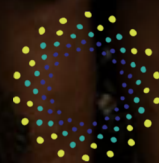




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2025



Frontline Women's Fund
Sisterhood is Global Institute

Frontline Women's Fund (FWF) is an initiative of the Sisterhood Is Global Institute (SIGI). SIGI was founded in 1984 by Robin Morgan and Simone de Beauvoir alongside women from 80 countries pledged to “visionary yet pragmatic action in support of women’s rights, freedoms and power.” Frontline Women’s Fund strengthens frontline women’s rights groups around the world by increasing their access to financial resources, political leaders, and public visibility with minimum bureaucracy and maximum impact. Since its inception in 2011, FWF has raised over \$13.3 million for frontline women’s organizations where resources are most needed and have the highest impact. In 2025, Frontline Women’s Fund supported 31 grantees in 30 countries and operates five funds: the Efua Dorkenoo Fund to End Female Genital Mutilation, the Fund to End Gender-Based Violence, the Fund for Women, Peace, and Security, the Gloria Steinem Equality Fund to End Sex Trafficking, and the Jane Fonda Gender and Climate Justice Fund.

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The Sisterhood Is Global Institute, the first global feminist think tank, proudly welcomes the Frontline Women’s Fund initiative—the answer to what global feminism has been asking: minimum bureaucracy, maximum effectiveness, support, contact, empowerment.”

Robin Morgan, President

The Sisterhood Is Global Institute

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Nothing is more crucial than getting money to projects on the ground. Frontline Women’s Fund knows how to get the funds where they are most needed and where they will make a real difference.”

Gloria Steinem, Co-Convenor

Frontline Women’s Fund

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I have witnessed firsthand the needs of women’s rights organizations working on the front lines where so much is done with such limited resources. Frontline Women’s Fund enables anyone anywhere to help these organizations and make a real difference in the lives of women and girls around the world.”

Navi Pillay, Co-Convenor

Frontline Women’s Fund

Reflections on 2025



Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre, Nigeria

In 2025, women's rights movements confronted an increasingly volatile global landscape, and yet frontline women stood strong. In Afghanistan, under years of Taliban rule, girls are still shut out of secondary school and university, as women and girls face a systematic rollback of their rights to education, work, movement, and public life. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, conflict and widespread sexual violence, including the use of rape as a weapon of war by armed groups across the conflict, devastate entire communities. In El Salvador, reproductive rights are severely restricted, with life-threatening consequences for women. Around the world, our grantees faced crisis after crisis. They met rising authoritarianism, climate disasters, geopolitical conflict, and state violence not with despair, but with bravery and action.

At Frontline Women's Fund, we marked 2025 with a bold step to meet the moment: the launch of the Jane Fonda Gender and Climate Justice Fund, a transformative initiative investing directly in women leading climate solutions around the world. By addressing the escalating climate and energy crises, the fund strengthens women's leadership in expanding access to renewable energy and supporting just transitions in communities most affected by climate disruption.

Across all five of our thematic funds, we invest in the leadership and expertise of frontline women:

Efua Dorkenoo Fund to End Female Genital Mutilation: Driving legal efforts and grassroots activism to eradicate female genital mutilation.

Fund to End Gender-Based Violence: Providing critical services, legal advocacy, and survivor support to end violence against women and girls.

Fund for Women, Peace, and Security: Supporting women's leadership in conflict zones, peacebuilding efforts, and addressing sexual violence as a weapon of war.

Gloria Steinem Equality Fund to End Sex Trafficking: Championing survivor-led organizing, advocating for the Equality Model, and dismantling systems of exploitation.

Jane Fonda Gender and Climate Justice Fund: Building a just, equitable, and sustainable future by investing in women-led climate and energy solutions.

Entering 2025, the stakes could not have been higher. Yet through it all, frontline women continued to show us what's possible when women lead movements for change.

This past year also reaffirmed the power of collective action and long-term commitment. Our grantees, allies, and donors continued to prove that meaningful change is possible when resources, visibility, and support are placed directly into the hands of those on the frontlines.

We are deeply grateful to you, our community of supporters, allies, and activists, for standing with us, for believing in the power of frontline women, and for making this work possible.

