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In Lebanon, Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation CRTD.A works for women's rights and equality.

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The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

is a peace and women’s rights organisation without any political or religious affiliations.

Vision

- A world of sustainable peace based on democracy and gender equality where conflicts are dealt with through non-violent means.
- A world in which human rights are respected and where all people can feel safe and secure.
- A world in which women have power and influence over decision-making and enjoy full and effective participation in the development of society.

Purpose

Kvinna till Kvinna supports and cooperates with women’s rights organisations that work for women’s rights and peace. We do advocacy on women’s rights and the importance of women’s inclusion in discussions and decision-making on peace and security. Kvinna till Kvinna also promotes studies and research to increase awareness of how war and conflict impact women’s roles and conditions in society.

History

Kvinna till Kvinna was founded in 1993, when reports of mass rapes in the Balkan wars reached Sweden. The women’s movement in Sweden made a joint appeal under the name of *Kvinna till Kvinna (Woman to Woman)*, which was followed by a series of fundraising initiatives to support women’s rights organisations operating in the Balkans. Since then, we have grown considerably. We now support more than 100 women’s rights organisations and women’s rights defenders all over the world.

Our work in Sweden

- In Sweden, we encourage people to take a stand and get involved for peace and women’s rights in regions affected by war and conflict.
- We raise money to support the work carried out by our partner organisations.



Photo: Anna Huerta

Kvinna till Kvinna’s ambassador Fanna Ndown Norrby in our new T-shirt!

If you would like to order one, please visit our website: www.kvinnatillkvinna.se

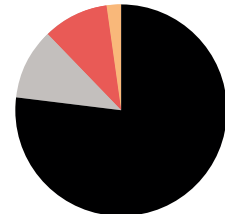
New visual identity!

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna launched a new visual identity, featuring a new logo and a stronger expression. We want the new visual identity to communicate power and courage, and we also want to be more inclusive and reach out to more people. The new look was designed by the design agency Hemma and Art Director Maria Luttröpp.

What does “Femdefenders” mean?

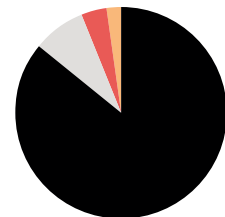
Femdefenders is a term that Kvinna till Kvinna coined a couple of years ago. We wanted to find a shorter way of saying “women human rights defenders”. That became “femdefenders”. Since then, the term has been used by us and others too!

HOW WE GET FUNDING | EUR 14.8 Million



- **77%** The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida
- **11%** Fundraising
- **10%** Other allocations/grant
- **2%** Other revenue

HOW WE USE THE MONEY | EUR 14.6 Million



- **86%** Operations in conflict regions
- **8%** Information, advocacy, studies, research
- **4%** Administration
- **2%** Fundraising

OPERATIONS IN CONFLICT REGIONS | EUR 13 Million



- **45%** Financial support to partner organisations
- **36%** Coordination, counselling, administration of grants
- **19%** Networking, capacity building, communication

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here is a list of frequently asked questions about Kvinna till Kvinna. The short answers refer you to the pages with more information about our organisation, our work and our results.

What does Kvinna till Kvinna seek to achieve?

Our vision, purpose and history can be found on page 4. On page 8, we explain what we would like to achieve for women, as well as our broader goals. The goals for our work are also detailed on pages 14–29, which describe our work in the various regions. The goals for our fundraising and communications work are detailed on pages 30 and 36.

Why was Kvinna till Kvinna founded?

The history of the organisation is presented on page 4. More information about when we started collaborating with different women's rights organisations can be found on pages 14–29.

Where do you work?

We work in regions affected by war and conflict, for example the Middle East. You find the countries that we operate in on the map on pages 6–7.

How do you work?

Our work model and how we collaborate with women's rights organisations is at the heart of what we do. This is described on pages 8–9. Our partner organisations are presented by region on pages 14–29.

What capacity and knowledge do you have to achieve your goals?

An overview of our organisation can be found on page 8. Here we also provide information about our offices and our employees. Our partner organisations are listed on pages 14–29. For information about our Board, see page 40.

What strategies do you employ to achieve your goals?

The direction and focus of our work is described in our strategy for 2016–2021 on page 8. Our working

method to achieve our goals and results is outlined on pages 8–11, where we also explain how we handle the risks we face by working in conflict-affected areas.

How is your work funded?

We are able to support women in conflict-affected regions through grants from institutional and private donations, see page 8. Our fundraising activities, both with respect to private and corporate donors, are described on pages 30–34.

How do you inform the general public about your work?

We spread information about women's rights and the work we do through various communication channels, especially social media. Our volunteers are also important in this regard, see pages 34–35 and 43. We also engage in advocacy work, see pages 8 and 36–38.

How do you know whether your organisation is making progress?

Find out how we plan and follow up on our work on pages 9–11.

What have you achieved so far?

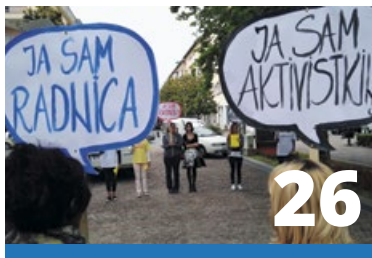
The model on page 9 shows how our work leads to both societal change and personal changes for women. Our results for each region is detailed in the regional sections: the Middle East and North Africa on pages 14–17; Central and West Africa on pages 18–21; South Caucasus on pages 22–25; and the Western Balkans on pages 26–29. The main results of our research efforts are detailed on page 38. The impact of our advocacy work is described on pages 36–38.

Can I volunteer for Kvinna till Kvinna?

Yes, you can! Read about the fantastic volunteering activities on pages 34–35.

OUR WORK AROUND THE WORLD

Kvinna till Kvinna operates in Central and West Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, South Caucasus and the Western Balkans.



Western Balkans

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kosovo
- Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Serbia



Central and West Africa

- Liberia
- The Democratic Republic of the Congo

For security reasons, we are not able to mention all the countries in which we operate. Equally, we cannot list all the organisations that we support. Read more about security risks and challenges on page 11.

GLIMMERS OF HOPE AMID THE DARKNESS OF 2016

In 2016, there were more people fleeing war and oppression than ever before. It was also the year that Sweden went from being one of the world's most generous countries for accepting refugees, to joining those who aspire to nothing more than the bare minimum.

Countries surrounding war-torn Syria are left having to take care of the majority of those who manage to flee across the borders. And Kvinna till Kvinna operates in many of these countries. Our partner organisations in Lebanon and Jordan are adapting their work to help women refugees with psychosocial support and vocational training, a real lifeline to many women.

We support more than a hundred women's rights organisations in five conflict-affected regions. Almost all of them work in various ways to help women subjected to violence. A study that we did in 2016 shows that our partner organisations reached an incredible 80,000 women in a year. What heroes!

Many of our partner organisations also work to promote long-term change, such as in the South Caucasus. Thanks to the work of our partner organisation Avangard, instances of child marriage are declining in villages in eastern Abkhazia.



Head office | Kvinna till Kvinna



Middle East and North Africa

- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Palestine
- Tunisia



South Caucasus

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia



In 2016, we offered training sessions on women, peace and security in:

- Cambodia
- Colombia
- South Africa

The participants came from:

- Colombia
- The DRC
- Georgia
- Liberia
- Myanmar/Burma
- South Sudan

And in one of the villages, child marriage has actually been eradicated completely!

Another cheering piece of news is that we were ranked 4th out of 76 international organisations with respect to partnership. The results were based on anonymous responses from the organisations that we support. They provided a great deal of positive feedback about their collaboration with us, something that makes us very proud and motivated!

It also warms my heart when I think about those of you who provided donations. Please know that you are thereby enabling us to continue with our work for women's rights – together we can make a difference.

