence against women and girls in Zambia. The project has trained over 80 rural magistrates and 30 judges across the country. As a result of the training seminars, magistrates in Zambia reported using the knowledge and skills acquired to promote women's access to justice. The trained magistrates and judges also improved their capacity to use international human rights instruments ratified by Zambia to adjudicate cases of violence against women.

### THE UN TRUST FUND'S CURRENT INVESTMENTS IN AFRICA:

#### CENTRAL AFRICA:

US\$ 1,494,892

#### EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA

US\$ 3,374,244

#### SOUTHERN AFRICA:

US\$ 7,033,671

#### WEST AFRICA:

US\$ 4,306,475

### TOTAL INVESTMENT SINCE 1996:

US\$ 24.6 MILLION, 31% OF  
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

### ACTIVE GRANTS IN 2011:

32 PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL  
VALUE OF US\$ 19.8 MILLION  
IN 27 COUNTRIES.

### NEW GRANT AWARDS IN 2011:

8 GRANTS – IN 11 COUNTRIES –  
FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF  
US\$ 7 MILLION.

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

- In 2011, the UN Trust Fund awarded US\$ 7 million in new grants to 8 initiatives in 11 African countries. These programmes are expected to reach over 3.3 million people across the region between 2011 and 2014.
- In the **Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda**, Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) will train local legal and medical professionals in rural areas to use mobile phone applications to photograph and securely transmit forensic evidence to the authorities while creating a network of specialized forensic experts across the target countries. Grant amount: US\$ 625,000
- In **Kenya**, Liverpool Care and Treatment (LVCT) will prevent rape by strengthening treatment protocols, encouraging coordination, and improving evidence collection for prosecutions. Grant amount: US\$ 966,862
- In **Kenya, Rwanda and Sierra Leone**, Sonke Gender Justice Network programme will overcome gender stereotypes that fuel abuse by engaging men and boys as active partners in the fight against gender-based violence. Grant amount: US\$ 996,000
- In **Lesotho and Malawi**, the Southern Africa HIV and AIDS Information Dissemination Service (SAfAIDS) will empower communities to generate dialogue about domestic violence and HIV, identify harmful practices and decide, together, how to change them. Grant amount: US\$ 997,817
- In **Malawi**, the Coalition of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (COWLHA) will pilot a programme to train women as paralegals in violence cases, mobilize communities to criminalize marital rape, and upscale existing support services for women living with HIV. Grant amount: US\$ 999,999
- In **Sierra Leone**, the International Rescue Committee will ensure access to justice for survivors of violence through piloting mobile legal clinics, training of justice officials, and community mobilization. Grant amount: US\$ 750,000
- In **South Africa**, the AIDS Legal Network will empower women in abusive relationships to demand the rights and the support services they are entitled to while raising awareness of the link between HIV and violence against women. Grant amount: US\$ 576,800
- In the newly-independent **Republic of South Sudan**, the American Refugee Committee will support the new government to prevent violence by introducing an integrated model to provide justice and health services to survivors. Grant amount: US\$ 997,985

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# ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

UNITED NATIONS  
TRUST FUND TO  
END VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN

In 2011, the UN Trust Fund supported programmes in the following countries:

## SOUTH

### ASIA

AFGHANISTAN

BANGLADESH

INDIA

NEPAL

PAKISTAN

SRI LANKA

## EAST AND

### SOUTH EAST ASIA

CAMBODIA

CHINA

INDONESIA

MALAYSIA

PHILIPPINES

THAILAND

VIET NAM

## THE PACIFIC

COOK ISLANDS

MALDIVES

MARSHALL ISLANDS

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

SAMOA

SOLOMON ISLANDS

TONGA

TUVALU

VANUATU

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

- Over 31 million girls in South Asia are forced to marry before the age of 18.
- 2 in 3 women in Papua New Guinea have experienced physical and sexual violence at the hands of an intimate partner.
- In Samoa, 41% of ever-partnered women experienced physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner.

