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FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS

# 2006 ANNUAL REPORT



***"Emergencies are real emergencies, no? I mean, by the time you go through the normal grantmaking process you'll be dead a lot of the time – or the [opportunity] passes by. So there's something about an emergency fund that is very important. It is very special to have that kind of fund."***

***– Radhika Coomaraswamy,  
UN Special Rapporteur on  
Violence Against Women (2004)***

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## A Conversation with UAF's Board Chair & Executive Director

*Twice a year UAF Board members travel from around the world to reflect on trends facing the global women's movement and UAF's role in responding. The following conversation between Board Chair Eleanor Douglas and Julie Shaw, Executive Director, was excerpted from the Board's spring 2007 gathering in Boulder, Colorado.*

**Eleanor:** The number of official wars in the world decreased during 2006, but in actuality, armed conflicts have been escalating and spreading with severe consequences for women's rights. This discrepancy is due in part to a tendency (because of the U.S.-led war on terror) to negate the presence of armed conflict and reduce everything to 'terrorism.' When that happens, as it has in Colombia, we lose the political and historical context of the conflict and it becomes very difficult to talk about causes and inequities. If there's no conflict, who are we going to make peace with?



The interface of private and public violence in women's lives is one of the themes that emerge from this phenomena. Violence and wars alter the culture of entire regions. People become accustomed to a certain level of violence, and to using violence to respond to tension – not to mention the effects of trauma post-conflict. Violence then moves into the private realm, which is why we often see violence against women going up after a conflict, not down.

**Julie:** UAF is acutely aware of the global effects of U.S. policies on human rights generally and on women's rights in particular. Monitoring and documenting those effects is a major theme in our current research projects.



Insights from our grantees and activist Board members who are dealing with these issues help UAF as we look to the future. UAF will continue to take a two-pronged approach that weaves together our grantmaking and research. Regular outreach trips and having

Board members on the ground in countries like Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Serbia is absolutely necessary for understanding the shifting contexts in which women's movements are operating.

**Eleanor:** UAF has produced some seminal research on the strategies and risks involved in women's rights activism. It's really rewarding to have these studies come to fruition, and we already see our findings reflected in the grant requests UAF receives. For example, we are receiving a lot of requests from activists dealing with urban, organized armed violence and/or extremely repressive governments. Bringing on board members with experience in Brazil and Algeria is helping us to better understand those contexts.

**Julie:** Fundamentally, our role will not change. The core of UAF's work is to support women activists to undertake strategic interventions that advance, protect and sustain women's human rights. We recognize that change requires persistence and patience but there are unanticipated moments in time when progress towards a goal can be threatened or when a strategy can be significantly advanced by taking advantage of an unusual opening. Those are the moments in which UAF will continue to help.

**Eleanor:** UAF will also continue to build its capacity in order to enhance our ability to respond to women activists' needs, as well as to share our experiences, as we have done with our re-granting partners in Colombia and Serbia. 2008 will mark the 10th anniversary of UAF and the 5th anniversary of UAF-Africa. There is no better time to look at the sustainability of our organizations and to celebrate our achievements thus far.

*You can read more about these issues throughout this report as well as in UAF's publications, which are available at [www.urgentactionfund.org](http://www.urgentactionfund.org).*

## Rapid Response Grantmaking and Research, Publications & Advocacy

### PROGRAM SYNERGY

**U**rgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights operates two core programs that strengthen and inform one another, enabling UAF to fund women human rights defenders (WHRDs) quickly, strategically and effectively in diverse environments around the world.

UAF’s Rapid Response Grants provide snap shots of women’s rights activism worldwide, highlighting critical junctures in ongoing campaigns when groups were able to use UAF funds to take advantage of unexpected opportunities and respond to threats. This unique model of strategic grantmaking relies on having a clear understanding of the contextual situation in which each grant is made, which UAF gains largely through Research, Publications & Advocacy projects. These initiatives provide UAF with a moving picture of women’s activism – detailed, first-hand information on their realities and strategies.

Ongoing field-based research also allows UAF to build stronger, lasting relationships with current and potential grantees, who participate actively in both the creation and distribution of reports. These alliances help UAF to better understand the contribution that our timely support has had on the achievement of long-term goals. These networks also raise awareness of the availability of Rapid Response Grants, providing channels through which more activists can contact UAF or UAF-Africa when the need arises for urgent, strategic interventions to advance, protect or sustain their work.

**Rapid Response Grantmaking (n):** a funding tool used to support interventions by activists in a strategic and timely manner. Grant requests are accepted 365 days per year, in any language, from activists around the world. Each request receives a response within 72 hours and funds can be wired within a week. UAF created this unique grantmaking model in 1997 to enable women activists to take advantage of unexpected opportunities, mitigate threats and/or prevent backsliding in their ongoing work to advance the human rights of all people.



## Global Rapid Response Grantmaking

152 Rapid Response Grants were placed directly into the hands of women human rights defenders in 54 countries using Urgent Action Fund's unique grantmaking model in 2006. UAF made 74 Rapid Response Grants in 35 countries out of our U.S. office and our re-granting partners – Reconstruction Women's Fund in Serbia and the Fondo para Ayudas de Emergencia y Fortalecimiento Organizacional en Protección y Autoprotección in Colombia – made another 28 grants. Additionally, in their first full year of independent operations, Urgent Action Fund – Africa made 50 grants out of their office in Kenya. **The map on pages 20-21 illustrates the geographic breadth of UAF's Rapid Response Grantmaking Program in 2006.**

### PAUSING TO REFLECT

UAF is a learning organization whose strength lies in our flexibility and unflinching attention to the emerging and ongoing needs of women activists. Over the past several years, UAF's grantmaking and research have given us a deeper understanding of how various trends – such as the withdrawal of state-controlled resources from women's rights organizations and the gendered effects of natural disasters – relate to our core grantmaking categories:

- strategic interventions in situations of armed conflict, escalating violence and/or political instability;
- setting or protecting legal and legislative precedents for women's human rights;
- security and protection for women defenders

### MAKING THE IMPLICIT EXPLICIT

**A**s a funder designed to fill in the gaps, UAF has always supported activists that are sidelined within human rights and women's rights movements such as queer, indigenous, disabled, or displaced activists. Our current research on *Sustaining Activism* and *Defending the Defenders* highlights and reinforces the increased risks – such as burnout and physical or psychological harm – that marginalized activists face due to their relative isolation from support networks and lack of resources. UAF has thus reinforced its commitment to challenging discrimination of all kinds – making that which is *implicit* in human rights work *explicit*.

