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The International Women’s Health Coalition advances the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and young people, particularly adolescent girls, in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. IWHC furthers this agenda by supporting and strengthening leaders and organizations working at the community, national, regional, and global levels, and by advocating for international and US policies, programs, and funding.
WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR BODY IS CRUCIAL TO YOUR EQUALITY AS A CITIZEN.

—Françoise Girard
MORE THAN ANY OTHER YEAR IN RECENT MEMORY, 2017 demonstrated how important the International Women's Health Coalition is to women around the world.

In the United States, President Trump’s election dealt a devastating blow to the advancement of women’s sexual and reproductive rights. Yet, the installment of a misogynist to the country’s highest public office had an unintended effect: it energized the women’s movement. From the Women’s March to the Black Mamas Matter Alliance to the explosion of voices saying #MeToo, 2017 sparked the fire for bold and brave activism. And it is movements like these that IWHC has steadfastly and courageously supported around the world for over three decades.

As this Annual Report goes to print, I see Argentine women move ever closer to securing the right to safe and legal abortion; it is the vibrant women’s movement in that country that made this a possibility. Polish women, in a rebuke to their government’s authoritarian backsliding, have taken to the streets in unprecedented numbers to fight against attempts to harshly limit access to abortion. In India and Pakistan, the horrific rapes of young girls have sparked massive public outrage and calls for high-level accountability. And in Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa, bold feminists are pressing forward their campaigns to end child marriage, and educate adolescent girls about their bodies and rights.

In each of these countries, and more than 35 additional countries worldwide, IWHC has invested in women and girls by providing grants and training, and advocating alongside these fearless rights defenders. All of our work is grounded in the understanding that women’s activists and women’s organizations are the key—that over time their persistence will tip the scales in favor of equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. Across these countries and movements, we share the belief that not only is control of one’s body the bedrock of gender equality, but that our solidarity will bring the change we’ve been waiting for.

2017 undoubtedly will be remembered as a dark time, when many countries took a wrong turn, installing authoritarian, regressive policymakers who aim to further restrict women’s equality and their hard-fought rights. But this time is also one of great hope. And as we’ve done for 34 years, IWHC will continue to fight for sexual and reproductive rights—because we know we’re on the right side of history.

Thank you for your solidarity and for your support.

FRANÇOISE GIRARD
MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

SMRITI THAPA, A YOUNG WOMAN FROM NEPAL, choked on her words as she told a roomful of Board members and staff from the International Women’s Health Coalition about the child marriage of her grandmother. With tears in her eyes, Thapa said she uses her voice to honor her grandmother and ensure a better life for her future granddaughter.

Her personal story is a reminder of how many girls in countries around the world continue to live without human rights. It is estimated that 12 million girls are married each year, according to UNICEF.* Girls married under the age of 18 are less likely to finish school. They are more likely to experience complications in pregnancy. And they are too often victims of domestic violence.

As the Board Chair of IWHC for the last five years, I’ve heard countless stories of women and girls who are unable to make decisions about their bodies. And while we have a long way to go, I am proud to say that groups like IWHC have contributed to the worldwide decline in child marriage over the last decade.

As I enter my final year as chair, I am reflecting on what our staff and community of donors have accomplished together over the years. I have watched our grantmaking portfolio grow by leaps, culminating in IWHC’s largest ever grantmaking budget, with $4 million in active grants over the 2017 fiscal year. I have seen IWHC train scores of next generation leaders through our Advocacy in Practice program. And I have learned from extraordinary women’s organizations and feminist leaders worldwide. I have also had the honor of recognizing notable figures in women’s rights, including UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad al Hussein, former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The global reach of IWHC’s work matters because it directly improves the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls around the world. I am tremendously proud of the work we have done together.

*UNICEF data, March 6, 2018. UNICEF.org
US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP was in office for just three days in January 2017 when he began his aggressive attacks on the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls.

President Trump reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy, or “Global Gag Rule,” by executive order, forbidding organizations overseas from receiving US global health funding if they provide—or even mention—abortion services. In a pattern that has played out since his election, the president also began stacking his administration with anti-abortion ideologues who have a noted opposition to women’s rights.

