

International Women's Health Coalition

2019

IMPACT REPORT

IWHC advocates fearlessly, funds strategically, and partners with feminists globally to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights. In 2019, we celebrated our 35th anniversary with our largest ever grantmaking budget and a new strategic plan designed to strengthen the feminist movement for years to come.



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Masimanyane Women's Rights International, an IWHC grantee partner in South Africa, provides sexuality education to adolescents in schools and communities.

FUNDING FOR GENDER JUSTICE

IWHC provided more than \$2.8 million in grants to 50 organizations and activists across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. From Brazil to Lebanon and Poland to Fiji, our trust-based grantmaking supported our grantee partners' efforts to strengthen comprehensive sexuality education, combat conservative attacks, and increase access to sexual and reproductive health services and information.



35 YEARS BUILDING WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

TRUST-BASED GRANTMAKING:

A grantmaking model anchored in giving flexible, long-term, core funding and providing support "beyond the check" through leadership development, advocacy training, and other forms of capacity-building.

PRESSING FORWARD ABORTION RIGHTS

In Poland, longtime IWHC grantee partner **ASTRA** stands strong against attempts to restrict access to abortion. The Polish women's movement is a frontline defender of human rights and democracy.



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From attempted abortion bans in the United States to attacks on abortion access in Africa and renewed conservatism in Eastern Europe, feminists are faced with existential threats. Despite these assaults, global momentum for abortion rights continued to increase in 2019 as the Mexican state of Oaxaca, Australia's New South Wales, and others liberalized their abortion laws.

IWHC advanced abortion as a human right through global advocacy and grantmaking. When the Kenyan government banned Marie Stopes International from providing abortion and post-abortion care, IWHC grantee Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health (TICAH) organized alongside the global health community and urged the government to reverse the ban. In a victory for reproductive rights, the women's movement, and the rule of law, the government heeded their demands.

Standing Up for Self-Managed Abortion

In 2019, IWHC worked tirelessly to advance the right to self-manage abortion (SMA) both within the US and globally. In Washington, DC, IWHC's efforts were instrumental to the inclusion of progressive SMA policies in the *Blueprint for Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice*—a bold vision for domestic and US foreign policy, developed in coalition with leading reproductive rights groups.

PRIORITIZING GENDER EQUALITY IN UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

In 2019, IWHC achieved a major victory when the United Nations' Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage included strong commitments to gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights. The Declaration was the result of intensive advocacy by a diverse coalition of more than 100 organizations co-convened by IWHC. Young feminists trained through our flagship Advocacy in Practice program (AIP) played a critical role. More than 250 feminist activists have been trained through this program since 2007.



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IWHC's 2019 AIP class, featuring advocates from Brazil, Fiji, Kenya, Mozambique, Peru, Philippines, and Poland, as well as IWHC staff. The training prepared activists to influence their governments' position on sexual and reproductive health and rights at the UN and in their home countries. It was run simultaneously in English and Portuguese.

MAINTAINING MOMENTUM AGAINST THE GLOBAL GAG RULE



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In March, IWHC President Françoise Girard testified before the US House of Representatives to detail the human rights violations that result from the Global Gag Rule.

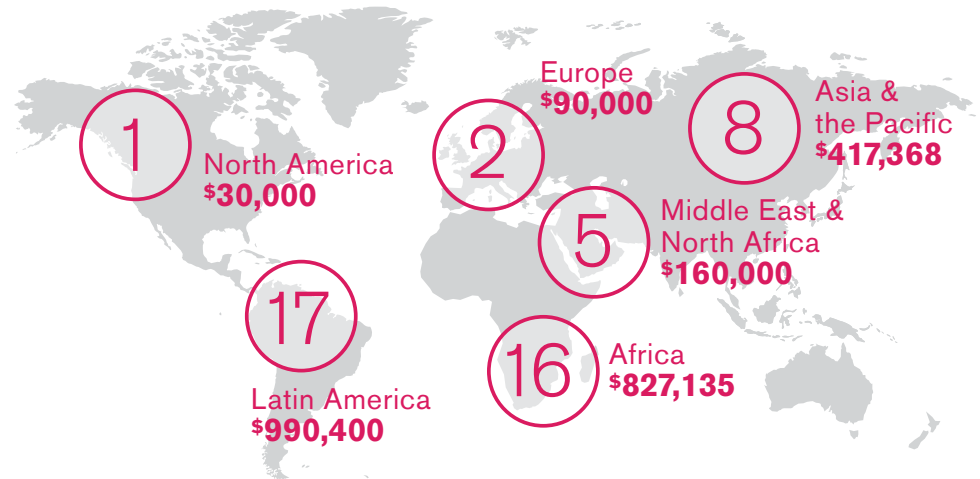
For the second year, IWHC worked with grantee partners to document the devastating impact of the Trump administration's Global Gag Rule. From clinic closures to reduced access to contraception and preventable deaths from unsafe abortion, the Global Gag Rule wreaks havoc on women's health and lives. IWHC's report, launched in June, was prominently featured in major media outlets and helped maintain pressure to end the deadly policy.

2019 GRANTMAKING

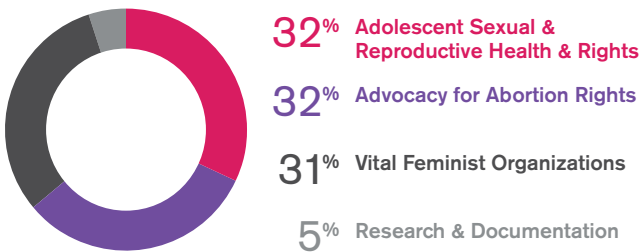
IWHC provides grants to organizations and feminist activists around the world.

Number of Grants to Organizations and Amount of Funding by Region for a total of

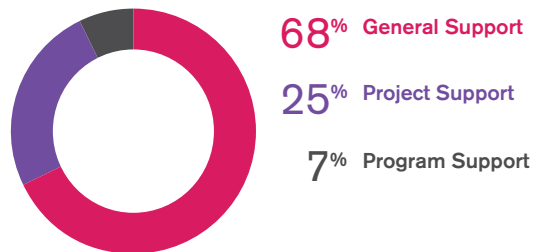
\$2.5 MILLION



Grants by Theme



Grants by Support Type



Individual Grants to Feminist Activists