With gratitude,
Frontline Women's Fund

OUR IMPACT

From our inception in 2011 to the end of 2025, the Frontline Women's Fund has raised more than **\$13.3 million** for its partners around the world from **2,736 donors** in **69 countries**. In 2025, Frontline Women's Fund raised over **\$2.5 million**.



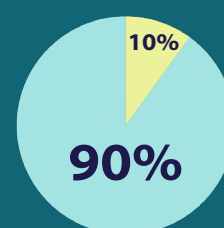
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raised in 2025



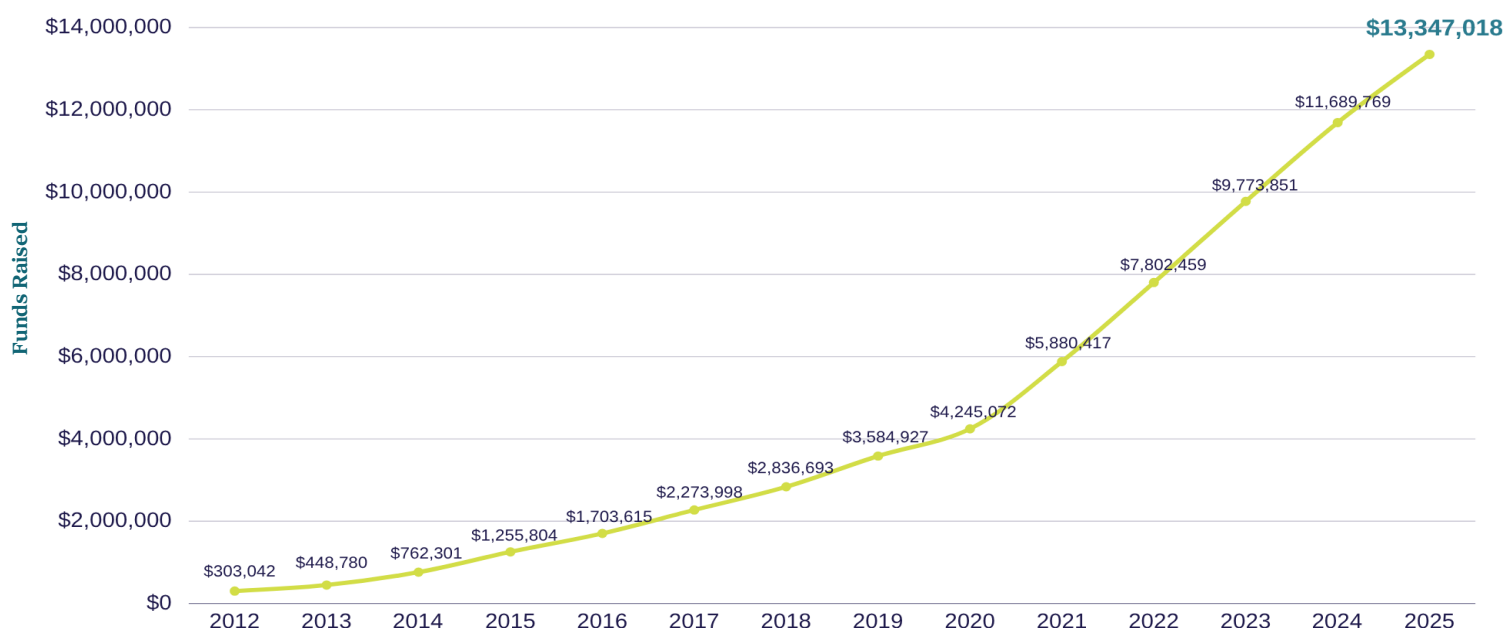
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OUR COMMITMENT

Minimum Bureaucracy for Maximum Impact
90% of all donations made to support our partners' work is regranted directly to them. Frontline Women's Fund retains **10%** to help cover operating costs.



Total Funds Raised for Partners to Date





Kathy Najimy, Carol Jenkins, and Taina Bien-Aimé



Lynn Nottage and Saheem Ali



Jarai Sabally

Special Events

Throughout the year, Frontline Women's Fund convened a series of events that brought together artists, activists, funders, and frontline leaders.