## 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\$ 15.5 million to address violence against women and girls in Asia and the Pacific, accounting for the second largest share of its portfolio, nearly 26% of its active grants. These investments are supporting local and national initiatives aimed at transforming the day-to-day lives of women and girls throughout the region. The following provides a snapshot of the UN Trust Fund-supported programmes in the region that are preventing violence against women and girls by addressing its root causes, delivering critical services to survivors, and strengthening the capacity of state institutions to effectively respond to these crimes:

### Providing Critical Services to Survivors

- In **China**, the Beijing Cultural Development Centre for Rural Women is providing a child-centered and participatory sex education programme to rural girls who have been “left behind” while their parents

pursue work in urban centers. Working in 3 pilot sites in Hubei Province, the programme is building the knowledge and protective assets of these girls around violence. The grantee is also creating community safety networks to support these girls who are particularly vulnerable to sexual abuse within their communities in their parents’ absence.

- In **Indonesia**, a UN Country Team led by UNFPA is creating four “violence free villages”, reaching more than 1,000 women and children survivors of violence through the creation of a community watch system and an early detection, reporting and referral mechanism. The initiative is breaking ground through improved data-collection and the development of district-level action plans against violence, while significantly enhancing the quality and accessibility of support services for women and girls at the grass-roots level.

### Improving the Legislative Response to Violence

- In six **Pacific Island Countries**, the Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team is strengthening a network of civil society and government advocates to improve the legislative framework on violence against women through the provision of timely and individual technical assistance to key women’s organizations and ministries. The programme played a key role in influencing Pacific Forum Leaders to include gender-based violence as a shared priority for the region and to call on governments to deepen their political commitment to addressing the issue at the national level.

### Building the Capacity of First Responders

- In the **Marshall Islands**, Women United Together is building the capacity of one hundred first responders (sixty police officers and forty healthcare providers) to assist survivors of violence and is developing model response protocols for these officials, incorporating best practices from the Pacific region. The grantee is working closely with the ministries of health, justice, and internal affairs to strengthen the State’s legislation and protocols on domestic violence.
- In **Nepal**, UN Women, UNICEF, and UNFPA are joining forces to build the capacity of district-level

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## SPOTLIGHT ON CAMBODIA

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing over US\$ 2.8 million in vital initiatives throughout Cambodia that are empowering youth as “change agents”, engaging men and boys in prevention, tackling sexual harassment in the workplace, and creating models of community-based sexual violence prevention.

With a grant from the UN Trust Fund, *CARE Cambodia* is undertaking a catalytic initiative to protect women workers in the beer industry by strengthening laws and policies around sexual harassment and workplace violence, sensitizing male beer-hall patrons, and empowering women beer promoters. *Youth Star Cambodia* is enlisting the volunteer services of university graduates to create spaces for young people in rural communities to have meaningful peer discussions on values, sexual rights, and intimate relationships and facilitate wider community conversations about domestic violence. The programme has transformed the way in which men and women interact in villages and towns across the country through the creation of “zero tolerance communities.”

With support from the UN Trust Fund, *Social Services of Cambodia* is creating a community-based response model that allows survivors of sexual violence to receive the critical services they need while remaining close to their support networks. The programme trains local social service providers to respond more effectively to cases of sexual violence while ensuring that each survivor is assigned a social worker to accompany her throughout the recovery process. Another UN Trust Fund grantee, *Gender and Development Cambodia*, is studying Khmer masculinity and its relationship to domestic violence and is using its findings to design more effective strategies and interventions to address violent behavior.

