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FOREWORD

Muslim doctor. Indigenous businesswoman. African teacher. Domestic worker.

The cover of this 2017-2018 Annual Report of the Fund for Gender Equality (FGE) captures the diversity, breadth and importance of the projects and civil society organizations that the FGE supports.

For over nine years, the FGE has funded national women's rights organizations to advance gender equality and women's empowerment. It has successfully supported **their** strategies and visions; helped to strengthen **their** capacity to implement projects, and become stronger and more sustainable; and fostered mutually reinforcing ties between **their** unique insights and contributions, and the work of UN Women.

Whether in backing the fight against online harassment in South Africa, or assisting female construction workers in Bolivia to organize and claim their rights, or working with political parties in war-torn Yemen to build a political culture enabling women's increased participation and representation, the FGE works with and for women and men to open opportunities for all women in all spheres of life.

In its dedication to reaching women and girls in marginalized and/or vulnerable positions, and overcoming the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination against them, the Fund is making the

sustainable development era principle of "leaving no one behind" a reality.

The Sustainable Development Goals will not be achieved if the most marginalized and vulnerable populations remain in the same situation. Everyone must do their part to work with them, help amplify their voices, hold governments and other duty-bearers accountable for realizing their rights, and open spaces and opportunities for their economic and political advancement.

The FGE team hopes that you find this report's stories of empowerment inspiring, the results from our projects and evaluation impressive, and the feature on domestic workers eye-opening, yet hopeful. It is our wish that the report motivates you to join us to promote the achievements of women-led civil society organizations and the women and girls they support. By 2030, working together, **we can and we must** realize a more gender equal, peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.

Sincerely,

The FGE Team *(listed alphabetically):*

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CHAPTER 1

ACCELERATING ACTION TO LEAVE NO WOMAN BEHIND



Supporting underfunded women's organizations is critical to reaching the marginalised constituencies and issues they serve. Under the umbrella of the UN, FGE has more dependable access to more places than other funds and programmes.

FGE Independent Evaluation 2009-2017

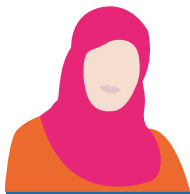
The Fund for Gender Equality (FGE) is UN Women's global grantmaking mechanism and multidonor fund dedicated to supporting **civil society** in its key role in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Fund seeks to accelerate **women's economic and political empowerment**.

It supports high-impact initiatives from women-led civil society organizations that reach **women and girls left furthest behind** and that deliver **concrete results**. The Fund's validated model prioritizes strong **beneficiary-focused** interventions and

flexible programming. Almost 97 per cent of its projects target at least one vulnerable group, and 70 per cent involve two or more groups.

Anchored in international commitments to gender equality and aid effectiveness, the FGE is an instrument for feminist philanthropy based on accessibility, trust and women's ownership. Today, it offers a unique grantmaking model in the United Nations. It goes beyond simply transferring funds to putting **civil society first by investing in their ideas and abilities**.

FROM OUR GRANTEES



Partnership with FGE is a plus and special to the Youth Leadership Development Foundation. It supports our organization to go beyond the war in its thinking and actions.

Safa Rawiah

Youth Leadership Development Foundation, Yemen



Thanks to FGE, my organization is going to another level. This project has allowed us to lead the positioning of women, peace and security issues at the top of the political agenda in Albania.

Bajana Çeveli

Association for Women with Social Problems, Albania

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