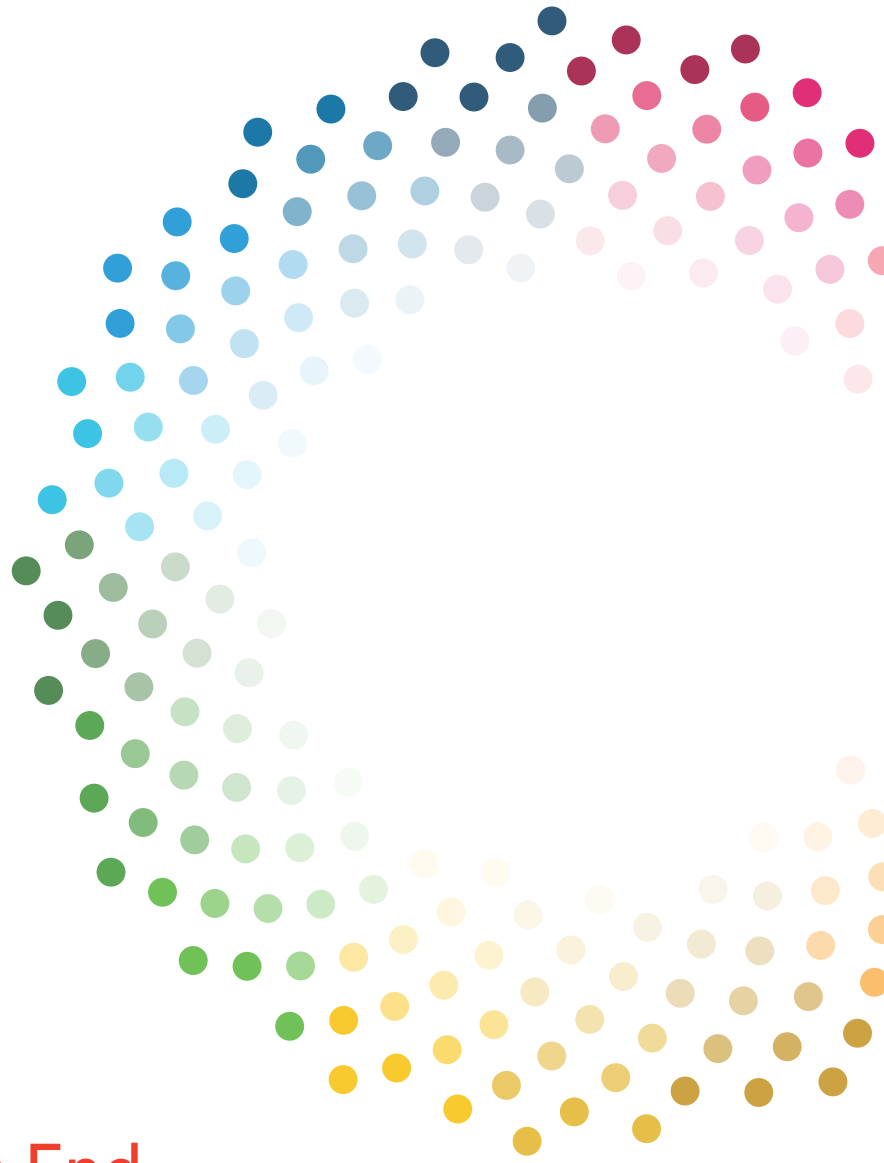


**Spotlight
Initiative**

*To eliminate violence
against women and girls*



**UN Trust Fund to End
Violence against Women**

Annual Narrative Progress Report

01 January 2019 – 31 December 2019

Initiated by the European Union and the United Nations:



Programme Title & Programme Number

Programme Title:

UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women
Grant-giving to civil society organizations under
the Spotlight Initiative

MPTF Office Project Reference Number:²

Africa: 00117245

Latin America: 00117246

**Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s)/
Strategic Results¹ (if applicable)**

Country/Region:

The UNTF is a global, pooled and demand driven fund. The specific 2019 Call for Proposals, grant-giving and grant management under the Spotlight Initiative is focused specifically on the Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America regions.

Recipient Organization(s)

Please see Annex C

Priority area(s)/Strategic results:

Outcome 6: Women's rights groups, autonomous social movements and relevant civil society organisations, including those representing youth and groups facing intersecting forms of discrimination/marginalization, more effectively influence and advance progress on GEWE and EVAWG.

Programme Cost (US\$)

**Total approved budget as per Spotlight
Country/ Regional Programme Document:
Spotlight funding:**

USD 5,660,378 for 5 target countries in Latin America (Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico)

USD 20,636,792 for Sub-Saharan Africa

Spotlight Funding³ : N/A

Start Date

17.07.2019

End Date

31.12.2022

¹ Strategic Results, as formulated in the UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) and Spotlight Country/Regional Programme Document

² The Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as "Project ID" on the project's factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#).

³ The Spotlight Contribution refers to the amount transferred to the Recipient UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

**Programme Assessment/Review/
Mid-Term Evaluation**

Assessment/Review

if applicable (please attach)

Yes No

Mid-Term Evaluation Report

if applicable (please attach)

Yes No

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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

EU	European Union
DPO	Disabled People's Organization
RPAC	Regional Programme Advisory Committee
UN Trust Fund	UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women
UN	United Nations
WPHF	Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund



Oumou traore, 13 years old, is proving that girls are unscripted and unstoppable. She convinced her parents to cancel her early marriage and she is now pursuing her education.
Photo: UNICEF

Executive Summary

Within the framework of its efforts towards the achievement of Outcome 6 of the Spotlight Initiative Theory of Change (on empowering women's rights groups, autonomous social movements and relevant Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to more effectively influence and advance progress on ending violence against women and girls and gender equality and women's empowerment) in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa, the Spotlight Initiative partnered with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund). The UN Trust Fund is a global, multilateral grant-making mechanism that supports efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls. The UN Trust Fund, which was established in 1996 by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/166, is administered by UN Women on behalf of the United Nations system.

The partnership between the UN Trust Fund and Spotlight Initiative aims to complement the overall efforts of the Initiative to strengthen, support and capacitate women's right, women-led and other organizations eliminate violence against women and girls. Researchers at University of New Mexico and Purdue University in a 2012 study found compelling evidence that "the autonomous mobilization of feminists in domestic and transnational contexts is the critical factor accounting for policy change" on ending violence against women and girls. Their study also showed that the presence of feminist movements was key to ensuring that global norms were translated into domestic policymaking.¹

Women's rights organizations, feminist advocates and activists, human rights defenders and women's movements, have all played a vital role in embedding the issue of violence against women and girls into national and international agendas as well as advancing progress on this issue. It is therefore critical for the long-term and sustainable impact of the investments, to support women's, women-led, and small organizations and to provide this support through demand-driven direct grants.

Capitalizing on its unique funding mechanism and grant monitoring systems, the UN Trust Fund directly supports the efforts of women's rights groups and civil society organizations towards effectively advancing progress in the field of preventing and ending violence against women and girls. The demand driven nature of the UN Trust Fund's grant giving is aligned with the Spotlight

¹ S. Laurel Weldon & Mala Htun, *Feminist mobilisation and progressive policy change: why governments take action to combat violence against women*, http://ncdsv.org/images/APSR_CivicOriginsProgressivePolicyChangeCombatingVAWinGlobalPerspective-1975-2005_8-2012.pdf

Initiative's recognition of civil society as a pivotal actor in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment, supporting organizations' agency to address priority issues relevant to their local contexts and communities and to promote joint efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls at community, regional, national and international levels as per their own programme strategies.

In July 2019, the UN Trust Fund launched a call for proposals in Africa and Latin America as part of the partnership with Spotlight Initiative. The call, which was focused on Spotlight Initiative's Outcome 6, targeted mainly women's organizations and human rights-based organizations working on behalf of groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, in alignment with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of leaving no one behind in programming on ending violence against women and girls. The call was advertised for three weeks and generated 613 Concept Notes/proposals from Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. After the initial prescreening for basic eligibility criteria, 536 organizations were invited to submit a full-fledged proposal. Of these 536 organizations, 476 submitted a full-fledged proposal to the UN Trust Fund for a total value of USD 240 million. Out of these 476 applications, 102 were for projects in Latin America (USD 51 million), and 374 for projects with an implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa (USD 189 million).

After four months of assessment, the grant selection process managed by the UN Trust Fund Secretariat was successfully completed and resulted in the announcement of the award of **21 country-level projects (USD 7.5 million) and three multi-country projects (USD 2.6 million) in Africa. In Latin America, a total of 11 country level projects (USD 5.5 million) were announced.** The 35 selected projects will commence implementation on 1st January 2020. The results of these projects will be reported in the next Annual Report covering 2020.

Throughout the proposal review process, it became evident that the interpretation of programmatic criteria that a multi-country proposal should fulfill varied greatly among both different applicant organizations, and different technical reviewers. As a result, a smaller number of projects were selected for a grant under this component, with the remaining funds in the amount of USD 9.1 million² to be allocated in 2020, pending decision on allocation modality.

² The funding envelope for the 2020 Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Regional Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa was based on the overall funds planned to be allocated to multi-country/regional projects in Sub-Saharan Africa (USD 11.6 million), minus the funds committed to multi-country/regional projects under the 2019 Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa (USD 2.7 million). In addition to the USD 8.9 million thus available under the multi-country/regional project funding envelope, an amount of USD 0.2 million remains available under the funding envelope for single-country projects in Sub-Saharan Africa (where the total amount available was USD 7.7 million, against USD 7.5 million committed under the 2019 Call for Proposals). Therefore, a total amount of USD 9.1 million is currently available for disbursement.

Leaving No One Behind

Of the selected proposals, a majority of projects, 22 out of 35, have focused interventions on vulnerable groups and marginalized women and girls, including women and girls living with disabilities; lesbian, bisexual and transgender women; indigenous women or women from ethnic groups; and refugee and internally displaced women. A significant portion of the selected proposals were from women's rights, women-led and small organizations. The option for applicants to submit proposals with up to three co-implementing organizations and in consortium thereby presented another important opportunity towards creation of coalitions and strengthening of women's organizations and movements at the local and grassroots levels.

Importantly, the budget criteria also accounted for specific needs of small organizations working on ending violence against women and girls, namely through the provision of core allocations of an additional seven per cent of direct project activity costs to small organizations and the provision of a self-care budget of up to USD 2,000 in support of staff member's physical and emotional health. The UN Trust Fund targets women's rights and small organizations in the dissemination of the Call for Proposals through its e-newsletter constituents and targeted list serves.

This report covers the implementation period of 1st January to 31st December 2019. Thus, the report focuses on the Call for Proposals management and selection process conducted by the Secretariat of the UN Trust Fund. It also provides a summary of the selected projects.

Summary and Context of the Action

Overview

Within the framework of its established grant-giving processes, the UN Trust Fund, in collaboration with the Spotlight Initiative Secretariat, developed a Call for Proposals that responded to the specific funding criteria set by the Spotlight Initiative programmes for Latin America and Africa. This included a description of the thematic areas that this Call for Proposals sought to address through Outcome 6 of the Spotlight Initiative Theory of Change, consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the principle of leaving no one behind. The Call for Proposals was based on the contextual analysis undertaken by the Spotlight Initiative for the definition of its regional programmes for Africa and Latin America. As such, and always within the framework of Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6, for Africa, the emphasis was placed on interventions addressing sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices, while in Latin America, interventions on femicide were put in focus.

In alignment to both the UN Trust Fund's Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 and Spotlight Initiative priorities, the Call for Proposals placed specific emphasis on applications from small women's rights organizations. As such, the Call for Proposals stipulated that applications from women's rights, women-led, and small women's organizations³ will be prioritized, in recognition of them being the driving force of the ending violence against women agenda.

The UN Trust Fund accepted applications from civil society organizations for three-year project proposals for a minimum of USD 50,000 or USD 200,000 up to a maximum of USD 1 million.

³ For the purpose of this Call for Proposals, the following definitions applied:

To be considered a "women's rights organization", the organization must demonstrate that its core work is in the field of women's rights, gender equality, the elimination of violence against women, and sexual and gender-based violence. The official mission and vision statements of the organization must reflect its commitment to pursuing gender equality and empowering women and girls.

To be considered a "women-led organization", the organization must demonstrate that it is governed and led by women. For the UN Trust Fund, this requires evidence that a minimum of 51 per cent of leadership positions across various decision-making levels in the organization, including in management, senior management and board levels are held by women.

To be considered a "small organization", the organization's annual operational budget must have been lower than US\$ 200,000 over the last three years.

The eligible countries for single-country investments were selected based on the Spotlight Initiative target countries as per the Regional Investment Plans.⁴ In Africa, the eligible countries included the five Spotlight reserve countries (as per the Spotlight Initiative Operational Steering Committee’s decision in June 2018) for single-country proposals. In close discussions with the EU, it was also decided to allocate a separate envelope for multi-country proposals that covered Sub-Saharan Africa.