### THE UN TRUST FUND'S CURRENT INVESTMENTS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC:

#### EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA:

US\$ 7,446,300

#### SOUTH ASIA:

US\$ 4,588,788

#### THE PACIFIC:

US\$ 1,937,776

### TOTAL INVESTMENT SINCE 1996:

US\$ 18.6 MILLION, 20% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS, 24% OF THE TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED

### ACTIVE GRANTS IN 2011:

25 PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF US\$ 15.5 MILLION IN 20 COUNTRIES.

### NEW GRANT AWARDS IN 2011:

6 GRANTS – IN 8 COUNTRIES – FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF US\$ 4.2 MILLION.

government and service providers to implement a comprehensive set of services for survivors. The programme has developed and conducted a rigorous four-month psycho-social counseling training course for community-level social mobilizers, which has dramatically improved the quality of care provided to survivors of violence.

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

In 2011, the UN Trust Fund awarded US\$ 4.2 million in new grants to 6 initiatives in Asia and the Pacific.

The following programmes are expected to reach over 200,000 people across the region between 2011 and 2014:

- In **Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal and Sri Lanka**, CARAM Asia will empower migrant domestic workers to counter violence by raising awareness of their legal rights, providing pre-departure support, and up-scaling the number and quality of services for survivors of violence. Grant amount: US\$ 992,740
- In **India**, Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT) will address violence against sex workers by expanding an innovative pilot programme to empower sex workers and train partners and brothel owners to

recognize and address violence.

Grant amount: US\$ 999,999

- In **Indonesia**, Rifka Annisa will pilot a unique programme to engage religious courts and their judges as key partners in ending domestic violence and transforming harmful cultural stereotypes fuelling abuse. Grant amount: US\$ 994,765
- In **Samoa**, the Samoa Victim Support Group will conduct transformative and comprehensive training with community leaders, traditional elders, and survivors of violence in rural Samoa to transform abusive family structures. Grant amount: US\$ 120,000
- In **Cambodia**, the Victims Support Section of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia will secure successful prosecutions of forced marriage and other gender-based crimes under the Khmer Rouge by empowering survivors to participate actively in legal proceedings. Grant amount: US\$ 628,501
- In **India and Bangladesh**, the Fair Wear Foundation will eliminate harassment and violence in export factories by leveraging the influence of European client companies and empowering workers to form anti-harassment committees. Grant amount: US\$ 471,000

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# EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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## EUROPE

ALBANIA

BELARUS

BOSNIA AND  
HERZEGOVINA

CROATIA

FYR MACEDONIA

MOLDOVA

RUSSIA

SERBIA

TURKEY

UKRAINE

## CENTRAL ASIA

TAJIKISTAN

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

- 60% of trafficked women in Europe experienced physical and/or sexual violence prior to being trafficked, pointing to gender-based violence as a push factor in the trafficking of women.
- Between 40% and 50% of women in the European Union experience unwanted sexual advances, physical contact or other forms of sexual harassment at work.
- In Serbia and Montenegro, 6% of women report experiencing sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

## WHAT ARE THE UN TRUST FUND'S INVESTMENTS IN THIS REGION?

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing more than US\$ 7 million to address violence against women and girls in Europe and Central Asia, accounting for 12% of its active portfolio of grants. These investments are supporting local and national initiatives aimed at transforming the day-to-day lives of women and girls throughout the region. The following provides a snapshot of the UN Trust Fund-supported programmes in Europe and Central Asia that are preventing violence against women and girls by addressing its root causes, delivering critical services to survivors, and strengthening the capacity of state institutions to respond effectively to these crimes:

## Preventing Violence with New Allies:

- In **Turkey**, the Mother Child Education Foundation (ACEV) is implementing an innovative prevention programme targeting the beliefs and behaviors of men, particularly in their role as parents. A team of trained male teachers and guidance counselors run the 13-week parenting course, which examines the role of masculinity in the context of child well-being. The programme has reached over 1200 fathers, imparting vital knowledge and skills around anger management, conflict resolution, and the healthy expression of feelings.