*“Our program constantly experiences new situations that require patience, openness, compassion and the ability to find our way through difficult paths. 2006 proved to be no exception.”*

– Ariella Futral, UAF Senior Program Officer

## **SUSTAINING ACTIVISM**

Through grantmaking and the Sustaining Activism research project, UAF now has a deeper understanding of the ‘barriers and breakpoints’ that undermine sustainability, as well as an idea of what sustaining activism would look like. While the universe of sustaining activism is far larger than what UAF can or should take on, two aspects stand out as appropriate places for UAF to redouble our efforts: security and protection, as well as some related trauma recovery and psychosocial support. We have seen that focused grantmaking in these areas can greatly increase the health, effectiveness and longevity of activists, organizations and movements.

## **GENDER, CONFLICT AND DISASTERS**

There is a fine line between human rights activism and humanitarian response. The latter falls outside of UAF’s mandate, but we do respond immediately when disasters hit regions that are already dealing with the effects of armed conflict. The militarization

of aid distribution, gender-based violence in camps for displaced people and participation in reconstruction efforts are some of the many issues that women activists can respond to quickly and strategically with the help of UAF Rapid Response Grants.

## **BRIDGING THE GAP**

Several years ago UAF began receiving requests for emergency bridge funding in situations where state-controlled resources had been promised and then unexpectedly withdrawn or withheld. What we thought was a temporary gap in funding turned out in many cases to be something much more serious – politically motivated strategies to undermine activist groups that challenge social norms and dominant power structures. Although UAF is no longer providing bridge grants, we are engaged in ongoing collaborative research on the effects of counterterrorism measures on civil society in general and women’s rights groups in particular, which you will read more about on page 15.

## Grantee Profiles

### LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE PRECEDENTS FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS

#### Cause for Celebration: Major Victories in the Philippines & Colombia

Laws and jurisprudence are at the core of human rights activism, but clear victories are often years in the making and, once gained, must be tirelessly protected. UAF supported key interventions in 2006 at moments when actions needed to be taken quickly to ensure positive outcomes. The following grantee profiles illustrate major victories won by women activists in the Philippines and Colombia.

#### PHILIPPINES – Task Force Subic Rape



In November 2005, four U.S. Marines were charged with raping 22 year-old “Nicole.” Nicole decided to bring her persecutors to trial, prompting an unprecedented level of attention from both the media and the general public. Task Force Subic Rape (TFSR) – a coalition of 17 women’s organizations engaged in the “Justice for Nicole, Justice for our Nation” campaign – wrote that, “Nicole’s case provides a test for the [struggles] of women in third world countries against the abuses of foreign troops.” Crimes committed by U.S. service people in the Philippines have a one-year statute of limitations, so time was of the essence.



UAF provided a Rapid Response Grant of 4,890 USD to enable TFSR to expand their awareness-raising and media campaigns during the months leading up to the verdict. Just weeks after TFSR’s campaign intensified, the Philippine high court convicted one of the Marines of rape and sentenced him to 40 years in prison. Local media reports noted that this was the first conviction out of more than 3,000 cases filed against U.S. service members in the Philippines alone. As such, this groundbreaking ruling dealt a huge blow to the culture of impunity that surrounds visiting armed forces’ assaults against women around the world.

## COLOMBIA - Corporación Contigo Mujer



During the months leading up to a verdict in the precedent-setting case to liberalize abortion in Colombia, opponents engaged school children to produce 500 graphic drawings and letters urging that abortion remain completely illegal. When Corporación Contigo Mujer (CCM), a women's rights organization, discovered that these children had been manipulated and that the documents were submitted to judges reviewing the case, they filed criminal and disciplinary complaints.



UAF provided a 2,000 USD grant for CCM to organize a campaign in public schools to stop those responsible and to inform parents and teachers about the importance of liberalizing abortion. They also hosted a meeting to pressure authorities to investigate and punish those responsible for this violation of children's rights and due process.

Later that year, Colombia's high court ruled in favor of decriminalizing abortion in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger, setting a historic precedent for women's rights that Colombian women are now working hard to promote and defend.



## Grantee Profiles

### STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT, ESCALATING VIOLENCE & POLITICAL INSTABILITY

#### Women creating peace and demanding justice

UAF has observed that crisis situations often open windows of opportunity for women to transcend societal limitations, taboos and divisions. At the same time, human rights abuses and violence against women increase exponentially in conflict and post-conflict situations. Women respond during such times with unparalleled dedication, creativity and tenacity, and Urgent Action Fund exists to support their strategic responses to escalating social tensions and violence.

#### NEPAL: Nagarik Aawaz

Nagarik Aawaz (NA) is one of the largest grassroots peacebuilding organizations in Nepal. Their work intensified significantly during 2006, as the security situation in Nepal steadily deteriorated due to the conflict between the monarchy and the Maoists. NA requested a Rapid Response Grant from UAF in response to bombings and violence in Kathmandu, which brought the conflict from outlying rural districts into the capital city itself.

With a grant of 5,000 USD, NA organized a 21-day campaign and numerous peace vigils to raise awareness and support for a resolution between the Seven Party Alliance, the King and the Maoists. The grant also established a Women Activists' Flexible Fund to be shared by NA and four other organizations. This flexible fund enabled the women to respond immediately to the unpredictable situation in Nepal, which has significantly strengthened their work in peacebuilding and women's rights. In November 2006, a peace treaty was signed in Nepal, officially ending the eleven-year conflict.



*“The Urgent Action Fund grant has turned our offices into [an] umbrella under which our beneficiaries may feel themselves safe and secured.”*

– Anonymous Grantee

### **MEXICO: Consorcio para el Diálogo Parlamentario y la Equidad, Oaxaca A.C.**

A massive social movement demanding basic human rights, labor rights and genuine democracy overtook the Mexican state of Oaxaca in 2006. Teachers’ protests exploded in May, and by June the Governor of Oaxaca was forced to resign on charges of electoral fraud. Six months of protest and passive resistance throughout the region followed, with strong backing by Mexican women from diverse backgrounds and regions. Mexican police forces tried to repress this movement, resulting in at least 17 deaths, multiple disappearances and more than 350 detainees.

With a 5,000 USD grant from UAF, the Consorcio para el Diálogo Parlamentario y la Equidad (CDPEO), a Mexican feminist organization that focuses on women’s rights in legislative matters, was able to publish a report documenting gender-specific human rights violations and featuring the testimonies of 14 women who suffered abuses during the Oaxacan conflict. In collaboration with over 40 Oaxacan civil society groups, CDPEO released their report on International Human Rights Day (December 10th) prompting an unexpected level of national media coverage. UAF’s Rapid Response Grant also enabled the group to support a campaign on behalf of women who were wrongly accused and tortured during the conflict, as well as the families of disappeared and assassinated women. As a result of their timely documentation and campaign, CDPEO was later invited to submit their findings to the Interamerican Human Rights Commission.



## Grantee Profiles

### SECURITY AND PROTECTION FOR WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

#### Activists securing their own safety

In a world where the police, military, international peacekeepers, non-state actors and even family members can become violent perpetrators, women activists often take the protection of themselves and their families into their own hands. We have seen repeatedly that the first line of protection for women human rights defenders lies in their own awareness and training.