Table 1: Call for Proposals: Timeline for Applications

Step	Timeline
Launch of Call for Proposals	10 July 2019
Submission of concept notes in the online application system by applicant organizations	10 July 2019 – 31 July 2019
Following an initial screening for basic eligibility criteria, applicant organizations are invited to submit a full-fledged proposal	3 August 2019
Submission of full-fledged proposal in the online application system by applicant organizations	until 26 August 2019

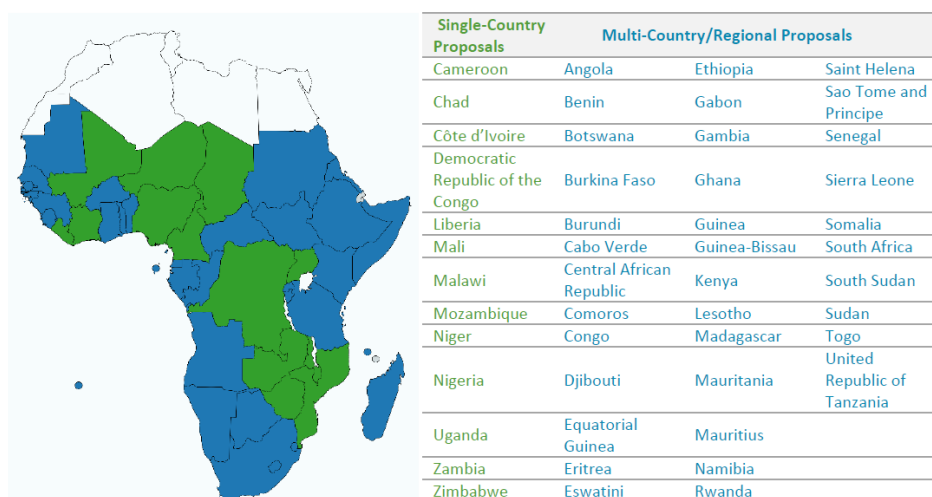
The UN Trust Fund received 613 Concept Notes in response to the Call for Proposals for Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. After the initial prescreening for basic eligibility criteria, 536 organization were invited to submit a full-fledged proposal. Of these 536 organizations, 476 submitted a full-fledged proposal to the UN Trust Fund for a total value of USD 240 million. Out of these 476 applications, 102 were for projects in Latin America (for a value of USD 51 million), and 374 for projects with an implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa (for a value of USD189 million). An overview of the profile of applications received under the Call for Proposals for Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa respectively is outlined here below.

⁴ Africa Regional Investment Plan, <http://mptf.undp.org/document/download/21006> Latin America Regional Investment Plan, <http://mptf.undp.org/document/download/21004>

Call for Proposals analysis: Sub-Saharan Africa

The UN Trust Fund Call for Proposals for Africa under the Spotlight Initiative contribute specifically to the achievement of results under Outcome 6 of Spotlight Initiative's Theory of Change, with a focus on eliminating sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices, and addressing their links to sexual and reproductive health and rights. In Africa⁵ 13 countries were eligible for the submission of a single-country proposal, and another 36 countries were eligible for the submission of a multi-country/regional proposal. Multi-Country Proposals were expected to respond to the same thematic focus areas as single country proposals but could cover a minimum of two and a maximum of three countries to address cross cutting issues across borders and to support the sub-regional women's movement.

Figure 1: Countries eligible for the submission of proposals



Note: The depiction and use of boundaries shown on this map are not warranted to be error free nor do they necessarily imply official endorsement or acceptance by the UN.

Call for Proposals analysis: Latin America

The UN Trust Fund Call for Proposals for Latin America under the Spotlight Initiative contribute specifically to the achievement of results under Outcome 6 of Spotlight Initiative's Theory of Change, with a focus on addressing all forms of violence against women and girls with the specific goal of preventing

⁵ Single Country Project Proposals from Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Mali, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Multi-Country Project Proposals from all other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. See Figure 1.

femicide. Five Latin America countries were eligible for the submission of a single-country proposal; Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico (see Figure 2).

Between 10 and 31 July 2019, the UN Trust Fund received 133 concept notes from the Call for Proposals in Latin America. After an initial prescreening for basic eligibility, 112 organizations were invited to submit a full-fledged proposal. By 26 August 2019, the UN Trust Fund received 102 applications for projects in Latin America with a funding request of USD 51 million under the Spotlight Initiative.

Figure 2: Countries eligible for submission of proposals



Programme Partnerships

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Applications by Country

Out of the 374 full-fledged proposals received for projects in Africa, 330 pertained to a single-country project and 44 to a multi-country project. The 330 single-country project proposals represented submissions from all 13 eligible countries, with the highest numbers of proposals received from Nigeria (74), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (60) and Uganda (53).

The 44 multi-country proposals included prospective implementation in either two or three countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, thus covering a total of 25 out of 36 eligible countries. Most proposals were submitted from East and Southern Africa. These included Kenya (18 proposals), South Africa and Tanzania (12 proposals each). For countries in West and Central Africa region, proposals most frequently covered Senegal (6 proposals) and Ghana (5 proposals).

In total, the 330 single-country and 44 multi-country proposals requested a funding envelope of USD 189 million; USD 156 million were requested for single-country proposals and USD 33 million were requested for multi-country/regional proposals. For multi-country proposals, the average amount requested per proposal was USD 757,000 compared with USD 471,000 for single-country proposals. For multi-country proposals, 64 submitted organizations submitted concept notes and 46 were invited to submit a full-fledged proposal. Reasons for disqualification included that many of these applicants proposed a single country intervention instead of a multi-country and several were former grantees from less than three years ago or current grantees. For single country proposals, 549 concept notes were received and 490 were invited to submit a full-fledged proposal. Reasons for disqualification included a lack of certified financial reports and average organizational budgets for the last 3 years; lack of legal registration; current/former grantees).

Applications by Type of Applicant Organization

For applications submitted in Sub-Saharan Africa, proposals from self-identified women's rights organizations accounted for 43 per cent of proposals received (160 of 374 proposals), with another 14 per cent of proposals received from self-identified human rights organizations (54 proposals). The remaining

proposals were split across development, international non-governmental (INGOs), youth, faith-based, humanitarian, disabled people's (DPO) and other organizations.

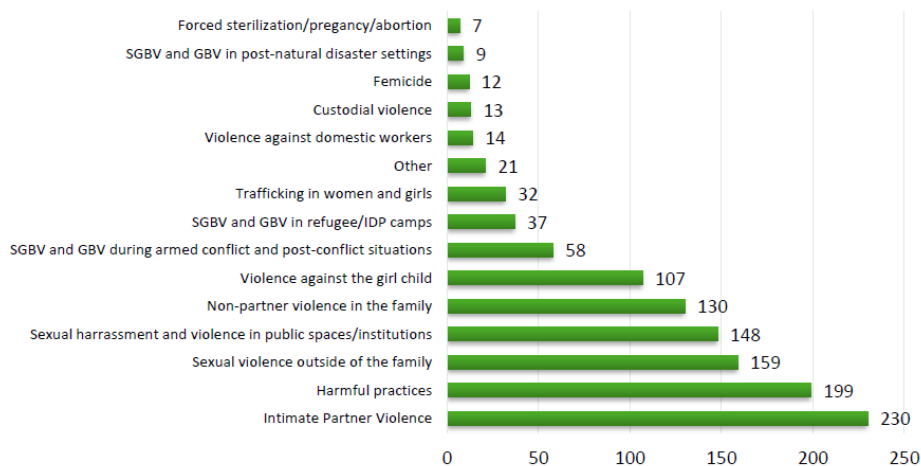
Organizations that submitted a proposal under the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Sub-Saharan Africa self-reported the ratios of women in leadership roles and of women staff members within their organizations. Overall, 84 per cent of applicant organizations reported that a minimum of 51 per cent of their leadership positions across various decision-making levels in the organization - management, senior management and board levels - are held by women. Furthermore, 83 per cent of applicant organizations report having more than 51 per cent of female staff members working as core staff in the organization.

Out of the 374 organizations that submitted a full-fledged proposal, based on self-provided information on their annual operating budget over the past three years, 49 per cent (185) are small organizations under the definition applied in this Call for Proposal. These civil society organizations had an average annual organizational budget of USD 200,000 or less in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Applications by Forms of Violence Addressed

Within their proposals, applicant organizations indicated the main forms of violence to be addressed by the project. Selecting between one and four forms of violence, the most frequently selected forms were intimate partner violence (230 proposals), harmful practices (199 proposals), sexual violence outside of the family (159 proposals) and sexual harassment and violence in public spaces/institutions (148 proposals). Of the proposals focused on ending harmful practices, 164 focused on early/child marriage.

Figure 10: Forms and manifestations of violence addressed in proposed projects (number of applications)



LATIN AMERICA

Applications by Country

Out of 102 full-fledged proposals received from 5 eligible countries, the highest number was received from Mexico (43), followed by Argentina (18) and Honduras and Guatemala (17 each). Comparatively fewer proposals were submitted by applicants from El Salvador (7). The average amount requested per proposal equaled to USD 497,542.

Applications by Type of Applicant Organization

Of proposals submitted, 40 per cent of the proposals (41 of 102 proposals) were submitted by self-identified women's rights organizations. In addition, 22 per cent (22 proposals) were received from self-identified human rights organizations and the remaining were submitted by development organizations, international non-governmental organizations, disabled people's organizations (DPOs) and youth organizations.

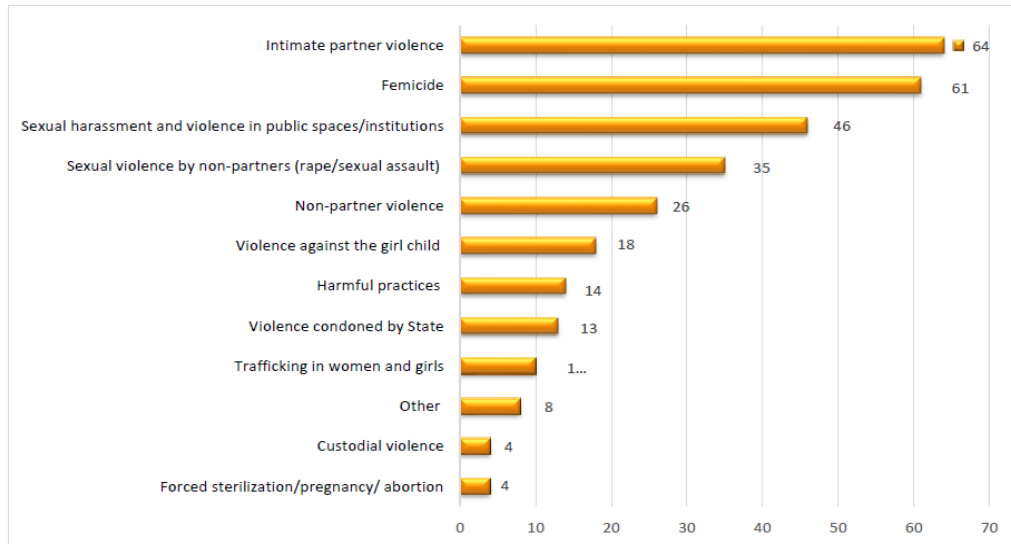
Organizations that submitted a proposal under the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Latin America self-reported the ratios of women in leadership roles and of women staff members within their organizations. Overall, 93 per cent of applicant organizations reported that a minimum of 51 per cent of their leadership positions across various decision-making levels in the organization - management, senior management and board levels - are held by women. Furthermore, 90 per cent of applicant organizations report having more than 51 per cent of female staff members working as core staff in the organization.

Out of the 102 organizations that submitted a full-fledged proposal, based on self-provided information on their annual operating budget over the past three years, 47 per cent (48) are small organizations under the definition applied in this Call for Proposal. These civil society organizations had an average annual organizational budget of USD200,000 or less in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Applications by Forms of Violence Addressed

Each project selected one to four forms of violence that will be addressed by the proposal; the types of violence most frequently referenced include intimate partner violence (64 proposals), femicide (61 proposals), sexual harassment and violence in public spaces/institutions (46 proposals), sexual violence by non-partners (35 proposals) and non-partner violence (26 proposals). In addition, 18 applicants proposed addressing violence against the girl child and 13 proposed work on violence condoned by the State.

Forms and manifestations of violence addressed in proposed projects (number of applicants):



No. of applications =102

*Applicants may select up to four forms and manifestations of violence per application.

Other Partnerships

Within the framework of the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals, the UN Trust Fund was able to build both on pre-existing and leverage new partnerships with stakeholders in the ending violence against women ecosystem to ensure a transparent and thorough review process of all proposals received. The partnership with the Spotlight Initiative Secretariat enabled the UN Trust Fund to draw on the expertise of almost 100 technical representatives from UN organizations, Civil Society and the European Union who participated in the technical review of proposals. These included representatives from countries of proposed project implementation or from regional offices in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America who were familiar with the proposal contexts, and Headquarters (Brussels or New York) based experts on ending violence against women and girls. Building on this established network, the UN Trust Fund aims to engage some of these experts again in future Call for Proposals processes and continues to keep them informed of the work of UN Trust Fund funded organizations in the form of monthly e-newsletters.

The partnership and engagement with civil society was integrated throughout the entire process, including consultations, the technical review processes and the decision-making body of the RPAC.