## Providing Critical Services to Survivors:

- In **Tajikistan**, the Child Rights Centre (CRC) responds to the needs of girls who have been abused or trafficked, and who, due to the subsequent stigmatization have fallen through the cracks in the child protection system. The grantee established the country's first nationwide network of specific services for girls in the target group and it directly supports the state's formal referral network and developing child protection system. In its first months of operation, over 330 girls were provided with assistance, while lawyers trained through the project have provided free legal services to 162 girls. The grantee has also influenced national policy by proposing amendments to the Family Code to increase the marriage age to 18 and changes to the education policy to increase the years of girls' compulsory education from nine to ten years. Both proposals were accepted and have now become law.
- In **Moldova**, the Centre for Support and Development for Civic Initiatives ("Resonance") established a women's centre and hotline to provide legal, psycho-social and financial support to survivors of violence including trafficking victims. The programme has reached over 600 women in the Transnistria region of Moldova. The grantee's mobile psycho-social and legal counselling units have filled a critical gap in support services for women and girls living in remote and rural regions of the country. Resonance's advocacy efforts were also instrumental in ensuring

<sup>1</sup> Information excerpted from World Health Organization (WHO) publications, Demographic Health Surveys, and from the UN Women website.



## SPOTLIGHT: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing US\$ 1.3 million in Bosnia and Herzegovina to support two vital initiatives that are connecting Roma women with critical support services and strengthening the country's referral systems for survivors of violence.

With support from the UN Trust Fund, *Rights for All* is addressing violence against women in Roma communities by establishing a network of Roma women leaders to lead a comprehensive approach which includes awareness-raising, legal and human rights education, and paralegal support for Roma women at the grassroots level. The project is also documenting cases of violence in order to promote improvements in the implementation of national laws and policies.

The UN Trust Fund is also supporting a *United Nations Country Team* programme led by UNDP and UNFPA, which is scaling up a model referral mechanism to address sexual and gender-based violence in six municipalities in the Republic of Srpska and the Federation. The model includes a component of data collection and analysis, as well as awareness raising and capacity development for public officials, service providers, parliamentarians, municipal government officials, the private sector, gender centers, civil society organizations and the general public. The programme is significantly contributing to evidence-based policy-making and service provision across the country.

### UN TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA:

EUROPE:  
US\$ 6,621,000

CENTRAL ASIA:  
US\$ 499,498

### TOTAL INVESTMENT SINCE 1996:

US\$ 9.9 MILLION, 13% OF TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

### ACTIVE GRANTS IN 2011:

11 PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF US \$7.1 MILLION IN 10 COUNTRIES.

### NEW GRANT AWARDS IN 2011:

TWO GRANTS – IN CROATIA AND UKRAINE – FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF NEARLY US\$ 1 MILLION.

that the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, the government agency responsible for social policy in the Transnistrian region, would actively promote and advocate for the domestic violence law.

#### Strengthening National Capacities to Address Violence:

- In the **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, gender-based violence, including domestic violence, has been reported to be a key area where national responses need strengthening. The United Nations Country Team is scaling up effective practices in multi-sectoral coordination to support the implementation of the National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence. The initiative focuses on community behavioural change, prevention efforts, local survivor support services and measurement of progress in reducing the prevalence of domestic violence.
- In the **Republic of Serbia**, the Provincial Secretariat for Labour, Employment and Gender Equality (PSLEGE) is strengthening cooperation between social service

providers, the police, legal professionals, local authorities and non-governmental organizations in order to build a more effective and coordinated response to domestic violence. The grantee is also developing a standardized database for recording domestic violence cases at the provincial level.