These gatherings created space for dialogue, strengthened partnerships, and helped mobilize resources.

Goddess: The Musical

On May 7th, Frontline Women's Fund hosted 50 guests for a special preview performance of *Goddess* at The Public Theater in New York.

The evening brought together supporters of FWF for an intimate gathering celebrating the connection between art, storytelling, and social change.

Following the performance, guests participated in a talkback conversation with playwright and Frontline Women's Fund board member **Lynn Nottage** and the musical's director, **Saheem Ali**. The discussion explored how artistic storytelling can illuminate issues of justice, identity, and human dignity.

Events such as this underscore the role that culture and creativity can play in advancing human rights movements and bringing new audiences into conversations about global gender justice.

Proceeds from the evening supported the **Efua Dorkenoo Fund to End Female Genital Mutilation**, which provides resources to grassroots organizations working to end FGM in Burkina Faso, The Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Somalia.



Front row (seated, left to right): Ruby Gerber, Katrina Avilla, Jessica Neuwirth, Gloria Steinem, Deshi Singh, Taina Bien-Aimé. Back row (standing, left to right): Jarai Sabally, Margot Wallström, Cherie Jimenez, Alexi Meyers, Brooke Garber Neidich, Lydia Fenet, Melanie Thompson

Talking Circle for the Gloria Steinem Equality Fund to End Sex Trafficking

On April 15th, **Gloria Steinem** hosted a Talking Circle in her home in partnership with the **Gloria Steinem Equality Fund to End Sex Trafficking**, bringing together survivors, advocates, and supporters for a focused conversation on sex trafficking and the principles of the Equality Model. The gathering created space for survivors to share experiences, discuss policy strategies, and strengthen collaboration among individuals working to end commercial sexual exploitation.

The Launch of the Jane Fonda Gender and Climate Justice Fund



In September, during Climate Week NYC 2025, Frontline Women's Fund celebrated the launch of the Jane Fonda Gender and Climate Justice Fund at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice.

The gathering brought together activists, philanthropic leaders, journalists, and partners committed to advancing climate justice through women's leadership.

Speakers included **Darren Walker**, **Jane Fonda**, **Mela Chiponda**, **Nemonte Nenquimo**, **Bridget Burns**, and **Ellen Dorsey**. Each speaker reflected on the urgent need to support grassroots climate solutions and elevate the voices of women leading environmental movements around the world.

The event marked the start of new partnerships to expand the Fund's reach.



Frontline Women's Fund
Genderhood is Global Institute



SHINE
GENDER-JUST
CLIMATE SOLUTIONS
TRANSFORM. IMPACT. GROW.

THE JANE FONDA
GENDER AND CLIMATE
JUSTICE FUND





Bridget Burns, WEDO



Nemonte Nenquimo, Ceibo Alliance



Darren Walker, Ford Foundation



Mela Chiponda, SHINE Collab



Mela Chiponda (Shine Collab), Jessica Neuwirth (FWF), Emem Okon (Kebetkache Women Development & Resource Centre), Jane Fonda, Nemonte Nenquimo (Ceibo Alliance), Ellen Dorsey (Wallace Global Fund), and Bridget Burns (WEDO)

Jane Fonda spoke about the global consequences of energy poverty and the disproportionate burdens women face in communities lacking access to reliable electricity. She emphasized the need for a just energy transition that centers on human rights and environmental sustainability.

Mela Chiponda, director of **SHINE Collab** and co-convenor of the Fund, spoke about the courage of grassroots organizers confronting extractive industries and defending communities whose land and livelihoods are under threat.

Nemonte Nenquimo, co-founder of **Ceibo Alliance**, shared her experience as the first female president of the Waorani and described the role women play in protecting forests and defending Indigenous territories.

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The Jane Fonda Gender and Climate Justice Fund

The escalating climate and energy crises are deepening global inequalities. Women and girls often bear the greatest burdens in situations of climate disruption and energy poverty.

Structural barriers remain significant. By 2030, an estimated 341 million women and girls will still be living without electricity (World Bank, 2020), limiting access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunity.

Women experience energy poverty most acutely. Indoor air pollution from biomass cooking fuels continues to claim 3.8 million lives each year (WHO, 2021), most of them women and children.

