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END VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**



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**“Previously, I was afraid to stand out
of the crowd and wouldn’t dare
to speak up.**

**But later, I got more confidence and am
now able to discuss issues of violence
without hesitation... I also educate young
men in my community...**

**I organize regular committee meetings
once a month and
share my knowledge on violence, give
advice and guide them
as much as I can.”**

Ma San San Yee,

aged 23, community paralegal, Chaung Bawe Village, Rambre Township, Rakhine, Myanmar, on the impact of her involvement in a programme to increase access to justice in rural areas supported by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women and implemented by Action Aid

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 1996 as a testament to the commitment of UN Member States to implement their legal and policy promises to end violence against women and girls. It is the *only* global, multilateral, grant-making mechanism that is dedicated exclusively to addressing all forms of violence against women and girls. This report describes the impact and key achievements of the Fund in 2014.

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Girls' soccer team during an Intergenerational Tournament, November 2014, South Africa.

In 2014, my Team and I undertook extensive monitoring missions to 13 countries in order to validate the results and effectiveness of UNTF-supported programmes. We visited seven grantees in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (in Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine); seven in Asia (in Cambodia, China and Thailand); four in Africa (in Nigeria and Uganda); and two in the Caribbean (in Belize and Grenada). During those visits we had the privilege of meeting a number of women, girls, men and boys who are directly and indirectly benefitting from our grants and who are the key drivers of change at local and/or national levels. And, as with all of our monitoring missions, we learned so much about them and from them.

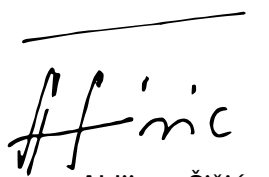
In Turkey, we met fathers who had responded to a call to take part in carefully developed family-focused programmes. Implemented by their children's teachers, these initiatives build their knowledge and are helping to change attitudes about gender equality and different forms of violence against women and girls. In Thailand, we met community leaders who are building relationships between their community and service providers for survivors of domestic violence. In Serbia, we met a district attorney who is leading the work of a multisectoral group of service providers set up to ensure immediate access not only to the criminal justice system, but to legal, health and social welfare services.

All of our visits had two things in common: the wonderful hospitality of our grantees who went out of their way to show us their work, its results and lessons learned and, on the other hand, the bleak reality of the profound and widespread need to address this global pandemic and human rights violation.

Our Annual Report is coming to you at a critical crossroads for future efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls. The decisions made now will set our direction for years to come. Current discussions about the Sustainable Development Goals provide a decisive opportunity to reposition the issue of violence against women and girls and ensure that it is placed at the centre of the new development agenda at all levels. However, for the commitments governments make to be transformed into real change in the lives of women and girls, they must be matched with an ambitious and robust financing package. Opportunities in the coming months could prove pivotal for reversing the trend of chronic underinvestment in initiatives to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

Our Fund is ready to meet the challenges and opportunities presented at this crossroads with determination and ambition. We will continue to support the implementation of national and international commitments so that they are translated into a real change. Consistent and trailblazing, the Fund has been investing in successful programmes for almost 20 years. Based on that unique body of experience, we believe that contributions to enable implementation of these programmes must go up dramatically. Therefore, our Annual Report is more than an account of our work and results in 2014: it is a witness to what can be achieved in a relatively short period of time and a direct call for an increase in global and national contributions for the work to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

Expectations are high and rightly so. They are founded in a conviction that human rights belong to all and in a shared vision of a world free of violence against women and girls. They are guided by collectively agreed promises and the voices of victims and survivors.



Aldijana Šišić

Chief, UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

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OVERVIEW

Every year the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UNTF) raises and distributes funds to support the ultimate goal of preventing and ending violence against women and girls.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

Since its inception in 1996, the UNTF has responded to evolving challenges and opportunities, adapting its strategies to ensure its work has maximum impact. The landscape facing organizations and key stakeholders seeking to prevent and/or respond to violence against women and girls has changed considerably since the UNTF was created. While the challenges remain great, that should not overshadow the significant progress that has been made in that time in putting violence against women and girls squarely on the global political agenda and in furthering gender equality.