Having held the line against successive conservative US governments, the International Women’s Health Coalition knew that immediate and strategic efforts would be essential to block the Trump administration’s onslaughts.

In 2017, we ramped up our efforts in Washington, DC and at the United Nations, and acted as a powerful counterforce to Trump’s harmful policies. We sought new alliances across social movements to gain strength in coalitions. As grantmakers, we injected increased financial support into women’s organizations around the world, especially those that would be affected by harmful US foreign policy. And we launched a communications effort to counter the Trump administration’s false narratives with facts.

“FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD BE ROOTED IN EVIDENCE AND RESULTS, NOT IDEOLOGY AND THE POLITICS OF PUNISHMENT.”

Shannon Kowalski, Director of Advocacy and Policy at IWHC

Above: Shannon Kowalski © Equal Measures 2030
Advocating on Capitol Hill
IWHC held more than 50 meetings with US congressional offices, briefing them about the impacts of harmful US policies and forging new allies. Armed with evidence, we pressed for Senate and House members to support favorable foreign policy for women’s reproductive health and rights. This included advocating for the Global Health, Empowerment and Rights Act to repeal the Global Gag Rule, and the Keeping Girls in School Act to ensure funding for girls’ education globally.

Defending a Multilateral Approach
As co-conveners of the Women’s Right Caucus at the United Nations, we organized women’s groups from around the world to influence political negotiations at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)—the largest gathering on women’s rights worldwide. We denounced the Trump administration’s decision to include the hate group C-Fam in its delegation at the the UN CSW, and to cut funding to the UN Population Fund—the world’s largest provider of family planning services.

Mobilizing the Movement
Working with more than a dozen coalitions, IWHC modeled our belief that reproductive health issues like access to contraception, maternal mortality, and sexually transmitted infections cannot be addressed in isolation. We worked across sectors with prominent advocacy groups like Planned Parenthood as well as in allied sectors, like Amnesty International and the LGBT rights group Outright International, to increase the movement’s impact to achieve equality and justice.

We know that advocacy works. When we mobilize quickly with our allies by our side, we are a strong and effective counterforce to opposition assaults.
UNSTOPPABLE COALITIONS

A partial list of IWHC’s key coalition work*:

*Highlighted names represent IWHC leadership roles.

Big Ideas for Women and Girls Coalition
The Coalition for Adolescent Girls
The Council for Global Equality
Gender-Based Violence Coalition
Girls Not Brides Global

Girls Not Brides USA
Global AIDS Policy Partnership

Global Health Council
International Family Planning Coalition
International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Coalition

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Roundtable
The Women’s Major Group
Women’s Rights Caucus
Youth Health and Rights Coalition
IN JUNE 2017, Monica Oguttu painted a horrific picture to a journalist at Kenya’s Daily Nation newspaper. Oguttu, executive director of the Kisumu Medical and Education Trust (KMET) in Western Kenya, and a grantees of the International Women’s Health Coalition, told the publication why she had, many years earlier, decided to give up her job as a nurse midwife to work as an activist.

“One morning, a 16-year-old girl came to the hospital after an abortion and a quack [unsafe abortion provider] had damaged her uterus and the vital organs in her body.”

The girl’s pleas for help shook Oguttu, who calls the stigma around abortion in Kenya a “silent killer.” According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 25 million unsafe abortions occur each year worldwide. Throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, and elsewhere, women and girls suffer not just discrimination and abuse, but bodily injury and death.
IWHC’s funding is grounded in the right to access safe and legal abortion worldwide. In 2017, IWHC funded 16 organizations in 10 countries to strengthen abortion services and advocacy—from education hotlines and online platforms to the training of medical students and providers.

Our work also tackles harmful US policies, like the Global Gag Rule (see page 10), and works collectively with partners to do critical research that informs global calls to action. To fight the policy, last year IWHC began documenting its harmful effects in Nigeria, Kenya, and South Africa, and presented our initial findings to the US Senate in October 2017.

