Our Mission

Urgent Action Fund partners with courageous women’s and LGBTI movements worldwide to support activists striving to create cultures of justice, equality, and peace.

The Sister Urgent Action Funds

In partnership with our two sister funds, Urgent Action Fund-Africa and Urgent Action Fund-Latin America, we strengthen the resilience of feminist movements worldwide to realize equal rights for women, girls, and trans* people.

Each sister Urgent Action Fund is an independent and autonomous organization. Building on our shared history, we use a common rapid response funding model and work collaboratively to advocate for women’s human rights.

Collectively, we support women’s leadership and activism in more than 110 countries, including areas affected by armed conflict, escalating violence, political volatility, and extreme repression.

Make a Gift

Support women’s and LGBTI human rights globally by making a donation online at www.urgentactionfund.org or sending a check to: Urgent Action Fund, 660 13th Street, Suite 200, Oakland, CA 94612.

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As long as there is discrimination against women, I will continue to fight for the rights of women, children, and my community.

— Bai Ali Indayla, Human Rights Defender
Our Partners In Change

Governments, Foundations, and Corporations

AmazonSmile
American Jewish World Service
Anchor Point Fund
Anonymous
Arsenault Family Foundation
The Benevity Community Impact Fund
BoldeReach
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The Colina Foundation
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AUDITED FINANCIALS FOR 2015

Assets: $2,422,974
Liabilities: $54,015
Net Assets: $2,368,959

Expenses
- 82% Programs
- 9% Fundraising
- 9% Administration

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**LONG TERM RESULTS**
- Resilient feminist movements.
- Laws, policies & social norms that promote equality & justice for women, girls, & trans* people.
- Peaceful, just, & equitable societies.

**INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES**
- Improved security & well-being for women & trans* activists.
- Timely & strategic advocacy by feminist movements.
- Practices that promote collective leadership, sustaining activism, & integrated security.
- More accessible resources for feminist movements.
- Stranger and more diverse networks.
- Increased influence in decision-making spaces.

**CORE STRATEGIES**
- Rapid Response Grantmaking
- Convenings & Trainings
- Advocacy & Alliance Building

**OUR IMPACT**

**2015 By The Numbers**

- 36% Opportunity grants
- 13% Grants to sister funds
- 143 Rapid response grants
- 51% Security grants
- 19% of grants supported LGBTI activists. More than half supported trans* activists.
- 42 No. of countries where Urgent Action Fund provided support to activists.

**TOP 5 ISSUE AREAS:**
1. Freedom from Violence
2. Sexual & Reproductive Rights
3. Civil & Political Rights
4. Environmental Justice, Climate Change, & Land Rights
5. Economic Inequality and Labor Rights

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**Escaping Violence**
Following the Taliban’s takeover of Kunduz, Afghanistan, women activists were targeted. In response, a series of rapid grants supported the evacuation of activists and their families, the establishment of an emergency shelter, and integrated security trainings to help activists mitigate future threats.

**Lifting the Voices of Trans* Women of Color**
A rapid grant supported a trans*-led group in the US to mobilize an advocacy campaign on the alarming rates of police brutality against trans* women of color. The campaign included a public demonstration, community meetings with government officials, and a “Rest In Power” quilt project featuring the stories of trans* women who have been murdered.

**Supporting Women and Girl Refugees**
In response to the refugee crisis in Europe, a rapid grant supported a feminist group in Croatia to provide psychological and legal support to refugee women and girls from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. As part of this, a delegation of women Nobel Peace Prize winners met with refugee women to document their experiences and advocate for their safe travel.