

United Nations Development Fund for Women



A Life Free of Violence Is Our Right!

10 Years
of the UN
Trust Fund
to End
Violence
against
Women

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Programme

UNIFEM Executive Director Noeleen Heyzer

Introduction

Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro

Coordinating Action to End Violence against Women

UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador Nicole Kidman

Supporting Efforts to End Violence against Women (Live from Los Angeles)

Film

A Life Free of Violence is Our Right! – Trust Fund Testimonies

Minister Vabah Gayflor, Liberia

Strengthening the UN Trust Fund

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberia

Ending Gender-based Violence in Conflict-Affected Countries (Video Message)

Trust Fund Grantee: Justice Nathalia Kimaro, Tanzania

Training the Judiciary on Women's Human Rights

Ambassador Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo, Spain

Increasing Investments to End Violence against Women

Noeleen Heyzer & Nicole Kidman

Raising Public Awareness

Trust Fund Grantee: Social Activist and Musician LICA, Brazil

Performance

Moderator: Shashi Tharoor, Under Secretary-General for Public Information

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence

against Women, established by the UN General Assembly and managed by UNIFEM, supports local organizations in tackling gender-based violence. During the 10 years of its existence, the Trust Fund has supported more than 200 initiatives in over 100 countries. Grantees have worked to prevent human trafficking in the Ukraine, put a spotlight on so-called honour killings of Palestinian women and supported female ex-combatants in Rwanda in learning ways to manage trauma. Around the world, the Trust Fund has helped to provide training to judges and law enforcement personnel to ensure a more vigorous response to this widespread human rights violation. Since 2005, grants have specifically been awarded to organizations that support the implementation of laws and to initiatives that raise awareness on the nexus between violence against women and HIV/AIDS.

Contributions come from a diverse group of governments, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, and individuals. In 2006, donors include: the Governments of Austria, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, USA; UNIFEM National Committees in Australia, Singapore, USA, the Berkshire Chapter of the US National Committee; World Day of Prayer USA, Zonta International; Johnson & Johnson, Macy's, TAG Heuer; and many individuals who contributed on the occasion of UNIFEM's 30th anniversary commemoration.

UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations. It provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programmes and strategies to foster women's empowerment and gender equality. Placing the advancement of women's human rights at the centre of all of its efforts, UNIFEM focuses its activities on strengthening women's economic security and rights, ending violence against women, supporting gender equality in governance, peace-building and post-conflict recovery, and reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and girls.



“When it comes to ending violence against women, every contribution counts. This is why we are asking you to support the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women. The Fund provides precious resources to organizations in the developing world to bring about real change in women’s lives. They help implement laws, change attitudes and provide shelter, social services, protection and legal advice. Much has been achieved, but much more needs to be done. And demand for support outstrips funding to share by far. Please invest in ending violence against women. Because we can make this world a safer place. And because a life free of violence is our right.”

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