IWHC is also fighting the growing trend in medical providers—from Italy to Uruguay—denying women abortion care by invoking their conscience or religion. In 2017, we co-hosted the first international convening on this issue, where KMET joined others to coordinate efforts to combat the refusal by medical providers to perform abortions.

For Monica Oguttu, and activists like her worldwide, increasing attacks on abortion rights are not abstract—they result in life-or-death situations. For KMET, the choice is stark: refusing US government funds under the Global Gag Rule will result in the closure of clinics that provide vital health services to women. Accepting those funds means offering less than comprehensive, quality care, and sending women back to clandestine providers. It is a lose-lose situation.

As a result, Oguttu expects to see a rise in unplanned pregnancies, complications of pregnancy, and maternal deaths in Kenya. And she plans to keep fighting on behalf of Kenya’s women and girls. “Somebody needs to speak on behalf of the voiceless,” she says.

Abortion Defenders: Spotlight on IWHC Grantee

Since 2005, IWHC has awarded nearly $500,000 to PROMSEX: Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos. PROMSEX works in Peru to expand access to safe and legal abortion and prevent violence against women and LGBT people. PROMSEX defends the legal rights of women and girls and helps to advocate for a woman’s right to an abortion in cases of rape.
In 2017, inspired by the Whitman Institute’s Trust-Based Philanthropy model for social good,* we strengthened our funding approach.

Organizations need flexibility, particularly when they work in politically shifting environments. To provide room for our grantees to determine their own priorities, IWHC reduced its administrative paperwork so that our grantees have more capacity to carry out programs and serve their communities. We gave more general support grants. We also reinforced our longstanding model of providing hands-on help that extends “beyond the check,” such as technical assistance for strategic, financial, and succession planning.

With this enhanced approach, IWHC is working to create lasting partnerships that

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**A Nigerian Hotline for Sexual and Reproductive Health**

In Nigeria, our confidence in and support of Education as a Vaccine (EVA) has powered change. In a country where more than half of the population is under the age of 30, EVA’s hotline for young people provides necessary information about sexual and reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS prevention. The organization has responded to more than one million messages through their hotline since the service began.

Olabukunola Williams, EVA’s executive director, sums up the value of providing programs for sexual and reproductive health: “If you actually guarantee the right of adolescents and young people to health, to education, and to decent work, then of course your country is going to grow. And more importantly, it’s going to be a more equitable and just society.”

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*Trust-Based Philanthropy* is a model of giving in which donors are committed to making a long-term investment in the work of a single nonprofit. This approach involves a deep understanding of the organization’s mission, goals, and impact. It emphasizes collaboration and relationship building, allowing donors to support the organization in a way that aligns with their values and passions.
are truly beneficial—and not bureaucratic—to our grantees. Our goal is to listen to our grantee partners, and fortify not only the work of individual women’s organizations, but to build a global movement of resilient advocates who fight for sexual and reproductive rights.

Executive Director Dinah Musindarwezo from our longstanding partner organization and grantee FEMNET in Kenya (pictured, right), recently said, “You show us the true meaning of sisterhood through your commitment to the organization and our work. And for that we greatly appreciate IWHC.”

“Key Principles of Trust-Based Philanthropy,” The Whitman Institute.

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**Defending Women’s Rights in Repressive Countries**

When funding for women’s organizations globally is threatened or eliminated, IWHC’s trust and investment in our partner organizations and activists can be a lifeline. In Brazil, Egypt, and Turkey, our grants in 2017 injected financial support to women’s rights organizations facing governments hostile to sexual and reproductive health. In Turkey, as crackdowns on civil society and women’s groups continued, IWHC provided a grant to Women for Women’s Human Rights to build their capacity to fight government abuses and hold Turkey accountable to the gender equality goals of the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
POWER UP

THE ARC OF CHANGE IN PAKISTAN

Razia Bano is one of two female boxers at a well-known all boys boxing club in Pakistan. The teen is striving for Olympic gold and becoming a symbol for women in public spaces. © Aahung
**POWER UP**

In January 2018, seven-year-old Zainab Ansari was brutally raped, murdered, and discarded in a garbage dump in Punjab province in Pakistan. Public uproar following this heinous crime pressured the government to address violence against girls.

