### WOMEN'S PLATFORM GRANTMAKING UPDATE FEBRUARY 20, 2018



## OVERVIEW OF GRANTS WOMEN'S PLATFORM

- 66 grants
- 44 organisations
- Grants to Congolese Women's Fund included funds for ~23 subgrants to groups in DRC, regional convening in 2015 and 2018, DRC convening in 2016, and M&E
- \$1,380,348 total granted to date
- \$1,610,348 raised for direct grant-making (\$230,000 to be granted)

## GRANTMAKING TO DATE BY COUNTRY

| Country               | Burundi   | DRC  | Rwanda    | Senegal  | Uganda   |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| # of Grants           | 14        | 37 grants<br>23 sub-grants                       | 8         | 2*       | 5        |
| # of<br>Organizations | 9         | 27<br>(Plus approx.<br>13* sub-<br>grantee orgs) | 4         | ]*       | 3        |
| Total \$              | \$268,544 | \$837,513  | \$137,741 | \$40,750 | \$95,800 |

## PRIORITY THEMATIC AREAS BY COUNTRY

| Thematic Area | I – PSCF & UNSCR<br>1325 | II - VAW | III – Livelihoods &<br>Property Rights | IV. Natural<br>Resources |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------|--|--------------------------|
| Burundi       | 7                        | 4        | 7                                      | 1                        |
| DRC*          | 11                       | 12       | 12                                     | 5                        |
| Rwanda        | 2                        | 5        | 4                                      | 1                        |
| Uganda        | 4                        | 1        | 1                                      | 0                        |
| TOTAL         | 24                       | 22       | 24                                     | 7                        |

\*These numbers do not include Congolese Women's Fund grants & sub-grants.

## **ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS**

- Cross-border
- Burundi & Eastern DRC
- Refugees, returnees, marginalized
- Young women
- Grassroots & regional organizations
- Movement actors



## FUNDS RAISED FOR WOMEN'S PLATFORM DOLLARS FOR GRANTMAKING

**SINCE LAUNCH IN 2014** 

| Funding<br>Source        | Dollars     | Percent of<br>Total | Funding<br>Source        | Dollars   | Percent of<br>Total |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| UN OSESG-GL              | \$683,893   | 42%                 | UN OSESG-GL              | \$187,963 | 22%                 |
| Global Fund<br>for Women | \$320,841   | 20%                 | Global Fund<br>for Women | \$273,941 | 31%                 |
| Oak<br>Foundation        | \$605,614   | 38%                 | Oak<br>Foundation        | \$411,000 | 47%                 |
| TOTAL                    | \$1,610,348 | 100%                | TOTAL                    | \$872,904 | 100%                |

**2016 TO DATE** 

## I. PSC FRAMEWORK & UNSCR 1325 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Isis-WICCE 6 women in official peace talks for Burundi and 5 women for South Sudan; Women's Situation Room during 2016 elections in Uganda; 17 South Sudanese women capacitated on NAP UNSCR 1325 through exchanges; DRC women's electoral participation (15,700 to 179,195)
- SYFUDUR Reconciliation of communities in conflict; Youth abandoned rebel groups and returned to school; 150 youth committed to outreach to peers
- SOFAD Formed cross-border (Burundi, Rwanda, DRC) peace networks; 18 peace clusters and 15 dialogue groups; Intl recognition for Executive Secretary
- DAGROPASS Capacitating women in DRC & Burundi on PSCF & conflict resolution; documenting experiences on implementation of PSCF & UNSCR 1325 in Uvira & Bubanza; Campaigns on small arms reduction; Member of natl & intl arms reduction coalitions
- Association Dushirehamwe Large role in enactment of UNSCR 1325 in Burundi; Leads a network of women actors for peace which regroups 220 women's associations; training 106 women in monitoring implementation of UNSCR 1325 and collecting data and reporting on SGBV & early-warning signs

#### SOLIDARITE FEMININE POUR LA PAIX ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT INTEGRAL (SOFEPADI) – NORTH KIVU

- Established 4 observatories for the implementation of the PSC
   Framework
- Data from observatories are compiled in report by Congolese Civil Society and given to national and international authorities
- Beni Observatory is led by a woman and consulted by local, national, and international authorities



- 4 women nominated as neighborhood chiefs
- Women involved in local security committees
- Due to women's outreach on PSC Framework, community held a sit-in after massacres and rapes in Maubo in 2015, which resulted in deployment of 75 security force agents to area and arrest and conviction of 8 perpetrators