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

- In the **Republic of Croatia**, Be active. Be emancipated (B.a.B.e.) will pilot a tailored psycho-social rehabilitation model to empower women in abusive relationship to build independent lives for themselves and their children.  
Grant amount: US\$ 181,696
- In the **Ukraine**, the Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health will provide quality health and legal services for survivors currently excluded or marginalized by the state, including women living on the streets or living with HIV/AIDS.  
Grant amount: US\$ 720,874

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# LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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## ANDEAN

BOLIVIA  
ECUADOR  
PERU

## CENTRAL AMERICA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
GUATEMALA  
MEXICO  
NICARAGUA  
PANAMA

## SOUTHERN CONE

ARGENTINA  
BRAZIL  
CHILE  
URUGUAY

## CARIBBEAN

GRENADA  
JAMAICA  
SURINAME  
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

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

- 40% of women in Latin America have been victims of physical violence with the rate of psychological abuse within intimate relationships reaching as high as 50%.
- In Sao Paulo, Brazil, a woman is assaulted every 15 seconds.
- In Ecuador, adolescent girls reporting sexual violence in school identified teachers as the perpetrator in 37% of cases.
- In Guatemala, two women are murdered, on average, each day.

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

The UN Trust Fund is currently supporting 18 projects in Latin America and the Caribbean for a total amount of US\$ 11.8 million, representing 19% of its active portfolio. These investments are supporting local and national initiatives aimed at transforming the day-to-day lives of women and girls throughout the region.

The following provides a snapshot of the UN Trust Fund-supported programmes in the region that are preventing violence against women and girls by addressing its root causes, delivering critical services to survivors, and strengthening the capacity of state institutions to respond effectively to these crimes:

## Preventing Violence against Women and Adolescent Girls:

- In **Guatemala**, the Population Council is implementing the first-of-its-kind GBV prevention project to “safescape” rural indigenous communities, making it possible for adolescent girls to use GPS systems to create maps of their communities (every household, building and route) in order to document where they feel safe or at risk. The project then empowers these girls to share the maps with community leaders, making their concerns visible.

## Expanding Survivor Access to Services:

- In **Bolivia**, Asociación CUNA is piloting a unique 24-hour mobile programme of violence prevention, intervention, reintegration, and empowerment services for adolescent girls living on the streets in the country’s most crime ridden cities. Working as part of a network of 16 government and non-government institutions in El Alto advocating for the rights of at-risk girls, this grantee has drafted and submitted a number of bills to the Bolivian legislature aimed at preventing violence against this vulnerable population, including bills recently enacted into law that toughen the penalties for violence against children and adolescents and target trafficking. Nearly 1,200 girls and boys have received training on domestic violence and commercial sexual violence through this programme.

## Supporting the Implementation of Laws and Policies:

- In **Suriname**, the Ilse Henar Foundation for Women’s Rights is piloting a model to address workplace sexual harassment and developing the first-of-its-kind “Code of Conduct Integrity” that is being implemented within 10 companies in the capital region. The response by the private sector has been so favorable that some companies have made it mandatory for all their employees to attend the sexual harassment awareness-raising sessions organized as part of the implementation process.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON PERU

The UN Trust Fund is currently investing over US\$ 2.5 million in Peru, supporting vital initiatives that are building the capacity of service providers and engaging indigenous and afro-descendant youth in prevention efforts.

With a grant from the UN Trust Fund, *Movimiento Manuela Ramos* is coordinating government and civil society efforts to implement a local multi-sectoral strategy to end gender-based violence and provide treatment and care to survivors. The project empowers women with knowledge of their rights while developing the capacity of police officers, judges and health workers to respond to survivors of domestic violence with sensitivity. Assisted by *Movimiento Manuela Ramos*, the Ministries of Health and Women joined with local service providers to develop a 'referral pathway', or step-by-step protocol that connects survivors to appropriate services at every step of the process. The programme's empowerment activities spurred a 14% increase in the reporting rate for domestic violence in the Puno region in one year alone.

With support from the UN Trust Fund, the *Asociación de Comunicadores Sociales Calandria* is working towards reducing the incidence of violence against rural adolescent girls – including indigenous and Afro-descendant populations – by strengthening their skills in political advocacy. By training youth to serve as leaders in an anti-violence movement, the initiative will empower them to engage local and regional governments directly to implement an action plan for the rights of adolescents in the city of Piura. To date, the grantee has engaged nearly 90 public officials in indigenous regions in these efforts, ensuring that the unique intercultural model of violence prevention it established is systematically integrated at the local level, where it will have the most impact on community members' everyday lives.

