Each year, millions of women are killed or injured by violence. Your support enables Global Rights for Women to partner with women around the world to reform laws and systems so that women realize their human right to live free from violence. In 2019, we worked with visionary and fearless leaders in Moldova, Fiji, Georgia, Ethiopia, Gabon, Mongolia, Australia, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

The demand for our services is great. Each week we receive requests from women’s groups in different countries to apply our unique expertise to their situations. Sadly, we must decline many of these requests because we do not have the financial resources to help every group that asks for our assistance. With your support, we can help more and more women and girls attain their human right to be free from violence.

COVID-19’s effect on international travel challenges us to find new ways to deliver our expertise. Global Rights for Women has conducted webinars for domestic and international audiences on topics related to violence against women. They have been attended by thousands of participants from over 70 countries. The results are very encouraging, and we are developing materials and techniques to use electronic means to provide our services when international travel is not possible or advisable. We are launching a multi-day pilot project with our Australian partner and another training with our partner in India. The silver lining of COVID-19’s cloud may be that we are able to find ways to work with more women in distant places at less expense.

This year, Global Rights for Women will be six years old. We’ve made great strides since our founding in 2014. Our staff is seasoned, and our reputation with organizations such as the United Nations, the U.S. State Department and a broad range of government ministries and non-governmental organizations is stronger than ever.

We hope that you are as pleased as we are that we are recognized as a vital voice for women. None of this would be possible without your financial and moral support, and for that we say thank you very much.

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When community leaders, law enforcement and advocates listen to survivors as they shape their response to domestic and sexual violence against women and girls, it is transformational.

With our international partners leading the initiatives for change, we work to identify what is stopping women from receiving the justice they deserve.

Your support changes laws and changes lives.
In Moldova, police and courts had created numerous obstacles for women seeking help for domestic and sexual violence and trafficking. They did not enforce protection orders, and kept victims from receiving their state-guaranteed legal aid. GRW was invited by the Women’s Law Center twice in 2019 to conduct an Institutional Assessment and create a Risk Assessment tool. These tools and assessments give law enforcement a way to identify potentially lethal behavior, ensure courts make informed decisions that keep women safer, and hold perpetrators accountable.

The news from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras paints a grim picture of life for women and girls. Women and girls in these countries face some of the highest risks of femicide and sexual and domestic violence in the world. GRW was invited by UN Women to facilitate a workshop on Coordinated Community Response (CCR) a method of organizing multi-sectoral systems to end violence against women and girls. GRW joined a group of women’s advocates, attorneys, police and government officials to begin the work of instituting change. The days we spent with the Central American human rights leaders were profound and impactful. Through the concerted efforts of all of us, women and girls in desperate need of protection and justice will be heard.
Access to shelter and service was denied to victims women in Georgia if they could not “prove” to police and the courts that they were being abused. So often women were turned away, or accused of lying, that many just gave up trying. Victims needed help in an emergency, not scolding or a prolonged process. GRW worked with advocates to create a victim-centered approach to shelter services in Georgia. Now there is a standardized questionnaire for shelter referrals that aligns with international standards for domestic violence response, and a process that doesn’t require a victim to go before a panel to receive emergency shelter.

Organizing to End Impunity in Africa

Women experiencing domestic abuse or sexual assault in both Ethiopia and Gabon have very few protections. Violence like rape is rarely prosecuted, or in many cases, not even considered a crime. Perpetrators act with impunity. GRW was asked by the Ethiopian National Coordinating Body and the Foundation Sylvia Bongo Oundimba in Gabon to consult on international human rights standards for violence against women. Advocates there are pushing for protective order remedies, laws that criminalize domestic violence and marital rape, end child marriage, and make shelters more accessible. GRW traveled to Ethiopia and Gabon to collaborate with community leaders and the United Nations on strategies to reform laws and promote women and girls’ human right to be free from violence.
"The training sessions provided by Global Rights for Women were a very well-targeted knowledge-sharing exercise for our shelter and crisis centre practitioners who work in the field supporting victims of gender-based violence. The sessions showed us how important it is to focus on the institutional advocacy that is necessary to guarantee that survivors’ rights are respected, their safety is ensured, and that they are treated with dignity and respect. The training enabled us to further enhance our services by adopting a broader and more complex approach for supporting and empowering survivors.”

*Tamar is a Global Rights for Women Partner and the Former Program Coordinator at Atipfund Georgia*
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“GRW has a long history of promoting women and girls’ human right to freedom from violence using sustainable systemic legal reform. GRW empowers local leaders to reform local laws and practices to end gender-based violence. GRW saves the lives of women throughout the world and creates hope for a life free from violence. We appreciate the opportunity to support the staff and volunteers who carry out this fabulous work.”

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Greenwich House Music School Benefit, New York City, Hosted by: Ann Blanc & Rose Smith, Singers: Karen Stewart & Timothy Thomas, Music Director and Accompanist: William Glazier, Stage Director: Karen Wright

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Imrana Jalal is a Human Rights Leader from Fiji and Chair of the World Bank Inspection Panel
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