Furthermore, throughout the proposal review and selection process, the UN Trust Fund worked in close partnership with the UN Women Country and Regional Offices. Programmatic and operational Focal Points in these offices supported the assessments of operational capacity of applicant organizations and provided important technical inputs to the review of proposals. Going forward, and especially for Spotlight Initiative focus countries, the UN Trust Fund will continue to engage with UN Women Country Offices and explore linkages of selected grant applicants to other Spotlight Initiative programming in the country. Partnerships between the UN Trust Fund and the respective Spotlight Initiative Country Teams are thus expected to contribute to the strengthening of linkages of women's rights and other civil society organizations and their efforts to end violence against women and girls.

The UN Trust Fund was committed to reach and engage women's funds to expand the reach of funding to a broader cross-section of civil society. The extent to which women's funds participated and were successful in the call was limited by existing UN policies and procedures.

Results

Overarching Narrative: Capturing Broader Transformation

Selection of Grant Recipients

The UN Trust Fund manages a rigorous, transparent, and thorough review process of all proposals received. Each proposal was reviewed by two technical experts. Each expert evaluated the proposal according to specific selection criteria and included a recommendation if the project should be further considered or not; top scoring projects moved to a longlist for further consideration. The longlisted proposals were further reviewed by representatives from Civil Society, the European Union and UN agencies. The top scoring projects were proposed for review by the Regional Programme Advisory Committees (RPAC).

Selection: Proposals endorsed by the Regional Programme Advisory Committee: Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Sub-Saharan Africa

The following selection process was undertaken for grants in Sub-Saharan Africa:

- A total of 374 full-fledged proposals were received by the UN Trust Fund. These include 330 single-country, and 44 multi-country proposals. The 330 single-country project proposals represented submissions from all 13 eligible countries, with the highest numbers of proposals received from Nigeria (74), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (60) and Uganda (53).
- The 374 proposals were each reviewed by two technical independent experts. Following this review, 98 top-ranking proposals were longlisted. These included 79 single-country, and 19 multi-country proposals. For the longlist, for each of the 13 countries, up to ten top-ranking proposals with two positive ('yes') recommendations from the technical expert reviewers and an average score of 60 or above (out of 100) were considered. For countries with fewer than five proposals that received two positive recommendations, proposals with one positive recommendation and an average score of 60 or above were included in the longlist. For multi-country proposals, proposals with

one or two positive recommendations and an average score of 60 or above were longlisted.

- Each of the 98 longlisted proposals was reviewed by three experts, notably by representatives from UN organizations, from Civil Society and the EU. Almost 60 reviewers participated in this second round of review. Simultaneously, organizational capacity assessments of each applicant organization were conducted by UN Women.
- All technical and expert reviewers signed Non-Disclosure Agreements prior to receiving applications for review, thus ensuring that sensitive information was kept confidential throughout the Call for Proposals process.
- Final recommendations were made to the UN Trust Fund's RPAC, which took the average scores and recommendations of the Africa Technical Review Groups into full consideration. Final grant decisions were delivered by the official members of the UN Trust Fund's Regional PAC in Dakar, Senegal on 31 October 2019. Representatives from the Spotlight Secretariat and the EU DEVCO were invited to participate as observers in the RPAC. Where relevant for decision-making, the UN Trust Fund Secretariat provided an assessment on the operational capacity of applicants.
- The Regional PAC members, comprised of representatives from 10 UN Agencies and members of civil society organizations, serve in a voluntary, rotational capacity.

The following is a snapshot of the 24 Sub-Saharan African projects that were awarded grants following approval by the RPAC.⁶

No. of grants	24	
Amount awarded (USD)	USD 10,206,297	
No. of smaller grants (<USD300,000)	14	
No. of countries covered	15 Countries Burundi Cameroon Chad Cote d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of the Congo Eswatini Ghana Liberia Madagascar	Malawi Nigeria Uganda South Africa Zambia Zimbabwe
Type of organizations (self-identification)	13 Women's Rights 4 Human Rights 3 Faith Based 1 Development	1 Other 1 Youth 1 INGO
No. of "small" organization (as per the definition in the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals, organizations with an average annual operational budget over the past 3 years of USD 200,000 or below are considered as small)	13	
No. of women-led organizations (self-identified)	21	

⁶ 25 projects were endorsed by the RPAC, and 24 projects were funded. One project was not able to undergo an NGO assessment, a requirement for funding by the UN Trust Fund, and therefore not funded.

Selection: Proposals endorsed by the Regional Programme Advisory Committee: Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Latin America

The following selection process was undertaken for grants in Latin America:

- 102 full-fledged proposals were initially each reviewed by 2 independent experts. Following this review, 40 top-ranking proposals from the 5 eligible countries were longlisted for further review, for a total cumulative envelope of USD 20.5 million.
- Each of the 40 long-listed proposals were reviewed by three experts, notably by representatives from UN organizations, Civil Society and the EU (the Latin America Technical Review Group). A total of 35 technical reviewers participated in this second round of review. Simultaneously, organizational capacity assessments of each applicant organization were conducted by UN Women.
- All technical and expert reviewers signed Non-Disclosure Agreements prior to receiving applications for review, thus ensuring that sensitive information was kept confidential throughout the Call for Proposals process.
- Final recommendations on the longlist were made by the UN Trust Fund's Regional Programme Advisory Committee (RPAC), comprised of six representatives from UN Agencies and members of civil society organizations, which took the average scores and recommendations of the Latin America Technical Review Groups fully into consideration. The RPAC met in Panama on 19 November 2019. Representatives from the Spotlight Secretariat and the EU DEVCO were invited to participate as observers (although neither was able to participate).

The following is a snapshot of the 11 Latin American projects awarded grants following approval by the RPAC.

No. of grants	11
Amount awarded (USD)	USD 5,471,988
No. of small grants (USD150,000 or <)	4
No. of countries covered	Argentina El Salvador Guatemala Honduras México

Type of organizations (self-identification)	9 Women's Rights 1 Human Rights 1 Other
No. of "small" organization (as per the definition in the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals, organizations with an average annual operational budget over the past 3 years of USD 200,000 or below are considered as small)	5
No. of women-led organizations (self-identified)	11

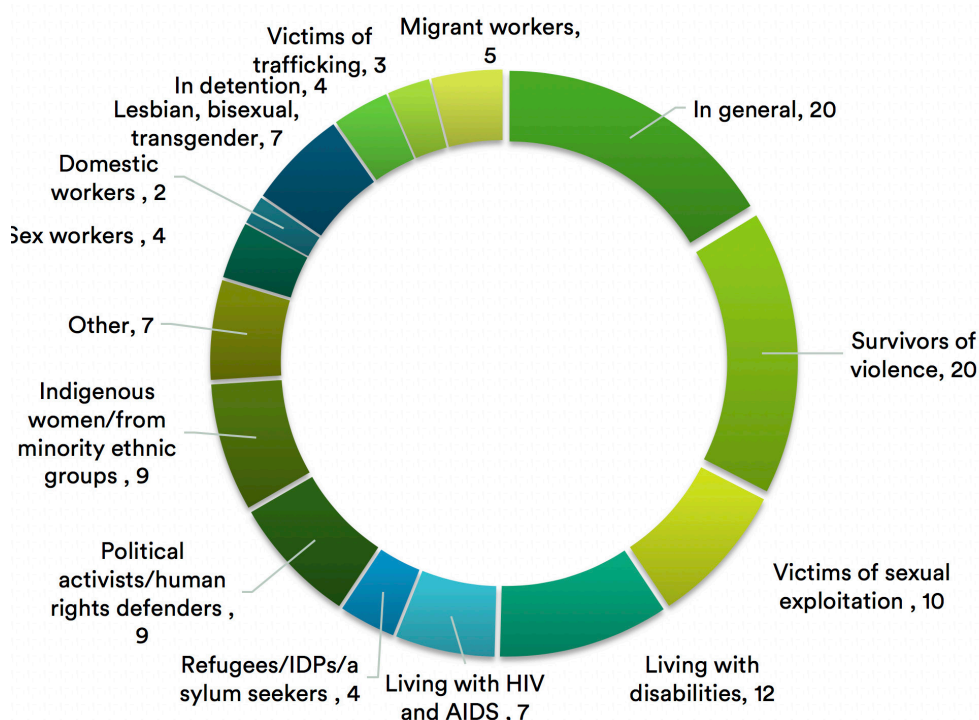
Awards in light of the Principle of Leaving No One Behind (Africa and Latin America)

The selection and awards of grantees under the Spotlight Initiative focused on organizations working on behalf of groups facing intersecting forms of discrimination, in line with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of Leaving no One Behind in programming on ending violence against women and girls. Through this partnership, awarded grants complement the UN Trust Fund's strategy in outreach and support to particularly small, women's organizations and those focused on preventing and ending all forms of violence against women and girls, with a focus on reaching those often left behind.

Each applicant organization could choose up to four categories of women and girls primary beneficiaries. Of the 35 proposals selected, many aim to support women and girls survivors of violence (20 proposals), women and girls living with disabilities (12 proposals), indigenous women/women from minority ethnic groups (9 proposals), women and girls living with HIV/AIDS (7 proposals) and internally displaced women and girls or women and girls refugees or asylum seekers (4 proposals), among others.

The specific needs of small organizations working on ending violence against women and girls were chiefly addressed through the provision of core allocations of an additional seven per cent of direct project activity costs to small organizations and the provision of a self-care budget of up to USD 2,000 in support of staff member's physical and emotional health.

Figure 3: Number of proposals targeting specific groups of women and girls (primary beneficiaries)



Of the total awarded projects in Africa and Latin America, 18 grantees are small organizations (5 in Latin America and 12 in Sub-Saharan Africa)⁷ and 32 are self-identified women’s rights organizations. A majority of projects, 22 out of 35, have focused interventions on women and girls often left behind, including; women and girls living with disabilities (primary focus for at least 9 organizations); lesbian, bisexual and transgender women (primary focus for at least 5 organizations); indigenous women or women from ethnic groups (primary focus for at least 4 organizations); and refugee and internally displaced women (primary focus for at least 4 organizations). Multiple projects plan to reach women and girls that encompass several groups of often left behind individuals, attesting to the intersecting nature of Spotlight funded UN Trust Fund grantees. For instance, the grantee Art & Global Health Center Africa in Malawi targets lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women as well as women and girls living with disabilities in their project. See Annex C for further breakdowns.

⁷ To be considered a “small organization”, the organization’s annual operational budget must have been lower than US\$ 200,000 over the last three years.

Capturing Change at Outcome Level

Outcome 6: Women's Movement

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women framed the Call for Proposals under the Spotlight initiative's Outcome 6 of the Theory of Change, as explicitly stated in the Call for Proposals document. One of the assessment criteria of the submitted proposals in the assessment template designed by the UN Trust Fund Secretariat as the comparable basis for the selection process was the proposal's alignment to the Outcome 6 of the Theory of Change. All assessing experts provided their assessments on the same standardized assessment template. For the alignment of each project proposal to the Outcome 6, please consult the project summaries as provided below.

Organizations submitting proposals under the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America self-reported ratios of women in leadership roles and of women staff members within their organizations. To be considered "women-led" by the UN Trust Fund, an organization must demonstrate that a minimum of 51 per cent of leadership positions across various decision-making levels in the organization (management, senior management and board levels) are held by women.

Furthermore, applicants reported the type of organization they represented. As per the Call for Proposals, to be considered a "women's rights organization", the organization must demonstrate that its core work is in the field of women's rights, gender equality, the elimination of violence against women, and sexual and gender-based violence. The official mission and vision statements of the organization must reflect its commitment to pursuing gender equality and empowering women and girls.

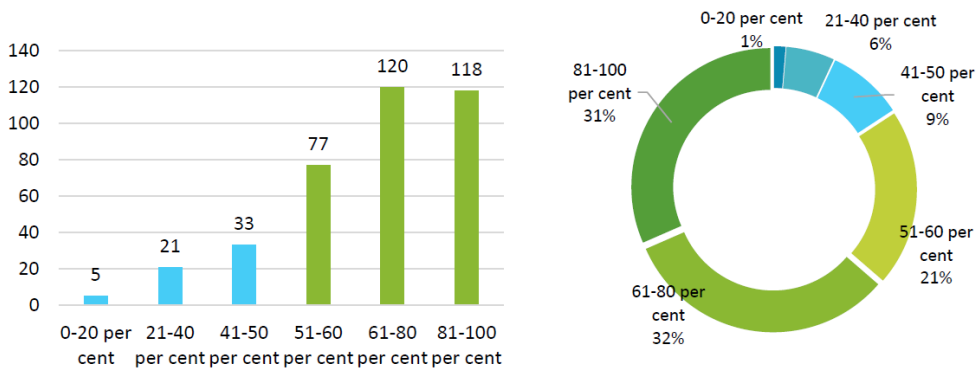
Outreach and distribution of the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals to reach women's rights organizations were successful as shown in the table below regarding the high number of applications from small organizations, women's rights organizations and women-led organizations as well as the cross section of applications that include several categories. The overall underlying assumption is that women-led, women's rights organizations represent the institutional infrastructure of women's movement. Thus, funding and, subsequent investment in building their institutional capacity is the direct investment in building the women's movement, as envisioned by Outcome 6 of Spotlight Theory of Change.