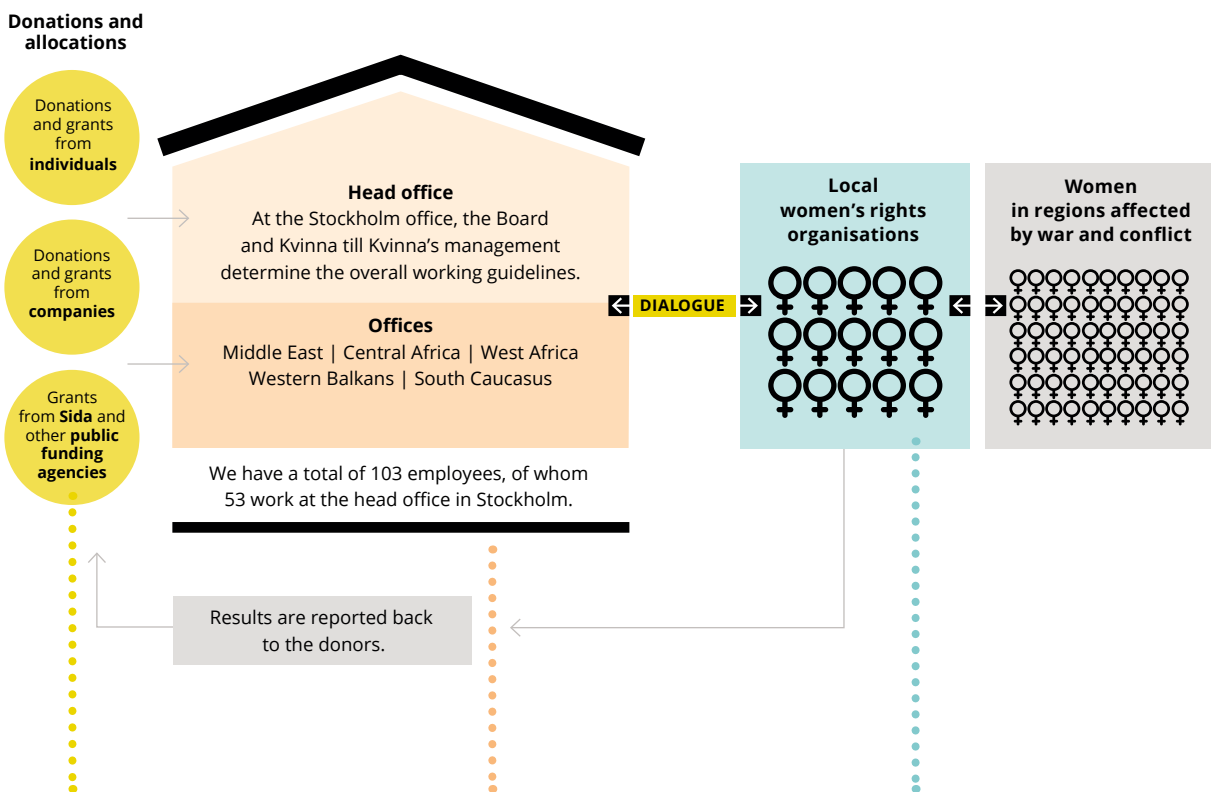
Lena Ag | Secretary General



Photo: Ester Sorri

THIS IS KVINNA TILL KVINNA

- Kvinna till Kvinna supports women’s rights organisations and their work promoting peace and women’s rights in regions affected by war and conflict.
- We provide financial support, as well as training and networking opportunities.
- Our working model is based on dialogue and long-term partnership. Our strength is that we get to know our partner organisations, we listen to them and support their priorities.



How our work is financed

Kvinna till Kvinna is able to support women in regions affected by war and conflict with the help of donations and allocations.

- The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is our main source of funding. We also receive grants from the Swedish State Inheritance Fund, the EU, the Folke Bernadotte Academy, the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, as well as Norway.
- Donations and grants from individuals and companies also represent an important part of our funding. Our main private donor is the Swedish Postcode Lottery.

Communication, advocacy, training and research

- Kvinna till Kvinna’s communication work seeks to raise awareness about women’s situation in areas affected by war and conflict, as well as influence decision-makers and legislation to improve the position of women in society.
- We target the Swedish public to raise awareness and encourage involvement in women’s rights issues through the media, events and our volunteers.
- We work to develop research, and cooperate with individual researchers and research institutes.
- We offer trainings to improve knowledge and skills about women, peace and security.

Partner organisations

In 2016, we cooperated with 108 women’s rights organisations in five regions affected by war and conflict:

- Central Africa
- Middle East/North Africa
- South Caucasus
- West Africa
- Western Balkans

Our strategy

For the period 2016–2021, Kvinna till Kvinna’s work seeks to realise a future where:

1. Women are not subjected to gender-based violence.
2. Women participate fully in the development of an equal society.
3. Global security policy is based on women’s human rights.

How Kvinna till Kvinna works for change

1. We support 108 women's rights organisations in conflict-affected regions to increase their knowledge, improve their skills and strengthen their independence.

2. We offer our partner organisations financial support, training and access to networks.

3. Our support improves the capacity of women's rights organisations, which enables them to act and claim influence in society.

HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

4. Strengthened organisations receive better recognition in society. They can thereby participate fully in the development of society, and work to strengthen women's rights and counter gender-based violence.

5. In the longer term, the lives of women are improved. Women's rights organisations contribute to a more equal society, democracy and thus sustainable peace, which is Kvinna till Kvinna's vision.

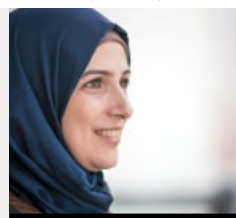
Example | **Oum Nour** – from refugee to employee

- 1.** We provide support to women's rights organisations, such as the Lebanese Council to Resist Violence against Women, LECORVAW. In 2016, LECORVAW supported women refugees from Syria, among other things.
- 2.** LECORVAW seeks and receives financial support for its efforts to support women subjected to violence, strengthen women's position in society and run trainings. In 2016, they offered sessions on women's rights and health, for example.
- 3.** LECORVAW improves its own ability to provide support through training and network contacts provided by Kvinna till Kvinna. LECORVAW is a strong civilian actor in northern Lebanon that supports women refugees from Syria, for example.
- 4.** LECORVAW cooperates with actors such as UNICEF, UNHCR and the Ministry of Social Affairs to raise awareness about women's rights, and social and economic empowerment.
- 5.** Oum Nour is one of many women who have fled to Lebanon from Syria. With the support from LECORVAW and Kvinna till Kvinna, she has gained knowledge about women's rights and Lebanese society, which has facilitated her integration process. The support has also provided Oum Nour with education, and she now has a job that enables her to support her family.

How Kvinna till Kvinna measures results

- 1.** We analyse key performance indicators at the end of the year. We assess how much of our budget goes to supporting partner organisations with financial means, networking opportunities and training.
- 2.** We meet representatives from our partner organisations on a regular basis. We maintain a close dialogue, and engage in discussions about their organisation and their work.
- 3.** We follow up on our partner organisations' ability to:
 - Plan and follow up on projects.
 - Run projects in a transparent and efficient way.
 - Network with relevant actors.
- 4.** Together with our partner organisations, we analyse results and the impact that our partners have on local communities.

Photo: Christopher Herwig



Oum Nour
35 years old
Tripoli, Lebanon

“My children and I fled from the war in Syria after shots were fired at our house. My husband had been killed, I was pregnant and everything was chaos. The support from LECORVAW has helped me to move on with my life.”

Today, Oum Nour works for LECORVAW, teaching other women what she was once taught herself. The job is her first step into the labour market.

Photo: iStock



SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE FUTURE

Kvinna till Kvinna seeks a world without war in which all human beings are valued equally. Our support to women’s rights organisations is a way of contributing to an equal, peaceful and sustainable world.

Our work is firmly rooted in *the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and the UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.*

Our cooperation with women’s rights organisations is based on five basic principles: sustainability through long-term support, local ownership, presence, cooperation and the promotion of diversity.

Focus on working environment

Kvinna till Kvinna has a strategic goal for 2016–2021, which is about making our organisation more sustainable internally. This includes efforts with focus on working environments. In 2016 we introduced monthly surveys to staff to gather statistics about workload. The aim is to reduce sick leave and get everyone involved in the efforts to create a good working environment.



PLANS, AIMS AND RESULTS

Good planning and analysis of Kvinna till Kvinna’s operating environment is essential for effective operations.

Kvinna till Kvinna develops goals and plans for the organisation based on our vision, strategy and mandate. Each project is evaluated to assess the results that have been achieved, and whether the work is relevant and effective.

Kvinna till Kvinna works with planning to set goals, and with monitoring and evaluation to determine whether we and our partner organisations are on track to reaching our goals. Monitoring is done using several different methods. We use quantitative and qualitative indicators, as well as field visits, workshops, dialogue and reports from our partner organisations. Based on this we learn what works well and what needs to be changed, which helps us to continually improve our work.

Photo: We meet representatives from our partner organisations on a regular basis. One of them is Aswat Nissa in Tunisia.

Photo: Aswat Nissa



INTERNATIONAL SURVEY

APPRECIATED PARTNER

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna was ranked 4th out of 76 international organisations in a survey about partnership.

We support women in regions affected by war and conflict through collaborations with local women’s rights organisations. In 2016, the independent research organisation Keystone asked our partner organisations how they perceive us as partners. The results showed that we are a much-appreciated partner, providing significant value to those we support.

“We provide our partners with training and valuable contacts to other organisations and decision-makers. And since we understand the context our partner organisations operate in, the quality of our support is high,” says Petra Zäther Strader, Method Development Manager at Kvinna till Kvinna.

We also received positive feedback on how we provide financial support, and how we consider organisations’ own priorities.

“This is important to us in terms of sustainability. Funding should support the organisations’ and target groups’ own initiatives and organisations, otherwise there is no long-term impact.”

Feed-back in several countries

Reviews of Kvinna till Kvinna’s operations in Georgia and Palestine in 2016 gave us additional feedback. The Palestine review shows that our support is based on an actual understanding of the local context, and that we contribute to women’s empowerment and sustainable change.

“In Georgia, our partnership approach is similarly useful. The evaluator concludes that Kvinna till Kvinna’s perception of local needs and contextual opportunities are central for achieving sustainable results,” says Petra Zäther Strader.

Photo: iStock



RISKS AND CHALLENGES

Identifying risks helps Kvinna till Kvinna to organise the work in a secure, sustainable and long-term way.

Kvinna till Kvinna operates in a world where fast changes can affect the organisation from one day to the next. We are therefore continuously analysing our surroundings to continue to operate during challenging circumstances.

Less room for manoeuvre

One growing challenge is that the space for civil society, and thus our partner organisations, is shrinking in most of the regions where we operate. More and more governments are imposing laws and restrictions that limit the right to register organisations and obtain foreign funding, for example. This makes it more difficult for civil society to collaborate with foreign organisations. It also makes it harder for us to reach our partners with support.