In Sindh Province, the government responded by reaching out to International Women’s Health Coalition grantee partner Aahung, founded in 1995. Aahung had by 2018 already rolled out its “life skills based education,” a sexuality education curriculum, in hundreds of public schools. Long before the provincial government was ready to embrace Aahung’s work, the organization had been leading the way in educating girls and boys to stem pervasive child sex abuse.

When executive director Sheena Hadi joined Aahung, she was warned about the many challenges she would face teaching young children about their bodies and health. But IWHC recognized Aahung’s vision early on. Our very first grant to Aahung was made in 1999. Since that time, our funding has enabled Aahung to extensively test the life-skills based education curriculum; work with parents, teachers, and school administrators; and form a relationship with the government to scale the work.

In 2017, IWHC honored Hadi at a ceremony in New York City. Accepting the award, she said, “The greatest lesson I have learned from the International Women’s Health Coalition has been how the organization has always respected Aahung’s autonomy and encouraged us to lead in the design of our own programs while offering steady guidance and support.”

Today, we aren’t the only ones taking notice of Aahung’s work. In the wake of Ansari’s murder, Sindh Province— Pakistan’s second most-populous—announced it will formally integrate the Aahung curriculum across 45,000 schools in the public school system, reaching hundreds of thousands of students. Balochistan Province followed shortly thereafter, and will roll out the curriculum in 2018.

IWHC’s partnership with Aahung exemplifies a core philosophy of our work. With strategic thinking and substantial investment, we can help produce not only short-term successes, but long-term outcomes that result in systemic change.

**“EARLY ON, OUR VALUES AND VISION AS A RIGHTS-BASED ORGANIZATION WERE SHAPED BY THE WAY IWHC EMPHASIZED THE INDIVIDUAL AND NOT JUST THE TARGET NUMBER.”**

Sheena Hadi, Executive Director of Aahung
OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH COALITION HAS TRAINED AND EMPOWERED 250 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 54 COUNTRIES THROUGH OUR SIGNATURE ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE (AIP) PROGRAM.

In 2017, we held two trainings at our New York offices for 20 participants in preparation for two UN policy-setting meetings. Attendees came from countries as far away as Fiji, Lebanon, and Rwanda to learn how to influence government decision-makers.

AIP’s intensive, multi-day trainings brings together future leaders of feminist movements: young people who can lead the charge for sexual and reproductive health and rights in their home countries and globally. Participants gather to deepen their understanding of the UN system, identify shared priorities, develop their “ask,” and lobby their governments for change. Our trainings teach them how to convey their message through mock negotiations and through hands-on engagement in actual UN processes. Participants bring these skills back to their countries to hold their governments to account.

The AIP training can be life changing: participants have said that it built their confidence and gave them the courage to speak up in sometimes intimidating policymaking spaces. An example is AIP alumna May-i Fabros, who first lobbied the Philippines delegation at the 2013 UN Commission on the Status of Women. She later joined the Philippines Foreign Service, where she continues to advocate for progressive policies that advance the rights of women and girls.

By training the next generation of leaders, IWHC is building connections and solidarity to further the movement for sexual and reproductive health and rights.
Left: AIP participants in New York at IWHC’s office before the Commission on the Status of Women. © IWHC
Above: Miki Wali, a 2017 Advocacy In Practice participant, trans activist and co-founder of the Haus of Khameleon movement working in Fiji and the Pacific, with Phumzile Mlambo, United Nations under-secretary general and executive director of UN Women. © UN Women/Ryan Brown
“IN AN EFFORT TO TURN HINDSIGHT INTO FORESIGHT, IWHC CARRIED OUT A RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATION TO UNPACK LESSONS LEARNED FROM A VICTORIOUS STRUGGLE.”

Gita Sen, Co-Founder of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT REJOICED at the 2015 landmark victory, when governments worldwide adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by consensus. Unlike the previous Millennium Development Goals, the Sustainable Development Goals not only included a standalone goal for gender equality, but also targets to advance the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls, end child marriage, and ensure education for girls.