Urgent Action Fund is at the forefront of the philanthropic sector in supporting the safety of women activists, particularly in politically unstable or conflict-affected areas. In fact, almost half of our 2006 Rapid Response Grants funded activists' efforts to secure their own safety.

#### VENEZUELA / ARGENTINA - International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission

In 2005 "X," a well-known transgender activist in Venezuela, witnessed the brutal murder of a fellow activist by local police. The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission's (IGLHRC) Buenos Aires office took up "X's" case in 2006 when she began to receive increasing death threats from the police meant to discourage her from testifying against the murderers. UAF provided a Rapid Response Grant of 5,000 USD to enable "X" to relocate to Argentina until it was safe for her to return. IGLHRC also planned to launch a campaign demanding that the officers responsible be brought to justice and pressuring the government to protect individuals from gender-based violence and discrimination.

Prior to her evacuation, "X" was shot in the legs while arriving home. Fortunately, the injuries were not life threatening and UAF funds ensured her evacuation to Argentina. Since seeking safe haven, "X" has been able to provide information regarding her friend's murder while at the same time raising the visibility of human rights violations based on gender identity and sexual orientation for a global audience.



*“Ensuring that women working for women’s human rights are protected from [the] real danger of getting exterminated is in itself a step towards the furtherance of human rights.”*

– Kaisa Ka-Philippines, UAF Grantee (2006)

## Research, Publications & Advocacy

### DEFENDING THE DEFENDERS

**T**he physical and psychological risks associated with human rights activism are severe, and women defenders face added threats because their work challenges the passive roles assigned to them in patriarchal societies.

In order to adequately and appropriately protect WHRDs, both activists and their allies need to understand the full range of threats and risks involved in human rights work. This joint project aims to document those risks – as well as the strategies that WHRDs have developed in response. Our report, *Defending the Defenders* (forthcoming in late 2007), will serve as a tool to improve activists’ own ability to proactively mitigate threats. It will also help the funding community to understand security from the vantage point of WHRDs in the field, encouraging more effective and appropriate grantmaking.

Project partners **Kvinna till Kvinna** in Sweden ([www.iktk.se](http://www.iktk.se)), and the **Front Line International Foundation for the Defense of Human Rights Defenders** in Ireland ([www.frontlinedefenders.org](http://www.frontlinedefenders.org)), are contributing their unique and complimentary experiences to the venture.

Managed by UAF Consultant (and former Board member) Vahida Nainar, this project explores security for WHRDs in four different contexts: war/violent conflict, religious extremism, repressive or nationalist governments and post-conflict violence. The report builds on dozens of interviews conducted for *Rising Up in Response* (UAF, 2005), the grantmaking experiences of each of the three partners, and on exclusive field studies with activists from or in Algeria, Bosnia, Burma, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nepal, Serbia and Tunisia conducted over the past year.

#### PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

- Isolation is one of the most dangerous and debilitating aspects of women defenders’ work.
- Women marginalized on the basis of class, sexuality, race, religion, etc. are clearly more vulnerable to attack.
- Cultures of impunity are a major issue. Often, the ‘law’ is whoever is best armed, and those actors tend to be the perpetrators of violence against WHRDs.

## Research, Publications & Advocacy

### SUSTAINING ACTIVISM

#### Invisible = Unsustainable

**W**omen human rights activists comprise the frontline of response to conflicts and crises and are the backbone of countless social movements worldwide. Although everyone benefits from their efforts to manifest universal human rights, women's activism is often overlooked and remains largely invisible and unsupported.

The consequences of working without support are significant. Some individuals drop out of their human rights activities entirely. Others continue, but experience increasingly high levels of stress over time, undermining both their safety and wellbeing. Activists who have been physically and psychologically harmed tend to suffer the trauma of such violent experiences in silence, without support or respite. In the most extreme cases, activists lose their lives in ways that might have been prevented, such as a targeted abuse, stress-related illness and suicide.

Sustaining activism is about preventing or mitigating potential 'breakpoints' in activism – those moments in time when an activist, a group or a movement may, without support, stop being active.

#### What's The Point Of Revolution If We Can't Dance?

UAF's forthcoming publication, *What's the Point of Revolution If We Can't Dance?*, by Jane Barry with Jelena Djordjevic, describes barriers and breakpoints in activism from the perspective of activists themselves. Based on over 100 interviews with activists around the world, this report reveals the resilience and creativity of women human rights defenders, as well as the unspoken consequences of their work.

It is our hope that this report, to be released in fall 2007, will spark a dialogue within the activist community that leads to strategies for *preventing* breakpoints and burnout. Simultaneously, UAF will share our findings with the funding community, which we hope will lead to increased support and innovations among donors to help sustain activists, enabling their victories to reach the next level.

*Please check UAF's website to download copies of these reports as they become available.*

# Research, Publications & Advocacy

## BEYOND COMPLIANCE

Increasing government scrutiny and regulation of international philanthropy has become a global phenomenon, and U.S. policies are undoubtedly affecting the actions of other states, the European Union and United Nations. The cumulative effects are evident: the U.S. government is pushing for fewer, bigger grants that steer clear of controversial or 'high-risk' issues, countries and populations. This places civil society in a double-bind. On the one hand, repressive governments are curtailing the activities of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) within their own borders; and on the other, the ability of donors to extend their support to progressive causes overseas is being undermined by overly-restrictive regulations.

### Monitoring And Information Sharing

UAF has been monitoring and proactively responding to this shifting regulatory environment since 2001. We have distributed two publications that go *beyond compliance*, addressing the effects of counterterrorism policies on international philanthropy and civil society. *Philanthropy at Risk: U.S. Administrative and Legislative Proposals for Change* (2005) and *Philanthropy and Post-9/11 Policy Five Years Out: Assessing the International Impacts of Counterterrorism Measures* (2007), both by Nancy Billica, Ph.D., are available at [www.urgentactionfund.org](http://www.urgentactionfund.org).

### The Global Nonprofit Information Network

Unfortunately, there is still very little concrete information available on the global or long-term effects that increased restrictions are having on civil society. In order to address this gap, Urgent Action Fund, OMB Watch and Grantmakers without Borders have launched the Global Nonprofit Information Network (GNIN) – [www.ombwatch.org/gnin](http://www.ombwatch.org/gnin) – a listserv and website designed to build an informed, global network that can respond collectively and strategically to these issues. The GNIN focuses on gendered impacts, issues confronting Muslim communities, and the experiences of international social change funders. **For more information about this invitation-only listserv please contact UAF.**

*“In most countries, philanthropy is limited to charities – especially religious charities. This means that work for women’s human rights exists because of international [philanthropy].”*

– Interviewee, *Philanthropy and Post-9/11 Policy Five Years Out*

## 2006 Rapid Response Grants

### **Act Together / Women's Action for Iraq** United Kingdom / Iraq - 5,000 USD

Enabled two Iraqi women activists to produce a documentary and visit the UK to raise awareness regarding developments in the new constitution that would impact Iraqi women's rights.