### UN TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:

#### ANDEAN:

US\$ 3,821,355

#### CENTRAL AMERICA:

US\$ 4,742,028

#### SOUTHERN CONE:

US\$ 1,119,999

#### CARIBBEAN:

US\$ 2,127,325

### TOTAL INVESTMENT SINCE 1996:

US\$ 16.8 MILLION, 22% OF  
THE TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

### ACTIVE GRANTS IN 2011:

18 PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL  
VALUE OF US\$ 11.8 MILLION  
IN 15 COUNTRIES.

### NEW GRANT AWARDS IN 2011:

4 GRANTS – IN 4 COUNTRIES –  
FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF  
US\$ 3.2 MILLION.

- In the **Dominican Republic**, Colectiva Mujer y Salud is working in five provinces on the Haitian-Dominican border to raise public awareness on how to prevent HIV and gender-based violence and build the capacity of local authorities managing these twin pandemics. As a result of their advocacy efforts, in 2011, the Congress of the Dominican Republic approved a law that explicitly acknowledges the connection between violence against women and HIV/AIDS.
- In **Trinidad and Tobago**, the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS) is addressing the persistent divide in responses to sexual violence, child abuse and HIV/AIDS and gathering critical data on HIV infections among girl survivors of sexual violence. In 2011, the grantee's intervention model and policy recommendations were adopted at the national level by the Ministry of the People and Social Development as part of the government's efforts to revise and improve their policies on child sexual abuse and incest.
- In **Mexico**, Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir will support efforts to eliminate femicide by supporting criminal investigations, consolidating data-collection, and supporting knowledge-sharing for targeted police interventions.  
Grant amount: US\$ 600,000
- In **Peru**, the Municipal Government of Lima will work to rid the city of discrimination and violence through effective gender-budgeting and consolidated planning to bring the city's approach to gender-based violence in line with national and international standards.  
Grant amount: US\$ 990,000
- In **Grenada**, the Ministry of Social Affairs will initiate a multi-sectoral effort to improve the government's response to violence against women and coordinate systematic data collection to ensure justice and accountability for survivors.  
Grant amount: US\$ 674,172
- In **Uruguay**, a UN Country Team project led by UNDP will end impunity for violence by streamlining coordination of prevention initiatives, and systematically gathering evidence to ensure the effectiveness of these mechanisms.  
Grant amount: US\$ 999,999

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

In 2011, the UN Trust Fund awarded US\$ 3.2 million in new grants to 4 initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean. These new programmes include:

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# ARAB STATES AND NORTH AFRICA

In 2011, the UN Trust Fund supported programmes in the following countries in this region:

## ARAB STATES

IRAQ

JORDAN

LEBANON

SYRIA

## NORTH AFRICA

MOROCCO

### WHAT IS THE UN TRUST FUND?

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund) is the only multilateral grant-making mechanism exclusively devoted to supporting local and national efforts to end violence against women and girls. Since its establishment by the UN General Assembly in 1996, the UN Trust Fund has delivered more than US\$ 78 million to support 339 vital initiatives in 127 countries and territories. By the end of 2011, the UN Trust Fund had an active portfolio of 96 active grants, covering 86 countries, with a total value of over US\$ 61 million.

### HOW WIDESPREAD IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE ARAB STATES AND NORTH AFRICA?

- Prevalence surveys in the region indicate that 1 in every 3 women in Egypt and Morocco has experienced physical violence in their lifetime.
- 83 % of Iraqi women report at least one form of marital controlling behavior while 33% have experienced at least one form of emotional or psychological violence in their intimate relationships.