Climate-related disasters further reveal how gender inequality

shapes vulnerability. Women often face higher mortality rates during disasters and increased risks of violence in their aftermath.

Despite these realities, women remain underrepresented in global climate leadership. Fewer than 15% of top decision-making positions in environmental governance are held by women (UNEP, 2021).

Recognizing these challenges, Frontline Women's Fund launched the Jane Fonda Gender and Climate Justice Fund in 2025 to support grassroots women leading climate solutions. The Fund is co-convened by **SHINE Collab**, with the **Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO)** serving as a strategic advisor.

GRANTEES

AKSI!
For Gender, Social, and
Ecological
Justice

Indonesia

Ceibo Alliance

Ecuador

Kebetkache Women
Development &
Resource Centre

Nigeria

Lumière Synergie
Pour Le
Développement (LSD)

Sénégal

Aksi! For Gender, Social, and Ecological Justice (Indonesia)

In Indonesia, **Aksi!** supported women farmers working to sustain biodiversity and protect local food systems. Their programs highlighted the role of Indigenous and rural women in maintaining environmentally sustainable practices. Through community-based initiatives, they strengthened local knowledge systems often overlooked in mainstream climate responses. Their work reinforces the link between gender justice and climate resilience.



Ceibo Alliance (Ecuador)

In Ecuador, **Ceibo Alliance** brought Indigenous leadership into global climate advocacy spaces while continuing to defend the Amazon from extractive industries. During Climate Week, they projected “The Amazon Is Not for Sale” in a public demonstration that drew international attention to the urgency of protecting Indigenous land. The organization also submitted formal reports documenting rights violations linked to oil expansion. Ceibo Alliance connects frontline realities with global accountability mechanisms.



Lumière Synergie pour le Développement (LSD) (Sénégal)

In Senegal, **LSD** ensured that community-based women leaders are included where decisions about funding and policy are made. Their advocacy connected local realities to national and international climate frameworks. The organization also convened the Africa Climate Justice Movement Assembly, bringing together activists to strengthen regional coordination and shared strategies. Their work moves between local victories and broader movement building. By centering affected communities, LSD pushes for both accountability and systemic change.



Kebetskache Women Development & Resource Centre (Nigeria)

In Nigeria, **Kebetskache Women Development & Resource Centre** worked with communities in the Niger Delta to address the long-term impacts of environmental degradation. Through trainings on environmental remediation, they equipped local leaders with tools to respond to pollution and advocate for their rights. The organization’s approach centers women as key actors in environmental protection. Kebetskache’s work strengthens community-led responses to ecological harm.



The Efua Dorkenoo Fund to End FGM



50 soweis (leaders of the Bondo society where FGM is performed) gathered by AIM to make a public declaration of support for the ECOWAS ruling in the presence of the paramount chief.

In a significant legal development, the ECOWAS Court of Justice, the judicial arm of the Economic Community of West African States, delivered a landmark ruling against the government of Sierra Leone. The case was brought by the Forum Against Harmful Practices (FAHP), the **Amazonian Initiative Movement (AIM)**, and survivor Khadija Balema, who was forcibly subjected to female genital mutilation at the age of 24. The ruling marked a historic step toward accountability after decades of government inaction on the issue of FGM.

The global movement to end female genital mutilation (FGM) continues to navigate both progress and backlash. Legal victories and increased awareness have been met with renewed efforts to reverse protections, underscoring the fragility of change.

Frontline organizations remain at the center of this work, engaging communities, shifting norms, and defending hard-won gains. Their efforts are long-term and deeply rooted, requiring persistence and trust.

GRANTEES

Amazonian Initiative
Movement (AIM)
Sierra Leone

Diaka Camara Foundation
Guinea

Galkayo Education
Centre for Peace and
Development (GECPD)
Somalia

Gambia Committee on
Traditional Practices
Affecting the Health of
Women and Children
(GAMCOTRAP)
The Gambia

I_REP Foundation
Kenya

Tasaru Ntomonok
Initiative (TNI)
Kenya

Voix De Femmes
Burkina Faso



Diaka Camara Foundation, Guinea

Diaka Camara Foundation (Guinea)

In Guinea, the **Diaka Camara Foundation** expanded its “Let’s Educate 100 Girls” initiative, providing educational support to girls from vulnerable communities. Parents participating in the program signed formal commitments pledging to keep their daughters in school and protect them from early marriage and FGM. The program continued to grow through community support, allowing the foundation to expand educational assistance to even more girls in the coming academic year, growing from 47 to 70 students.