### **Arus Pelangi** Indonesia - 4,200 USD

Supported a prominent LGBTI rights group to launch a public awareness campaign in response to the 'Against Pornography & Indecent Acts' bill, which would infringe upon women's freedom of dress and sexual expression.

### **Asociación de Comunicación Radio Interactiva Feminista** Costa Rica - 5,000 USD

Financed the webcast of "A Just Peace in the Middle East," a 24-hour radio program in response to the Lebanon conflict featuring interviews and commentary from women peace activists around the world.

### **Asociación de Mujeres para la Integración de las Familias en Nicaragua** Nicaragua - 5,000 USD

Provided funds for an awareness-raising campaign addressing unanticipated legal restrictions on abortion.

### **Asociación Nacional Mujeres y Sabrerres** Colombia - 1,600 USD

Increased security for a threatened activist to enable her to continue her work.

### **Association of Women Committees for Social Work** Palestinian Territories - 4,850 USD

Supported 'Silent Solidarity Marches' to draw attention to the impact on women's groups when international aid was frozen after Hamas' 2006 election victory.

### **Buddhist Women's Network** Sri Lanka - 4,500 USD

Enabled Buddhist nuns to respond to male clergy who were urging an immediate return to civil war.

### **Casa de la Mujer** Colombia - 5,000 USD

Enabled the launch of a public education campaign regarding a constitutional amendment to decriminalize abortion.

### **Center for Women's Initiatives and Resolution of Social Problems** Azerbaijan - 5,000 USD

Supported women activists to respond to Azeri police's excessive use of force against women activists in peaceful demonstrations.

*“This is the most amazing foundation! I sent you the proposal, went to bed, and woke up to its approval. Thank you so much!”*

– Gila Svirskey, Coalition of Women for Peace Activist, Israel (2006)

**Centro das Mulheres de Joaquim Nabuco**  
Brazil - 5,000 USD

Provided funds for a campaign to force the government to investigate a recent surge in murders of women that mirrored the femicides in other regions of Latin America.

**Coalition of Women for Peace**  
Israel - 4,750 USD

Supported the mobilization of a large protest and peace vigil in response to the 2006 conflict between Israel and Lebanon.

**Collective for Research and Training on Development Action**  
Lebanon - 5,000 USD

Provided for the delivery of gender-specific supplies to Lebanese women when international relief agencies failed to account for women’s needs in their aid packets.

**Consortio para el Diálogo Parlamentario y la Equidad, Oaxaca A.C.**  
Mexico - 5,000 USD

Enabled the group to document and raise awareness of women’s human rights violations resulting from the eruption of violence in Oaxaca.

**SMALL GRANTS TO INCREASE SECURITY FOR COLOMBIAN WOMEN ACTIVISTS**

The Fondo para Ayudas de Emergencia y Fortalecimiento Organizacional en Protección y Autoprotección (FFP) is a consortium of human rights organizations specializing in providing funds for increased security and (when necessary) relocation of Colombian human rights defenders. UAF and FFP have collaborated since 2003 to increase the accessibility of Rapid Response Security Grants for Colombian women defenders. When they receive death threats aimed at stopping their human rights work, sometimes a very small amount of money enables activists to relocate, hire safe transportation, purchase cell phones or increase their security through other means. In 2006, UAF’s 20,000 USD grant to FFP was transformed into **17 Rapid Response Grants to Colombian women activists** and their families for security and protection.

## 2006 Rapid Response Grants *(continued)*

### **Corporación Contigo Mujer** Colombia - 2,000 USD

Enabled the group to denounce anti-choice propaganda that manipulated school children and violated due process in a precedent-setting campaign to decriminalize abortion in Colombia.

### **Federacja na Rzecz Kobiet i Planowania Rodziny** Poland - 1,260 USD

Provided funds for an awareness-raising campaign regarding proposed legislation to further restrict abortion.

### **Fokupers** East Timor - 5,000 USD

Provided support for women displaced by recent violence who were advocating for a women-centered response to the conflict.

### **Fundación Desafío** Ecuador - 5,000 USD

Funded an education campaign regarding a proposed ban on women's access to emergency contraceptives.

### **InPeace Mindanao / Women and Children Committee** Philippines - 5,000 USD

Enabled the launch of educational and awareness-raising campaigns to address increasing violence and intimidation directed at women human rights defenders.

### **Instituto "Vida"** Peru - 4,970 USD

Promoted women's rights and media access for women candidates during 2006 elections.

### **International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission** Venezuela / Argentina - 2,000 USD

Funded the protection and evacuation of a transgender activist whose life was threatened because of her testimony in a murder case involving local police officers.

### **Isha L'Isha / Haifa Feminist Center** Israel - 5,000 USD

Supported the dissemination of information regarding women's rights during wartime in response to the Lebanon-Israel conflict.

### **Just Garments** El Salvador - 5,000 USD

Enabled the group to provide security trainings for women union members who had been threatened and attacked as a result of their role as the only women-led union in Latin America.

**Kababaihang Moro  
na Islam sa Davao na  
Nagakakaisa para sa  
Sariling Pagpapasya at  
Demokrasya**

**Philippines - 5,000 USD**

To enhance the security of the group's Secretary General whose life was endangered because of her advocacy on behalf of Moro women.

**Kampania Przeciw  
Homofobii**

**Poland - 4,000 USD**

Provided a safe space to continue working when the group was evicted because of their LGBTI activism.

**Karapatan Task Force on  
Women and Children**

**Philippines - 4,300 USD**

Provided increased protection for an activist who was threatened due to her work.

**Kayan Feminist  
Organization**

**Israel - 3,500 USD**

Supported a campaign to raise awareness and mobilize opposition to the marked increase in honor killings in Arab-Israeli society.

**Labrys**

**Kyrgyzstan - 3,300 USD**

Provided increased security to an LGBTI organization after the staff was threatened by the father of one of its members.

**Lefö Counseling,  
Education, and Support  
for Migrant Women**

**Austria / Moldova -  
5,000 USD**

Provided security training for an anti-trafficking group in response to increased threats.

**Mahut Center**

**Israel - 3,949 USD**

Funded a monitoring project to document the effects of the escalating conflict between Lebanon and Israel on marginalized women.

**METSA Foundation**

**Philippines - 5,000 USD**

Enabled the group to hold strategy meetings and provide security in response to an armed raid on the home of a local activist.

**MINGA Asociación para la  
Promoción Alternativa**

**Colombia - 5,000 USD**

Provided a grant for the creation of a protection and security strategy for women leaders in Putamayo, who had been threatened as a result of their human rights work.