Equally important was the negotiation process. A diverse coalition of over 600 women's groups—with the International Women’s Health Coalition as a lead organizer—relentlessly advocated over the course of three years to present a common agenda and prioritize the rights of women and girls at every step.

IWHC knew that this story was too important to go undocumented. After decades of women's organizing, we have learned that, too often, women's achievements go unrecognized or claimed by others. This time, the strategies used by women's civil society groups from hundreds of countries needed to be shared right away, while memories were fresh.

In March 2017, we published a 50-page report titled Power Lessons—the result of seven months of interviews, research, and analysis. This retrospective, and an accompanying documentary film, analyzed our lessons learned and was shared widely throughout the movement for reflection and continued advocacy.

There are many battles left to fight. Governments must be held accountable to the Sustainable Development Goals, and women’s groups will again be at the forefront of that challenge. In celebrating our successes and sharing our struggles, IWHC is powering the women's movement with the tools and resources to inform the work ahead.

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**IWHC's Top Ten Advocacy Lessons from Negotiating the SDGs**

1. Build a transparent and inclusive method of working
2. Work across issues, not in silos
3. Organize early, prioritize demands, and develop unified positions
4. Find champions and build relationships of trust
5. Deliver clear and consistent messages and put persistent pressure on governments
6. Utilize innovative and visible communications strategies
7. Fund meaningful participation, especially from the Global South
8. Utilize existing political and institutional structures
9. Identify gaps in our own expertise and build capacity
10. Link global advocacy to national advocacy, and strengthen the movement at every level
GRANTS BY REGION

FY2017 At a Glance

Grants in FY 2017

130 GRANTS AWARDED
37 COUNTRIES
$2.1 MILLION

Africa: $717,859
Asia & the Pacific: $450,354
Europe: $117,716
Latin America: $707,313
Middle East & North Africa: $168,645
North America: $7,972
GRANTS TO PARTNERS
Fiscal Year 2017: October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

AFRICA

Regional

**African Women’s Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)** $75,000
Strengthen African women’s advocacy on gender equality, women’s human rights, and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) across the continent and in regional and global advocacy spaces.

**Cameroon**

**Association de Lutte contre les Violences faites aux Femmes Extrême-Nord (ALVF-EN)** $48,000
Empower and support survivors of early and forced marriage, gender-based violence, and displacement.

**Association pour la Promotion de l’Autonomie et des Droits de la Jeune Fille (APAD)** $31,500
Empower at-risk girls and survivors of early and forced marriage, including young mothers, with SRHR information and livelihoods training.

**Kenya**

**Kisumu Medical and Education Trust (KMET)** $102,000
Improve access to comprehensive sexuality education and youth-centered services in Western Kenya, including sexual and gender-based violence services, and host a Kenyan Partner Forum to bring together IWHC grantees-partners and other likeminded activists to strategize on ways forward for policy advocacy at national and county levels.

**Trust for Indigenous Culture And Health (TICAH)** $95,000
Advocate for and provide comprehensive sexuality education and safe abortion services and implement a research partnership to document the social and effects of the Global Gag Rule on SRHR in Kenya.

**Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network (GIWYN)** $30,000
Increase women and girls’ access to safe abortion in Lagos State, Nigeria through community-based training and a hotline that provides accurate and nonjudgmental reproductive health and rights information to callers, including information on abortion.

**International Center for Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights (INCRESE)** $46,600
Strengthen young people’s, especially adolescent girls’, capacity to make informed decisions about their lives in Minna, Niger State through a year-long Girls Leadership Program.
South Africa

Masimanyane Women’s Rights International
$26,000
Expand the organization’s Young Women’s Leadership Program to include abortion advocacy in the Eastern Cape Province.

Sexual and Reproductive Justice Coalition (SRJC)
$25,000
Strengthen organizational capacity to lay the foundations for an invigorated and organized South African women’s movement.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Fiji

Diverse Voices and Action for Equality (Diva) $30,000
Strengthen lesbian, bisexual, and transgender-led feminist initiatives to advance sexual rights in Fiji and the Pacific Region.

India

Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP) $160,000
Improve access to safe abortion in Asia by advocating for it as a gender and rights issue, and by strengthening country-level advocacy networks.