Fighting corruption

Corruption is a global problem and Kvinna till Kvinna has a zero-tolerance policy on this. We work on many levels in order to prevent corruption, for example by maintaining a close dialogue with our partner organisations.

AWARDS AND PRIZES



Annual report of the year!

We are very proud to have won the award *Best Annual Report within the non-profit sector*. The award is presented in Sweden every year by the international audit firm PwC. The motivation from the jury: "Kvinna till Kvinna has, from the very first page, successfully managed to explain how the world, their organisation and their operations are related, in a clear and comprehensible manner." Nadja Dolata, Ida Svedlund and Charina Hallberg were delighted to accept the award.



Photo: Sweden's Green Party

Sweden's Green Party Congress Prize

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna received Sweden's Green Party Congress Prize of 10,000 SEK with the motivation that: "Kvinna till Kvinna creates meeting places in the most difficult environments in the Middle East, and it is involved in laying the foundations for the peace that must follow." Kvinna till Kvinna's Chairman, Birgit Hansson, accepted the award from Amanda Lind, Party Secretary of the Green Party.

Valuable advice from Governo

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna won support and advice from the consulting firm Governo, which is awarded to a not-profit organisation every year. Thanks to Governo, we got new ideas on how to obtain funding for our partner organisations.



80,000 SUBJECTED TO VIOLENCE RECEIVED HELP

Almost all of Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations (89%) work to prevent gender-based violence or offer help to women subjected to violence by men. These organisations reach thousands of women each year.

In 2016, there was a thorough review of the work Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations do to counteract gender-based violence. In 2015, they helped 80,000 people, providing psychosocial support, legal aid and advice. The vast majority of these (80 percent) were women and girls. However, even boys and men subjected to violence received help. In most cases, the perpetrators were male partners or other family members.

Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations also work to prevent violence. They reach thousands of people through information campaigns, training sessions for important actors, as well as working to promote women's ability to determine over their own lives and bodies. Many organisations, especially in Africa, also work with norms concerning family life and destructive masculinity.

FACTS | What is gender-based violence (GBV)?

- GBV concerns acts that harm, threaten, violate or restrict a person, and are based on gender inequality between men and women. The majority of those subjected to violence are women. Most of the perpetrators are men.
- GBV exists in all societies and is alarmingly widespread – one in three women have been affected worldwide.
- Women tend to be more vulnerable in conflict-affected regions. Threats and violence silence women who raise their voices and assert their rights.



Photo: AISHA Association for Woman and Child Protection

How do you get men involved in efforts to stop violence against women? During 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna arranged a training session about this issue in the Gaza Strip. It was attended by our partner organisations, as well as a group of men that our partner organisation Aisha cooperates with. The training was arranged in collaboration with the Promundo organisation, which operates globally to get men involved in gender equality.



WOMEN IN UKRAINE NEED SUPPORT

Peacebuilding efforts and women's rights were topics during an exchange between activists from Ukraine and Bosnia-Herzegovina that we arranged in Sarajevo together with our sister organisation WILPF. A report about the exchange is available on our website.

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna met with more than 160 women's rights organisations in Ukraine to assess if and how we could support their work for peace and women's rights.

Following the revolution that began in 2013, there is an on-going conflict in eastern Ukraine between the Ukrainian government and Russia backed separatists. Thousands have died and there are almost two million internally displaced people in the country. The situation for women in the conflict-affected areas is difficult. Women's organisations report that violence against women has increased, and so have threats against peace activists.

The official peace negotiations are held behind closed doors. Apart from the official parties, there are few actors that can influence the negotiations. Representatives from women's organisations or other civil society organisations do not participate and are not consulted.

On the local level, there are several peacebuilding initiatives, often initiated and lead by women's organisations. However, these organisations are often met with resistance or threats and are in great need of support.

Important that women participate

The aim of Kvinna till Kvinna's establishment in Ukraine is to support women's civil society organisations in their work for women's rights, political

participation and peacebuilding. As a first step, we have identified women's organisations that are active and relevant for a potential collaboration. Next step is to secure funding for a multi-year program.

Unique conference about sexual violence

Kvinna till Kvinna has organised a number of activities in Ukraine in order to support women activists in their work. For example, we arranged the first ever conference in Ukraine about conflict-related sexual violence together with the Swedish Embassy and UNICEF. At the conference, some of Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Georgia shared insights from their countries.

FACTS | How do we select partner organisations?

Kvinna till Kvinna enters into collaborations with organisations that share our values, are committed to creating change, and are located in conflict-affected regions. In order to obtain financial support, organisations also need to fulfil a range of other criteria, such as being transparent about their finances.

MILLIONS FORCED TO FLEE

The protracted war in Syria saw little prospect of a solution in 2016. In the face of extreme challenges, Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations continued to work to promote peace, democracy and women's rights.

Millions of Syrians have been forced to flee their homes as a result of the devastating war. During 2016, several unsuccessful initiatives were launched to start peace negotiations. Kvinna till Kvinna is on the ground in the region to strengthen civil society and to support women refugees.

Pressure on Lebanon and Jordan

Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations in Jordan and Lebanon work hard to help women refugees. In 2016 for example, the Jordanian Women's Union launched a project that is designed to address the shortfall in general support. Thanks to the project, hundreds of women refugees have received legal and psycho-social support.

Lebanon has seen a rise in trafficking as a result of the war, and women refugees are particularly vulnerable. Our partner organisation Kafa supports trafficking survivors, and raises awareness through campaigns targeting decision-makers and the general public.

Risk management in Iraq

Terror attacks and fighting between militia groups continued to define the situation in Iraq. While the military offensive against Mosul in October liberated women in previously IS-controlled areas, it also forced thousands to flee their homes.

During the year, the freedom of movement was severely limited for our partner organisations. We worked with them to develop security plans, which enable them to anticipate and manage risks.



Artistic collaboration in the West Bank

In 2016, Palestinian women in the West Bank received trauma treatment from our partner organisation the Women's Studies Centre and the artist Rachel Gadsden. Many of the women have family members who have been killed or imprisoned. Through art therapy, the women were given an opportunity to express and process their feelings of suffering and loss.

Tougher legislation in Israel

In Israel, the work for women's rights was further complicated by the introduction of new legislation, which limits the freedom of speech, and puts foreign donors, including as Kvinna till Kvinna, under increased scrutiny. In response, we developed a position paper together with our partners, with recommendations to the EU and its member states on how to address the situation.

Deteriorating situation in Palestine

In the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, 2016 was marked by violent incidents and an escalation of house demolitions and settlement construction, which resulted in the death and displacement of civilians.

In the Gaza Strip, Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations have expanded their work to engage men in combating the high prevalence of violence against women.

Our work in Tunisia begins

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna started to work in Tunisia, a country that is in a process of democratisation and thus has a relatively young civil society. Through our presence in Tunisia we strive to support a broad and inclusive women's movement.

"One challenge for us is to obtain funding. Therefore, one great success in 2016 was that we managed to secure funding for our work in the Middle East and North Africa for the next five years," says Regional Manager Linda Säll.

GOALS

Long-term goals

Our goal for the Middle East and North Africa is a strong and sustainable women's movement that improves women's rights and opportunities for participation, at all levels, whether local or international.

Short-term goals

- Reduce violence against women.
- Counter discrimination.
- Increase women's participation at all levels of society, including participation in peacebuilding work.
- Strengthening women's rights organisations and women's rights defenders' ability to seek shelter and to organise.





“THERE IS NO JUSTICE IN IRAQ TODAY”

The life of women’s rights defender Buthainah Mahmood Abbas was turned upside down when she was forced to flee her home in Iraq. This however, has not stopped her from carrying on with her work for women’s rights.

In 2014, Buthainah Mahmood Abbas’ hometown of Moqtadiya in Iraq was invaded by IS and she was forced to flee to Iraqi Kurdistan. For a long time, she moved from place to place, just like millions of other internally displaced persons. Nevertheless, she continued to lead Hawa Organization for Relief and Development that she had founded in 2003, and that supports women. Kvinna till Kvinna has cooperated with Hawa since 2015.

Having to flee her home was a difficult adjustment, but Buthainah Mahmood Abbas says that the support

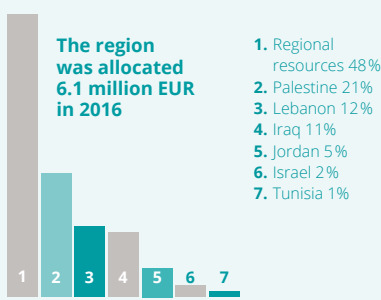
of our staff in Iraq was incredibly important to her: “They encouraged me to carry on working and documenting human rights violations.”

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna invited Buthainah Mahmood Abbas to Sweden to share her experiences. She participated in seminars and was interviewed by newspapers and radio. In an op-ed written together with our Secretary General Lena Ag, she called for Iraqi women to be included in peace negotiations, and for aid to Iraq to be long-term and based on the needs defined by women and civil society.

“There is no justice to be found in Iraq today, but we must continue to work for the days that will come,” she says.