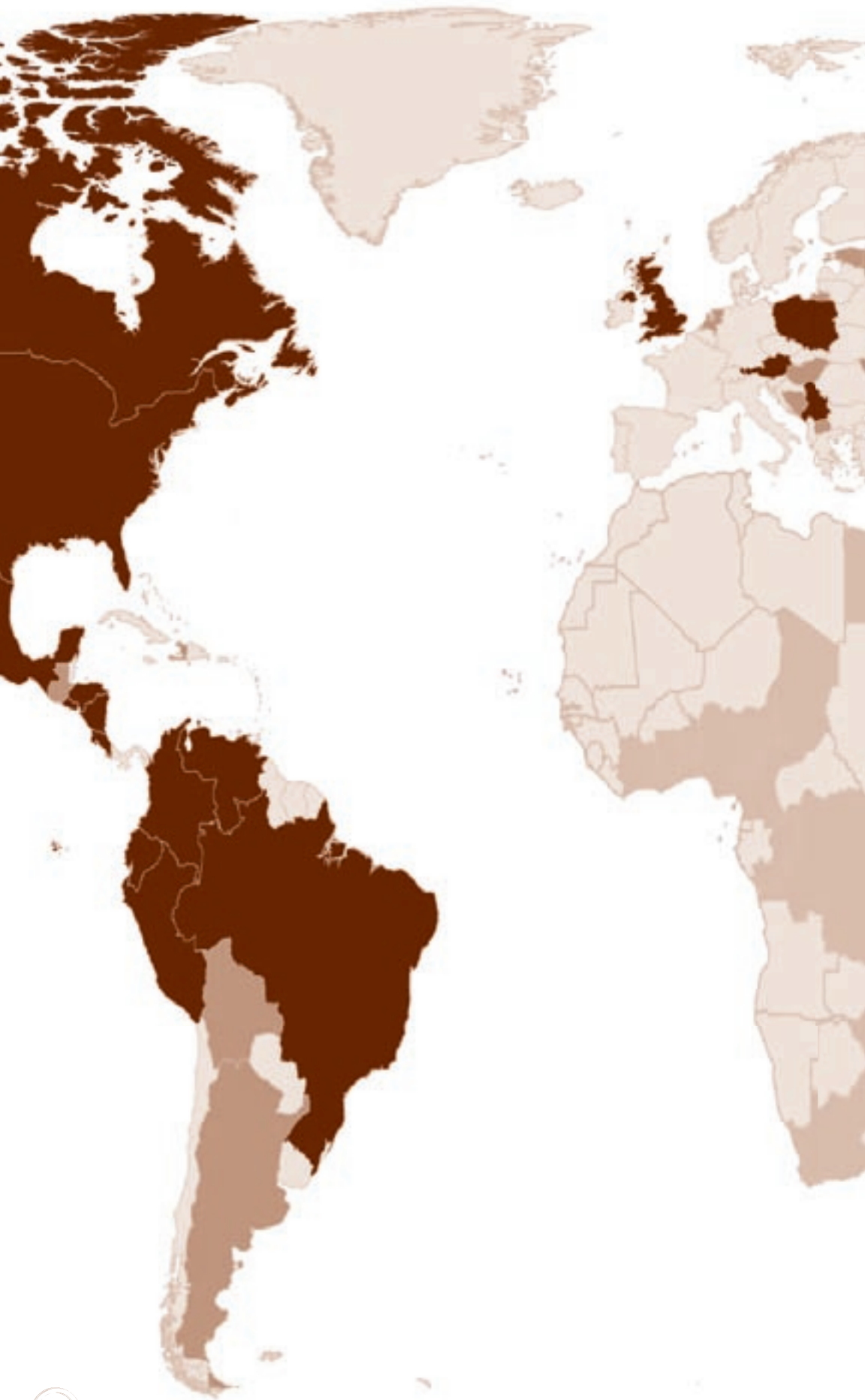
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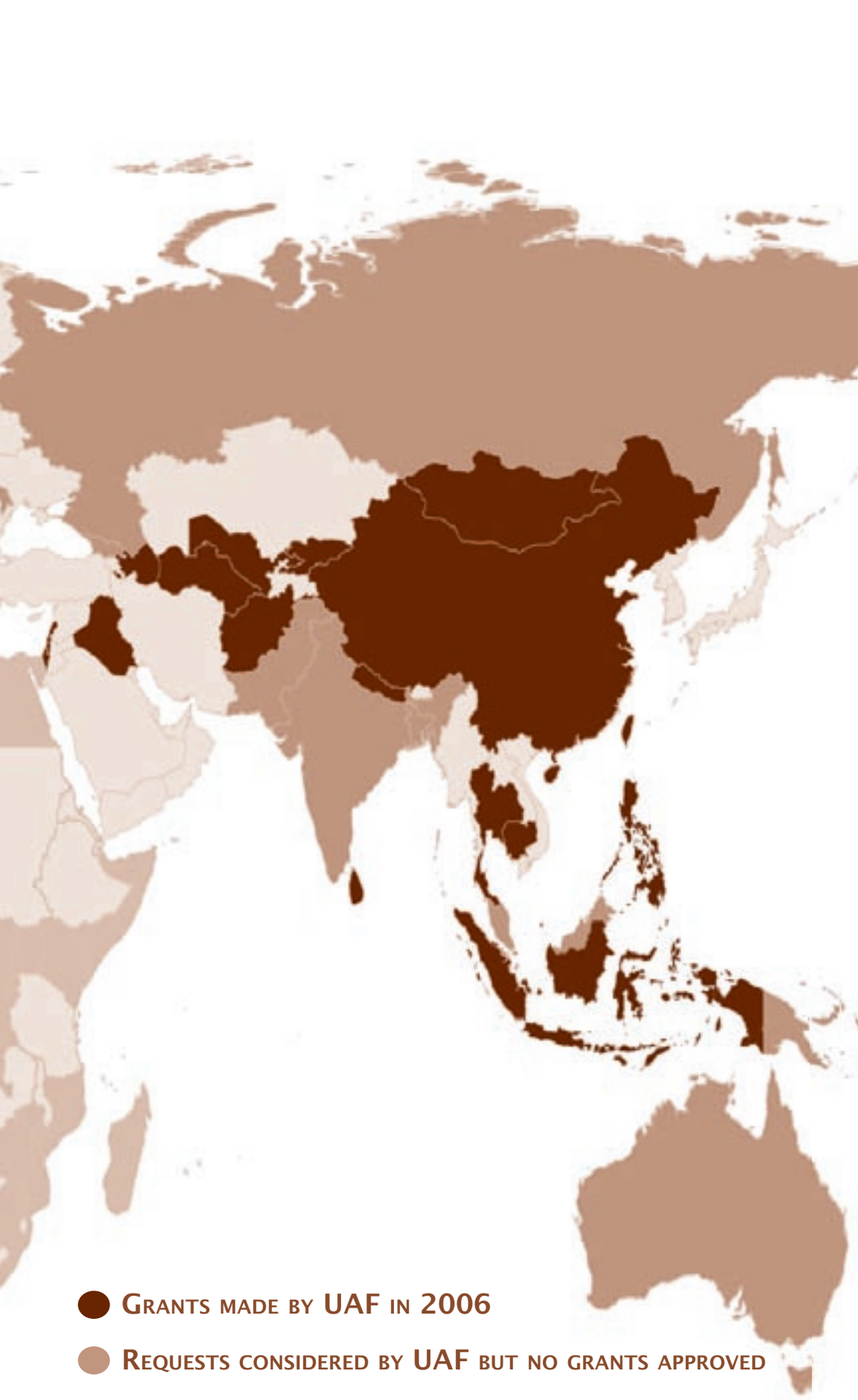
**Mongolia - 5,000 USD**

Provided funds to raise awareness regarding the murder of a Mongolian woman who was working in Malaysia, and to seek an end to impunity surrounding violence against migrant workers.