	Sub-Saharan Africa	Latin America	Overall
No. full-fledged proposals received	374	102	476
No. small organizations (organizations with an average annual operational budget over the past 3 years of USD 200,000 or below are considered as small)	185	48	233
No. self-identified women's rights organizations	160	41	201
No. women-led organizations	298	91	389
No. small and women's organizations	99	23	122
No. small and women-led organizations	158	47	205
No. small and women-led women's rights organizations	97	23	120
	Sub-Saharan Africa	Latin America	Overall
No. grants awarded	24	11	35
No. small organizations (organizations with an average annual operational budget over the past 3 years of USD 200,000 or below are considered as small)	13	5	18
No. self-identified women's rights organizations	13	9	22
No. women-led organizations	21	11	32
No. small and women's organizations	9	3	12
No. small and women-led organizations	12	5	17
No. small and women-led women's organizations	9	3	12

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA | APPLICATIONS BY WOMEN-LED ORGANIZATIONS

Overall, 84 per cent of organizations receiving grants reported that a minimum of 51 per cent of their leadership positions across various decision-making levels in the organization are held by women. In addition, 83 per cent of applicant organizations reported more than 51 per cent of core staff were female. For grants awarded in Sub-Saharan 8 of the 24 awardees received a small grant and are women-led women's rights organizations.

Percentage of leadership positions in applicant organizations held by women (by number and proportion of applications received):

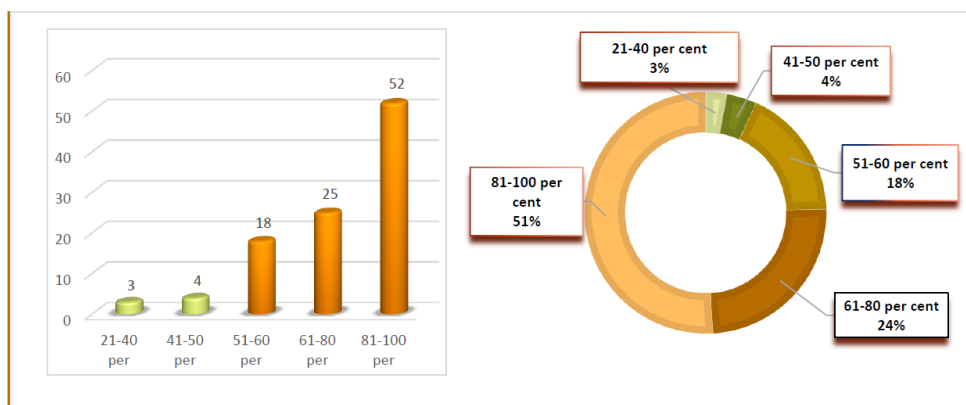


Number of applications received (n=374)

LATIN AMERICA | APPLICATIONS BY WOMEN-LED ORGANIZATIONS

Within the framework of the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Latin America, 93 per cent of applicant organizations reported that over 50 per cent of their leadership positions were held by women. In addition, 90 per cent of applicant organizations self-reported having more than 51 per cent of female staff members working as core staff in the organization. For grants awarded in Latin America, 3 out of 11 awardees received a small grant and are women-led women’s rights organizations.

FIGURE 3 | PERCENTAGE OF LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN APPLICANT ORGANIZATIONS HELD BY WOMEN (BY NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED)



No. of applications =102

Proportion of applications (n=102)

Beneficiaries

The full-fledged proposal template of the UN Trust Fund captures beneficiary data in a different format of disaggregation. Available data is presented in the tables below⁸, and refers to the anticipated overall number of primary and secondary beneficiaries the 35 organizations selected for a grant aim to reach over the three-year grant period. These numbers are indicative target numbers only that were subject to change during the proposal and budget finalization process. Actual beneficiary data will only start to become available in the 2020 annual report, once grant implementation – and work with beneficiaries – has started.

Type of primary beneficiaries (women and girls)	No. target beneficiaries over the entire project period
In general ⁹	81,835
Survivors of violence	30,162
Victims of sexual exploitation	24,630
Living with HIV and AIDS	20,145
Other	13,140
Indigenous women/from minority ethnic groups	11,135
In detention	10,400
Political activists/human rights defenders	9,210
Living with disabilities	6,270
Sex workers	4,960
Refugees/IDPs/asylum seekers	1,500
Victims of trafficking	700
Lesbian, bisexual, transgender	575
Domestic workers	150
Migrant workers	25
Total	214,837

⁸ The tables are as indicated in applications and reported in 2019, however that was before factors such as the pandemic in 2020 were apparent.

⁹ “In general” refers to women and girls that are not disaggregated under a specific type of beneficiary.

Type of secondary beneficiaries (individuals)	No. target beneficiaries over the entire project period
CSOs/NGOs staff	2,060
Members of Community-based groups	10,144
Educational professionals	3,129
Faith-based organizations members	362
General public/community at large	235,000
Government officials	3,094
Health professionals	2,229
Journalists/Media	1,291
Legal officers	868
Men and/or boys	12,650
Parliamentarians	310
Private sector employers	8,212
Social/welfare workers	53
Uniformed personnel	806
Other	5,625
Total	285,833

Challenges/Difficulties Encountered and Measures Taken

Reaching grassroots organizations: The Call for Proposals set out eligibility criteria for applicant organizations. Responding to the context of the Spotlight Initiative, notable specificities of this Call for Proposals included (i) a funding window for multi-country proposals in Sub-Saharan Africa; (ii) the restriction of countries for which single-country proposals could be submitted to Spotlight Initiative priority and reserve countries; and (iii) grant amount limitations for applications from six countries also eligible for grants announced by the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF). These specificities that allowed for a tailored response to programmatic considerations under the Spotlight Initiative also added complexity to the Call for Proposals. For example, with organizations from countries with concurrent WPHF funding – the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria and Uganda – only being able to apply for grant amount above USD 200,000,

small organizations from these countries were effectively unable to apply under the small grants category covering grants between USD 50,000 and USD 150,000 specifically tailored to their institutional capacity and needs. With organizations from 6 out of 13 countries eligible for the submission of single-country proposals in Sub-Saharan Africa not being able to apply for small grants as per Spotlight Initiative stipulations, fewer applications from grassroots organizations were to be expected under this funding window. The same applied for the multi-country proposal category newly introduced for this Call for Proposals.

The UN Trust Fund's regular Call for Proposal process was also adapted to respond to the funding timelines under the global Spotlight Initiative. Working backwards from the provision that funding would be provided to three-year grants ending no later than 31 December 2022, and in view of the final approval date of relevant project documents, the Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals process was shortened from regularly approximately ten to just under six months. This impacted timelines for applicant organizations for the submission and revision of their proposals, as well as the timeline for expert and technical reviewers who led the proposal selection process, and finally timelines available for the completion of operational prerequisites preceding the signature of project cooperation agreements with the selected organizations. Spotlight Initiative applicant organizations had three weeks to prepare the submission of a short concept note and overall budget for their proposed intervention. In recognition of the fact that this application period was shorter than the one applied under the UN Trust Fund's regular Call for Proposals all applicants who met basic eligibility criteria were subsequently invited on August 3, 2019 to submit a full-fledged proposal. Applicants thus had an additional three and a half weeks for the finalization of their project proposal and were only evaluated based on this final submission.

While the UN Trust Fund is committed to reach and fund women's funds, existing UN policies and procedures on sub-granting limit this engagement. This was also raised by civil society in the Open Statement regarding Spotlight Initiative Funding in November 2019. The UN Trust Fund and the Spotlight Initiative Secretariat are, in consultation with women's rights and feminist activists, navigating the eligibility of women's funds in the granting process. Any call for proposals to be launched will include explicit eligibility criteria under which women's funds can apply for funding.

The UN Trust Fund Secretariat identified potential risks during the Call for Proposal review and award process and instituted mitigating actions. Based on the UN Trust Fund's historic analysis of audit findings for grants in the Sub-

Saharan region, risks specific to this region included potential capacity gaps of grantees in results-based management, potential challenges in financial management and potentially weak internal control policies, which could result in operational and financial risks throughout grant implementation. To mitigate these risks, the Call for Proposals included screening for issues related to applicant organizations' financial absorptive capacity based on their previous annual organizational budgets and a desk-based partner capacity assessment for shortlisted applicants. This partner capacity assessment included a review of financial control systems, record management and use of cash. In addition, from a programmatic perspective, the UN Trust Fund focused on issues of ethics and safety as a high priority. As such and based on feedback received from the expert and technical reviewers on each of the proposals, the UN Trust Fund provided tailored feedback to each conditionally selected applicant organization on areas of their proposal that might require strengthening.

In order to mitigate risks related to the timeline of the Call for Proposals process, back-up reviewers were identified and on call should an emergency arise.

In addition, the UN Trust Fund documented challenges related to clarity on the kind of multi-country projects the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative was seeking to fund through the UN Trust Fund Call for Proposals. Throughout the proposal review process, it became evident that the interpretation of programmatic criteria such a multi-country proposal should fulfill varied greatly among both different applicant organizations, and different technical reviewers. As a result, a smaller number of projects were selected for a grant under this component, with the remaining funds in the amount of USD 9.1 million¹⁰ to be allocated in 2020, pending decision on allocation modality.

¹⁰ The funding envelope for the 2020 Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Regional Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa was based on the overall funds planned to be allocated to multi-country/regional projects in Sub-Saharan Africa (USD 11.6 million), minus the funds committed to multi-country/regional projects under the 2019 Spotlight Initiative Call for Proposals for Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa (USD 2.7 million). In addition to the USD 8.9 million thus available under the multi-country/regional project funding envelope, an amount of USD 0.2 million remains available under the funding envelope for single-country projects in Sub-Saharan Africa (where the total amount available was USD 7.7 million, against USD 7.5 million committed under the 2019 Call for Proposals). Therefore, a total amount of USD 9.1 million is currently available for disbursement.

Next steps

All UN Trust Fund grantees under the Spotlight Initiative began implementation on 1st January 2020. The next reporting period will cover the first year of implementation of these projects, beneficiaries, and results achieved. It is likely that given the global outbreak of COVID-19 that large scale events planned by grantees in the first part of 2020 may be impacted and therefore change the scope of anticipated reach and results.

The selected applicant organizations through 2019 selection process started project implementation in January 2020. The UN Trust Fund will use strategic opportunities to link the selected organizations to other UN Trust Fund grantees, thus fostering practitioner-based networking and knowledge exchange. For example, this may include brownbag events organized around the important annual events and web-based events. In addition, technical support will be provided by the UN Trust Fund and identification of communications opportunities.

The remaining funding envelope from the multi-country proposals will be re-allocated based on close consultation with the Spotlight Initiative Secretariat and civil society on the best use of the resources in the new circumstances and based on the analysis of the situation provided by the UN Trust Fund. The upcoming processes will be decided in coordination with the Spotlight Initiative Secretariat and will take into consideration the lessons learned regarding challenges documented in 2019.

Communications and Visibility

CALL FOR PROPOSALS COMMUNICATIONS

The UN Trust Fund's Call for Proposals in Latin America and Africa as part of the Spotlight Initiative of the European Union and the United Nations was posted on the UN Trust Fund's website as well as UN Women's website for a period of three weeks. The information regarding the call was also distributed through an extensive distribution of listservs (approximately 149 list serves and website postings) as well as through the UN Trust Fund's eblast distribution list reaching over 2,200 individuals encompassing civil society

organizations, governments and partners. UN Women's civil society section also disseminated the call through their Civil Society Network list including regional networks and other key partners, which encompasses an additional 1,035 email addresses. In addition, the UN Trust Fund's social media amplified the reach of the Call for Proposals. Once grants were awarded, the grant summaries were posted to the UN Trust Fund's website and distributed through social media. The grant summaries and awardees were also highlighted prominently through e-blasts from the UN Trust Fund to representatives of Member States, UN missions, UN Women National Committees, UN Trust Fund grantees and supporters of the Fund.

SUMMARIES OF UN TRUST FUND PROJECTS AWARDED UNDER THE EUROPEAN UNION AND UNITED NATIONS' SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE:

AFRICA

African Indigenous Women Organisation Central African Network

Cameroon

Project Title: Economic empowerment of girls/women and advocacy for the enrolment of more girls in schools as precursors to end gender-based violence in indigenous communities in the East and Adamawa regions of Cameroon.

Description: A project implemented by the African Indigenous Women Organisation Central African Network in Cameroon works to end gender-based violence against women and girls in five indigenous communities in the East and Adamawa areas of the country.

The project works in close partnership with seven local community-based organizations in advocating against gender-based violence and is therefore aligned to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6.

Among the principal forms of gender-based violence inflicted on women and girls in these communities are harmful traditional practices such as early marriage, female genital mutilation/cutting and domestic violence.

The project aims to mainstream gender into all spheres of community

life and in particular focuses on education, economic empowerment and political participation. Among the key objectives of the project are enhanced community knowledge about the rights of women and girls, increased school attendance by girls, more income generating opportunities for women and girls and an end of harmful traditional practices.