We are pleased to report that Buthainah Mahmood Abbas has since been able to move back to her hometown.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEANS



The region was allocated 6.1 million EUR in 2016

1. Regional resources 48%
2. Palestine 21%
3. Lebanon 12%
4. Iraq 11%
5. Jordan 5%
6. Israel 2%
7. Tunisia 1%

IRAQ | Number of employees (2016): 3

- Cooperation with organisations since 2005
- Office in Erbil

7 partner organisations:

Amez Organization, Baghdad Women’s Association, Hawa Organisation for Relief and Development, Iraqi Organization for Women and Future, Iraqi Women’s League, Pana Center for Combating Violence against Women, Rasan Organization for Women’s Rights

ISRAEL

- Cooperation with organisations since 2001
- Office in Jerusalem

5 partner organisations:

Al-Tufula Centre, Al Zahraa Organization for the Advancement of Women, Achoti for Women in Israel, Coalition of Women for Peace, Isha L’Isha

TUNISIA

- Cooperation with organisations since 2016
 - Work is coordinated from our office in Amman
- 1 partner organisation: Aswat Nissa**



REPORT FROM SYRIA

Due to the war, it is very difficult to get information about the specific challenges facing women in Syria. With Kvinna till Kvinna's support however, Syrian women's rights organisations were able to produce a report together with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, about Syrian state violations of women's rights.

Read and download the report at www.kvinnatillkvinna.se



POLITICAL PROGRESS

In Jordan, women secured a record 20 seats in the September parliamentary elections. This is a major step forward for women's political participation at the national level.

"It's a victory for women," says Layla Naffa, director at Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation Arab Women Organization.

A similar trend is seen in Palestine. More women than ever were due to stand in the municipal elections scheduled for October, with women as top candidates on seven electoral lists. The elections were postponed to 2017, however.

"A tweet can land you in jail if you're a women's rights defender. We are very worried about the shrinking space for human rights work in the Middle East."

These are the words of Sara Abou Ghazal at the network WHRD MENA Coalition, which Kvinna till Kvinna supports. In 2016, the network launched the #SheDefends campaign to draw attention to the shrinking space and the important work of women's rights defenders.

LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS WOMEN!



In both Jordan and Lebanon, women's rights organisations have put pressure on their governments to change discriminatory legislation. Great progress was made in this regard in 2016. In Jordan, it is no longer possible for men to escape punishment if they marry their rape victims. A similar legislative change is underway in Lebanon. At last!



In Iraq in 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation the Pana Centre provided training to 373 parents, young women and religious leaders in and around Kirkuk about the negative consequences of child marriage.

Photo: Christopher Herwig

JORDAN | Employees (2016): 11

- Cooperation with organisations since 2005
- Office in Amman

5 partner organisations:

Arab Women Organization, Families Development Association, Jordanian Women's Union, Kura Women Voluntary Society, Sisterhood is Global Institute

REGIONAL PARTNER ORGANISATION

- WHRD MENA Coalition

LEBANON

- Cooperation with organisations since 2005
- Work is coordinated from our office in Amman

6 partner organisations:

Association Najdeh, Kafa (Enough) Violence & Exploitation, Lebanese Council to Resist Violence Against Women, Collective for Research & Training on Development – Action, Palestinian Women's Humanitarian Organization, The Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering

PALESTINE | Employees (2016): 4

- Cooperation with organisations since 2001
- Office in Jerusalem

8 partner organisations:

AISHA Association for Woman and Child Protection, Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy, Palestinian Working Women's Society for Development, SAWA Organization, Stars of Hope Society for the Empowerment of Women with Disabilities, Women's Affairs Center, Women's Studies Centre



DAILY STRUGGLE AGAINST VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION

Violence against women is widespread in both Liberia and the DRC. Institutional weaknesses and corruption coupled with poverty and negative social norms towards women all create an enabling environment for the violence. We support local organisations' work for women's rights and sustainable peace.

In the DRC, the political instability that prevailed during most of 2016 – as a result of controversies surrounding the organisation of the elections – had a negative impact on the overall context and on Kvinna till Kvinna's work. Initiatives aimed at increasing women's representation in politics had to adopt a more careful approach to avoid politicisation.

In a complex political environment, Kvinna till Kvinna focused on producing results on a community-level. Along with our partner organisations, we continued the work on preventing violence against women using dialogue groups and communication tools, such as radio, to generate discussions on gender roles among women, men and young people.

On a positive note, the government passed an amendment of the family law, thereby repealing a number of discriminatory provisions against women. Women's rights organisations, including some of our partners, played an important role in this victory.

Peace is fragile in Liberia and the development of a stable, sustainable society is hampered by the large inequalities that exist in the country.



Increase in women decision-makers in Liberia

In Liberia, social norms and attitudes not only enable violence against women, but also lead to the exclusion of women from political decision-making. Despite having a woman president, women are severely underrepresented in politics and in decision-making at all levels. However, thanks to several initiatives by our partner organisations, the number of women decision-makers is increasing. For example, SEWODA's work in south-eastern Liberia has helped more than 40 women to obtain decision-making positions.

One of them was Martha Gbason, who in 2016 was appointed Paramount Chief for part of the county of Maryland, a position traditionally held by men. She directly attributed her appointment to SEWODA's efforts in empowering women. SEWODA consistently works with community members and leaders at all levels to raise awareness, advocate and educate.

GOALS

Long-term goals

Contribute to a future where women in conflict-affected countries in Africa are able to participate equally in all aspects of society. A society where women are not subjected to gender-based violence, and where conflicts are solved non-violently.

Short-term goals

- Prevent and respond to violence against women.
- Support the development of women's rights organisations.
- Increase women's participation in all parts of society.



LIBERIAN WOMEN BRING DOWN MINISTER

In Liberia, Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations strive to end violence against women. This is no easy task, as the justice system is corrupt and weak, which contributes to a culture of impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of gender-based violence. In 2016, however, our partner organisation WANEP made some progress in this area.

WANEP got involved in the case of 21-year-old Victoria Zayzay, who died in unclear circumstances during the night she was held by the police. WANEP mobilised its

members to participate in several sit-in actions and arranged press conferences to pressure the government to release the autopsy report. They succeeded, and the report revealed that Victoria Zayzay had been raped and killed. WANEP demanded that the perpetrators be brought to justice.

Justice Minister Benedict Sannoh was subsequently forced to resign over his unprofessional handling of the investigation. The five police officers on duty on the night that Victoria Zayzay was killed were suspended indefinitely without pay.

Photo: iStock



A VICTORY FOR UVIRA WOMEN!

One of Kvinna till Kvinna's strategic aims for 2016–2021 is a future where women participate fully in the development of an equal and democratic society. Efforts in this regard have shown good results in Uvira Territory in the DRC, where women are responsible for most of the agricultural production. However, they have traditionally been excluded from accessing land in their own name.

To promote women's participation in land management, we implemented the project *The Right to Peace and Security* in 2016, in partnership with the Life & Peace Institute, the Union Paysanne pour le Développement Intégral and our partner organisation Solidarité des Femmes Actives pour la Défense des Droits Humains. Together we focused on changing attitudes.

The project resulted in the adoption of a deed of commitment by traditional chiefs and authorities of the area to increase women's representation in land institutions and facilitate women's access to land.

The project was funded by the Swedish Postcode Lottery.

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PRAISE TO A PREEMINENT PEACE ADVOCATE

Women in Liberia are disunited, in particular the urban and rural women. Kvinna till Kvinna tries to overbridge this division by organising meetings for women, in collaboration with the UNMIL Gender Affairs Office. Our meeting in November was attended by 129 people. One of them was the peace advocate Mary N. Brownell, who was given the title *Mother Africa* by our country office due to her high level of advocacy for peace amongst women. In March 2017, Mary N. Brownell passed away and she will be deeply missed.



REGIONAL EXCHANGE TO PREVENT VIOLENCE

In May, Kvinna till Kvinna organised a regional exchange meeting in Kigali for partner organisations and key actors in Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and the DRC. The meeting allowed participants to gain new knowledge on practices to prevent violence against women. The exchange was part of our *Afia Bora* project. Claude Butera, Gisele Baraka and Reginas Ndayiragije participated.

The project was funded by the Swedish Postcode Lottery.

Photo: Caro Lein



LESS VIOLENCE WITH CHANGED MALE GENDER ROLES

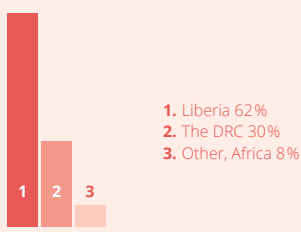
“Men who start to help out at home show others that it is an acceptable male behaviour,” says Christian Sango, from our partner organisation CEDEJ-GL, who is part of the *Afia Bora* project.

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna implemented the *Afia Bora* project in the DRC that seeks to prevent violence against women. One of the activities within the project involved dialogue groups, where women and men gathered in their local communities with the aim of changing violent attitudes and behaviour patterns. The men were initially resistant to the ideas being presented, but later acted as role models, convincing other men that they must respect women’s rights.

The project was funded by the Swedish Postcode Lottery.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEANS

The region was allocated 1.6 million EUR in 2016



THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

- Number of employees (2016): 4
- Collaboration in the DRC since 2009
- Office in Bukavu

3 partner organisations:

Association des Femmes des Médias (AFEM), Cercle d’Échange pour le Développement des Jeunes dans la Région des Grands Lacs (CEDEJ-GL), Solidarité des Femmes Actives pour la Défense des Droits Humains (SOFAD)

LIBERIA | Employees (2016): 8

- Collaboration in Liberia since 2007
- Office in Monrovia

8 partner organisations:

Liberia Female Law Enforcement Association (LIFLEA), Liberian Women Empowerment Network (LIWEN), Southeastern Women Development Association (SEWODA), The Mano River Women Peace Network (MARWOPNET), West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), West Point Women for Health and Development Organization (WPWHDO), Women NGOs Secretariat of Liberia (WONGOSOL), Women Rights Watch (WORWA)

POLITICAL POWER TO THE WOMEN!

