THEY COUNT ON US
WE COUNT ON YOU
TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
“The more I know about this Fund and what it accomplishes, the more committed I am to help. And help is urgently needed. Much has been achieved but much more needs to be done and can be done. The demand to the UN Trust Fund far exceeds the funding available. So my message here today is: Your support counts. Let survivors of violence know that they can count on you.”

Nicole Kidman, UN Women Goodwill Ambassador, UN General Assembly, June 2012

Violence against women and girls is a human rights violation that knows no borders. It affects women in every society and cuts across boundaries of wealth, race and culture. It is fuelled by historically and culturally specific values that foster discrimination against women. These deep-seated values still permeate the policies and practices of many social and political institutions. This can and must change.

We have made some progress in recent years. The obligations of states to prevent, eradicate and punish violence against women and girls are now enshrined in international and regional laws and standards, and countries around the world have developed a range of initiatives to address and prevent these abuses.

And yet, the scale of this continuing global pandemic underlines the urgent need for greater political commitment, action and resources.
The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, created in 1996, supports practical steps to tackle violence against women and girls in all its forms. It provides help for effective and sustainable initiatives to prevent, address, reduce and ultimately eliminate these violations of women's human rights.

Every year, the UN Trust Fund provides funding to civil society organizations, governments and UN Country Teams. The process for awarding grants is competitive, open and transparent so we can be sure the projects we support are those best placed to:

- Prevent violence against women and girls by supporting groups at particular risk, such as teenage girls, Indigenous women and women members of minority ethnic groups; and engage with strategically important groups such as young people, men and boys, and traditional and faith-based leaders.
- Expand access to services for women and girl survivors of violence and improve the capacity of those providing services, including legal assistance, psychosocial counselling and health care, to respond effectively to their needs.
- Strengthen implementation of laws, policies and action plans on violence against women and girls, including by improving the collection and analysis of information and helping institutions become more effective, transparent and accountable.
- Assist survivors of conflict-related sexual violence.
- Address the links between violence against women and HIV/AIDS.

The right funding at the right time

78 active grants in 71 countries and territories for a total value of US$ 56.8 million

TO DATE, THE UN TRUST FUND HAS DELIVERED MORE THAN $95 MILLION TO 368 INITIATIVES IN 132 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES
“The UN Trust Fund was one of the Program’s earliest sponsors… we have benefited enormously from the Fund’s prioritization of building connections among its grantees working on sexual violence.”

Karen Naimer, Director of the Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones, Physicians for Human Rights, September 2013
Your donation to the UN Trust Fund is an effective and long-term investment in building a world free from violence against women and girls. By supporting actions where they matter most, the UN Trust Fund is uniquely placed to meet the most urgent needs of women and girls and their communities.

What your money can do:

$100 - Provide 20 tool kits for community activists to educate men and women in Uganda about the risks of violence against women and HIV.

$500 - Provide emergency shelter, food, and clothing to a woman survivor of slavery in Mauritania and her family.

$1,000 - Establish a task force to monitor the development and implementation of new guidelines on providing integrated services for those affected by gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS in Indonesia.

$2,500 - Provide sexual and reproductive health services and counseling to women working in 4 marketplaces across Fiji.

$10,000 - Build capacity in 20 schools in Vietnam to address school-related gender-based violence.

$15,000 - Provide legal and psychological counseling to 200 Moroccan women living in a shelter for survivors of violence.

$20,000 - Provide legal training to 500 survivors of violence and women at risk in Jamaica.

$50,000 - Establish a mobile legal clinic for survivors of violence and women at risk living in camps for refugees and internally displaced people in Afghanistan.
Thank you from women and girls all over the world counting on your support.

“Financial support provided by The UN Trust Fund is significant in many ways: it will allow piloting the model of peer-to-peer awareness raising, as well as the model of providing support to young VAW-survivors; further it will make possible to present the tested models and prepare them for multiplication throughout the country and internationally, which will gradually attract more and more young people to non-violent life.”

Ukrainian Women’s Fund, Ukraine