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HE FINALLY SAW ME AS A SURVIVOR.

HE SHIFTED TO FINALLY SEE HOW HE WAS IMPACTING ME.

Thanks to your contributions we have been able to listen to survivor experiences and drive change.
We will never forget 2020.

We knew immediately upon the onset of Covid-19 that women and girls were in great danger. Around the world, domestic and sexual violence rates increased by 20-30% as women were isolated and avenues for safety and justice closed down.

The contributions we received from you made it possible for us to address this crisis proactively, and share life-saving expertise right when it was needed.

Global Rights for Women wasted no time reaching out to our partners and advocates around the world. Lockdown was officially declared mid-March in the U.S. and two weeks later we held our first of a series of webinars on April 1.

We were able to meet a huge need for information, as thousands of advocates from across 70 countries logged in to our free webinars (14 in total) on working with the courts, doing risk assessments, working with perpetrators remotely, and keeping women and girls safe during Covid-19.

Additionally, Global Rights for Women expanded its work to incorporate Pathways to Family Peace—a direct service program aimed at achieving transformational change for male domestic violence offenders.

Yet our community was shattered last May when George Floyd was killed by a member of the Minneapolis Police Department, in the city where we are headquartered. The protests after his death hit a boiling point that garnered national and international outcry with a clarion call for justice and demand for protecting Black lives.

As the world has been shaped by greater awareness of police brutality and the need for racial justice, Global Rights for Women has also acted on the intersection of race and gender in changing the system’s response to domestic and sexual violence. As an organization, we continue to center the lived experience of survivors as the first place to start, listening to people of color and vulnerable people.

You have been with us since the beginning of the crisis this past year, offering a lifeline to those who for far too long have been unheard and unsupported by systems that are supposed to help. We are honored to work in collaboration with you to transform our world.

CHERYL THOMAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JIM JACOBSON, BOARD CHAIR
Global Rights for Women in Southeast Asia Addresses Victim-Blaming Tactics by Prosecutors

Women in the 34 countries that comprise Southeast Asia say there is a high level of social acceptance of domestic and sexual violence 'as the way it is,' and victim-blaming that silences women and shames those who find the courage speak out. Global Rights for Women is working with advocates to change law enforcement and prosecutor approaches to handling their cases so women's rights are respected, perpetrators held accountable, and no woman will be blamed for abusive treatment.

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Suraya*, Indonesia

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Pathways to Family Peace works directly with men who use violence and coercive and controlling behaviors to intimidate their partners. Our program supports transformative change that stops the abuse, by prioritizing the survivor’s needs for safety, equality and the right to live free from violence.

“His anger was explosive. He’d punch the walls right next to my head, throw things, or drive too fast with me in the car. He’d say ‘It could be worse. I’m not hitting you.’ What you have to realize is that he didn’t hit or bruise me, but I lived in fear everyday. After he went through the men’s group he stopped blaming me for his anger and I don’t blame myself anymore. He shifted to finally see how he was impacting me and our child, and that has helped us heal.”

Rita*, USA

We conducted a national training in Morocco to assist Mobilising for Rights Associates and their local partner NGOs with their research and reporting to promote state responsibility for ending violence against women and girls in Morocco. Because of their work, more women are reaching out for services and learning about their rights, giving hope and possibility to survivors. Local public authorities in the police, health and justice systems are reforming their response in local VAW cases to reflect best practices.

“He hit me and tortured me and made me do all of the harvesting and shepherding and irrigation, and then he kicked me out after taking my identity papers and deprived me of my two-year old son. All this made me go to the association that accompanied me to the VAW Unit in the court in order to file a complaint against him and get my son back. They received me and listened to me. I handed them the envelope and they accompanied me to the house to get my son and my identity papers back.”

Takama**, Morocco

OUR IMPACT BY NUMBERS

1500 ANNUAL EVENT ATTENDEES
REPRESENTING 70 COUNTRIES

LAUNCHED OUR FIRST
DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAM
ACHIEVING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE FOR
MALE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS

THROUGH MEN’S NON-VIOLENCE PROGRAMMING
WE DIRECTLY IMPACTED 60+ WOMEN AND CHILDREN

PARTNERED WITH LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERS
IN 11 COUNTRIES ON 4 CONTINENTS TO IMPROVE LAWS AND POLICIES ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

65 MILLION WOMEN IMPACTED
BY IMPROVED LAWS IN 7 YEARS OF OPERATION

14 GLOBAL WEBINARS WITH 1500+ ATTENDEES COMBINED

“I’m so grateful for Global Rights for Women. The work you’re doing has always been important, but it’s even more urgent now in the middle of a pandemic.

I hope everyone will be part of the solution by learning more about how violence against women affects all of us, by speaking out and supporting Global Rights for Women.”

Hillary Clinton, former Secretary of State and Global Rights for Women Now Speaker
WE ARE SUSTAINED BY OUR COMMUNITY OF GENEROUS DONORS

Individual Donors

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**TOTAL REVENUE**

- Private Contributions: $373,510 (62.3%)
- Foundation Gifts: $88,600 (14.8%
- Government Contributions (Forgivable Loans): $83,277 (13.9%)
- Service Contracts: $40,642 (6.8%)
- In-Kind Contributions: $13,904 (2.3%)

**TOTAL REVENUE**: $599,933

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

- Program Services: $431,852 (77.7%)
- Fundraising: $74,218 (13.4%)
- Management & General: $49,470 (9.5%)

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: $555,540
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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK

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At the 64th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, we presented our work on international law, femicide and men’s non-violence programs, reaching 75+ of people.

We published Time for Action, the second paper by GRW on the need for an international treaty on violence against women.

Cheryl was tapped to testify at the United Nations OHCHR Expert Group Meeting on Sexual Assault.

GRW launched two virtual Coordinated Community Response workshops to strengthen the response to domestic and family violence in Australia.

Melissa Scaia was featured at the Utah Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference on best practices in Coordinated Community Response.

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Melissa Scaia was featured at the European Network’s Covid-Con to present on research about working with perpetrators of domestic violence to 150+ attendees.

Helen Rubenstein presented her expertise at the Every Woman Treaty Human Rights Panel, virtually hosted from Geneva, Switzerland.

Our team began collaboration with UN Women Southeast Asia, on the creation of a comprehensive training curriculum for prosecutors to hold violent offenders accountable.

GRW traveled to India to launch partnerships with leading NGO’s serving victims of violence in in Gujurat and Rajasthan to improve systemic responses to violence against women.

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"When I give to Global Rights for Women, I know that I am supporting the human right of women and girls to live free from violence. Global Rights for Women works with local organizations around the world who ask for help changing the laws and systems in their countries to meet survivor needs for safety, shelter and justice and to hold perpetrators accountable. If the laws and systems are changed in a country, then they are changed for every woman and girl in that entire country. That’s millions of lives impacted by every change. That’s why I give."

Lynn Anderson