The South Caucasus is a region plagued by unresolved conflicts and patriarchal structures. Our partner organisations are facing ever greater opposition in their fight for women's rights and sustainable peace.



Men's violence against women is a widespread problem in the South Caucasus and several of Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations are actively working for legislative change that could improve the situation. Many of them also provide shelter and psychosocial support to women who have been subjected to violence.

Setback for peace efforts

In Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, there are long-running conflicts.

"During the year, there was an escalation of the conflict over the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh, where there is a fragile ceasefire between Armenia and Azerbaijan. In April, the region witnessed the worst fighting in more than twenty years," says Malin Askhamre, Field Representative.

The fighting represented a major setback for the peacebuilding efforts. One positive development, however, was that the Armenian and Azeri women involved in the *EPNK** project reestablished the peace building dialogue with each other as soon as the fighting decreased.

"The project is about supporting local organisations, and creating platforms to meet and engage in dialogue. *EPNK* provides the women with training to enable them

to influence and participate in the peace process."

Kvinna till Kvinna has been a part of *EPNK* since 2010.

Shrinking space for civil society

In Azerbaijan and South Ossetia, the situation facing civil society deteriorated further during 2016. The work of women's rights organisations is being thwarted. For example, legislation makes it difficult for them to obtain funding from foreign donors such as Kvinna till Kvinna. Without funding, they could even be forced to close down their operations.

"Providing long-term financial support is one of our most important tasks. It is also one of the main challenges here. The fact that we managed to secure a five-year contract with SIDA for continued work in Georgia and the breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia is a major success," says Malin Askhamre.

Homophobia in Georgia

Parliamentary elections were held in Georgia in October. Many of Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations worked to promote women's rights and women's involvement in politics. The electoral debate was, however, largely marked by homophobia, and many transgender people were subjected to violence.

Photo: Pi Frisk



Photo: One of Kvinna till Kvinna's goals is for women to have political influence. In Armenia, we support Democracy Today, an organisation that arranges training sessions for women in rural areas. The results have been positive – women who have participated have become more politically active. During the year, Alvard Tovmasyan (centre) stood in the local elections in her home village and won, making her mayor of Nalbandyan!

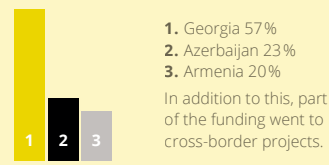


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*EPNK: The European Partnership for the Peaceful Settlement of the Conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh

DISTRIBUTION OF MEANS

The region was allocated 1.8 million EUR in 2016.



SOUTH CAUCASUS

- Work is coordinated from Kvinna till Kvinna's office in Tbilisi, Georgia
- Employees (2016): 5

ARMENIA

- Collaboration with organisations since 2004

5 partner organisations:

Democracy Today, Society Without Violence, Women's Resource Center, Women's Rights Center, Nalbandyan Women's Club

AZERBAIJAN

- Collaboration with organisations since 2004

5 partner organisations:

Association for the Protection of Women's Rights named after D. Aliyeva, Sumgayit Discussion Club, Women Problems' Research Union, Women's Association for Rational Development, YUVA Humanitarian Center

GEORGIA INCLUDING

ABKHAZIA AND SOUTH OSSETIA

- Collaboration with organisations since 2002

13 partner organisations:

Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, Association "Imedi" IDP women's movement for peace, Association of South Ossetian Women for Democracy and Human Rights, Association of Women of Abkhazia, Cultural – Humanitarian Fund "Sukhumi", Democrat Women's Organization of Samtskhe-Javakheti, Nongovernmental women's organization "Avangard", StudioMobile – Accent on Action, Union of Businesswomen of Gagra, Union of Wives of Invalids and Lost Warriors, Women's Fund in Georgia, Women's Initiatives Supporting Group, "World without Violence" named after Zurab Achba

≡ GOALS

Long-term goal

Our goal for the South Caucasus is a sustainable women's movement that influences and improves women's rights and participation.

Short-term goals

- Greater protection to women at risk of violence.
- Increase women's participation in peacebuilding activities.
- Counter discrimination.
- Support the development of women's rights organisations.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS LESS TABOO IN GEORGIA

Domestic violence is no longer a complete taboo in the areas where Kvinna till Kvinna's Georgian partner organisations operate.

Thanks to their efforts, support for women subjected to violence has increased. And the authorities no longer turn a blind eye to such abuse either.

Historically speaking, domestic violence is a private matter in the South Caucasus. To bring about change and break taboos, Kvinna till Kvinna has been working with organisations in Georgia since 2002 to develop the work they do to counter violence against women. Our partners' efforts have had profound effects on society: views on domestic violence have changed and the police and courts now treat domestic violence as a legal offense. As a result, more and more women dare to report abuse and seek help.

The key to success has been to work on several levels simultaneously. Our partner organisations work to help women at risk with shelters, psychosocial and legal support, as well as by training the police and local authorities. They also provide information to the general public and influence decision-makers.

Clinic saves lives

One of the actors providing actual support, and working to change attitudes, is Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation Democrat Women's Organization of Samtskhe-Javakheti, DWO. The organisation runs a gynaecology clinic in an isolated region in Georgia. Unsafe abortions are common here and contraception is not much used. Many women cannot afford to pay for safe abortions and resort to other methods.

"There was one particularly tragic case of a woman who died after drinking pure iodine. She had eight children," says Marina Modebadze, Director General of DWO, whose organisation also provides shelter to women who are victims of domestic violence.



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Maia Mamulashvili and Manana Vengrjhanovich at the clinic which provides up to 2,000 women and girls with free treatment each year. The clinic is run by Democrat Women's Organization of Samtskhe-Javakheti.

Photo: Emma Söderström



STOP CHILD MARRIAGE!

Instances of early marriage are declining in villages in eastern parts of Abkhazia. This is the result of long-term strategic efforts by Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation Avangard. And in the village of Sida, there is now no child marriage at all.

Avangard started working in Sida in 2011. They have successively raised awareness about the negative consequences of early marriage through activities in the village school, a natural meeting point that is frequented by both men and women, girls and boys.

Between 2011–2013, there were reports of five cases of early marriage. Between 2013–2016, there have been no reported instances of early marriage.

NETWORK STANDS UP FOR THE RIGHT TO ABORTION

In Abkhazia, around ten organisations have joined together to create The Initiative Women's Club, which receives support from Kvinna till Kvinna.

"We have realised that we are stronger together. We want to influence society, and take a clear stand for women's rights and against the violent treatment of women," says Marieta Topchvan, spokesperson for the network.

In 2016, the network worked hard to change the new health legislation that has made abortion illegal.

"We are now working towards an amendment to the law, so that women who need to undergo an abortion for medical reasons, for example, can do so."

The network was formed in 2015, and four of the organisations involved were all ready Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations. One of the aims of the network is to create meetings between women from different ethnic groups, and to contribute to sustainable peace in the long term.

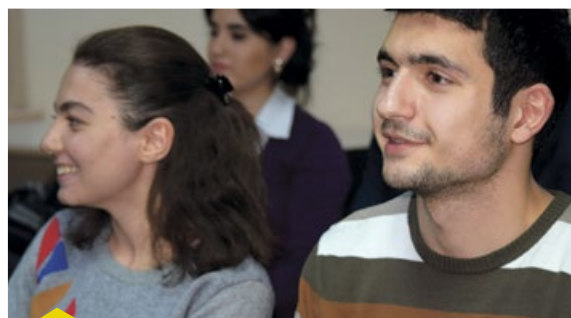


Photo: Khalisa Shahverdi

Law students Fatima Askarova and Emil Huseynov received training about violence against women in Azerbaijan.

YOUNG LAWYERS TRAINED IN AZERBAIJAN

It is taboo to speak about violence against women in Azerbaijan. Few women file police reports and access to legal aid is limited.

Shams Mustafayeva and Khalisa Shahverdi, active members of the Sumgayit Discussion Club, have therefore started a project with the aim of teaching law students about gender-based violence, so that they can provide better support to abused women in their professional work. A total of 30 young lawyers took part in the first training session.

"I grew up in a little village and then moved to the capital of Baku. The problem is much worse in the villages, and no one talks about it. I want to do something about it," said one participant.

Photo: Emma Söderström

SURROGATE MOTHERS WITHOUT RIGHTS

Nato Shavlakadze and Salome Chagelishvili work at AVNG, an organisation that run crisis centres and hotlines for women subjected to violence in Georgia.

There is a growing issue concerning surrogacy in Georgia, in pace with the growing demand from Western couples. According to our partner organisation the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, many of the women in Georgia who offer themselves for surrogacy already find themselves in a vulnerable situation, and have been subjected to violence at some point during their lives.

"There are no laws to protect these women. They need our help and support, and we stand up for their rights," says Nato Shavlakadze from AVNG.



Kvinna till Kvinna's ambassador, the journalist **Alexandra Pascalidou**, visited several of our partner organisations in Georgia in 2016.

