

Distinguished Partners for Women, Peace and Security Awardees 2019-20

Mobilizing Men as Partners for Women, Peace and Security

AFRICA

Burundi | Semerara Youth Coalition Against Gender-Based Violence – location: Bujumbura

Mobilize and support youth activists to build a network of protection, awareness, and material assistance for the survivors of gender-based violence and for advocacy in the economic, political and social arenas to address this scourge.

Cameroon | Southwest/Northwest Women's Task Force - location: Northwest Province

Serve as a national coalition of women leaders promoting peace, human rights, justice and sustainable development in the South West and North West regions of Cameroon. Mobilize grassroots organizations in support of conflict resolution, education, health, and humanitarian assistance for all.

Cote d'Ivoire | West African Network for Peacebuilding – location: Abidjan

Unite civil society in Côte d'Ivoire and West Africa by sharing information, experiences and resources on human rights, democracy, good governance, conflict prevention, humanitarian action and social justice. Prevent crises, support victims of violence, expand women's roles in electoral processes and peace-building, and mainstream gender into conflict prevention at community and national levels.

Ghana | Enlightening and Empowering People with Disabilities in Africa – location: Accra

Analyze policies, create awareness, advocate for change, and provide services and protection for people with disabilities in Africa, including women and girls in situations of conflict and displacement. The only volunteer organization of its kind in Africa, Enlightening and Empowering People with Disabilities in Africa ensures that people with disabilities are treated with dignity and respect, participate fully in political and economic lives of their countries, and enjoy the rights enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, thus helping to build peaceful, prosperous, and just societies.

Nigeria | Mwada-Gana Foundation -- location: Maigdaguri

Provide leadership with state and local government entities and civil society groups in the disaster-prone northern state of Borno to implement village health projects to increase access to nutrition, reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health.

South Sudan | EVE Organization for Women's Development - location: Juba

Build the capacity of young women leaders to participate in decision-making and nation-building processes; to promote the cultural and socio-economic ability of women to contribute to the development of South Sudan; to support women's rights; to promote health, protection and education of women and girls; and to foster a culture of peace in South Sudan and its neighbors.

Uganda | COBURWAS International Youth Organization to Transform Africa – location: Kywangali Refugee Camp (western Uganda)

Serve as volunteer-based non-profit group created in 2005 by refugee youth in the Kyangwali refugee settlement in Uganda. We honor your courageous work to provide quality education for conflict-affected children, empower socially responsible leaders and entrepreneurs to unite communities, create sustainable peace and prosperity, and bring together multiple groups for social and economic progress in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ASIA

Afghanistan | Women's Peace Organization – location: Kabul

Serve as civil society initiative to research key issues in the peace and security framework, promote women's formal political participation, and empower and raise awareness among grassroots women leaders.

Nepal | Himalayan Health Care – location: Jawalakhel

Provide sustainable development programs in remote and impoverished areas of Nepal, focusing on gender sensitive primary health care, community education, income generation and disaster preparedness and response.

Sri Lanka | Association of War-Affected Women - location: Kandy

Build sustainable peace in Sri Lanka by engaging stakeholders throughout the country in support of national reconciliation and accountability. You have brought together and partnered with Sri Lankan women, men and youth from all districts to address and bring a gender perspective to promotion of human rights, governance, democracy, and conflict transformation.

LATIN AMERICA

Bolivia | A Breeze of Hope – location: La Paz

Prevent sexual and other forms of violence against children, especially girls, by shifting the way society sees and interacts with children. Efforts since 2004 to provide free legal, social, medical, and psychological services to survivors of sexual violence in Bolivia and beyond, comprehensive childhood development programs, and networks of girls and adolescents against violence.

Colombia | Voices of Migrants – location: Barranquilla

Serve as volunteer-based non-profit group supporting awareness of the challenges of migrant communities abroad. Mobilize support among young people in the Washington, D.C. region through letter-writing campaigns with migrants in Texas, civic programs, and fundraising for relief in the Villas Caracas refugee settlement in Barranquilla, Colombia.

Guatemala | Asociacion Pop No'j – location: Guatemala City

Promote social, political, economic and cultural empowerment of indigenous women, youth, migrants and grass-roots community leaders in Guatemala, especially the marginalized regions in the Northeast province of Huehuetenango.

Mexico | Los Desaparecidos de Iguala – location: Iguala

Monitor the fate of victims of grave human rights violations, including forced disappearance. Help to eliminate root causes of abuses by designing and implementing legal and psycho-social strategies, investigations, and public awareness. Achieve a vision of México where human rights are fully respected, children and youth are safe, and a just, equitable, participatory, and accountable society is guaranteed.

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq | Al-Firdaws Society – location: Basra

Promote women's rights and empowerment, and enhance women's roles in society, political processes, and democracy. Through your partnership with others, Iraqi Al-Firdaws has engaged diverse communities living in Basra to work together for a better future through a peace network that gathers foster cooperation among different organizations.

Jordan | Arab Women's Organization – location: Amman

Provide research, advocacy, and training on women's rights, gender equality, and empowerment of women and girls, including gender-responsive humanitarian and development programs. We also salute your work to oversee the Mosawa Network, an umbrella organization bringing together women's civil society groups.

Lebanon | Collective for Research and Training on Development Action – location: Beirut

Provide research, training and capacity-building for Lebanese women's groups and other community organizations in the areas of gender and inclusive citizenship, economic rights, socio-economic empowerment, and leadership and public participation.