I_REP, Kenya

I_REP Foundation (Kenya)

In Kenya, **I_REP Foundation** implemented school-based programs focused on sexual and reproductive health education, reaching girls in Maasai communities at risk of FGM and early marriage. The organization also facilitated community dialogues that brought together parents, elders, and local leaders to discuss the long-



GAMCOTRAP, The Gambia

GAMCOTRAP (The Gambia)

In The Gambia, **GAMCOTRAP** mobilized a nationwide advocacy response to defend the country’s ban on FGM amid renewed legislative threats, going as far as to sue the Gambian National Assembly in 2025. The organization engaged community and religious leaders, led public awareness campaigns, and worked to ensure that the issue remained visible at the national level. Their efforts contributed to sustained public pressure around the importance of maintaining legal protections. Through coordinated organizing, GAMCOTRAP reinforced both policy gains and community-level commitment to ending FGM.

term consequences of these practices. These conversations helped foster greater awareness and encouraged shifts in attitudes at the community level. By linking education with prevention, I_REP Foundation continues to support sustainable, locally driven change.

GRANTEES

Apne Aap
India

Asociación Para La Emancipación De
Mujeres y Niñas (EMARGI)
Spain

Association of Argentine Women for
Human Rights (AMADH)
Argentina

Colabo
Japan

Embrace Dignity
South Africa

Empodérame Foundation
Colombia

KAFA (enough) Violence and
Exploitation
Lebanon

Maiti Nepal
Nepal

Marta Centre
Latvia

National Solidarity Against Sexual
Exploitation of Women (NSASEW)
South Korea

Resistenza Femminista
Italy

Solwodi
Germany

Stígamót
Iceland



The Gloria Steinem Equality Fund to End Sex Trafficking

Across regions, grantees of the **Gloria Steinem Equality Fund to End Sex Trafficking** are challenging policies, shifting narratives, and strengthening protections. This work requires confronting deeply entrenched systems of exploitation while ensuring that survivors are not only supported but heard. The **Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution (CAP International)**, **Coalition Against Trafficking of Women (CATW)**, and **SPACE International** serve as co-conveners of the Gloria Steinem Equality Fund. Through education, legal reform, survivor empowerment, and public advocacy, the Fund promotes the Equality Model (Swedish Model / Sankara Equality Model / Nordic Model) –a legislative framework that decriminalizes those who are prostituted while holding exploiters accountable.

Association of Argentine Women for Human Rights (AMADH) (Argentina)

In Argentina, **AMADH** continued to challenge dominant narratives that obscure the realities of exploitation in prostitution. The organization submitted a Declaration of Survivors to the Organization of American States, rejecting language that minimizes violence within the sex trade. AMADH led trainings and advocacy efforts aimed at policymakers and the public. Their work centers survivor voices in regional and international debates.

Empodérame Foundation (Colombia)

In Colombia, the **Empodérame Foundation** represented the country at the Latin America Regional Meeting in Costa Rica, highlighting its work supporting survivors of sexual exploitation across Bogotá, Cali, Cartagena, and Cúcuta. The organization used this platform to advocate for stronger legal protections and more comprehensive support systems for survivors. Their work bridges direct services with regional advocacy. By connecting local realities to broader policy discussions, Empodérame continues to expand its impact.

Resistenza Femminista (Italy)

In Italy, **Resistenza Femminista** advanced advocacy for the Equality Model through public engagement, literature, and critical dialogue. The organization hosted roundtable discussions with authors of *Religions and Prostitution* and presented the Italian edition of *Pornland* by Gail Dines, examining the links between pornography, male violence, and the exploitation of women and girls. On October 18, marking the European Day Against Human Trafficking, the organization publicly condemned Belgium's law recognizing brothels as employers, emphasizing that formal contracts do not eliminate violence or structural inequality. Their work challenges the normalization of the sex trade and pushes for systemic change.