In Georgia, one in three LGBT people have been subjected to violence. We must combat homophobia, everywhere, every day.



LISTEN TO US!

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation the Women's Rights Center worked hard to give a voice to civil society in Montenegro.



Photo: Women's Rights Center

GOALS

Long-term goals

Ensure that gender equality, women's participation and women's rights are on the agenda when the countries in the Western Balkans apply for EU membership. Contribute to the continuation of peacebuilding work in the region.

Short-term goals

- Improve the protection of women subjected to violence.
- Ensure that women participate in all existing and future negotiation processes.

Nearly twenty years have passed since all the wars in former Yugoslavia came to an end. Despite formal peace the ethnic tensions are still very much felt in the region. There are strong political currents that seek to limit women's rights and civil society's ability to operate freely.

During and after the wars of the 1990s, Kvinna till Kvinna supported women's centres that offered legal and psychosocial support. Such activities are still partially in operation, but nowadays women's rights organisations also work on a political level to change laws, and to improve women's status in society.

Increased nationalism

In 2016, elections were held in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, which greatly impacted the work of our partner organisations. Because of increased nationalism in many of the countries, and the backlash against women's rights that follow in its path, much of the work is focused on raising issues concerning women's rights and democratic values.

"One clear consequence of the tougher political climate is that threats and attacks, both physical and online, against those who work for women's rights and LGBTIQ person's rights have increased considerably. During the year, we saw several cases where people who had attacked our partner organisations were not investigated by the police or criticised by politicians," says Ristin Thomasson, Regional Manager.

Low representation of women

Election results show that women are still poorly represented in the Balkans, which is a democratic problem.

"The fact that the region is going through a number of important processes with respect to democratisation, and that it is taking further steps towards joining the EU makes the democratic deficit even more concerning. It is important that these processes are firmly anchored in society," says Ristin Thomasson.

Progress in Kosovo

One positive development is that several of our partner organisations are now participating in various policy working groups on government level. In 2016, for example, Kosovar Gender Studies Center entered a working group at the Department for EU Integration. And Kosova Women's Network has been acting as a consultative body to the Prime Minister's Office for all new legislative proposals in Kosovo.

PEACE ACADEMY FOR YOUNG WOMEN



“Here we got the chance to understand each other.”

It was the final year for our *Young Women's Peace Academy* in 2016. Thanks to this project, young women from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia have increased their involvement in peacebuilding activities.

The 140 participants came from countries marked by conflict. Through the peace academy they received support to participate in peacebuilding work, as well as training on gender, peace and security.

The knowledge that the participants gained has contributed to their personal and professional development. After the project, many have become actively involved in civil society. Several of them are also participating in events where they discuss women and peace.

“Kvinna till Kvinna gave me the opportunity to become an activist. Without the *Young Women's Peace Academy*, I would never have become one,” says one participant.

Thanks to the project, several new networks and

organisations have been created, including a network of young women from Kosovo and Serbia. It is hoped that this will contribute to the reconciliation between the countries.

One of the participants felt that the project had provided a unique opportunity for young women from different sides of conflicts to meet:

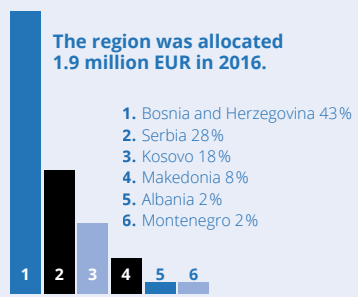
“Here we got the chance to understand each other and identify the common challenges in society.”

Shared experiences

In addition, 19 girls from our volunteering activities in Sweden also participated in the project. Three of them took part in an exchange in Serbia with participants from the Balkans. The volunteers facilitated a workshop and shared their experiences of voluntary work.

The *Young Women's Peace Academy* was implemented with valuable support of the Swedish Postcode Lottery.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEANS



ALBANIA

- Cooperation with organisations since 1999
- Work is coordinated from the Belgrade office

1 partner organisation:

Albanian Women Empowerment Network

MONTENEGRO

- Cooperation with organisations since 1999
- Work is coordinated from the Belgrade office

1 partner organisation: *Women's Rights Center*

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | Employees (2016): 2

- Cooperation with organisations since 1994
- Office in Sarajevo

11 partner organisations:

Association of Citizens Buducnost, Centre for Legal Assistance for Women, CURE Foundation, Forum Zena, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Banja Luka, HO Horizonti, Lara Foundation, Rights for All (Prava za sve), TRIAL International, United Women Banja Luka, Zenski Centar Trebinje



IN THE EU-CORRIDORS OF POWER IN BRUSSELS

Women's rights defenders from the Western Balkans regularly visit the EU's headquarters in Brussels, with the support of Kvinna till Kvinna. The aim is to raise awareness about women's situation in the region, and make politicians and civil servants put the discrimination of women on the political agenda.

In 2016, among other things, we organised a meeting with Tanja Fajon, a Slovenian Member of the European Parliament, who asked our partner organisations to keep her updated about any developments. After the meeting, Tanja Fajon tweeted: "Excellent exchange of views with Western Balkans women's human right defenders. Taking actions to empower women! #EP"

FOCUS ON YOUTH IN MACEDONIA

The situation in Macedonia is very tense with deep ethnic divisions. Kvinna till Kvinna therefore initiated a project in 2016 that focus on young people from different ethnic groups. The project will be running from 2016 until 2018. As a first step, we arranged a training session for those who are going to manage the programme at the local level. Ten women participated in the training that covered issues such as conflict management, conflict analysis, peace negotiations and how to be a good facilitator.



GENDER COFFEE POINTS WITH THE EU

Kvinna till Kvinna has managed to create an arena for discussion between civil society, decision-makers and the EU delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the aim of strengthening the democratic process. We call this concept *Gender Coffee Points*. It is very valuable to have the EU delegation co-inviting to talks with us. Here our partner organisations have opportunity to share their experiences and make contacts.



Photo: Danijla Hildic/Fondacija Cure

Peace march on the remembrance day for women's suffering during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We participated along with several of our partner organisations.

IN MEMORY OF WAR VICTIMS

Twenty years after the end of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, people are still trying to come to terms with its consequences. From 2015 to 2016, several of our partner organisations were involved in the project *Peace with women's face* that raises awareness about the thousands of women who died during the war between 1992 and 1995. One outcome of the project was the publication *War is not single-gendered* that portrays 17 of the women who died.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF KOSOVO*

- Employees (2016): 2
- Cooperation with organisations since 1994
- Office in Pristina

9 partner organisations:

Artpolis – Art and Community Center, Kosovar Gender Studies Center, Kosova Women's Network, Medica Kosova, Mitrovica Women Association for Human Rights, Network of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Women's Organizations of Kosovo, Open Door (Dera e Hapur), Ruka Ruci

MACEDONIA | Employees (2016): 2

- Cooperation with organisations since 1999
- Office in Skopje

7 partner organisations:

Association "Ilirija", Association of Women "Iskrenost", Association of Women "Spectrum" Kratovo, Center for Rural Development "Bujurum", National network to end violence against women and domestic violence, Organisation of Women "Kumanovka", REACTOR – Research in Action

SERBIA | Employees (2016): 3

- Cooperation with organisations since 1994
- Office in Belgrade

7 partner organisations:

Alternative Girls' Center, Association of Women Sandglass, Autonomous Women's Center, Center for Women's Studies, Reconstruction Women's Fund, Women in Black, Women's Space

*All country names align to UN terminology. Sweden has recognised Kosovo as a sovereign state.

Photo: Christopher Herwig

GIFTS THAT MATTER

Fundraising is important for Kvinna till Kvinna, as it helps us to support women’s rights organisations in war and conflict-affected regions. In 2016, we raised 14.6 million SEK.

During 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna conducted a series of activities to raise awareness about the organisation, and to encourage involvement in our work. The activities also aimed to raise money and increase the number of new donors.

In 2016, we raised 4.6 million SEK from private donations. Monthly donors accounted for 1.4 million SEK of this, which represents an increase of 14 percent compared to 2015. At the end of the year, we had 1,078 monthly donors, an increase compared to 2015.

Online donations increased considerably during 2016, largely thanks to the campaign website that we developed for the Christmas campaign.



Photo: Mary Lou Trapper

Kvinna till Kvinna’s digital campaign for women refugees.

GOALS

Long-term goal

To be a well-known fundraising organisation in Sweden.

Short-term goals

- Increase the number of private donors.
- Launch a new website that will facilitate digital donations.



Photo: Magnus Sandberg/Svenska PostkodLoteriet



10 MILLION SEK FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS!

Kvinna till Kvinna is a beneficiary of the Swedish Postcode Lottery and we were allocated 10 million SEK in 2016.

"Many thanks to the Postcode Lottery! And thanks to all those of you who buy lottery tickets. This money makes a big difference to our work for women's rights," says Chairman Birgit Hansson.

The Swedish Postcode Lottery is Sweden's largest lottery. In 2016, it gave a massive 1.1 billion SEK to 55 non-profit organisations.

Photo: Birgit Hansson cheered as she received the cheque from the Swedish Postcode Lottery.

94,7%

Proportion of Kvinna till Kvinna's total revenue that goes directly towards the organisation's aims, according to criteria set by the Swedish Fundraising Control.