To achieve these goals, in addition to targeting at-risk women and girls themselves, the grantee also engages members of faith-based organizations, government officials, legal professionals and men and boys. It does so employing a community-based approach, in partnership with a community-based organization in each indigenous community, as well as with local government. In addition, Transparency International Cameroon plays an advisory role regarding monitoring and evaluation and providing technical support on human rights issues to the project.

Cameroon Association for the Protection and Education of the Child (CAPEC)

Cameroon

Project title: Community-based prevention of sexual violence on women and girls

Description: A project implemented by the Cameroon Association for the Protection and Education of the Child works to prevent and respond to violence against women in five villages in the capital of Kumba, Meme Division, in the South-West Region of Cameroon.

The project closely reflects Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 as it looks to support women's rights groups and civil society organizations in using accountability mechanisms to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

In the wake of the armed conflict that began in 2016, women and girls in the region are at risk of violence from both community members and unidentified gunmen.

Employing a human rights-based approach and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) ecological model, the grantee aims to provide women and girls in the five target villages, including internally displaced and refugee women, with the knowledge, skills and support required to report and respond to sexual violence.

The project is implemented in partnership with state institutions, which provide technical assistance, as well as with local government and community-

based organizations, which assist with community mobilization and service provision, including legal aid.

Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa

Cameroon

Project title: Ending violence against women and girls through social change, South West, North West Regions, Cameroon.

Description: A project implemented by the Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa works to improve the prevention of violence against women and girls in 13 selected communities in the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon.

High levels of sexual and intimate partner violence, physical and psychological abuse in the region have been further exacerbated by the outbreak of armed conflict in these areas, which has caused a general breakdown in law and order and a collapse of traditional protection mechanisms.

Closely aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6, the project works closely with women's organizations on the ground, including the Ngore Africa Center for Women Empowerment and Development and the Rural Women Center for Education and Development. The grantee also works with the Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family and involves autonomous social movements and civil society organizations at the local and national levels to engage the authorities in improving the prevention of violence against women and girls.

The grantee adopts an approach that focuses on changing social norms, behaviours, practices and attitudes that lead to the most common types of violence reported. Using the SASA! methodology, the project places an emphasis on empowering women and girls, including those internally displaced, who are survivors of violence and victims of sex trafficking. The project also engages members of the wider community, including civil society organizations, men and boys and police and other officials.

International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) CAMEROON

Cameroon

Project title: Making violence against women and girls history in the South West and North West regions of Cameroon

Description: A project by the International Federation of Women Lawyers works to increase the effectiveness of legislation, policy, national action plans and accountability on ending violence against women and girls in Cameroon.

The project contributes to the achievement of Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by fostering partnerships with local organizations such as the Libra Association for Widows, which has experience in community mobilization, and the Pan-African Institute for Development, which contributes to data management and capacity development activities.

Despite the ratification of treaties on combatting violence against women and girls, gender-based violence, including rape, domestic violence and harmful practices, is not yet adequately addressed by Cameroon's laws. This project works to encourage law reform and the establishment of a platform of paralegals and civil society leaders to monitor progress.

This project, implemented in rural and sub-urban communities in the North-West and South-West regions, focuses on at-risk women and women survivors of violence, including those in detention, victims of trafficking and those who have been internally displaced. It works to improve access to and better quality of services for survivors through capacity building and to raise awareness of violence against women and girls by engaging the media, legal officers, parliamentarians, policy makers, traditional and religious leaders and women leaders in the community.

Rural Women Center for Education and Development

Cameroon

Project title: Using a Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) study to understand VAW/G in conflict towards building a participatory and robust response network in Ngoketunjia Division of Cameroon

Description: A project implemented by the Rural Women Center for Education and Development in the North-West Region of Cameroon works to address sexual, physical, emotional, psychological and socio-economic violence against women and girls.

The project contributes to the achievement of Spotlight Outcome 6 in that it aims to foster partnerships with local civil society organizations in advocating against violence against women and girls.

Despite government and civil society efforts, violence against women and girls, most notably affecting young women and girls between 12 and 30 years of age, remains widespread in the region, partly due to harmful socio-cultural norms and practices common in households and communities.

The project, which targets 13 villages in three districts in Ngoketunjia Division, encourages community participation and ownership of the interventions that aim to change the behaviours of men and boys and duty bearers as well as women and girls at risk of or survivors of violence.

Project activities include awareness-raising training, advocacy meetings and the creation of safe spaces for women and girls. The project engages a variety of stakeholders, including traditional rulers and religious leaders, law enforcement officers and government officials, the media, women's rights organizations and youth associations in the target villages.

Public Interest Law Center

Chad

Project title: Violences faites aux femmes au Tchad: Prevention et Prise en charge

Description: The Public Interest Law Center, a Chadian civil society organization, has promoted human rights and access to justice for women and girls since 2003. This project contributes to ending violence against women and girls in the family and in communities in four intervention zones in Chad.

The project is aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 through its efforts to foster partnerships with local organizations to bolster efforts to end gender-based violence.

The project works to eradicate harmful social norms, customs and practices and to enhance access to legal and psychosocial services for women survivors of violence, including women in detention, domestic workers and survivors of sexual exploitation.

It strengthens access for women and girls to adequate services through the establishment of one-stop service centres for survivors of violence. The grantee also engages community members, members of faith-based organizations, media professionals and state officials and cooperates closely with other civil society organizations to strengthen collective and coordinated efforts to end violence against women and girls.

The grantee also employs advocacy and awareness-raising interventions to promote changes in social norms and behaviours that promote gender inequality. Community-based paralegals are closely involved in this work and the project fosters networks of key stakeholders to share knowledge and expertise on ending violence against women and girls and help build sustainable change.

ONG conscience et vie (COVIE)

Cote d'Ivoire

Project title: projet de prevention des VBG et d'amélioration de la prise en charge des survivantes aux profit de 960 TS dans la région des grands ponts

Description: A project implemented in Cote d'Ivoire by the organization Conscience et vie, a women-led civil society organization, works to promote access to rights to sexual and reproductive health for all.

The project is aligned to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to address the intersecting forms of discrimination and marginalization faced by female sex workers and to promote their capacity to take action against rights violations.

The project focuses in particular on female sex workers who are particularly at risk of sexual violence. Patriarchal socio-cultural norms and practices and unequal gender power structures exacerbate sex workers' exposure to violence. High levels of violence combined with poor knowledge about sexual and reproductive health also result in a high prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, among this particularly at-risk group.

Strategies adopted by the project to prevent violence against female sex workers and improve their access to multisectoral services include: educating key actors, including the women themselves, on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive human rights; empowering survivors to report violence; improving the capacity of service providers; and facilitating the safe reintegration of survivors into their communities.

In order to increase the chances of the intervention's sustainable success, the project involves community-based groups, health professionals, legal officers and state officials.

ONG Dignité et Droits pour les Enfants en Côte D'Ivoire (ONG DDE-CI)

Cote d'Ivoire

Project title: Projet de promotion de la santé sexuelle reproductive et de lutte contre les viols, les violences sexuelles et psychologiques faites aux filles et aux femmes handicapées et non handicapées.

Description: A project implemented in Cote d'Ivoire by Dignité et Droits pour les Enfants en Cote d'Ivoire, a human-rights non-governmental organization based in Abidjan, works to protect the dignity of children and promote an environment in which children know their rights and are empowered to claim them.

The project is aligned to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it works with and builds the capacity of local women's associations to equip them to better address violence against women in their communities.

The project focuses on sexual and psychological violence against women and girls in the school and the family in the localities of Bouaké, Port-Bouët, Koumassi and Yopougon. Patriarchal socio-cultural norms, harmful traditional practices and unequal gender power structures exacerbate women and girls' exposure to violence. Young girls and girls with disabilities are at a heightened risk of experiencing violence as their access to information and services remains limited.

The project works to ensure that school-age girls and young women, including those with disabilities, are empowered to report sexual and gender-based violence and that survivors of violence and their families have access to adequate multisectoral services.

The grantee also works to engage key stakeholders in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights and to encourage them to take action against violence against women and girls. In addition, the project educates school principals, journalists, social workers and government officials on sexual and gender-based violence in order to equip them to be part of prevention efforts.

Fund for Congolese Women

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Project title: Preventing and Reducing Sexual Violence in Schools

Description: A project implemented by the Fund for Congolese Women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo focuses on fighting sexual violence in schools.

In line with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6, the project contributes to the realization of women's rights and gender equality by building an active and empowered civil society for the future through work to mentor and empower girls as activists.

Girls in the Democratic Republic of the Congo face multiple challenges in completing their education, including early and forced marriage, pregnancy and limited access to socio-economic resources. Schoolgirls subjected to violence by teachers, male peers and school authorities often face stigmatization by their communities, which pushes them to drop out of school, limiting their life project long into the future.

This intervention aims to reduce violence against the girl child, including harmful practices and early marriage and to increase respect for women's rights. The project works to empower girls, boys and teachers with ways to deal with sexual violence and harassment in schools by creating a safe space where victims can report abuse without fear of retaliation, by providing education on the dynamics of sexual violence and the laws that exist to prevent it and by supporting survivors to pursue justice.

Capacity building and mentoring of young girls, teachers and school personnel on different national and international laws preventing, and prosecuting, sexual violence forms an important part of the project. In addition, the grantee works to educate the community – focusing on key stakeholders such as traditional chiefs, community leaders, religious figures and parents – on how to address sexual violence in schools.

United Funding and Development for Underage Mothers (UFDUM)

Liberia

Project title: Action to end Sexual and Gender Base Violence

Description: In Liberia, girls and young women are particularly at risk of domestic violence and sexual abuse and far less likely to report such cases, than adults. A project implemented by the United Funding and Development for Underage Mothers seeks to address this by leading advocacy campaigns to prevent of all forms of sexual violence and by promoting gender equality and women's economic independence.

The project contributes to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 of by promoting inclusive multi-stakeholder cooperation and civil society dialogue .

The grantee engages with community leaders, youth groups, women-led organizations and women and adolescent girls across 20 communities, 10 in each of the two target counties (Montserrado and Cape Mount). It works to enrich the knowledge of traditional and religious leaders in order to improve the effectiveness of community justice structures in preventing sexual and gender-based violence, specifically against adolescent and young girls.

The project brings together relevant actors from the health, justice, gender, education, youth and sports sectors and representatives from one-stop centres, safe homes, civil society organizations and schools and universities to advocate for an end to violence against women. In addition, it engages media organizations (online, print and radio) in capacity-building activities to foster a gender-responsive approach.

The project also builds on existing platforms and collective actions to influence prevention policies and works closely with relevant government ministries and community-based groups to improve protection from violence and improve services for women and girl survivors.

Art & Global Health Center Africa (ArtGlo)

Malawi

Project title: Make Art for Women's Activism (MAWA)

Description: Gender inequality, violence against women and girls, and lack of access to sexual and reproductive health rights remain pervasive in Malawi. A project implemented by the Art & Global Health Center Africa (ArtGlo) works with civil society organizations in five districts in Southern Malawi to support their efforts to change harmful norms that give rise to violence against women and girls and to mainstream women's empowerment.

The proposal contributes to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by focusing on building and strengthening the knowledge and capacity of civil society organizations as agents of change.

ArtGlo works to improve the capacity of local government and civil society organization networks – including those working with women and girls living with disabilities and with lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and girls – to advocate for change at the district and national levels.

Notably, ArtGlo trains civil society organizations on participatory arts and on the implementation of projects to address violence against women and girls and sexual and reproductive health. It also builds their capacity regarding project management, monitoring and evaluation and communication more generally.

The main project activities consist of training on human-centered design, participatory art, sexual and reproductive health programming, as well as network building, convening collaborative local and district meetings, producing information and education materials and holding advocacy events.

Alliances for Africa

Nigeria

Project title: Strengthening Stakeholder's Engagement in the process of VAPP enactment and Implementation

Description: A project implemented by Alliances for Africa in Nigeria works to promote the full implementation of the 2015 Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act (VAPP) in Nigeria. The intervention also seeks to address existing harmful socio-cultural norms that foster the gender inequalities underpinning violence against women and girls.

The project, which is implemented in Imo State in the South-East Geo-Political Zone of Nigeria, contributes to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by building coalitions between state and civil society actors to establish mechanisms for the effective implementation of legislation on ending violence against women and girls.

The project engages women-led organizations, key government institutions, traditional leaders, men and boys, community leaders, state legislators and schools. It employs a prevention, activism, protection approach, which revolves around four strategies:

- 1) strengthen the capacities of women's organization to push for implementation of the VAPP Act;
- 2) coordinate the efforts of key state and civil society actors to advocate for better implementation;
- 3) engage in data collection and evidence building for effective advocacy; and
- 4) advocate and lobby for the implementation of the VAPP Act with legislators and community leaders.

Alliances for Africa's implementing partners for the project include the National Human Rights Commission, the State Ministry of Gender and Social Development, the National Orientation Agency, the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, the International Federation of Women Lawyers, the Child Protection Network, the police, civil society organizations and the media.

Centre for Women Studies and Intervention

Nigeria

Project title: Action to Eliminate Violence Against Women (ATEVAW)

Description: A project implemented by Centre for Women Studies and Intervention aims to tackle female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in four local government areas of Nigeria's Cross-River State.

