



# 25° ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNTF

Webinar of 25th October 2021

# UN TRUST FUND



Violence can be addressed reduced and eliminated

1996 Un Resolution 166

The most widespread human rights violation globally

killings of women,  
abuses against women and girls  
female genital mutilation  
Less than 40% ask for help

# GLOBAL GRANT MAKING INSTITUTION



UDS 198 million  
140 countries  
609 initiatives

COVID 19 PANDEMIC  
UNTF managed 150 projects  
71 countries

Key words  
prevent violence  
improve access to services  
strengthen implementation of laws



# INTRODUCTORY MESSAGES

## The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres

- raising in number of conflicts
- the pandemic
- - raised the level of violence against women
- UNTF is the only grant-making mechanism supporting women's rights orgs
- UNTF increased funding during pandemic





# INTRODUCTORY MESSAGES

## **The executive director of UN Women Sima Sema Bahous**

- UNTF founded to accelerate end violence against women.
- Funding in areas where women risk to be left behind
- Pandemic:
- Local organizations: more shelters, help lines
- Importance of finding other solutions, interacting with many different actors



# INTRODUCTORY MESSAGES

## Charlotte Brunch scholar Rutgers University

- UNTF great achievement in numbers
- violence has not been eliminated
- More access to it
- Right to live without violence
- Multiple actors: governments
- Grass roots organizations
- UNTF money and resources available
- 1 out of 3 women subject to violence



# PANEL 1

## Roxana Carrillo OutRight Action

- Origins: global human and civil rights grass roots movements
- Awareness about gender issue
- Uncovering of violence against women
- Breakthrough: inserted in UN agenda of conferences and summits:
- Vienna 1993
- Beijing 1995
- Nairobi 2019
- Few grants but increased over the years
- Important: dialogue between different funders and diverse orgs

# Sohini Bhattacharya Breakthrough India



- Important for orgs: implicit trust on grantees to be able to work in that system,
- innovations: TF helped
- TF brought multiyear grants change structures and cultures
- Standardization of procedures and toolkits
- Joint action from other grant givers

# Ms Chinyere Eyoh, executive director of SOAR Nigeria



- Recent UNTF grantee
- huge role of small organizations
- improve their technical capacity
- to write proposals
- to build connections |
- learn from larger organizations
- to acquire best practices on how to run programmes.
- to trust and support **credible** small organizations



# Reem Alsalem Women rights organization, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women

- Comprehensive approach: legal, data acquisition and interpretation, prevention
- Important role of communities, private actors and NGOs
- 2030 agenda: the issue of ending violence against women ( Gender Based Violence) is inserted in the gender equality issue, in women's empowerment
- Strengths: support civil society organizations
- Daring and innovative projects
- Long term grants
- Synergies with civil society
- Listening to and learn from experience
- Use the trend analysis from UNTF
- Importance of funds for civil society organizations

# FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS



- Continue to listen and raise the bar
- Link UNTF to human rights
- Focus on prevention, gender equality practices
- Change in the thinking system
- Spaces of convergence
- GBV is a pandemic
- Effects of social media on the lives of young girls
- Trust and listen to women
- Join forces and working with different partners





## **PANEL 2**

### **experiences from**

# **UGANDA JORDAN NEPAL**

- Ms Natsnet Ghebrebrhan: VAW, coordinator of Raising Voices Uganda
- Ms Jaya Luintel: co-founder The Story Kitchen, Nepal
- Ms Katherine Flayley, Women's Justice Initiative, Guatemala
- Ms Wesal Abdullah program coordinator Arab Women Organization, Jordan



# Ms Natsnet Ghebrebrhan, Uganda



- **SASA INITIATIVE: Start, Awareness, Support, Action**
- Prevention of GBV, community mobilization
- funded twice by the UNTF
- related to prevention of HIV.
- adapted to various countries, South America
- a practice -based knowledge
- reduce the social acceptability of GBV
- impact HIV risk
- Important involvement of men and boys
- GBV is preventable
- HIV can be curbed with action against GBV

# Ms Jaya Luintel: co-founder The Story Kitchen, Nepal



- 10 years old civil war in Nepal
- TSK agency for survivals of violence
- Telling stories of violence helps unravel gender oppression and patriarchy
- silenced by family, society and the government
- turns victims into reporters
- power of words and stories
- long-term partnership with the UNTF and the EU
- from 5 districts to 18 districts in Nepal
- trust, passion integrity, recognition, amplification

# Ms Katherine Flayley, Women's Justice Initiative, Guatemala



- NGO received 2 rounds of funding from UNTF
- funding duration impacts on the projects
- more creative projects radio programs to involve boys and men
- advocacy
- Results take time to be achieved

# Ms Wesal Abdullah, Jordan



- AWO: ARAB WOMEN ORGANIZATION
- intergovernmental organization from the Cairo Declaration in 2000
- Aims: empowering Arab women by raising awareness of important vital role of women for society
- helping refugees from the Syrian War
- Achievements:
  - spaces for women and girls and services
  - involvement of boys and men on issue of masculinity
  - change of perception on GBV
- Call for actions and donors:
  - long-terms grants
  - Trust support