We are now at a critical juncture for the future of efforts to end violence against women and girls. The setting of the post-2015 development agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is a unique opportunity to ensure ending violence against women and girls is put unequivocally at the centre of development plans and programmes. The UNTF is more determined than ever to turn public commitments by leaders into real improvements in the lives of women and girls. And we believe as the only global, multilateral, grant-making mechanism dedicated to addressing violence against women and girls, we are ideally placed to drive forward efforts to make the promise of the SDGs a reality for women and girls the world over.

Growing international recognition of the UNTF as an important source of support to local and national organizations has led to an increase in the number and variety of proposals for funding received, as well as an increase in funds received by the UNTF from its donors.



A teacher and parent take part in a game during a school event for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Co Loa Secondary school, Viet Nam. © Trinh Thi An Binh

In 2014, the UNTF awarded grants worth US\$8.26 million to projects aimed at preventing and addressing violence against women and girls. The 25 new grantees, spread over 23 countries and territories around the world, include 22 civil society organizations, two governments (Kyrgyzstan and the Marshall Islands) and a United Nations Country Team (Solomon Islands). By the end of 2018, the impact of these grants is expected to reach more than 730,000 primary beneficiaries. Grants amounting to 8 per cent of the total (US\$700,000) were awarded to eight small organizations (those requesting less than US\$100,000) as part of the UNTF's new strategy to increase funding and capacity development support for smaller grass-roots organizations.

The total awarded in grants represents a fraction of the requests for funding received. In 2014, the UNTF received 2,098 applications from 147 countries. Most applications were from civil society organizations and the total funding requested was more than US\$788 million.

In 2014, the UNTF was supporting 95 projects in 75 countries and territories worldwide with grants totalling over US\$56 million.

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REACH AND IMPACT IN 2014



22 million

More than 22 million people were strategically reached by UNTF-supported programmes through awareness-raising, social media campaigns, radio and TV shows, theatre and other forms of education-entertainment (edutainment).



90,000

Almost 90,000 survivors of violence were involved in the programme activities of UNTF grantees.



1 million

1 million primary and secondary beneficiaries benefited from the work of UNTF grantees.



200,000

200,000 men and boys were engaged in UNTF-supported programmes.