## II. COMBATTING VAW & SUPPORTING WOMEN AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rwanda Women's Network trauma counseling for 1,300 survivors; trained women in trauma counseling; Dr. at health center to provide specialized medical care for survivors, HIV/AIDS treatment, etc.
- SOFEPADI Conviction of soldiers who perpetrated sexual violence by military tribunal; Congolese Women's Fund seeking government reparations
- Akina Mama wa Afrika Implementation of Kampala Declaration on SGBV; ICGLR Civil Society Forums in CAR, DRC, & Uganda (AmplifyChange); Monitoring of ICGLR Regional Training Facility

#### SOLIDARITTE DES FEMMES POUR LE BIEN-ETRE FAMILIAL (SOFIBEF) – SOUTH KIVU

- 41 women survivors of violence housed & accessed specialized medical facilities
- 2 debates with State services, CSOs, & peace accord observation committees on impunity for perpetrators
- 10 women referred to SOFIBEF by police
- Women accompanied survivors of violence in court to assure convictions



# III. ADVANCING WOMEN'S LIVELIHOODS & PROPERTY RIGHTS KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Fonds d'Initiative Feminines Locales (FIFL) Created local and national women's farmer networks; Advocated to govt. for upholding of land and inheritance laws & women's access to arable land
- DAGROPASS (Burundi) Secured land rights for girls orphaned by civil war in Burundi; Protecting land rights of IDPs from 2015 political crisis; Defending cross-border trader rights by raising women's awareness of rights & talks with customs agents
- ProFemmes Twese/Hamwe (Rwanda) Held awareness mtgs with cross-border traders from Burundi, DRC & Rwanda and district focal points; Translated PSCF into Kinyarwanda

#### SOLIDARITE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT EN AFRIQUE (SODAF) – SOUTH KIVU

- 89 small enterprises supported
- Corn production increased from 2200 kg/hectar to 3700
- 35 women gained a larger role in local natural resource allocation and development committees
- 1 woman named head of neighborhood
- Mrs. Baobe was a subsistance farmer on 6.25 acres of land that she rented for \$50/year.
  Through SODAF's support, she bought a 1 hectar field and started a small business. She can now pay school fees for all 6 of her children, 4 girls and 2 boys.



# PROMOTING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO & CONTROL OF NATURAL RESOURCES KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Ligue pour la Solidarité Congolaise – Biogas converter installation; Savings & loans & economic activities with clean energy; Women and girls' role in clean energy increases influence in community decision-making; Research on access to energy; Worked with Provincial govt to write edict on use of biogas by commercial farmers



#### GROUPEMENT DES FEMMES VIVANT AVEC LE VIH/SIDA (GFV-VIH) – SOUTH KIVU

- Trained 75 marginalized women in production & marketing of improved cookstoves
- Environmental fair to showcase stoves
- 500 sold & large contract secured w/Norwegian Refugee Council
- Est. 9 points of sales in Eastern DRC
- No longer importing from Provinces
- Exchanges between solidarity groups & participation in renewable energy decision-making spaces
- 2600 households have improved cookstoves

### REUNION A GOMA DU 15 AU 15 MAI 2015

#### CONCLUSIONS CLES

- Amelioration de la comprehension du contexte polituqe qui prevaut dans la region des Grands Lac ainsi que l'etat de la mise en œuvre de l'Accord-cadre
- Renforcement du partenariat et des synergies pour la mise en œuvre des cadres régionaux de consolidation de l'Accord-cadre et de la résolution 1325
- Création de liens entre les activités des bénéficiaires pour qu'elles servent d'interventions pour le changement transformateur dans la région
- Renforcement des capacités organisationnelles des organisations de femmes pour appuyer leur travail et attirer des partenaires potentiels



- FFC, FMF, FAS
- Soixantaine de femmes leaders de 42 organisations de base du Burundi, de la RDC, du Rwanda et de l'Ouganda
- Bureau de l'Envoyé spécial
- Secrétaire général chargée des questions de violences sexuelles commises en période de conflit

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Additional grants (1 to Congolese Women's Fund, 1 Uganda, 4 Burundi, 1 CAR)
- M&E site visits in DRC and Burundi, dates TBD
- Regional convening in 2018, dates TBD
- Inclusion of grantees from CAR and Republic of Congo in convening

## THE WAY FORWARD TOGETHER

- Continue to raise funds & support grassroots women's organizations multi-year & larger grants
- Fund: cross-border activities, conflict zones, work on land rights for returnees, with refugees, & addressing extractive industry
- Consider funding in South Sudan, CAR, & Republic of Congo
- Document gains & contributions through M&E & publication of results
- Uplift women's voices invite them to regional peacebuilding spaces
- Pressure Heads of State to respect PSCF & Presidential terms & involve women in peacebuilding & leadership
- Pressure multinational extractive companies for transparency & assurance not fueling conflict