The project aligns with Spotlight Outcome 6 in that it establishes mechanisms for social accountability to support advocacy by women's rights groups and their influence on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls.

The Centre for Women Studies and Intervention trains paralegals and human rights groups to monitor and report violations and abuses related to FGM/C. The project also follows up on the enforcement of existing laws and facilitates the development of community codes of conduct and rules and regulations related to the protection of women's rights.

The project adopts a gender transformative approach to improve the prevention of violence against women and girls by traditional leaders and community members through a gender paradigm shift from patriarchy to gender equality in behaviour, practices and attitudes. The project employs a capacity building, advocacy/lobbying, multisectoral action approach, including the use of media and participation (including sensitization and inter-generational dialogue).

The implementing partners of the project are Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and the Cross-River Women Empowerment Network.

HACEY Health Initiative

Nigeria

Project title: The Stop Cut Project - Ending Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting in Southwest Nigeria

Description: A project implemented by the HACEY Health Initiative in Nigeria focuses on Ekiti, Osun and Oyo States in the South-West of the country which have a particularly high prevalence of female genital mutilation and cutting (FGM/C).

The HACEY Health initiative identified a need for a collaborative multidisciplinary approach to develop local strategies to end FGM/C in Nigeria and the project contributes to the achievement of Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by fostering partnerships with local organizations.

The project works to improve collaborative efforts championed by civil society organizations, survivor groups and the media to address factors such as a lack of public awareness of existing policies and laws and underreporting of FGM/C and to enhance the capacity of existing anti-FGM/C groups and civil society organizations to advocate for policy implementation and enforcement.

The project involves a review of existing policies and laws to identify gaps and advocate for FGM/C specific policies and establishing and providing capacity-building support for an alliance to advocate against FGM/C. The alliance brings together civil society organizations, the media, survivors, influencers and former practitioners of FGM/C. The grantee also works to foster positive behavioural change in the community regarding FGM/C practices.

Scripture Union West Africa

Nigeria

Project title: Improved action against Sexual Gender Based Violence and Harmful Practices in Benue and Kaduna states, Nigeria.

Description: A project implemented by the organization Scripture Union West Africa in Nigeria focuses on preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls, with a specific focus on violence in schools and early/child marriage.

The project, implemented in four local government areas of Benue and Kaduna States, contributes to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 through its overall goal of reducing sexual assault against women and girls and child marriage.

The impact of existing legislation in Nigeria against sexual violence and abuse has yet to reach effectively into many communities and most perpetrators of violence against women and girls continue to go unpunished. In addition, harmful cultural and social norms that legitimize gender-based violence remain widespread, further exacerbating the problem.

The project engages educational professionals, members of the public and communities, men and boys and uniformed personnel in order to foster a change in attitudes and the provision of essential services.

Scripture Union West Africa collaborates with key institutions on legal and health issues while building their capacity on a holistic approach to both preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls, including those who are internally displaced, through better access to services.

Integrated Disabled Women Activities

Uganda

Project title: Eliminating Sexual and Gender Based Violence Among Women and Girls with Disabilities

Description: A project implemented in Uganda by the women's organization Integrated Disabled Women Activities works to eliminate sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, including intimate partner violence, sexual violence, non-partner violence, and sexual and gender-based violence against refugee and internally displaced women and girls.

The project contributes to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by supporting women and girls with disabilities, who face multiple forms of discrimination, to influence and advance progresses in ending violence against women and girls.

Women and girls with disabilities in Uganda experience high levels of violence because of their gender and disabilities, including sexual abuse by relatives and community members. They also often live in unstable relationships because men do not want to identify with them in public and society views them as "ineligible partners".

The project focuses on promoting equitable access to disability-friendly multisectoral services for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and empowering women and girls with disabilities to demand their rights.

The project also works to strengthen protection mechanisms and bolster the capacity of women and girls living with a disability and disabled people's organizations to promote gender equality and effective responses to sexual and gender-based violence and to act as liaison focal people and advocate for others.

Zambia National Women's Lobby

Zambia

Project title: Building capacities of vulnerable girls in schools to address Sexual Gender Based Violence and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights issues

Description: A project implemented by the Zambia National Women's Lobby (ZNWL) works to empower school-age girls to protect themselves from and speak out against sexual and gender-based violence.

The project contributes to the achievement of Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it engages other civil society organizations in the target provinces in order to build synergy and strengthen the movement against sexual and gender-based violence.

Despite government efforts to end sexual and gender-based violence, girls below the age of 18 in Zambia's Central and Eastern provinces continue to face high levels of physical, sexual, psychological and emotional violence. Harmful practices are also prevalent, including forced, early and child marriages.

ZNWL is a women's organization that supports women and girls to proactively take up leadership roles. With this school-based project, it works to improve girls' access to essential information and to ensure that teachers have the capacity needed to implement and adhere to policies, action plans and accountability systems aimed at preventing and ending sexual and gender-based violence.

The project also promotes community-based action against harmful practices that contribute to sexual and gender-based violence. Teachers, school authorities, community members and other civil society organizations are engaged as strategic partners and agents of change.

The project employs complementary intervention strategies, building on existing Girls Leadership Clubs, and leverages peer-to-peer education on sexual and gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health rights to enable girls and teachers to recognize and respond to sexual and gender-based violence.

Bethany Project

Zimbabwe

Project title: Speak Out and Act Against Sexual Gender Based Violence

Description: A project implemented by the Bethany Project, a non-governmental organization, works to enhance the protection of girls and young women in rural communities in the Zvishavane District of Zimbabwe from sexual and gender-based violence and to encourage reporting where such violence occurs.

The project contributes to the achievement of Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by engaging in networking and coordinated programming among civil society organizations on ending violence against women and girls.

The project, which is conceptualized around a human rights-based framework works to enhance community engagement in preventing sexual and gender-based violence and to strengthen community knowledge around referral pathways for survivors. An important focus of the project is empowering young women and girls by ensuring they have the information needed to identify, prevent and report violence, as well as engaging their families, guardians, men and boys, community leaders and civil society organizations in efforts to address violence against women and girls.

The project employs complimentary approaches, including the organization of community-based fora for women and girls, mentorship and peer support, community dialogues and radio and social media advocacy.

Collaboration is key to the project and the grantee works with, among others, the Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe, the Women Lawyers Association, the African Women Film Makers, Disabled Women in Africa and Iraisers International.

Family AIDS Caring Trust (FACT) Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe

Project title: Voices from the Fringes- Sex Workers, Adolescent Girls and Young Women Action on Sexual and Gender Based Violence

Description: A project implemented by the Family AIDS Caring Trust Zimbabwe, a faith-based civil society organization, works to address the high incidence of sexual and gender-based violence and HIV infection among female sex workers and adolescent girls and young women in Zimbabwe.

The project will contribute to the Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by bringing issues affecting female sex workers and adolescent girls and young women to the fore and by targeting districts with higher female sex worker activity.

High rates of violence against sex female sex workers and adolescent girls and young women in Zimbabwe are compounded by additional barriers faced by survivors in accessing justice and services. Stigmatization means that the needs of sex workers are often not addressed in policy and programming agendas on gender-based violence

In order to address these challenges, the project works to increase female sex workers' knowledge of their rights as well as enabling increased responsiveness from service providers and communities. The project involves collaboration with both national and community-based civil society organizations to foster coalitions to address sexual and gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Among the organizations engaged are the Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Human Rights Lawyers, the Advocacy Core Team and the Key Populations Forum.

The project contributes to movement building by strengthening organizations focused on ending violence against the target groups and integrating their specific concerns into the agendas of women's movements to ensure that their needs are addressed in national level policy discussions.

Institute for Young Women Development

Zimbabwe

Project title: What Women Want: Building grassroots women's collective power against gender based violence in Zimbabwe.

Description: A project implemented by the Institute for Young Women's Development and JASS Southern Africa works to build Zimbabwean women's capacities and to strengthen alliances to influence social norms and values on violence against women.

In alignment with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6, the project works to strengthen women's local leadership and their capacity to safely and effectively design and implement their own programmes on ending violence against women.

The project, which is implemented in Manicaland and Mashonaland, focuses on improving community practices and norms aimed at advancing women's safety and access to and control over economic resources and shifting local decision makers' norms and values to better support women's safety and access to economic opportunities.

The project also works to strengthen local and national mechanisms and networks addressing violence against women and to strategically engage civil society organizations, community-based groups, faith-based organizations and traditional leaders to achieve the desired change.

The project employs a movement-building approach that combines activist leadership and capacity development with cross-movement alliance building, community organizing, activist safety and strategic advocacy.

Voluntary Service Overseas

Zimbabwe

Project title: Speak it loud' amplifying the voices of women's movements to address VAW/G in Zimbabwe

Description: "Speak it Loud", a project implemented in Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland West and Manicaland provinces of Zimbabwe by the international non-governmental organization Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) seeks to amplify the voices of women's movements to address violence against women.

The project is relevant to the objectives of Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 as it holistically strengthens, mobilizes and builds the capacity of women's rights groups and civil society organizations to collaboratively implement and utilize social accountability mechanisms to foster effective advocacy in preventing and responding to violence against women.

Working with its implementing partner, Women and Law in Southern Africa Zimbabwe, the VSO project seeks to ensure that women's rights groups and associated civil society organizations provide quality, inclusive and sustainable interventions to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls and advance gender equality and women's empowerment.

One of the focuses of the project is to improve networks, partnerships and opportunities among women's rights and civil society organizations to share knowledge and documentation and conduct joint advocacy on preventing and responding to violence against women.

It also seeks to ensure that women's rights groups and civil society organizations implement quality and efficient social accountability and monitoring mechanisms to lead and inform impactful advocacy and design, implement, monitor and take ownership of quality programmes on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls.

Multi-Country/Regional

International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS

Burundi, Ghana, South Africa

Project title: Strengthening the Capacity of Religious Leaders to End Violence Against Women and Girls in South Africa, Burundi and Ghana (SCREVAW)

Description: A project implemented in Burundi, Ghana and South Africa by the International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS (INERELA+) works to address violence in the family, violence against the girl child (harmful practices, early/child marriage and forced marriage), sexual harassment and violence in schools and places of worship.

The project contributes to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by working with faith-based organizations to encourage positive change in communities regarding violence against women and girls.

In all three countries there is a culture of silence and impunity around sex-related crimes and domestic and sexual violence are considered a private matter that should not be reported. INERELA+ seeks to empower faith leaders through education, knowledge and skills to become agents of change to eliminate stigma and prejudice in their communities.

Working mainly through faith-based communities and places of worship, the project targets both urban and rural areas, including informal settlements. The primary partners in the three countries, BUNERELA+, SUNERELA+ and INERELA+, are responsible for setting up partnerships with implementing congregations, faith-based organizations and relevant agencies in each country.

The project focuses on increasing women and girls' knowledge about sexual and gender-based violence, influencing men to change behaviour and norms to respect women's rights and encouraging survivors to break the silence and report such violence.

The project employs a variety of strategies including dialogues and campaigns across different faith communities to reduce stigma; capacity building of religious leaders to be agents of change in their congregations; and creating safe spaces in different places of worship for survivors of violence to increase access and referral to care and treatment services.

Sonke Gender Justice

Eswatini, South Africa

Project title: Safe at Home, Safe in Relationships - A Gender Transformative and Women's Rights Centered Approach to Addressing Intimate Partner Violence in Eswatini and South Africa

Description: A project by Sonke Gender Justice, a women-led human rights civil society organization, focuses specifically on all forms of intimate partner violence/violence in the family and femicide in Eswatini and South Africa. Both countries have robust laws in place to promote gender equality and respond to domestic violence, but implementation remains inconsistent.

In line with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6, the project contributes to the realization of women's rights and gender equality by building an active and empowered civil society that holds governments accountable for the implementation of legislation.

Sonke Gender Justice has a long history of working on gender equality, preventing and responding to gender-based violence and works closely with co-implementing partners Training Services and Healing Center for Women and the Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse, both of which also have long histories of working on gender-based violence in the region.

The project adopts a multi-level equitable norms and community advocacy approach to transform masculinities and shift social norms in order to ultimately prevent violence against women and girls. It targets a mix of urban, semi-urban and rural locations in the two countries; all the project sites have common social issues of poverty, high crime levels, informal housing structures, low income and high unemployment.

The project employs strategies including community-driven gender transformative workshops and dialogues with individuals and community-based organizations. It also seeks to improve the implementation of laws, policies and plans by bolstering referral networks, counselling and court support as well as strengthening coalitions to advocate for change and hold government to account. Another key aspect of the project is strengthening the evidence base and organizational capacity, including by collecting, documenting and disseminating stories of change.

All three partner organizations engage with and support various coalitions and networks to broaden civil society's capacity to influence policy processes and monitor policy implementation.

Gender Links HQ

Eswatini, Madagascar, South Africa

Project title: Sunrise Campaign: Local action to end violence and empower women

Description: A project implemented by Gender Links, a women-led civil society organization, targets all forms of intimate partner violence as well as sexual harassment and violence in public places against women and girls, including women with disabilities and lesbian, bisexual and transgender women.