Translation: "Prostitution is not work, it is violence. We know it because we lived it."
AMADH, Argentina



AMADH, Argentina



Empodérame Foundation, Colombia



Colabo, Japan

Colabo (Japan)

In Japan, **Colabo** exposed patterns of exploitation affecting vulnerable girls, including cases where organizations presenting themselves as shelters were facilitating abuse. Through public advocacy and direct engagement, they brought attention to forms of trafficking that often remain hidden. The organization also challenged media narratives that criminalize girls and women while ignoring systemic violence. Colabo pushes for accountability and greater scrutiny of institutions that claim to offer protection.

The Fund to End Gender-Based Violence

Gender-based violence is taking new forms across digital spaces, workplaces, and legal systems. In many contexts, it is reinforced by policies that limit women's rights and access to justice.

Grantees of the Fund To End Gender-Based Violence are responding with strategies that are equally multifaceted—combining direct services, advocacy, and long-term prevention.

GRANTEES

Asociación Generando Equidad, Liderazgo y Oportunidades (ASOGEN)
Guatemala

Forum for Women, Law and Development
Nepal

Manuela Ramos
Peru

Organización de Mujeres Salvadoreñas por la Paz (ORMUSA)
El Salvador

Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)
Palestine



Manuela Ramos, Peru

Asociación Generando Equidad, Liderazgo y Oportunidades (ASOGEN) (Guatemala)

In Guatemala, **ASOGEN** addressed the growing reality of violence in both digital and physical spaces. The organization expanded its work on cyber violence while continuing in-person trainings focused on prevention and economic independence. These programs created space for women to understand and respond to evolving forms of harm. By linking digital rights with empowerment, ASOGEN is adapting to a changing landscape.

Organización de Mujeres Salvadoreñas por la Paz (ORMUSA) (El Salvador)

In El Salvador, **ORMUSA** operates within a context where abortion is fully criminalized with no exceptions, even in cases of rape or risk to a woman's life. ORMUSA is one of the few strong advocates for legalizing abortion in El Salvador. In 2025, the organization also addressed workplace violence, digital abuse, and structural inequality through research, advocacy, and direct services. Their work highlights the way in which violence is embedded across legal and social systems. ORMUSA continues to push for accountability and systemic change.

Manuela Ramos (Peru)

In Peru, **Manuela Ramos** combined direct support for survivors of gender-based violence with broader advocacy efforts aimed at shifting social norms. The organization continued public campaigns addressing machismo and gender inequality while expanding educational programs for young people. This dual approach responds to immediate needs while building long-term change. Their work remains rooted in both service and prevention.



ASOGEN, Guatemala



ORMUSA, El Salvador



Manuela Ramos, Peru



SFVS, Democratic Republic of Congo

The Fund for Women, Peace, and Security

GRANTEES

(Redacted due to safety concerns)
Afghanistan

Libyan Women's Platform for Peace
Libya

Synergie des Femmes pour les Victimes des
Violences Sexuelles (SFVS)
Democratic Republic of Congo

Syrian Women's Political Movement
Syria

In situations of armed conflict, rape and other forms of sexual violence are often used as a weapon of war. Women and girls in conflict are also at risk of forced pregnancies, forced sterilizations, and displacement. A disproportionately large burden of the care-giving work to rebuild communities falls upon them. Despite the grave impact of armed conflict on women's lives and the crucial role they play in stabilizing communities under conflict, women have historically been sidelined from leadership roles in formal peacebuilding processes around the world.

“It’s a war against women. When two sides fight, the one punishes the other by raping women. When I see the women come to me in search of hope, I say to myself, I must continue to struggle.”
-**Justine Masika Bihamba**

**Synergie des Femmes pour les Victimes des
Violences Sexuelles (SFVS)
(Democratic Republic of Congo)**

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, **SFVS** continued to support survivors of sexual violence despite escalating insecurity. As conditions worsened, members of the organization’s leadership were forced into hiding, severely limiting their ability to operate. Even under these constraints, they worked to maintain services wherever possible. Their work shows the urgency and the risks of frontline response. Basic services in Goma have collapsed: banks remain closed, aid is delayed, and most women sleep outside or in cemeteries.