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# UAF 2006 Grantmaking





- GRANTS MADE BY UAF IN 2006
- REQUESTS CONSIDERED BY UAF BUT NO GRANTS APPROVED
- GRANTS MADE BY UAF-AFRICA IN 2006
- NO REQUESTS RECEIVED BY UAF\*

\*Requests from groups on the African continent are received by UAF-Africa only

## 2006 Rapid Response Grants *(continued)*

### **Nagarik Aawaz** Nepal - 5,000 USD

Provided funds for peacebuilding activities including support to local women's groups responding to Nepal's escalating conflict.

### **Organización Fraternal Negra Hondureña** Honduras - 5,000 USD

Provided protection for a threatened indigenous Garifuna activist to enable her community to continue their work for land rights.

### **Pagkakaisa ng Kababaihan** Philippines - 5,000 USD

Supported a campaign in response to the increasing extra-judicial killings of human rights activists and other violations.

### **Women's League of Burma** Thailand - 5,000 USD

Enabled Burmese activists to continue their human rights work in exile despite unanticipated changes to immigration laws that had the potential to cease their operations.

### **Women's Network for Unity / Women's Agenda for Change** Cambodia - 5,000 USD

Funded the travel and participation of a sex workers' rights advocate and her translator to the UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS to ensure inclusion of references to sex workers in international agreements.

\* In addition, 36 confidential grants were made to women's human rights organizations in: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Indonesia, Iraq, Peru, Philippines, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United States and Venezuela.



## Cultivating Rapid Response Grantmaking in the Balkans with the Reconstruction Women’s Fund

**U**AF and Reconstruction Women’s Fund (RWFund) began a conversation in 2004 to strategize around how to make Rapid Response Grants more accessible to women human rights activists in the Balkan region. A newly independent women’s fund, RWFund wanted to establish a Rapid Response mechanism to complement their traditional grantmaking cycle, enabling women activists to respond strategically in Serbia’s unstable post-conflict environment. UAF made its first grant of 15,000 USD to the group in late 2005, with which **RWFund made 11 Rapid Response Grants to Serbian women’s organizations** (3 in 2005 and 8 in 2006).

RWFund adapted UAF’s criteria to the local context and created an ‘Urgent Grants Board’ for increased efficiency. They stated that, “This [rapid] pace [makes] us a reliable partner to women’s groups, and we can together build alert politics and activism. Also this official emergency tool is a precedent in the donor environment in Serbia [that has] become well known among women activists. It shows that RWFund works from the context and cares about activists’ community.” You can read about RWFund’s Rapid Response Grants on their website at [www.rwfund.org](http://www.rwfund.org).



## Urgent Action Fund – Africa Makes 50 Rapid Response Grants

In their first full year as an independent women’s fund, UAF-Africa made 50 Rapid Response Grants to women activists in 19 different African countries. Almost half of UAF-Africa’s 2006 grants supported peacebuilding and conflict response, falling into the category of urgent interventions in armed conflict, escalating violence and political instability. They also continued to make grants for security and protection and to support women’s rights precedents on the continent.

Thirty-six percent of 2006 grants were made as a result of outreach between UAF-Africa staff and local, national and international women’s groups, reflecting the importance of regionally-based grantmaking. Details on UAF-Africa’s groundbreaking collaborative initiatives and Rapid Response Grants can be found at [www.urgentactionfund.org](http://www.urgentactionfund.org), and you can request a copy of their 2006 annual report by emailing [info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke](mailto:info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke). Urgent Action Fund provided website support and a solidarity grant of 25,000 USD to UAF-Africa in 2006 to assist their continued growth and innovations.



### Urgent Action Fund-Africa Board of Directors

From left to right: Maria Nassali (Uganda), Kaari Betty Murungi (Kenya), Hope Chigudu (Zimbabwe) and Jane Kiragu (Kenya). Not pictured: Vahida Nainar.

## Alliances & Collaboration

### EXPANDING SUPPORT FOR WOMEN DEFENDERS WITHIN HUMAN RIGHTS AND PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITIES

Distinct from UAF's Rapid Response Grantmaking Program, the **Colleague Alliance Grant Fund** was established in 2005 to support organizations working on issues of specific importance to UAF that do not fall within our normal criteria. This is a discretionary fund managed by the Executive Director that does not accept applications.

#### Changemakers

United States - 1,000 USD

Gift given in honor of Tracy Gary, a leading US philanthropist who founded both the Women Donors Network and Changemakers.

[www.changemakers.org](http://www.changemakers.org)

#### Grantmakers Without Borders (Gw/oB)

United States - 15,000 USD

Support to advance Gw/oB's efforts to monitor and prevent overly-restrictive barriers to international grantmaking.

[www.gwob.net](http://www.gwob.net)

#### International Campaign for Women Human Rights Defenders

Thailand - 400 USD

Funds to translate gender-specific recommendations for the European Union's *Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders* into Spanish.

[www.apwld.org](http://www.apwld.org)

#### International Network of Women's Funds (INWF)

South Africa - 15,000 USD

Core support for INWF, a unique network of national and international women's funding organizations located in 18 countries.

[www.inwf.org](http://www.inwf.org)

#### OMB Watch

United States - 5,000 USD

Support for the "Strengthening Philanthropy in an Age of Terrorism" project.

[www.ombwatch.org](http://www.ombwatch.org)

## TRIBUTE TO HOPE CHIGUDU

Hope transitioned off the UAF Board in 2006 and now serves as Chair of the Board of UAF-Africa. The words of Board member Rita Thapa reflect our deep feelings for Hope's contribution to the Urgent Action Fund family, of which she will always be a part.



*“I marvel at Hope’s insights and analytical mind – there is no one, nor any organization, that she touches that does not gain from Hope’s presence and her work. Her experience in Africa always preceded mine in Asia, be it related to HIV/AIDS, institution building, development or feminism. The teachings always came at a very personal level. Sometimes we laughed about it and sometimes we cried. With Hope I have enjoyed true sisterhood and global kinship.”*

– Rita Thapa, UAF Board Member

*“My experience on UAF’s board will always be memorable. The friendship, laughter, food – and above all, innovations in philanthropy – will stay with me forever. The significance of Urgent Action Fund’s work can’t be put in words.”*

– Hope Chigudu, UAF-Africa Board Member



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\*Extended profiles of UAF's Board of Directors can be found at [www.urgentactionfund.org](http://www.urgentactionfund.org).