The project contributes to Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 by using its existing platform to encourage gender responsive governance at the local level that empowers the community.

The project, implemented in Eswatini, Madagascar and South Africa, works to train survivors as entrepreneurs in order to help them escape violence. The current project scales up a previous pilot – the award-winning Sunrise Campaign – which worked with 400 centres of excellence in local government to support survivors of violence through entrepreneurship training linked to local economic development.

Gender Links also works with men and boys and the general public to lead local campaigns on zero tolerance for violence against women to change attitudes and behaviours that perpetuate violence and reduce any potential backlash against the project.

The project is anchored by local councils in each country that have already gone through the 10 initial stages to be a centre of excellence for gender – those that have been in the programme for between five and 10 years and have performed well. Councils are also selected according to their potential to be “hubs” or mentors to neighbouring councils as part of efforts to strengthen local ownership of the programme.

By getting local councils to commit resources and run campaigns to end gender-based violence, in partnership with civil society organizations, this project contributes to a longer-term, systematic approach; lessons learned will be shared across the countries, regionally and internationally.

LATIN AMERICA

Centro de Intercambio y Servicios para el Cono Sur Argentina

Argentina

Project title: Voces de mujeres y actores locales articuladas para la acción contra la violencia a mujeres y niñas

Description: A project implemented by the Centro de Intercambio y Servicios para el Cono Sur Argentina (CISCSA) in three regions of Córdoba province in Argentina works to address all forms of gender-based violence in public spaces.

The project is in line with the Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to strengthen and empower local women's civil society organizations to put the issue of violence against women onto the public policy agenda in a country where it continues to be viewed largely as a private matter and is met at best with a family-oriented response.

CISCSA, a women-led non-governmental organization, works to increase the political influence of women's civil society organizations and women activists, with a clear focus on women's right to housing and to a life free of violence.

This project, which employs a human rights-based approach, works to empower local women's civil society organizations and facilitate strategic alliances between key actors in order to restore the right to safely use and enjoy public spaces to women and girls, including women political activists and lesbian, bisexual and transgender women.

Among the complementary intervention strategies adopted by the project include producing and disseminating knowledge about violence against women and girls and the tools to address it and multisectoral cooperation between women's and civil society organizations and local government.

Fundación Andhes (Abogados y abogadas del Noroeste argentino en Derechos Humanos y estudios sociales)

Argentina

Project title: Acceso a la justicia para mujeres cis y trans y lesbianas en situación de violencia en el Noroeste argentino. Del diagnóstico a la acción.

Description: A project implemented by the Fundación Andhes (Abogados y abogadas del Noroeste argentino en Derechos Humanos y estudios sociales), a women-led non-governmental organization, works to address violence against cisgender, transgender and lesbian women in the Tucuman and Jujuy provinces of Argentina.

The project is in line with the Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 as it seeks to strengthen and empower local women's civil society organizations representing groups that face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.

Cisgender, transgender and lesbian women in Argentina face high levels of marginalization and violence. This project focuses in particular on violence in public spaces, including sexual violence by non-partners, sexual harassment, femicide and institutional violence. The grantee promotes the sexual and reproductive rights of cisgender and transgender women and provides legal support in cases of institutional violence against marginalized groups.

For this project, Fundación Andhes is working in partnership with CLADEM, an international network of women's organizations and activists. The project focuses on mapping obstacles to access to justice and equipping cisgender, transgender and lesbian women at risk of violence with the tools to defend, demand and promote their rights. It also works to ensure that public policies are influenced by local protection mechanisms.

The project employs complementary intervention strategies, including undertaking research to inform campaigns and training curricula on access to justice; capacity building among women and girls on legal procedures; awareness-raising via campaigns; and promoting new public policies.

Fundación para la Promoción de la Economía Social y Cooperativa (FUNDECO)

Argentina

Project title: Consejería Integral para la prevención y asistencia de la violencia contra las mujeres y el acompañamiento para la reinserción laboral de las víctimas

Description: A project implemented in Argentina by the Fundación para la Promoción de la Economía Social y Cooperativa (FUNDECO), a non-governmental organization, works to support and empower women survivors of intimate-partner violence to access justice.

The project is in line with the Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 as it seeks to strengthen and empower local women's civil society organizations representing marginalized groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.

Complex discriminatory procedures put a great burden on survivors of violence and often contribute to their revictimization. This project focuses in particular on lesbian, bisexual and transgender women who face many obstacles in accessing justice.

FUNDECO aims to advance the adoption of social, economic and cultural policies promoting local solidarity, gender equality and the empowerment of youth. With this project its focus is on ensuring that survivors of violence against women are better informed about their rights and have access to proper legal advice and counselling in their neighbourhoods. The aim is to ensure that women survivors gain the confidence to claim and defend their rights and are better equipped to break the cycle of violence.

The project employs a two-fold strategy, identifying women leaders in the target neighbourhoods and training them to become local counsellors and at the same time providing psychosocial support and professional counselling to women survivors.

Colectiva Feminista para el Desarrollo Local

El Salvador

Project title: Mujeres organizadas impulsan acciones para el cumplimiento de la legislación, políticas y planes que garanticen el derecho a una vida libre de violencia para las mujeres y niñas

Description: A project implemented by the Asociación Colectiva de Mujeres para el Desarrollo Local (Colectiva Feminista para el Desarrollo Local) works to build the capacities of women activists and organizations to end violence against women in El Salvador.

The project is aligned with the Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to establish multi-stakeholder collaboration, partnerships and networks to end violence against women at both local and national levels.

El Salvador has alarmingly high levels of violence against women and one of the highest rates of femicide in Central America. The grantee, a women's rights non-governmental organization, focuses on advancing gender equality and in particular on sexual and reproductive rights, the promotion of a life free from violence for all women and women's economic empowerment and political participation. This project involves the platform "Nada sobre nosotras, sin nosotras" ("Nothing about us without us") and two non-governmental organizations, ANDRYSAS and NIMD.

The project works to build the capacities of women activists and encourage them to participate in the decision-making process at both municipal and national levels. It also seeks to strengthen the capacities of women's organizations and to mobilize them in networks to successfully engage in inter-institutional spaces of dialogue with the agencies and actors responsible for addressing violence against women and girls.

The project employs tested methodologies and its key strategies include capacity building of key structures and stakeholders in the field of ending violence against women; fostering community mobilization and active citizenship through advocacy and lobbying; strengthening women's networks; and enhancing the capacities of women aspiring to take part in decision-making processes.

Asociación Mujeres Transformando

El Salvador

Project title: Participación ciudadana en procesos de incidencia y de cuestionamiento de las diferentes formas de violencia y acoso sexual en mujeres y niñas adolescentes del área textil en siete municipios de El Salvador.

Description: A project implemented by the women's organization Asociación Mujeres Transformando in El Salvador focuses on rising levels of physical, sexual and psychological violence against women in the workplace.

The project is aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to establish multi-stakeholder collaboration, partnerships and networks at both local and national levels to end violence against women and girls. Led by the Asociación Mujeres Transformando, the project involves several women's non-governmental organizations as co-implementing partners – ASTRADOMES, CEDM, REDFEM and the Alianza para la despenalización del Aborto.

The project works to increase public awareness of violence against women and girls, particularly among young women, and to encourage local authorities to take action and incorporate women's rights, including the right of women and girls to live a life free from violence, in their political agendas. Another important element of the project is carrying out advocacy campaigns lobbying for the ratification and implementation of the International Labour Convention concerning the elimination of violence and harassment in the world of work (No. 190) by relevant authorities.

The project employs complementary intervention strategies including capacity building among key structures and stakeholders on ending violence against women; enabling transformation at personal, behavioural, cultural and structural level; fostering community mobilization; and strengthening women's networks.

Movimiento de mujeres indígenas TZUNUNIJA/IXTZUNUN

Guatemala

Project title: Mujeres y Niñas Mayas conscientes, activas y propositivas en la prevención y desnaturalización de las violencias y el femicidio

Description: A project implemented in Guatemala by the Movimiento de mujeres indígenas TZUNUNIJA/IXTZUNUN works to end the diverse forms of violence affecting indigenous women and girls and empower them to enjoy, demand and protect their human rights.

The proposed intervention is in line with the Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 as it seeks to strengthen the expertise and the capacity of local indigenous women's organizations to advance progress on ending gender-based violence.

Indigenous women in Guatemala face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and the levels of physical and sexual violence against them remain high, as does impunity for these crimes. Obstacles to justice for survivors include a lack the knowledge among indigenous women about how to report violence and attitudes and justice systems that tend to normalize such violence.

The Movimiento de mujeres indígenas TZUNUNIJA/IXTZUNUN is a Guatemalan women-led network of organizations working to end violence against indigenous women which focuses on the Mayan and Garifuna ethnic groups. As part of its work to improve the justice system, it has developed tools to prevent and respond to the specific forms of violence affecting indigenous women and increased the visibility of this issue.

In partnership with CARE Guatemala, the grantee employs complementary intervention strategies, including: capacity building of key actors; access to essential services for survivors; training on ending violence against women and girls and international legal standards; and advocacy actions to facilitate debate and encourage the adoption of prevention measures by the government.

Centro de Derechos de Mujeres

Honduras

Project title: Fortaleciendo liderazgo y articulacion para prevenir la violencia contra las mujeres en Honduras

Description: A project implemented in Honduras by the Centro de Derechos de Mujeres works to prevent all forms of violence against women, including domestic, sexual, psychological and patrimonial violence and femicide.

The project is aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to advance progress on ending violence against women through multi-stakeholder collaboration, partnerships and networks of civil society groups.

Honduras has one of the highest rates of femicide in the world. The Centro de Derechos de Mujeres is a women-led organization that defends and promotes women's human rights through legal aid, legal education, advocacy and community organizing. It has contributed to the creation and strengthening of dozens of collectives and networks of women against gender-based violence, strengthened the leadership of hundreds of women's rights defenders and activists and promoted the formulation of laws such as the Law against Domestic Violence.

This project, carried out in partnership with Associated for Fairness, JASS and the Center for Health Promotion and Family Assistance, covers 12 municipalities in the seven departments of the country with the highest rates of violence against women and girls.

Among the strategies employed are strengthening the advocacy capacities of civil society organizations and community groups to overcome unequal power relations vis-à-vis local and national authorities. The project also works to increase the capacity of public officials and the justice sector to strengthen their technical capacities for the prevention, protection, reporting and enforceability of rights. It also works to mobilize communities against violence by strengthening broad civil society alliances.

Centro de Estudios de la Mujer

Honduras

Project title: Redes de mujeres y jóvenes impulsando comunidades libres de VCMN

Description: A project implemented in Honduras by the Centro de Estudios de la Mujer - Honduras works to strengthen the capacities of organizations and networks at local and territorial levels so that they can promote strategies to end violence against women and girls that are adapted to their particular contexts.

The project is aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to advance progress on ending violence against women and girls through multi-stakeholder collaboration, partnerships and networks across civil society groups.

Led by Centro de Estudios de la Mujer, the project is implemented in partnership with Plataforma 25 de Noviembre, a network of 22 women's organizations, and CARE Honduras. It focuses on preventing violence against women and girls in rural and urban settings in six municipalities and six secondary schools in Francisco Morazán and Intibucá. The project involves organizations and networks that support indigenous women and members of ethnic groups, women at risk of violence and young women as well as teachers and parents.

The project employs strategies including developing the knowledge and skills of relevant organizations and encouraging political advocacy from organizations and networks of women and young people. It also works to change attitudes and behaviours regarding gender-based violence in educational settings, communities and social networks.

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, A.C.

Mexico

Project title: Fortaleciendo la respuesta efectiva del Estado a la violencia feminicida, particularmente en torno a la implementación de las Alertas de Violencia de Género contra las Mujeres y al acceso a la justicia

Description: A project implemented by Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, A.C. works to foster networks of civil society and women's organizations; promote the adoption and implementation of government policies on ending violence against women and girls; and improve access to justice in cases of femicide and enforced disappearances.

This project is aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to establish multi-stakeholder collaboration, partnerships and networks on ending violence against women and girls at both local and national levels.

Violence against women and girls, particularly femicide and enforced disappearances, is on the rise in Mexico and women and girl survivors of violence are often ignored or receive an inadequate response from those responsible for ensuring their security and access to essential services.

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, A.C. is a women's non-governmental organization that works to preserve the rule of law and human rights, focusing specifically on protecting women's sexual and reproductive rights, promoting public policies and mechanisms to prevent and end violence against women and girls and improving access to justice for survivors of gender-based violence.

For this project, the grantee works with two co-implementing partners – the Instituto Mexicano de Derechos Humanos y Democracia and Justicia Pro Persona.

The project employs complementary intervention strategies including: capacity building of key stakeholders, including government officials and service providers, to respond to women survivors of violence appropriately and ensure their access to justice; fostering community mobilization and enhancing women's organizations; advocacy campaigns; and lobbying for the adoption of policies and mechanisms on ending violence against women and girls.