The organization advocates for justice, pressing for tribunals to prosecute military offenders, organizes peace talks, and works to ensure women are included in international dialogues.

SFVS also provides shelter, psychosocial support, trauma counseling, medical and legal referrals, and case management for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. In Bulengo, survivors participate in skills-based group therapy and livelihood activities, including soap making, sanitary pad production, basket weaving, and vegetable gardening, fostering healing, protection, and economic resilience.

Despite limited resources, SFVS remains committed to restoring dignity, hope, and opportunity while advocating for lasting peace.



SFVS, Democratic Republic of Congo

“ I am very worried because I fear that my courses will [be] closed and I feel very bad. I want to be a doctor. Now I’m very hopeless because when I see the situation, every year with the Taliban, how they treat women and they don’t allow women and girls to education or any rights. **But every day when I come to this class, my hope is restored because I think I can get education.** One day these dark days will finish and we can get more education. ”

-15 year old Afghan student from one of the underground schools

In Afghanistan, an unnamed grantee continued to operate clandestine schools for girls under Taliban rule, where access to education after primary school is banned. In 2025, the program employed 28 teachers who risked their safety each day to keep classrooms open and learning alive. Despite these conditions, students gathered on December 10 to mark Human Rights Day, creating a moment of reflection and quiet resistance. One student, speaking through tears, asked: “Where in human rights does it say that girls do not have the right to study? Where are human rights?” Her words captured the deep sense of loss and injustice felt by many Afghan girls, as described by instructors who noted overcrowded and unsafe learning environments, and the absence of basic resources. These challenges reflect only a fraction of the barriers Afghan girls face daily. Even under extreme constraints, these classrooms remain spaces of learning, solidarity, and determination, where girls continue to imagine futures beyond the limits imposed on them. Alongside education, the organization also provided emergency support following a deadly earthquake in Kunar Province, responding to immediate community needs in crisis.



Students at one of the underground schools in Afghanistan

Story of a 15-Year-Old Student at an Underground School in Afghanistan

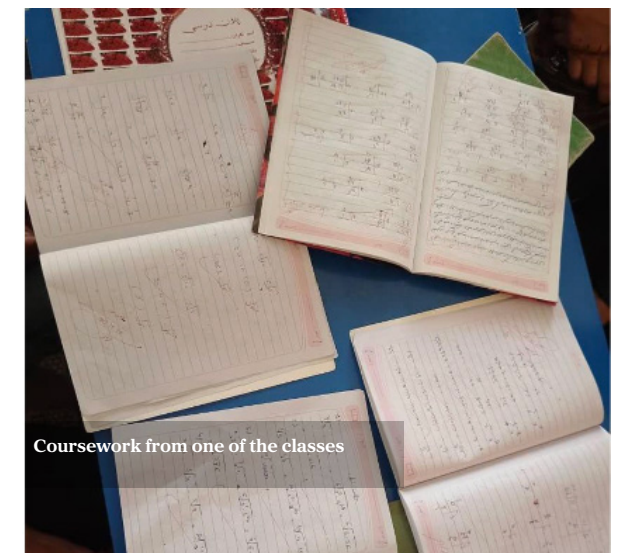
One 15-year-old girl comes from a family struggling financially—her father is a shepherd without ownership of the flock, and her mother sews clothes to support the family. She has three younger sisters and one brother who cannot work. Her father, a kind man, had always dreamed of his children receiving an education, but these hopes were shattered when the Taliban banned girls' schooling. The closure of formal schools affected her mental health, as she had wanted to support her family through learning. When our grantee established a clandestine class in her area, she joined immediately and encouraged her friends to attend. Despite her family's financial hardship, she never missed a class. Today, she says she has hope again for a brighter future and participates eagerly in activities, including commemorations like the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.



A class gathering at one of the underground schools in Afghanistan

Story of a 16-Year-Old Student at an Underground School in Afghanistan

Another student, 16 years old, faced the threat of forced marriage after schools closed, as her father believed there was no future for women and the family was very poor. She wanted to continue her education and become a lawyer to defend women, inspired by her mother's hardships. When her father announced his plans for her marriage, she was devastated and felt trapped between suicide or escape. Our grantee's staff intervened after friends informed them of her situation, meeting with her father to explain the consequences and advocate for her education. After two hours of discussion, he agreed to let her attend classes. She thanked the organization and its supporters for giving her a new life and hope, and now dedicates herself fully to achieving her dream of becoming a lawyer.