Sama $30,000
Expand access to SRHR services for marginalized, vulnerable young people in and around Delhi through empowerment, advocacy, and collaboration with health providers.

Talking about Reproductive and Sexual Health Issues (TARSHI) $35,000
Increase knowledge of sexuality from a rights perspective in India, especially for young people.

The YP Foundation $30,100
Build capacity for intersectional, feminist, rights-based, youth-led SRHR advocacy internally, among partner organizations, and with young women in India.

Pakistan

Aahung $110,000
Strengthen and evaluate its program on life skills based education in Sindh Province.

New Grantee Spotlight

In 2017, IWHC began a new partnership with the Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network (GIWYN) in Nigeria when we provided a $30,000 grant for GIWYN to carry out its programs in Lagos State. GIWYN increases access to information about reproductive health and rights, and reduces the stigma of abortion through a national hotline called “Ms. Rosy.” It also manages the National Coalition for Reproductive Justice.

Above: IWHC program officer Erin Williams is welcomed by the GIWYN team in Nigeria. © IWHC
EASTERN EUROPE

Regional

Central and Eastern European Women’s Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASTRA) $50,000
Advocate for SRHR in Eastern Europe, while supporting its members through capacity building and information sharing.

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir-Argentina (CDD-Argentina) $70,000
Expand access to and public support for safe, legal abortion in Argentina through communications strategies, advocacy, and institutional strengthening.

Centro de Estudios del Estado y Sociedad (CEDES) $83,455
Strengthen a national network of providers and legal advocates of safe abortion to develop sustainable public health policies and services that comply with existing regulations on legal abortion; defend an abortion provider facing a lawsuit for providing a legal abortion.

Brazil

Católicas pelo Direito de Decidir (CDD-Brazil) $60,000
Defend and advance sexual and reproductive health and rights, especially access to safe and legal abortion.

Centro Feminista de Estudos e Assessoria (CFEMEA) $150,000
Advance and defend SRHR through monitoring and advocacy with the Brazilian Congress, the consolidation of the Feminist Free University as a leading online platform for political action, and the development of a framework on self-care and collective wellbeing for feminist activists.

Grupo Curumim $67,000
Train and sensitize health providers, educators, and other professionals on adolescent SRHR along with corresponding guidelines; build the capacity of adolescents to advocate for these rights.

Odara – Instituto da Mulher Negra $14,700
Develop a facilitation guide for Afro-Brazilian community leaders, activists, and others on Zika, racism, and women and girls’ rights and health.
Ecuador
**Fundación Sentimos Diverso**
$8,050
Create and disseminate information and multimedia content covering sexual and reproductive health topics in Ecuador and throughout Latin America utilizing a dynamic online platform.

Mexico
**Demysex: Red de Democracia y Sexualidad**
$4,300
Conduct a workshop on the theory of change of comprehensive sexuality education initiatives in Latin America.

Peru
**Instituto de Educación y Salud (IES)**
$42,000
Advocate for educational authorities to improve the implementation of comprehensive sexuality education in Peru.

Uruguay
**Mujer y Salud en Uruguay (MYSU)**
$151,375
Advocate for expanded access to safe, high quality sexual and reproductive health services, including abortion services; co-host with IWHC, a global convening on the use of conscience claims to refuse abortion care.

**MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

Lebanon
**The A Project**
$23,000
Provide accurate, non-judgmental sexual and reproductive health information and to build ties between the women’s movement and the health sector in Lebanon.

Turkey
**Women for Women’s Human Rights (WWHR)**
$58,000
Build the capacity of local civil society organizations to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals and hold the government accountable for its commitments.

IWHC provides additional grants to partners in the Middle East and North Africa region, some of which are not listed here.

**RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS**

Argentina
**Centro de Estudios del Estado y Sociedad (CEDES)**
$3,300
Defend a health care provider facing a lawsuit for providing a legal abortion.

Peru
**PROMSEX: Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos**
$7,000
Defend two important women’s health policies in Peru against lawsuits.

