

What does Kvinna till Kvinna do?

Kvinna till Kvinna started in 1993 as a network of people and organisations coming together to do something in response to the atrocities being committed against women in the Balkan wars. Today, Kvinna till Kvinna cooperates with more than 130 women's organisations in five regions affected by conflict: Central and Western Africa, the Middle East, South Caucasus, and the Western Balkans. The foundation provides financial aid to local organisations and strengthens women's networks.

In 2002, Kvinna till Kvinna received the Right Livelihood Award for its successful support for women's peace and reconciliation work.

Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations possess invaluable and unique knowledge about women's situations in war and their efforts to build peace. Kvinna till Kvinna spreads information about women living in conflict zones and creates public awareness on development aid and security policy issues.

Front page photo: Julienne Lusange, women's rights activist in DR Congo. Photo: Kvinna till Kvinna/Anna Lithander

Help us make a change!

The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation supports women in war and conflict regions. A support that directly targets women is effective and creates change. Your contribution makes a difference. For more information, please visit www.kvinnatillkvinna.se

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Change in progress!



Why is there a need for Kvinna till Kvinna?

In wars and conflicts all over the world, women are used as targets. Women are raped, mutilated and killed. Women are confined to their homes and girls are prevented from attending school. Women's voices are silenced when they try to express what they think and feel.

But history shows that it is often women who are the first to work for peace and changes in society. This could be seen during the Balkan wars, in Liberia, and in the pro-democracy uprisings in the Middle East. Still, despite women's efforts, when the war ends women are seldom invited to participate in decisions about how to create a lasting peace.

This is why Kvinna till Kvinna exists. To help women to gain influence – in their families, at school, in the workplace and in politics. Kvinna till Kvinna supports and cooperates with women's organisations that struggle for women's rights and peace.

Free from violence

Violence against women increases during and after war. Many women remain severely traumatised after being abused. But with the right help they can move on. Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations run telephone hotlines and women's shelters, and offer psychological support. They work hard to change attitudes and to strengthen women's rights.



Vedrana Frasto from the Bosnian organisation Fondacija takes a stand for women. Photo: Imrana Kapepanovic

Know your rights

Having the power of decision over your own life is fundamental in order to grow as a human being. By education and information about human rights, women have a greater chance of participating in society on equal terms with men.



The Centre for Liberian Assistance gives girls an opportunity to get an education. Photo: Kvinna till Kvinna

Peace that lasts

Men start wars and men negotiate peace. But for the peace to be sustainable, all voices need to be heard. Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations are working for women to become more involved in politics and peace negotiations.



Tako Tchekhiani from the Women's Information Centre in Georgia. Photo: Kvinna till Kvinna/Hanna Navier

Places to meet

No matter where a war takes place, women are affected in much the same way. Kvinna till Kvinna creates meeting places for women from opposite sides of conflicts, and from different regions of conflicts. By sharing experiences they can learn from and strengthen each other in their struggle for change.



Activists from Kosovo and Serbia on a study visit to Israel and Palestine. Photo: Kvinna till Kvinna/Stina Buur