JEWELLERY FOR EQUALITY

Snippa Smycket has raised an incredible 250,000 SEK for Kvinna till Kvinna during the five years that its founder Caroline Nordlund has been making the jewellery. Would you like one too? Visit www.snippasmycket.se.

Photo: Caroline Nordlund



WHAT WILL 500 SEK PAY FOR?

- Legal aid for a woman in Serbia who has been subjected to domestic violence.
- A health check and gynaecological examination for five women in Armenia.
- Training about women's rights for five teachers in the DRC, to stop the sexual abuse of girls in schools.



Photo: Gudrun Sjöden

SUPPORT FROM FASHION DESIGNER

The biggest corporate donation in 2016 was provided by the Swedish fashion designer Gudrun Sjöden, who is keen to support the work we do for women's rights and peace. Many thanks for your kind donation!



WILLS FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Kvinna till Kvinna is now one of the participating organisations in *Goda Testamentet*, a legacy fundraising initiative by the Swedish Fundraising Council about putting wills to good use. For more information, please contact insamling@kvinnatillkvinna.se.

Photo: Nina Holma, Anna Huerta, Jalle Torbjörnsson



Kakan Hermansson



Fanna Ndow Norrby



Alexandra Pascalidou



Jakob Eklund



Peter Jöback



Katarina Ewerlöf

SWEDISH CELEBRITIES SUPPORTING WOMEN REFUGEES

BECOME A FEMDEFENDER!

Kvinna till Kvinna's Christmas campaign for women refugees was a big success, and we raised 1 million SEK! Plenty of well-known faces helped us to raise awareness about the difficult situation facing women refugees.

Swedish actors Jakob Eklund and Katarina Ewerlöf were among those who decided to step forward and become Femdefenders in Kvinna till Kvinna's campaign to support women at risk. A Femdefender is someone who stands up for women's rights, either in Sweden or

in a war zone or while seeking refuge. The campaign highlighted the terrible conditions in which many women refugees live, while also making sure to show that change is possible. Anyone can be a Femdefender.

"I regard becoming a Femdefender as a necessity. By supporting women, you can support entire nations," says Jakob Eklund.

The artist Kakan Hermansson was proud to be one of the campaign ambassadors.

"I'm a Femdefender, because it's a matter of international sisterhood," she says.



AN EVENING FOR WOMEN REFUGEES

In November, we raised awareness about women refugees with an event at Färgfabriken in Stockholm. Women's rights defenders Buthainah Mahmood Abbas and Leila El Ali were among those who spoke about the situation facing women refugees. They are actively involved in organisations that we collaborate with in Iraq and Lebanon. The actress Katarina Ewerlöf read poetry and we enjoyed live music performances.



Photo: Patrik Sondheim

POPULAR GIFT BOXES

During the spring, Kvinna till Kvinna received extra support for our work on women’s rights around Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day. All together, we received 81,000 SEK during these occasions.

Donations were primarily received via text message, and many people also purchased our deeds of gift and gift boxes.

Photo: The gift boxes can be ordered all year round and make an ideal present for all manner of occasions!

“ We are proud to be included on Givar-guiden’s Green List! It lists organisations that are judged to have a democratic structure, approved financial accounting and transparency towards donors.



Photo: Christopher Relander

MUSICIAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Frida Andersson donated 10 SEK to Kvinna till Kvinna for each time her music video *En idiot* was shared. Frida’s donation paid for 12 radio broadcasts in Liberia to raise awareness about women’s health and HIV. **Thank you!**

Photo: Private



FANTASTIC INITIATIVES

We’re so happy that so many people are willing to support us!

Tatiana is one of those who has donated money to our organisation. She arranged a party and raised 1,000 SEK together with her friends. Veronica, pictured to the left, attended the party.

Would you like to arrange a fundraiser of your own?

Visit www.kvinnatillkvinna.se/stod-oss



VOLUNTEERS!

GOALS

Long-term goals:
To work in a sustainable way to raise awareness about Kvinna till Kvinna. To contribute to an increase in donations.

Short-term goal:
To launch the project *Systerskap* (Sisterhood) where our volunteers together with newly arrived young female immigrants in Sweden will work for women's rights.

Wow! In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna's volunteers reached out to 10,000 people all over Sweden, spreading information about our work and raising money to support women in conflict-affected regions.

In the last couple of years, we have focused on making it easier for people to volunteer for Kvinna till Kvinna. There are now six local volunteer groups that in 2016 managed to raise more money for Kvinna till Kvinna than ever before. The volunteers also create meeting places for people who are interested in women's rights.

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna launched an intranet for the volunteers to make it easier for them to organise themselves.

"The volunteer network is a digital platform that seeks to bring everyone together in one place, regardless of which volunteer group you belong to. The intranet is a sought-after database for information and news. It's also a forum for coordinating activities," says Matilda Reiderstedt, Volunteer Coordinator.

More and larger events

In 2016, the volunteers independently arranged both more and larger events than in previous years. For example, they arranged events linked to Femdefenders Day, the international day for women human rights defenders in November.

Together, the volunteer groups raised 20,000 SEK during Femdefenders Day.

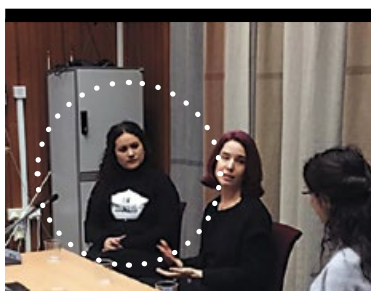


Photo: Milla Järvelin

MIRIAM REFAI: "YOU LEARN SO MUCH"

Miriam Refai is one of Kvinna till Kvinna's volunteers in Stockholm. She fights for women's rights by discussing and raising awareness about women's situation in conflict-affected regions.

"Highlighting the issues is important. If more people call for change, it's more likely that it will come about. The best thing about being a volunteer is that you learn so much," says Miriam Refai.



LOCAL STUDY GROUP IN STOCKHOLM

In cooperation with Botkyrka Folk High School in Stockholm, Kvinna till Kvinna's volunteers have been running a local study group. The theme was women's rights and the study group was open to all women at the school.

Medine Aydilek was one of the participants:

"Kvinna till Kvinna has taught me so much about my rights. At the same time, my Swedish has also developed, and I've learnt a lot of new words that I didn't know before. I want to share knowledge about women's rights with other women, to be able to help them."

Photo: Mary Lou Trapper



"PEACE FOR ALL" CAMPAIGN

Ahead of the International Women's Day on 8 March, Kvinna till Kvinna's volunteers worked on the *Peace for All* (Fred för alla) campaign. Using short films spread on social media, the volunteers invited young people to make their voices heard to create a more peaceful world.

All films has the hashtag #fredforall



Would you like to volunteer in Sweden? Visit our homepage www.kvinnatillkvinna.se and click on:  Support us



EVERYONE CAN HELP!

Christina Tufvesson in Liberia, to the left, accompanied by Kvinna till Kvinna's Disa Kammars Larsson.

Volunteer work can vary greatly. Christina Tufvesson, for example, is a retired lawyer who comes to our Stockholm office a couple of times a week.

"Kvinna till Kvinna works for women's rights and peace, and I feel that it's important to get involved. I find it very rewarding to help and to be in an environment where I meet a lot of interesting, talented and driven people," says Christina Tufvesson.

What did you do to help in 2016?

"I did various things, from writing investigations to reviewing contracts. Most exciting was participating in a political workshop in Liberia, where I talked about the legal aspects of women's participation in politics," says Christina Tufvesson.

Do you have an idea about how you could help?

Please get in touch: volontar@kvinnatillkvinna.se



Started: The work with volunteers started in 2010.

Local groups: Gothenburg, Linköping, Malmö, Stockholm, Umeå and Uppsala in Sweden.

Kvinna till Kvinna cooperates with Sensus Study Association in the cities where we have local groups.

Number of volunteers in 2016: 200 (2015: 200).

In 2016, the volunteers reached out to 10,000 people with their activities (2015: 6,000).

The work done by our volunteers roughly corresponds to that of 3 full-time employees.

Financed: With funding from the Swedish Inheritance Fund since 2014.

FACTS | Volunteers in Sweden

Photo: Johan Sejin



Hundreds of people joined Kvinna till Kvinna's manifestation in Stockholm to show their support for the Syrian people.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ON THE AGENDA!

An important goal for Kvinna till Kvinna is for more people in Sweden to know about the work that our organisation is doing to support women's rights organisations in regions affected by war and conflict.

It can be quite a challenge to get people in Sweden interested in events that take place outside the national borders. We therefore work actively with communication and advocacy to reach out to politicians and the general public. We run campaigns, participate in events, use our expert knowledge in panel discussions, make appearances in the media, arrange training programmes and make sure to be active in social media. The aim is to be perceived as the most trustworthy and proactive organisation when it comes to supporting women's rights defenders.

Millions on the run

There are now more displaced people in the world than ever before – a massive 60 million in 2016. Much of our communication in the past year has therefore focused on providing information about the situation

facing displaced women. Indeed, this was the main theme for our digital communication, which included accounts of women refugees on our Christmas campaign site. We highlighted displaced women's vulnerability through advocacy work with op-eds and media appearances, and by participating in political debate. One example of the latter is that our Secretary General Lena Ag attended a high-level UN meeting about the refugee crisis.