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## RECOGNIZING THE SPRUCE STREET MANSION AND THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SERVING BOULDER COUNTY

As UAF approaches its 10th anniversary in 2008, we are evolving and expanding. In early 2007 we outgrew our offices at the historic Spruce Street Mansion, which we had shared with The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County (TCF) and the Brett Family Foundation for the past five years.

Josie Heath, TCF president, remarked, "UAF has been the heart of our building and I am inspired and hopeful each time I learn more about what you are doing." "We are proud to have helped you grow," added Linda Shoemaker, owner of the Spruce Street Mansion and long-time advisor to UAF. "Your passion and persistence will make a lasting contribution to the women of the world."

**We are grateful to Linda, Josie and the staffs of TCF and the Spruce Street Mansion for your solidarity and support over the years - thank you!**



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The Meehan family has been supporting Urgent Action Fund through their foundation, trusts and individual gifts since 1998, providing almost 200,000 USD of essential support. We extend our deepest gratitude to Maureen and Jack O'Leary, Joanne Berghold and the entire family for your innovative grants to UAF.

*“We were raised in a generation where men had the first and final say in most everything. To be able to support other women to claim their rights means so much. We are grateful to UAF for researching and reporting on women’s activism in conflict, enabling us to give to women who truly need support.”*

– Joanne Berghold, William M. & Miriam F. Meehan Foundation

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## Building UAF's Capacity

Urgent Action Fund is at a critical juncture in its development as an organization. In 2005, UAF-Africa established itself as an independent organization serving the African continent, and 2008 will mark UAF's 10th anniversary as a cutting-edge organization breaking new ground in philanthropy and human rights. In less than a decade, UAF's annual budget has grown from 100,000 USD to 1.5 million USD while our staff increased by only five individuals.

UAF is poised to significantly increase its contribution to both the human rights and philanthropic communities, but in order to do so, the organization itself must be strengthened and sustained. In early 2006 UAF embarked on a multi-year capacity building campaign with the support of Ford Foundation and the Institute for International Education, the Donnell Initiative Fund and an anonymous donor.

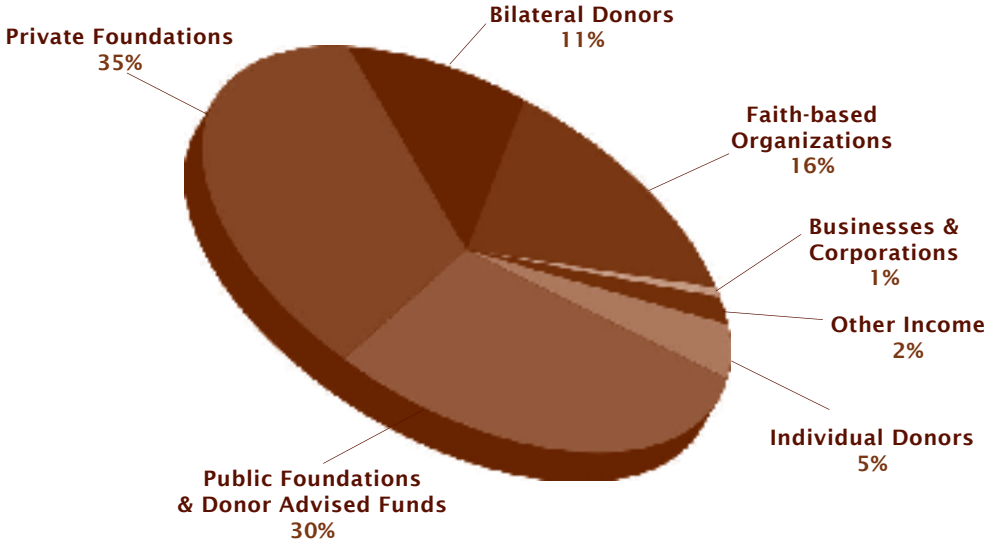
We began with an independent assessment of capacity building needs conducted by a feminist organizational development expert. She encouraged UAF to strengthen our fundraising and communications programs to enable further programmatic growth, which you will see reflected in our expenses for the year.

## Funding Trends & Women's Rights

According to a multi-year study conducted by the Association of Women's Rights in Development, there is a global trend towards placing more resources under state control, as opposed to channeling them through NGOs. This is particularly true of aid to developing or fragile states in conflict-affected regions. Given the level of institutionalized gender discrimination worldwide, this has decreased funding for women's human rights work overall. As a U.S.-based international NGO, Urgent Action Fund faces additional hurdles in accessing bilateral and multilateral funders, whose geographic restrictions generally exclude the United States. This trend has underscored the importance of UAF's return to our roots within the community of individual donors committed to women's human rights.

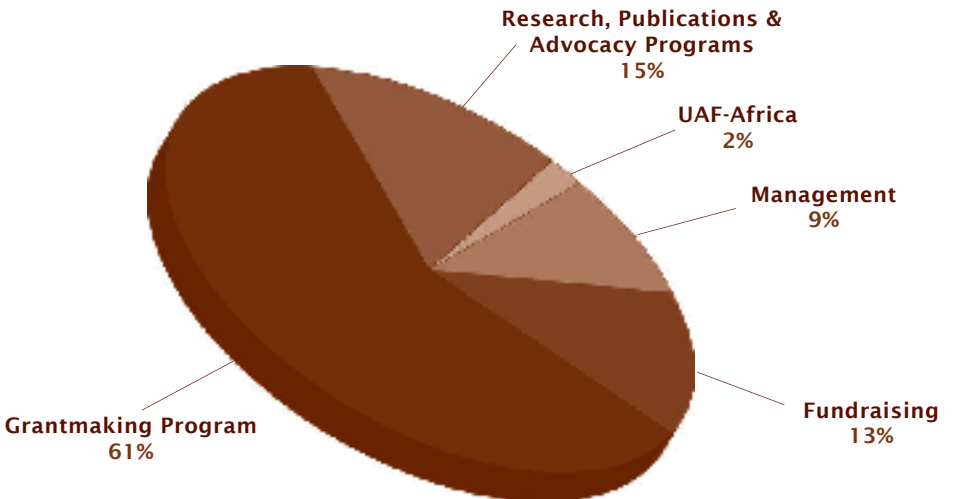
*Following you will find financial statements for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2006, audited by the independent public accounting firm of Marty, Lyle, Doty and Jones , LLC. Copies of the complete audit report are available upon request.*

## 2006 FUNDING SOURCES



The above chart represents total funding received in 2006, including receivables from prior year's commitments. See also Note 1 below.