In 2014,
the UNTF was supporting

95

PROJECTS

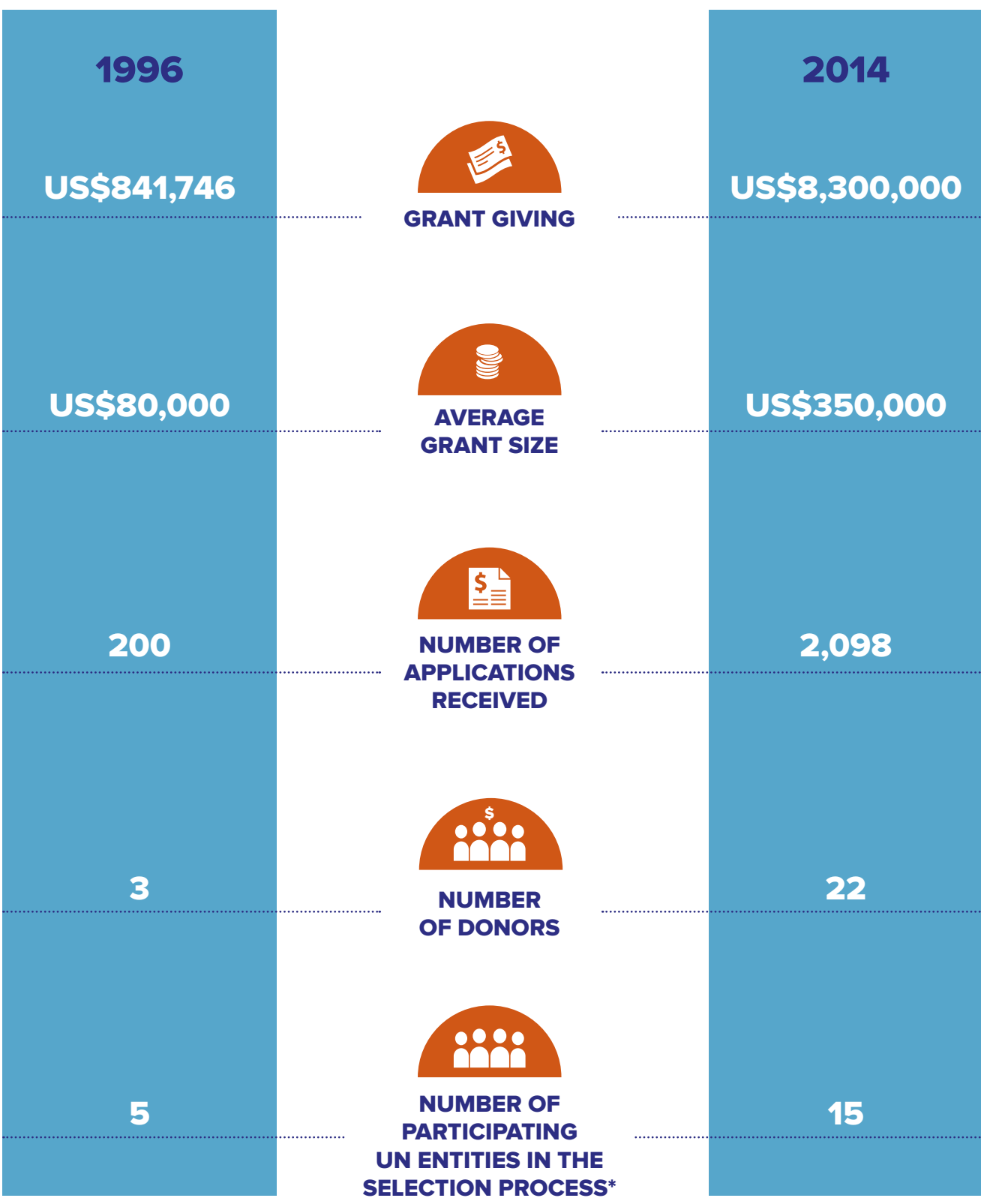
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COUNTRIES
AND TERRITORIES