Françoise Girard, president of IWHC, sits with schoolchildren in Pakistan, where Aahung, a longtime grantee partner, implements education programs that provide accurate information on puberty, peer pressure, sexual harassment, and body protection, among other issues. © Adil Hussain for IWHC
**GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ADVOCACY**

**Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat) $8,000**
Support to engage in activities supporting civil society engagement on the implementation, follow-up, and review of health-related Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SRHR, in the 2030 Agenda.

**IWHC and Mujer y Salud en Uruguay (MYSU): Convening on Conscientious Objection to Abortion $76,588**
Support for 33 individuals from 20 countries to participate in the first international convening to explore the refusal to provide abortion care based on so-called conscience claims. The convening included policymakers, academics, health professionals, legal experts, and feminist activists.

**50th Commission on Population and Development $70,293**
Support for 18 individuals from 15 countries (Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Fiji, India, Kenya, Lithuania, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, and Tunisia) to advocate at the United Nation’s annual gathering to review implementation and take actions on the Programme of Action for the International Conference on Population and Development.

**61st Commission on the Status of Women $71,618**
Support for 20 individuals from 14 countries (Argentina, Cameroon, Egypt, Fiji, Ghana, India, Kenya, Mexico, Poland, Rwanda, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe) to advocate at the largest UN gathering focused on achieving gender equality and women’s human rights.

**High Level Political Forum $25,602**
Support for six individuals from four countries (Canada, Kenya, Nigeria, Turkey) to advocate at the main United Nations platform on sustainable development that plays a central role in the follow-up and review of progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 Agenda.

Thirteen additional individual grants for a total of $29,467 covered travel to global meetings involving technical expert groups in multilateral processes, data, regional, and youth initiatives.

**ACTIVE MULTI-YEAR GRANTS**

The following grantee partners were active in fiscal year 2017 with grants awarded during previous fiscal years.

**India**

**Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action (CREA) $105,000**
Build and strengthen feminist leadership, advance human rights and expand sexual and reproductive freedoms through capacity building, advocacy, resources, and communications.

**The Coalition for Maternal-Neonatal Health and Safe Abortion (CommonHealth) $40,325**
Build the capacity of coalition members to advocate for SRHR at the state and national level in India.

**Peru**

**PROMSEX: Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos $120,000**
Expand access to safe and legal abortion in Peru by building support for legal change and improving access to therapeutic abortion services.
THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS
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$100,000 and up
Anonymous (3)
Ford Foundation
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Danny Kaye and Sylvia Fine Kaye Foundation
The Kendeda Fund
The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Oak Foundation
Open Society Foundations
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Howard and Sarah D. Solomon Foundation

$99,999 to $50,000
Anonymous
Bloomberg Philanthropies
Centene Charitable Foundation
Patricia and Alexander M. Farman-Farmaian
Marlene Hess and Jim Zirin
Blanchette Hooker Rockefeller Fund
Sophie Nicholson
Marnie S. Pillsbury
Tarek Sherif

$49,999 to $25,000
Anonymous (2)
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Françoise Girard and David Knott

Hilary Gosher and David Quigley
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Jamie Nicholls and Francis Biondi
Susan and Peter Nitze
Peter G. Peterson and Joan Ganz Cooney
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P. Roy and Diana T. Vagelos

$24,999 to $10,000
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Katherine Farley and Jerry Speyer
Barbara and Peter Georgescu
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Fiscal Year 2017: October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

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<td>Contributions – Individuals</td>
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<td>Special Events</td>
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<td>Direct Expenses of Special Events</td>
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<td>Coalition Institutional Capacity</td>
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### Total Expenses                                        | **$6,738,306**          | **$5,937,397**            |

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets before
Foreign Currency Exchange Gain (Loss)   256,245 5,157,939 5,414,184 257,989 916,845 1,174,834
Realized Foreign Currency Exchange Gain (Loss)   36 – 45 45 – 45 – 45
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets   256,281 5,157,939 5,414,220 258,034 916,845 1,174,879
Net Assets, Beginning of Year   3,693,558 1,016,845 4,710,403 3,435,524 100,000 3,535,524
Net Assets, End of Year   **$3,949,839** **$6,174,784** **$10,124,623** **$3,693,558** **$1,016,845** **$4,710,403**
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