Conservación, Investigación y Aprovechamiento de los Recursos Naturales

Mexico

Project title: Mujeres indígenas por la defensa de sus derechos humanos y una vida libre de violencia

Description: A project implemented in Mexico by Conservación, Investigación y Aprovechamiento de los Recursos Naturales, A.C. works for further recognition of indigenous women's rights and bring to the fore the issue of violence against them. It also aims to raise awareness among indigenous women about their human rights, including the right to live free from violence, and increase their ability to defend themselves.

The project is aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6 in that it seeks to establish multi-stakeholder collaboration, partnerships and networks on ending violence against women and girls at both local and national levels.

The project is implemented in the municipalities of San Juan Lalana and Santiago Jocotep in Mexico, where the services and structures to effectively protect the rights of indigenous women and girls are lacking and violence and discrimination are widespread.

The project is led by Conservación, Investigación y Aprovechamiento de los Recursos Naturales, A.C., an indigenous women's non-governmental organization, and implemented in partnership with the National Commission on Prevention and Ending Violence against Women (CONAVIM) and the civil society networks, Redes Ciudadanas and Redes Institucionales.

The project employs complementary intervention strategies, including: capacity building of key structures and stakeholders on ending violence against women and girls; awareness raising among local indigenous communities to promote women's rights; fostering community mobilization and active citizenship through advocacy; providing multisectoral services, including access to justice for survivors of violence; and behaviour change strategies fostering community efforts on addressing violence against indigenous women and girls.

Infancia Común

México

Project title: Mi cuerpo es mío

Description: A project implemented in Mexico by Infancia Común works to increase knowledge among school communities on preventing and identifying child sexual abuse and strengthening the capacities of school communities for action and referrals if such abuse occurs.

The project is aligned with Spotlight Initiative Outcome 6, as it requires the collective action of strategic actors at the community level and involves strengthening the coordination of civil society actors and organizations.

The project focuses on the Oaxaca region where a history of conflict, poverty and instability has led to forced displacement, internal migration and the establishment of informal settlements and where sexual violence against women, disappearances and femicide have become increasingly common.

Infancia Común, a women-led civil society organization, has developed a prevention-based project called “Mi cuerpo es mío” (“My body is mine”) using schools in the Central Valleys of Oaxaca as an entry point. It has cultivated partnerships with grass-roots organizations and community members to advance progress on gender equality and women’s empowerment and ending violence against women and girls.

The project works to raise awareness among children and adolescents, primarily through a new training process on rights and violence prevention. It employs participatory action methodologies, based on playful, reflexive and experiential activities in school spaces to trigger capacity building processes and coordination with key community actors such as parents and teachers. It also uses identified schools as a collective space enabling the community to engage in positive processes related to their children.

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An artist is painting the Spotlight Initiative mural to raise awareness of violence against women and girls.
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Annex B

Risk Management Report for Mozambique

Risks	Risk Level: Very high High Medium Low (Likelihood x Impact)	Likelihood: Almost Certain - 5 Likely - 4 Possible - 3 Unlikely - 2 Rare - 1	Impact: Extreme - 5 Major - 4 Moderate - 3 Minor - 2 Insignificant - 1	Mitigating measures undertaken during the reporting period (please include new risks, if any)	Responsible Unit/ Person
Contextual risks					
Risks of project and implementation delays and reduced financial and programmatic delivery. In addition, risks of heightened safety and security risks for grantees and beneficiaries	High	4	4	Frequent check-ins with grantees and flexibility to adapt strategies or outcomes depending on prevailing climate. Flexibility to adapt strategies or outcomes for grantees to respond to prevailing conditions.	UNTF-EVAW
Programmatic risks					
Insufficient capacities of grantees to safeguard staff members and beneficiaries and ensure that the programme does not do harm.	Medium	3	3	Increased focus on ethics and safety as highest priority programmatic risk during project design. Capacity development training on managing ethical and safety risks provided to all grantee organizations as well as guidance on how to develop protocols to safeguard staff and beneficiaries. Projects assessed as higher risk reviewed and identified for one-on-one support to develop protocols. UN Women's new Partner Agreement includes explicit provisions on prevention of SEAH policies.	UNTF-EVAW
Institutional risks					
Insufficient budget allocation of operational costs for the UN Trust Fund Secretariat to roll out and manage the Spotlight specific Calls for Proposals.	High	3	4	Internal agreement for operational costs for UN Trust Fund Spotlight related work to be UN-Women's contribution to the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative	UNTF-EVAW UN-Women
Risks of institutional sustainability of small women's organizations	High	4	4	Introduction of a 43% institutional strengthening objective budget line in the draft 2020 Call for Proposals. Seek additional resourcing for institutional strengthening for existing grantees, with priority to small organizations and women's organizations	UNTF-EVAW
Fiduciary risks					
The 2019 Call for Proposals (CFP) under the Spotlight Initiative is focused in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. In Africa, funded NGOs have historically had more challenges in financial management (based on the UNTF audit findings analysis in historic perspective)	Medium	3	3	Cyclones Idai and Kenneth delayed implementation of activities. The country had to rapidly adjust to the emergency context. Spotlight implementation slowed down, but picked up in the second half of 2019, which the recruitment of more staff.	UNTF-EVAW

Risks	Risk Level: Very high High Medium Low (Likelihood x Impact)	Likelihood: Almost Certain - 5 Likely - 4 Possible - 3 Unlikely - 2 Rare - 1	Impact: Extreme - 5 Major - 4 Moderate - 3 Minor - 2 Insignificant - 1	Mitigating measures undertaken during the reporting period (please include new risks, if any)	Responsible Unit/ Person
Weak systems of internal control and lapses in policies and procedures could result in a compliance and financial risks, that will adversely affect the ability of the grantee to sustain its relationship with the fund going forward.	Medium	3	4	Implementing partner capacity assessment prior to awarding of a grant to assess internal control systems; Capacity building of small organizations where weak internal control systems are identified.	UNTF-EVAW
Corruption/Mismanagement of Funds	Medium	3	4	Strong financial monitoring systems; regular supporting documents assessments on the use of funds; risk-based audit processes. Under the new PCA, the grantees are requested to put a protocol in place for intervention/investigation by OAI.	UNTF-EVAW

Assumptions:

In 2020, there is a risk that a public health crisis or pandemic situation will impact delivery on the projects as well as holds the possibility to cascade and affect operational and financial systems in each project. In 2019, the risks manifested in the call for proposal stages and were minimized through the redistribution of the work through the UN Trust Fund team as well as ensuring flexible work arrangements for staff, and through the above operational mitigation actions.

Annex C

CSO Engagement Report

Outcome	Output	Country	Name of Civil Society Organisation (CSO)	Type of CSO (see definition below table)	Total Award Amount (USD) (see definition below table)	Name of Recipient UN Organisation (RUNO) funding the CSO	Modality of Engagement (see definition below table)	Is this CSO woman-led? Is this CSO a women's rights organisation (WRO) or feminist CSO? (see definition below table)	Primary Vulnerable/Marginalised Population Supported by Award (see explanation below table)
OUTCOME 6: Women's rights groups, autonomous social movements and civil society organisations, including those representing youth and groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination/marginalization, more effectively influence and advance progress on GEWE and ending VAWG.									
Output 6.1: Women's rights groups and relevant CSOs have increased opportunities and support to share knowledge, network, partner and jointly advocate for GEWE and ending VAWG, more specifically, with relevant stakeholders at sub-national, national, regional and global levels.									
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Output 6.2: Women's rights groups and relevant CSOs are better supported to use social accountability mechanisms to support their advocacy and influence on prevention and response to VAWG and GEWE more broadly.									
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Output 6.3: Women's rights groups and relevant CSOs representing groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination/marginalisation have strengthened capacities and support to design, implement and monitor their own programmes on ending VAWG.									
6	6,3	Cameroon	Rural Women Center for Education and Development	Women	\$150.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	Cameroon	African Indigenous Women Organisation Central African Network	Women	\$150.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	Zimbabwe	Bethany Project	Youth	\$150.000		Grantee	woman-led	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Cote d'Ivoire	ONG conscience et VIE	Women	\$150.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	Cameroon	CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA	Human Rights	\$150.000		Grantee	no information available	Refugees and internally displaced women
6	6,3	Cote d'Ivoire	ONG DIGNITÉ ET DROITS POUR LES ENFANTS EN CÔTE D'IVOIRE (ONG DDE-CI)	Human Rights	\$220.480		Grantee	woman-led	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Liberia	United Funding and Development for Underage Mothers (UFDUM)	Women	\$226.612		Grantee	WRO/feminist CSO	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Cameroon	International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) CAMEROON	Women	\$230.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	Refugees and internally displaced women

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6	6,3	Nigeria	Scripture Union West Africa	Faith Based	\$240.000		Grantee	woman-led	Refugees and internally displaced women
6	6,3	Nigeria	Alliances for Africa	Women	\$249.998		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	Malawi	Art & Global Health Center Africa (ArtGlo)	Other	\$265.942		Grantee	woman-led	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Nigeria	Centre for Women Studies and Intervention	Women	\$271.973		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Cameroon	Cameroon Association for the Protection and Education of the Child (CAPEC)	Women	\$279.594		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	Refugees and internally displaced women
6	6,3	Uganda	Integrated Disabled Women Activities	Women	\$292.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Zambia	Zambia National Women's Lobby	Women	\$447.225		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Nigeria	HACEY Health Initiative	Development	\$467.054		Grantee	woman-led	
6	6,3	Zimbabwe	Family AIDS Caring Trust (FACT) Zimbabwe	Faith Based	\$490.422		Grantee	woman-led	
6	6,3	Chad	Public Interest Law Center	Human Rights	\$664.542		Grantee	woman-led	
6	6,3	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Fund for Congolese Women	Women	\$688.913		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	MC – South Africa, Burundi and Ghana	International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS	Faith Based	\$720.322		Grantee	woman-led	Indigenous women/women from ethnic gr
6	6,3	Zimbabwe	Institute for Young Women Development	Women	\$750.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	Lesbian, bisexual, transgender
6	6,3	MC – South Africa and Eswatini	Sonke Gender Justice	Human Rights	\$964.464		Grantee	woman-led	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	Zimbabwe	Voluntary Service Overseas	INGO	\$986.756		Grantee	no information available	women and girls with disabilities
6	6,3	MC – South Africa, Eswatini And Madagascar	Gender Links HQ	Women	\$1.000.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	Lesbian, bisexual, transgender
6	6,3	Argentina	Fundación para la promoción de la economía social y cooperativa	Women	\$124.047		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	Lesbian, bisexual, transgender

Type of CSOs

-International CSOs operate in two or more countries across different regions.

-Regional CSOs operate in two or more countries within the same region (i.e. Africa, Latin America, Asia, Caribbean, Pacific). In this case, a regional CSO is not one that operates in a particular region within one country.

-National CSOs operate only in one particular country.

-Local and grassroots organisations focus their work at the local and community level and do not have a national scope. They tend to have a small annual operational budget (for example, under USD \$200,000); to be self-organised and self-led; and to have a low degree of formality.

Award Amount

In this context, an “award” is any financial grant, contract, or partnership agreement with a CSO.

Type of Engagement

-Implementing Partner (IP): Programmes may contract out particular activities for a CSO to implement.

-Grantee: Programmes may issue a broad Call for Proposals to which CSOs submit proposals for grant funding.

-Vendor: Programmes may engage with CSOs through a procurement process, such as purchasing services from a CSO or hiring a CSO for a training or other activity.

Woman-Led and Women’s Rights Organisation (WRO)/Feminist CSOs

To be considered a “woman-led CSO,” the organisation must be headed by a woman. To be considered a “women’s rights or feminist organisation,” the organisation’s official mission/visions statements must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and women’s rights. The organisation should aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, that perpetuate EAWG and gender based violence and work to transform these.

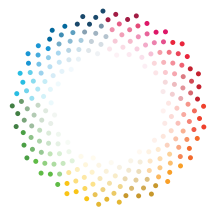
Please select only “Woman-led” if the CSO is headed by a woman, but no information is available or it is not known if the CSO is a WRO/feminist CSO.

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Primary Vulnerable/Marginalised Population Supported by Award

Under the principle of Leave No One Behind, Spotlight UN Country Teams are expected to ensure the representation of vulnerable and marginalised groups, including by engaging with CSOs that service or advocate for these groups. If the award covers several vulnerable or marginalised populations, select one population that is primarily served by the award.

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6	6,3	Argentina	Centro de Intercambio Subregional Cono Sur Alahua CISCOSA	Women	\$665.790		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	Lesbian, bisexual, transgender
6	6,3	El Salvador	Asociación Mujeres Transformando	Women	\$300.806		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	Honduras	Centro de Estudios de la Mujer - Honduras (Cem-H)	Women	\$500.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	Mexico	Catolicas por el Derecho a Decidir A.C.	Women	\$685.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
6	6,3	Argentina	Fundación Abogados y Abogadas del Noroeste Argentino en Derechos Humanos y Estudios Sociales	Hman Rights	\$150.000		Grantee	woman-led	Lesbian, bisexual, transgender
6	6,3	El Salvador	Asociación Colectiva de Mujeres para el Desarrollo Local	Women	\$900.000		Grantee	woman-led and WRO/feminist CSO	
TOTAL AWARDS TO CSOs					\$15.678.285	include a formula-based sum here			



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