Coursework from one of the classes



Dr. Sara J. Chehab, Fatima Gailani,
Dr. Farkhondeh Akbari, Nabila Musleh,
HE Saif Mohammed Al Ketbi, Asila Wardak,
Forozan Rasooli, and Maina Abbasi

Women's Forum on Afghanistan

The Women's Forum on Afghanistan (WFA) has become a leading global force working to ensure that Afghan women's voices are not erased from international decision-making. Since its founding in September 2021, when Afghan women leaders joined with global allies in a moment of urgent solidarity, WFA has evolved into a prominent Afghan women-led advocacy platform. It has brought the realities facing Afghan women directly to the United Nations Security Council, the Human Rights Council, and global media, insisting on visibility, accountability, and action. In 2025, FWF continued to support WFA by providing administrative and logistical backing to its Steering Committee, enabling its members to sustain advocacy at the highest levels despite mounting challenges. Key initiatives included the following:

Regional Partnerships

FWF supported the logistics for major regional convenings, notably a strategic dialogue in Abu Dhabi with the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy and policy consultations in Washington, D.C., in collaboration with Vital Voices.

Public Advocacy

Through co-authored op-eds and public statements, including a definitive call to action to the international community published in *PassBlue* titled "[Afghan Women Want the CSW to Help Them Fight for Equality](#)," WFA continued to highlight gender inequality in Afghanistan and the need for international accountability.

UN & Global Diplomacy

WFA facilitated consultations with women in Afghanistan and the diaspora to inform briefings with UN leadership and member states. Key engagements included bilateral meetings with ministers, ambassadors, and other government representatives during the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as dialogues with UN leadership on the international community's engagement with Afghanistan.

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FINANCIALS*

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$225,155	\$54,717
Pledges receivable	\$10,000	\$100,000
Prepaid expenses	\$27,018	\$19,952
Investments in certificates of deposit	\$1,197,954	\$1,739,668
Other current assets	\$8,990	\$18,086
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$145	\$1,011
Operating lease right-of-use asset	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,469,262	\$1,993,434
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	\$42,573	\$117,842
Deferred revenue	\$200	\$200
Current Lease liability	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$42,773	\$118,042
NET ASSETS		
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$1,036,712	\$1,451,004
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$389,777	\$364,388
Total Net Assets	\$1,426,489	\$1,815,392
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,469,262	\$1,993,434
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions and grants:		
Foundations	\$2,046,791	\$1,083,000
Individuals	\$171,246	\$172,138
Corporate	\$1,500	-
Governmental	-	\$183,161
Donated services	\$90,000	\$90,000
Service fees	\$71	\$100
Net Investment Income	\$53,022	\$105,398
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$2,419,385	\$1,633,797
EXPENSES		
Program Services	\$2,462,337	\$1,843,640
Management and general	\$226,625	\$205,643
Fundraising and development	\$119,326	\$120,813
Total Expenses	\$2,808,288	\$2,170,096
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-\$388,903	-\$536,299
NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year	\$1,815,392	\$2,351,691
NET ASSETS, End of Year	\$1,426,489	\$1,815,392

* Copies of the complete audited report may be obtained from Frontline Women's Fund or from the State of New York, Department of Law, Office of Registration.

Looking Ahead



As we move into 2026, the urgency of this work is clear. Across regions, women and girls continue to face escalating violence, exclusion, and inequality, while frontline organizations remain at the forefront of response and change.

In the year ahead, Frontline Women's Fund will continue to invest in these leaders through flexible funding, global advocacy, and trust-based partnerships. As challenges intensify, one priority guides us: ensuring that women on the frontlines are resourced, heard, and able to shape the decisions that impact their lives and communities.

We end this year with deep gratitude for our grantees, for our allies and donors, and for the generations of feminists whose legacies we carry forward.

In solidarity,
The Frontline Women's Fund Team

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