### 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\$ 2.8 million in North Africa and the Arab States, accounting for nearly 5 % of its active portfolio. These investments are supporting local and national initiatives aimed at transforming the day-to-day lives of women and girls throughout the region. The following provides a snapshot of the UN Trust Fund-supported programmes in the region that are preventing violence against women and girls by addressing its root causes, delivering critical services to survivors, and strengthening the capacity of state institutions to respond effectively to these crimes:

#### Engaging Men and Boys in Prevention:

- In **Lebanon**, Oxfam Great Britain and its national partner KAFA (Enough) launched the region's first White Ribbon campaign, mobilizing young men to take a stand against violence. Male university

students from four universities in Beirut crafted messages emphasizing the benefits to society as a whole of ending violence against women, which were posted on billboards across Beirut. The campaign garnered the pledge of 128 members of Parliament—including a remarkable 50 % of male legislators—to publicly support the domestic violence legislation prior to parliamentary debates.

#### Providing Critical Services to Survivors of Violence:

- In **Jordan, Egypt, and Morocco**, the Jordanian Women's Union, along with country-level partners, is creating NGO networks to address trafficking and the rights of women migrant workers. The programme is promoting prevention and protection for domestic workers as well as trafficked women by training a cadre of lawyers and social workers in the target countries to address these crimes. These networks also support recovery and repatriation for survivors as well as criminalization of trafficking through strengthened legislation and law enforcement. This groundbreaking initiative has offered access to medical, psychological, and legal support to more than 1,200 trafficked and migrant women throughout the region.

#### Making Laws and Policies Work for Women:

- In **Morocco**, the Institution Nationale de Solidarité avec les Femmes en Détresse (INSAF) is expanding its pioneering work defending the rights of single mothers and female domestic workers. The initiative works directly with single mothers and girls engaged in domestic work to support their social reintegration through education, training, and employment opportunities. The programme is working to improve legal protection for these vulnerable groups, and reduce the social stigma they experience in the community through targeted advocacy campaigns. The grantee directly contributed to the inclusion of single mothers into the government's national plan of action that facilitates the employment of excluded populations by private companies.

**UN TRUST FUND  
INVESTMENTS IN THE  
ARAB STATES AND NORTH  
AFRICA:**

**ARAB STATES:  
US\$ 2,451,321**

**NORTH AFRICA:  
US\$ 432,732**

**TOTAL INVESTMENT SINCE  
1996:  
US\$ 5 MILLION, 6% OF  
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED**

**ACTIVE GRANTS IN 2011:  
5 PROJECTS FOR A  
TOTAL VALUE OF US \$ 2.8  
MILLION IN 5 COUNTRIES**

**NEW GRANT AWARD IN  
2011:  
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL  
CORPS**

**TARGET COUNTRY:  
IRAQ**

**GRANT AMOUNT:  
US\$ 998,455**



## SPOTLIGHT ON IRAQ

In 2011, the UN Trust Fund supported its first programme in Iraq providing a grant to *International Medical Corps* to support the primary prevention of violence against women and girls and pilot a stronger integrated model of care for survivors. The programme is expected to reach over 63,000 women and girls in Baghdad and 59,000 government officials and first responders including health

workers, lawyers, community social workers, and local council representatives between 2011 and 2013.

The project works directly with the Ministry of Health to ensure that all health care providers are trained to detect and treat survivors of gender-based violence. To improve the provision of health services to survivors of violence across multiple sectors of care in Baghdad, IMC is building the capacity of primary health care providers, including doctors and nurses, to respond to and care for survivors of violence, with a focus on mental health and the psycho-social needs of patients.

The programme is training primary health care physicians and nurses working in clinics and hospitals across the country on the provision of support to survivors, including basic emotional support and mental health referrals if needed. Health care providers will also be provided with information on available psycho-social services, legal services and other welfare support services for survivors of violence. To improve the primary prevention of gender-based violence in Iraq, the grantee is developing public awareness and community outreach strategies in Baghdad, using a survey it is carrying out on gender-based violence and its destabilizing effects on Iraqi society as the basis.

IMC is also scaling-up its existing legal literacy workshops and other support programmes through nine community-based women's empowerment groups and four Women's Centers across the capital.