Jessica Neuwirth, Ruchira Gupta, Justine Masika Bihamba in New York, July 2012

SYRIAN WOMEN'S FORUM FOR PEACE VISIT, SEPTEMBER 2013

In the midst of the crisis over chemical weapons, Donor Direct Action with support from the NoVo Foundation brought a delegation of the Syrian Women's Forum for Peace to New York and Washington, DC in September 2013 to meet with UN and US officials, women leaders in the United States, and the media. The group was formed in 2012, following a meeting of Syrian women in Cairo convened by Karama, a regional network of women's groups in the Middle East working to build women's leadership. The Syrian Women's Forum for Peace is working for a peaceful political transition to democracy in Syria and building a broad-based coalition of Syrian women across the political spectrum. Donor Direct Action facilitated meetings for the delegation with the ***Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict***, the ***US Under-Secretary of State for Global Women's Affairs, members of Congress***, and the editorial board of the ***New York Times***.

Republican Congresswomen with Syrian Delegation, New York, September 2013