




UN TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN **ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

# ROAD TO CHANGE





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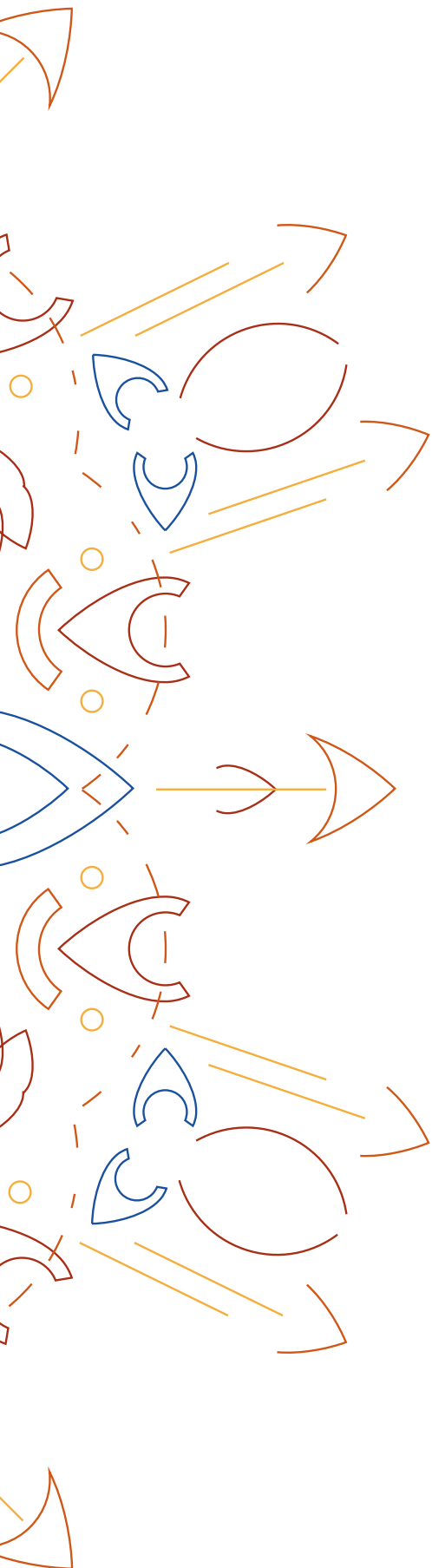
*"I always think that my life is very sad and I used to dream of having someone help re-construct my life story... Now, I feel my dream has come true when [the project] helped to re-construct and document my life story and I am so excited."*

Seng Sopheap, age 67, a survivor of violence during the Khmer Rouge and participant in a project from the Victims Support Section of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

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*"[Using our] voice against violence is the best solution", said Sunita Tunag<sup>2</sup>, a student at the Shree Saraswoti Higher Secondary School in Nepal in a project with Skillshare Nepal.*



*"Sisterhood for me is a human right and how we can help each other", said Lana Kalad<sup>2</sup> a beneficiary of a social economic training programme from Women for Women International in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.*



## FOREWORD



*"In my village, I will make sure that new mums fight for their daughters, sisters and mothers", said Fatoumata N.<sup>2</sup>, a peer educator of a project in Mali from AMSOPT working to end Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting.*



*"We could feel the political will, we could feel the support", said Cecilia Chacón, the first female deputy prefect in Tungurahua, Ecuador, about a project from ACDemocracia ensuring access to justice.*





*“The struggle against a total system’s discrimination, stigma, coercion, abuse and violence has never been most courageously undertaken by those empowered by it or benefiting from that same toxicity. No! Always it has been, and still it is, the strength, defiance and determination of those made casualty of such systems, and the solidarity of civil society actors with them, that have been the more profound, more transformative and more sustained forces for change”,* said Kate Gilmore, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, during the 2018 Disability Summit in London (UK).

And last year alone was indeed full of examples that speak truth to this quote: Dr. Christine Blasey Ford’s testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee is certainly one example. Or, the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize - awarded jointly to Ms. Nadia Murad, a rights activist and Yazidi<sup>3</sup> survivor of rape and captivity by ISIS, and Dr. Denis Mukwege, a Congolese gynecologist, for their contributions toward ending sexual violence against women and girls in wartime. Or, the continued influence of the #MeToo movement in so many parts of the world, which went global as millions of women survivors and activists came forward to tell their stories. In Italy it became #QuellaVoltaChe, in Spain #YoTambien, in France #BalanceTonPorc, in Arab States #AnaKaman and in Latin America the movement continued to grow as #NiUnaMenos.

What this really means, of course, is that 2018 witnessed the continued pandemic of violence against women and girls. It also shows that the long-standing calls to end it were garnering more visibility, largely due to the bravery of survivors, grass-roots activists and movements around the world. While their names and their contexts may differ across geographic locations, economic and social contexts; one common theme runs deep: women and girls in every corner of the world continue to experience extensive abuse and violence.

Our 2018 Annual Report aims to contribute to and amplify this chorus of global voices. It aims to tell the story of the enduring work to end one of the most pervasive human rights violations, and the never-ending commitment of those agents of change who are challenging impunity and empowering survivors.

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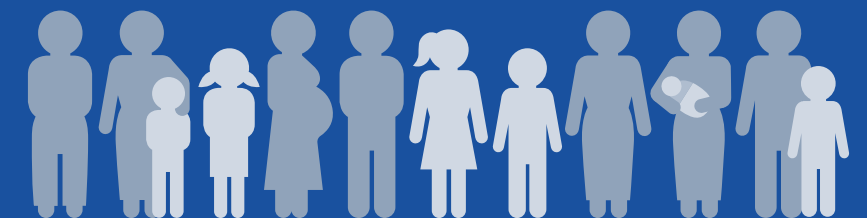
2018

A total of

7,885,356

PEOPLE

including women and girls, men and boys, government officials and the general public, were reached by supported projects during the year.



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