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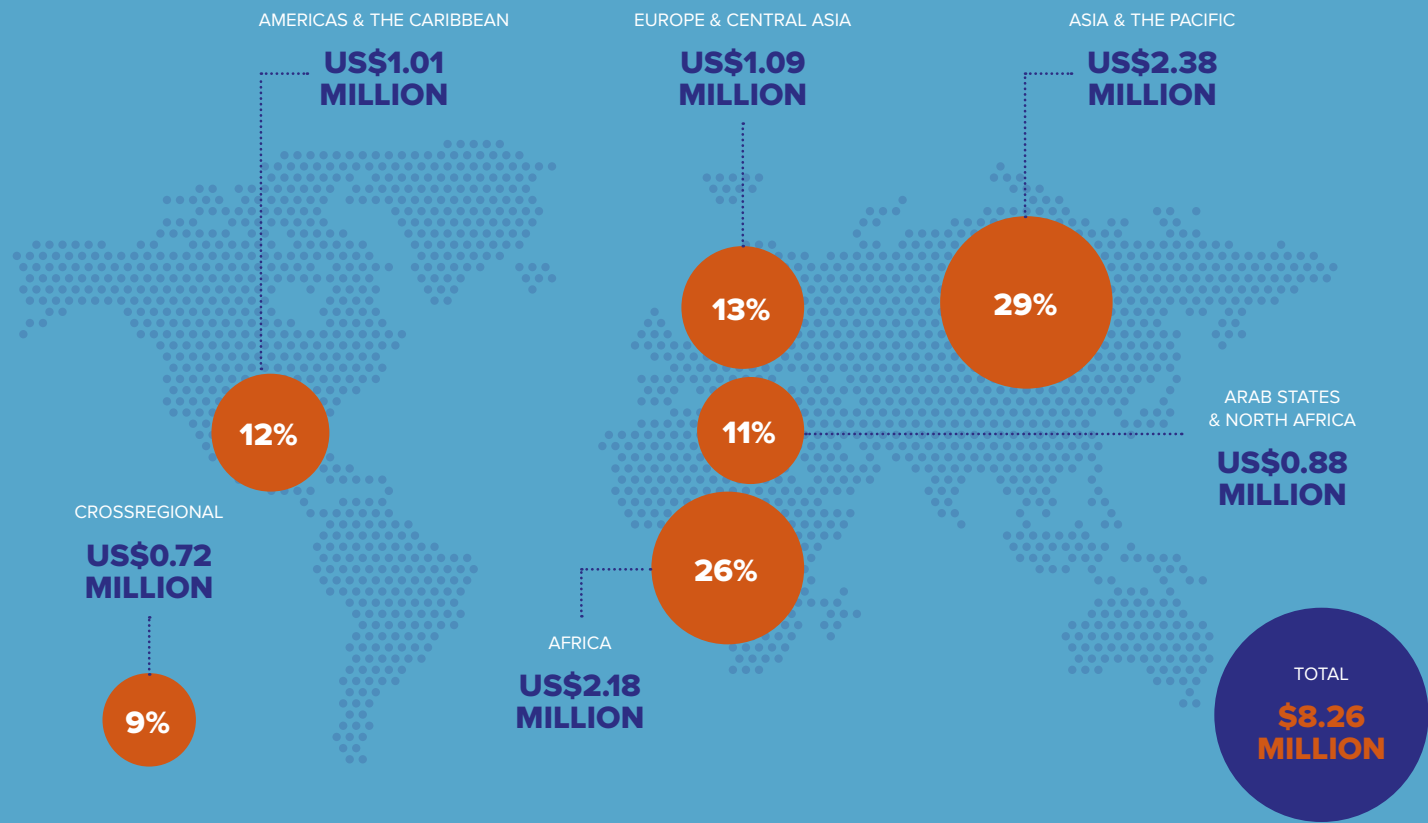
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TOTAL IN GRANTS