## 2006 EXPENSES



## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total for the year ended 31 Dec 06	Total for the year ended 31 Dec 05
<b>Support And Revenue:</b>				
Contributions (1)	\$526,853	\$401,447	\$928,300	\$1,349,324
Interest income	17,701		17,701	5,939
Other income	5,492		5,492	1,532
Net assets released from restriction	622,802	(622,802)	0	0
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,172,848</b>	<b>(\$221,355)</b>	<b>\$951,493</b>	<b>\$1,356,795</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Program Services:				
Grantmaking	601,857		601,857	517,473
Research, Publications & Advocacy	145,371		145,371	237,430
UAF-Africa	25,000		25,000	30,725
Total Program Services	772,228	0	772,228	785,629
Support Services:				
Management	94,215		94,215	91,737
Fundraising & Communications	133,995		133,995	70,964
Total Support Services	228,210	0	228,210	162,701
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,000,438</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,438</b>	<b>\$948,330</b>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (2)</b>	<b>172,410</b>	<b>(221,355)</b>	<b>(48,945)</b>	<b>408,465</b>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	414,369	476,820	891,189	482,724
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$586,779</b>	<b>\$255,465</b>	<b>\$842,244</b>	<b>\$891,189</b>

1) In accordance with U.S. accounting standards, UAF recognizes income at the time of the donor's commitment rather than at the time funds are received. These 2006 statements include 32,400 USD in funding for future years. See also Note 2 regarding additional funding received in 2006.

2) UAF did not operate at a deficit in 2006. We received an additional 336,217 USD that was committed and recorded as income in prior years.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	31-Dec-06	31-Dec-05
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$569,516	\$325,453
Accounts receivable	46	1,321
Prepayments	20,738	8,327
Grants receivable	232,400	536,217
Contributions receivable	62,270	37,235
Property and equipment, net	4,983	6,406
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$889,953</u></b>	<b><u>\$914,959</u></b>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$12,228	\$14,822
Grants payable	15,000	0
Accrued liabilities (3)	20,481	8,948
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>47,709</u></b>	<b><u>23,770</u></b>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	483,628	352,963
Net investment in furniture & equipment	4,983	6,406
Board Operating Reserve	98,168	55,000
Total Unrestricted	586,779	414,369
Temporarily Restricted (4)	255,465	476,820
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>842,244</u></b>	<b><u>891,189</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$889,953</u></b>	<b><u>\$914,959</u></b>

3) Accrued liabilities consist of employee benefits payable, primarily accrued vacation pay and retirement contributions.

4) Temporarily restricted assets include multi-year grants for future years and funding earmarked for specific purposes.

# How to Get Involved

## How to Get Involved

### How to Make a Gift

UAF is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is qualified for charitable contribution deductions. Please consider supporting women's human rights by:

- Sending cash, checks or money orders (made out to Urgent Action Fund)
- Making a secure online gift with your credit or debit card (or by calling our office)
- Making a stock gift or transferring funds electronically
- Contributing 'in-kind' goods or services
- Designating UAF as a beneficiary of your estate
- Taking advantage of your employer's matching gift program

Please contact our office at [urgentact@urgentactionfund.org](mailto:urgentact@urgentactionfund.org) or 303-442-2388 for details on giving options. For information on **making a gift directly to Urgent Action Fund-Africa** please contact their Kenya office at: [info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke](mailto:info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke) or 254-20-2731095.

### Internships and Volunteerism

UAF accepts interns and volunteers on a rolling basis. Information and application forms can be found at [www.urgentactionfund.org](http://www.urgentactionfund.org).

*"As an intern I feel actively part of something larger than myself. Foreign events that I read about in the morning paper become UAF grants before the week is over, while issues that I grapple with in my university course work are concretely addressed in grantee applications.*



*UAF is a unique and vital international women's rights fund staffed by a courageous, sensitive and fiercely committed group of people who exemplify the strength of women supporting each other. I am honored to know them as mentors, co-workers and friends."*

– Myka Dunkle, UAF Intern

# How to Apply for a Grant

## How to Apply for a Grant



Please visit the website or contact UAF to receive our grant criteria and application form in Albanian, Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, French, Kiswahili, Nepali, Portuguese, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Sinhala, Spanish or Tamil.

### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT APPLYING TO UAF

- Requests are accepted 365 days a year. We will respond to your request within 72 hours. Once a grant has been approved, funds can usually be delivered within a week.
- There are no geographic restrictions for UAF grants, although we focus our efforts in areas of armed conflict, escalating violence and political volatility. **Groups on the African continent should direct their requests to UAF-Africa ([proposals@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke](mailto:proposals@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke)).**
- UAF will accept grant proposals in any language. Proposals in languages other than English, Spanish, French or Kiswahili may require additional time for translation.
- Please note that UAF does not provide general support, development funds or humanitarian aid.

### UAF ACCEPTS REQUESTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

1. Strategic Interventions in Situations of Armed Conflict, Escalating Violence or Political Instability
2. Protection and Security for Women Human Rights Defenders
3. Setting or Protecting Legal or Legislative Precedents for Women's Human Rights

### ALL PROPOSALS MUST DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

**Strategic** – the action is related to a pre-determined plan to create structural change that will advance women's human rights.

**Unanticipated and Time-Urgent** – the situation or opportunity is unanticipated and action must happen quickly to be effective.

**Sustainable** – the group is able to carry out the proposed action effectively, and can secure funding for future work related to the strategy.

**Supported** – the group has the support of others involved in women's human rights or related fields, locally or globally.

# Grant Application Form

## Grant Application Form



### YOUR ORGANIZATION

1. Name and address of the person making the request (*phone/fax/e-mail*).
2. Name and address of the group that will be responsible for the grant (*phone/fax/e-mail*).
3. Please describe the organization's mission or main focus of work.
4. Please provide the number of women working for the group and their respective positions (if applicable).
5. Please provide names and responsibilities of other groups involved in your proposed intervention (if applicable).
6. Please provide names and contact information for organizations, funders or colleagues who can endorse your work.
7. Please list current or previous funders of your organization and their contact information.
8. How did you learn about Urgent Action Fund?

### THE SITUATION

9. Please describe the event that has prompted your proposed action. When did this event occur?
10. Was this situation anticipated?
11. What makes this situation an opportunity for advancing women's human rights?

### THE URGENT ACTION

12. Please describe the proposed response to the situation.
13. Why is the proposed action time-urgent (Why are the funds needed at this time)?
14. How will this grant help support a broader strategy for advancing the rights of women in the region or globally?
15. How can you demonstrate that the groups involved have the capacity to carry out the proposed action and build on this opportunity in future work?
16. When do you expect your action to occur?
17. What is the amount of the request? Please indicate the currency that you are using.
18. How will the money be used? Please provide a budget if possible.
19. What other sources of support are available for this effort?
20. Should the information about this request be kept confidential? If so, please explain why.

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