

WHAT YOUR DOLLARS CAN DO...



\$5000 Supports a women's rights initiative (a complete UAF Rapid-Response Grant)

When Emily Sarapanan-Ratilla, the 23-yr-old vice-chairwoman of United Women Farmers of Lipa in the Philippines, was murdered, over a thousand people marched against the militarization of the countryside and to defend their land from being appropriated for mining operations and plantations. The military withdrew from some areas. This UAF grant covered press conferences and human rights symposiums, flyers and other protest materials, transportation and boarding costs for a fact-finding mission, and safe house rental and food for Emily's sister Merlyn, who filed a case against the military upon Emily's death.

\$2500 Ensures a human rights defender and her family or colleagues can be safe

In Central Asia, \$2500 enabled an at-risk activist to purchase plane tickets for her and her two daughters to relocate, and to rent an apartment for three months while they looked for jobs.

\$1200 (\$100/month) Funds consciousness-raising and public education

After the earthquake in Haiti, women and children – many of whom were orphaned or separated from their parents – had to sleep in the open air or under sheets. The incidence of rape skyrocketed. \$1,200 supported three women for one month, to educate women and children about their rights and how best to protect themselves in a crisis environment.

\$600 (\$50/month) Provides technical support for an activist

\$600 in UAF funds allowed a feminist Puerto Rican community organization to purchase and rent equipment to film public service announcements on gender roles. The announcements were used in a campaign to support precedent-setting legislation that would incorporate a gender perspective into public education, as fundamentalist groups warned the legislation would erode the foundation of the traditional family and encourage homosexuality in children. Search under "tallersaludinc" on YouTube.com to judge for yourself.



\$240 (\$20/month) Provides secure communications for activists under surveillance by extremists

\$20/month pays for secure cell phone charges for an activist.

\$120 (\$10/month) Mobilizes people to get their voices heard

\$120 transported 30 widows in rural Nepal to Parliament's doorstep, where they protested a government proposal to pay men to marry widows, and demanded the right to live lives of self-determination and dignity.

\$60 (\$5/month) Pays for social media tools in campaigns

\$60 paid for 600 text messages in Gaza, Palestine, to alert appropriate safety authorities to the location of landmines left by the Israeli offensive.

\$25 Makes a protest visible

\$25 pays for 20 T-shirts or 25 campaign posters.



...WHEN YOU INVEST IN URGENT ACTION FUND

Note: Translating dollars into concrete initiatives varies greatly by country. These are a few recent examples.