UNTF 1996-2014

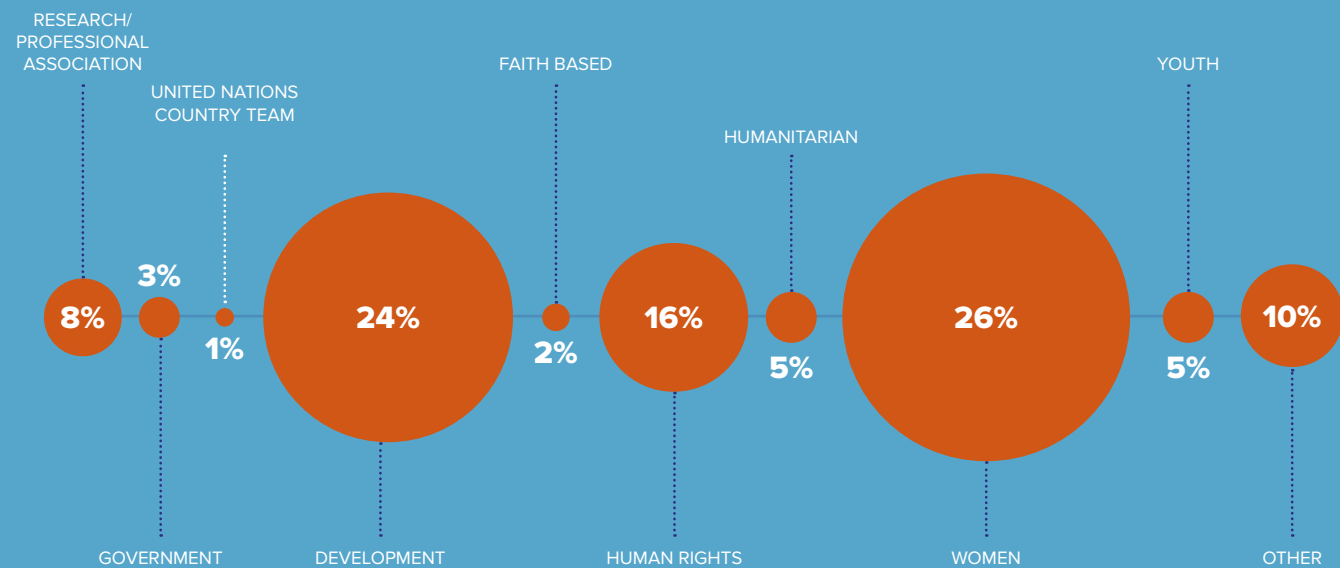


* UN agencies participating in the UNTF's Programme Advisory Committee (PAC)

UNTF grants awarded in 2014 by Region



Breakdown of applications received in 2014 by type of organization



DRIVING CHANGE

The involvement of numerous United Nations agencies in its Programme Advisory Committee allows the UNTF to harness a vast wealth of knowledge and expertise across a range of relevant issues, sectors and perspectives. Alongside non-governmental organizations and other experts, more than 20 United Nations agencies have been involved in grant-making approval processes, playing a vital role in driving forward collective United Nations efforts to engage the wider community in working to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

During 2014, the Fund continued to make important progress in strengthening its focus on monitoring and evaluation. The sustainability both of the programmes themselves and of the improvements in the lives of women and girls that they bring about are key criteria for the UNTF in assessing long-term impact. This in turn calls for building capacity among grantees to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives and methodologies and their potential for sustainability beyond the life of the grant.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

“The workshop was very useful in terms of making our knowledge more systematic and helped me and our organization to take another look at our project and improve it.”

“This workshop helped us, not only to better prepare for the UNTF project but it helped us to strengthen our organization in general and especially project designing and monitoring and evaluation.”

Participants’ evaluations of the Capacity Development Workshop 2014

The Trust Fund’s annual capacity-building workshop for new grantees took place in Istanbul, Turkey, this year. Thirty-four people from 17 organizations attended this key event in March. The overall purpose of the workshop is for the grantees to gain a global overview of evidence-based programming on ending violence against women and to enhance

their capacities in the areas of results-based monitoring and evaluation so that they can implement, monitor, report and evaluate their projects more effectively. The aim of bringing the grantees from the same grant-making cycle together is to enable participants to learn from each other by sharing their lessons and good practices.

INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UNTF) plays a vital role in driving forward collective efforts that engage the wider community – women and men, girls and boys - with the ultimate aim of eradicating violence against women and girls.

Since its creation, the UNTF has supported national, regional and cross-regional initiatives to prevent, address, respond to and, with persistence, eliminate this global pandemic. To date, it has awarded US\$103 million to 393 initiatives in 136 countries and territories.

The UNTF is administered by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) on behalf of the United Nations System which provides the Fund with a strong institutional foundation and field support through its regional, multi-country and country offices. The Fund supports the work of UN Women to prevent and address violence against women and girls and works closely with the rest of the United Nations System through the members of its Programme Advisory Committee (PAC).¹ The UNTF works in synergy with United Nations agencies and entities, ensuring that its work integrates the Framework for Action of the United Nations Secretary-General's

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“The project has been the greatest story of the organization since its inception.

COWLHA [Coalition of Women Living with HIV/AIDS] is a relatively small civil society organization in terms of funding though with a big constituency of women living with HIV.

The UN Trust Fund project has helped COWLHA in reaching out to more women in the country... it has left a legacy in COWLHA that will never be forgotten.”

Steven Iphani,

Programme Manager and Coordinator of the Coalition of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, Malawi