In a world devastated by COVID-19, IWHC’s mission to achieve gender justice is more critical than ever. In 2020, IWHC provided $2.3 million in grants to feminist organizations and activists and advocated globally to advance sexual and reproductive rights and support recovery efforts. Together, our grantmaking and advocacy leveraged the collective power of feminist movements to ensure that women and girls emerge from the pandemic with greater power and autonomy over their health and lives.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, IWHC and the global feminist movement quickly mobilized to ensure that women’s and girls’ rights were prioritized in the international response. IWHC’s trust-based grantmaking model facilitated the speedy distribution of additional funds to the organizations and communities that needed them most. From providing services for survivors of gender-based violence to conducting online sexuality education for school-aged children, our grantee partners have been critical in responding to the urgent needs of their communities and advocating for policies that promote autonomy and justice.

Weeks before the pandemic, IWHC staff and board joined grantee partners CDD Argentina and CEDES to witness the Green Wave movement’s fight for abortion rights firsthand. After years of determined advocacy, feminists are poised to secure reproductive rights for Argentines.
IWHC is committed to ensuring that all people have the power to decide if, when, and how to terminate a pregnancy. In 2020, we advocated for abortion as a human right both domestically and globally and supported grantee partners’ efforts to increase abortion access in their communities.

In São Paulo, Brazil, feminists—including IWHC grantee partners Centro Feminista de Estudios e Assessoria and Grupo Curumim—mobilized to re-open an abortion clinic after it was forced to close. In India, young activists shifted trainings on medication abortion and accompaniment online. And worldwide, hotlines continue to provide confidential, judgement-free information on how to self-manage an abortion.

Since 2016, IWHC has provided step-by-step guidance on how to self-manage an abortion with misoprostol. In 2020, we updated our popular instructions and distributed them in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish, ensuring that accurate information on self-managed abortion is available for those in need.

Polish feminists, including IWHC grantee partner the Federation for Women and Family Planning, protested the far-right government’s latest attempt to ban abortion and sexuality education while adhering to COVID-19 related restrictions on travel and group gatherings.

“IWHC strengthens norms, laws, policies, and discourses that advance abortion as a human right.”

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In 1995, IWHC and feminist activists worldwide achieved a groundbreaking victory when the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action declared that women’s rights, and reproductive rights specifically, are human rights. As the United Nations commemorates the twenty-fifth anniversary of Beijing, IWHC is once again working with a diverse coalition of feminists to advance a new, bolder agenda for gender justice, which we outlined together in the Feminist Declaration. Through direct advocacy with political leaders, funding and mentorship to young feminists worldwide, and cross-movement collaboration, we are holding governments accountable and inspiring the systemic changes needed to build a more just future for all.

For 36 years, IWHC has fought dangerous US abortion policies, like the Helms Amendment and Global Gag Rule, which place abortion-related restrictions on US foreign assistance and global health spending. Taken together, these policies violate human rights and cause preventable deaths of women and girls worldwide. In 2020, IWHC was integral to the development and introduction of the Abortion Is Healthcare Everywhere Act. This landmark bill is the first major legislative challenge to the Helms Amendment and, if passed, will advance reproductive freedom worldwide.
**2020 GRANTMAKING**

IWHC provided $2.3 million in grants to women’s rights organizations and feminist activists around the world.

Number of Grants to Organizations and Amount of Funding by Region for a total of $2.2 million

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**Institutional Grants by Support Type**

- **70% General Support**
- **27% Project Support**
- **3% Program Support**

**Individual Grants to Feminist Activists**

IWHC supports the participation of activists in global policy dialogues, meetings, and conferences to ensure that the diverse voices of the feminist movement are heard in the halls of power.

**63 Grants to 52 Individuals in 26 Countries for a Total of $82,913**