"Many political decisions were made in the past year, both on a national and European level, which made it even harder for people to seek refuge in Sweden. It is therefore important to us to highlight issues concerning migration, and we have placed particular emphasis on the vulnerability of women refugees," says Josefine Karlsson, Manager of the Policy and Advocacy Unit.

≡ GOALS

Long-term goals

- To increase knowledge about and involvement in women's rights.
- To increase awareness and knowledge about the effects of war on women, and the importance of women's participation for peaceful and democratic development.

Short-term goals

- Develop Kvinna till Kvinna's digital communication to raise awareness about our organisation.
- Introduce our new visual profile, with a new logo, in Sweden and internationally.

PEACE PROTEST FOR SYRIA IN SWEDEN

In December, we arranged a peace protest in Stockholm under the motto *Stop the violence in Aleppo*, to show our support for the civilian population in war-torn Syria.

About 500 members of the public and a total of 25 organisations rallied behind us, including Amnesty and Save the Children Sweden. Speeches were given by our Secretary General Lena Ag and the journalist Alexandra Pascalidou, amongst others.

"I don't know who the good or the bad ones are in this war. I don't know who started it. But I just keep wondering who is going to bring an end to this horror," said Alexandra Pascalidou.

The protest was reported in 131 different news media in Sweden, meaning that our message was able to reach hundreds of thousands of Swedish citizens.

Photo: Johan Selin



I don't know who the good or the bad ones are in this war.

Alexandra Pascalidou

The number of Instagram followers increased by

67%



Photo: Mary Lou Trotter

INITIATIVE FOR NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEE GIRLS

In 2016, the Swedish Inheritance Fund announced that it is going to donate SEK 4.4 million to Kvinna till Kvinna's new project *Systemskap* (Sisterhood). So, from 2017, we will be working with our volunteers to help newly arrived refugee girls to become more involved in Swedish society.

This news received a great deal of attention, not least on Facebook where it reached 65,000 people.



POLITICIANS CONSULT FEMDEFENDERS

The Swedish government's feminist foreign policy has as one of its stated goals that foreign ministry staff should meet with women and increase the visibility and recognition of women's situation.

"Our knowledge about women, peace and security is in demand. We have cooperated with several Swedish embassies and consulates to arrange seminars to increase people's understanding," says Linda Säll, Regional Manager for the Middle East.

Photo: In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna met with the Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven in Iraq together with our partner organisation the Baghdad Women's Association.

FACTS | Social media

Twitter: The number of followers increased by 7% from 8,434 (2015) to 9,035. **Facebook (Swedish):** The number of followers increased by roughly 20% from 30,900 (2015) to 37,200. **Facebook (English):** The number of followers increased by 27% from 2,465 (2015) to 3,130. **Instagram:** The number of followers increased by 67% from 3,830 (2015) to 6,406.

FACTS | Media appearances

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna was mentioned 650 times in total in the media, an increase of 18.5 percent compared to 2015. We had 12 op-eds published, compared to 15 in 2015. We appeared 25 times in broadcast media (radio: 15, television: 10), compared to 22 appearances in 2015. We participated in two pod sessions: *Lottapodden* and *the OmVärlden podcast*.



Raheb Alwany held talks with both members of the parliament and the media during her visit. Here with Kvinna till Kvinna's Secretary General Lena Ag, to the left, and the Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström.

INCLUDE WOMEN IN THE SYRIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS!

During 2016, several initiatives were taken for peace negotiations in Syria, yet no representatives from civil society were invited. Kvinna till Kvinna therefore backed the demands of Syrian women's rights defenders that they must be given a voice in the peace talks.

During the Almedalen Week, an annual political event in Sweden, Kvinna till Kvinna invited the Syrian women's rights defender Raheb Alwany from the Badael Foundation to join a panel discussion.

"I don't think that we can copy other peace processes. Instead we need to find our own model," she told members of the audience, as well as the Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström during their conversation.

Raheb Alwany emphasised the importance of allowing women from civil society to participate in peace negotiations. The panel discussion was arranged together with ILAC.

RESEARCH WITH A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

Kvinna till Kvinna would like to see more research about women's situation in war and conflict-affected regions.

For many years now, Kvinna till Kvinna has been collaborating with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which studies issues concerning peace and conflict. Each year, the institute publishes *The SIPRI Yearbook*, written by researchers and experts.

For the first time, the 2016 edition includes a chapter on the topic of "women, peace and security". Kvinna till Kvinna has been pushing for this for several years by contributing to the yearbook with experiences of our work.

"It's an important statement for SIPRI to so clearly include the question about women's participation and security, as the institute has very much focused on traditional security policy issues for a long time," says Petra Tötterman Andorff, Kvinna till Kvinna's Deputy Secretary General.

Kvinna till Kvinna wants to contribute to the security policy debate with a gender perspective. We do so by

collaborating with relevant academics, universities and research institutes. We also try to find methods of gathering knowledge from our partner organisations.

"Moreover, we want to complement existing experiences and knowledge, both internally and at our partner organisations, with relevant research results," says Petra Tötterman Andorff.

GOALS

Long-term goals

- Promote research and studies about how war and armed conflict affects women's situation in society, and the importance of women's participation in peace processes.
- Get researchers and academic institutions to include a gender perspective in studies that affect women, peace and security.

Short-term goal

- In 2017, Kvinna till Kvinna will be arranging seminars at SIPRI's Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development.





ITP participants Kaw Mai and Thandar Oo from Myanmar. Behind them, San Yamin Aung.

Kvinna till Kvinna has been running the International Training Programme (ITP), for more than five years, bringing together women's rights defenders, civil servants and journalists to learn about gender-equal peace in line with UN resolution 1325. Since its inception, the ITP has had more than 400 participants from 11 conflict-affected countries.

From distrust to dialogue in Myanmar

One of the participants in 2016 was the women's rights defender Nang Phyu Phyu Lin from Myanmar. She says that few women participate in the peace process in her country:

"Many of the documents produced for Myanmar's peace work are lacking a gender perspective. There is a political unwillingness to improve the situation."

Even if the road to gender-equal peace is long, the ITP training has contributed to dialogue between civil society and state actors in Myanmar, which is an important success.

A SUCCESSFUL PEACE PROCESS INCLUDES WOMEN

There are ongoing peace negotiations taking place in Myanmar, but women are notably absent at the negotiating table. Through Kvinna till Kvinna's ITP training, we help to get women involved in peace work.

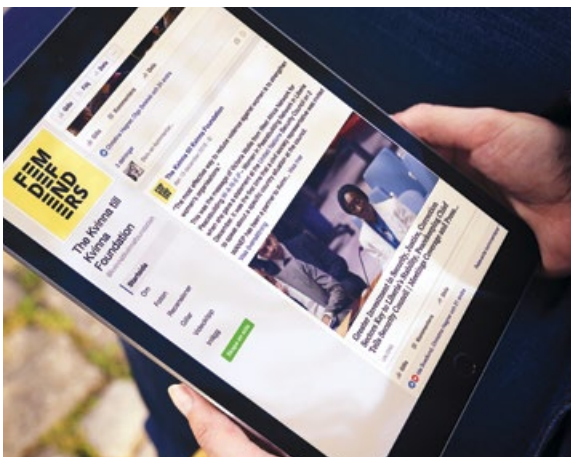
In 2016, a historic referendum was held in Colombia about a peace treaty between the government and the Farc guerrilla. One of the people who contributed to the treaty was ITP participant Vanessa Molina, legal advisor at the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace in Colombia. She has good things to say about the ITP training:

"I wish that you had been there during the negotiations, to understand what the training has meant, and how you impacted the process. Our women have been strengthened and their voices have been heard."

Active networks

All ITP trainings, except the ones in Colombia and Myanmar, entered their final stages in 2016. A challenge moving forward is to maintain cooperation between the participants. We are happy to see that many participants now are connected via social media. And in Liberia, participants have created a network with joint plans.

Photo: Mary Lou Trapper



The most effective way to reduce violence against women is to strengthen women's organisations.

These were the words of Victoria Wollie from Liberia, addressing the UN Security Council in December. Victoria Wollie has participated in two ITP trainings and she is active in Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation WANEP. This is the first time that the Security Council has invited civil society to speak about the situation in a specific country.

Kvinna till Kvinna was founded by the Swedish Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). The Board is appointed by WILPF Sweden and the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Association. The Board bases its work on the Rules of Procedure together with the long-term strategic plan and annual work programmes, which are evaluated every year. The Secretary General runs the operations of Kvinna till Kvinna as directed by the Board.

REGULAR MEMBERS

- 1. CHAIRMAN**
- 2. VICE CHAIRMAN**
- 3. SECRETARY**

1. BIRGIT HANSSON

Active on the Board since 2010. Licensed psychologist. Has been President of the Swedish Psychological Association and Rector of the Swedish National Police Academy. Holds an honorary doctorate from Stockholm University.

2. VIOLA FURUBJELKE

Active on the Board since 2011. Former Member of the Swedish Parliament (Social Democrats) and president of the committee on foreign affairs, ambassador in Syria/Lebanon and Secretary General for the Olof Palme International Center. Previously served as Chairman of the Swedish UN Association.

3. JESPER HANSÉN

Active on the Board since 2012. Area Director for Asia and Europe at Save the Children Sweden. Former Secretary General at the Swedish Foundation for Human Rights.

4. MARIA APPELBLOM

Active on the Board since 2007. Master of Laws and Master in Human Rights. Has held a number of positions on a strategic level within the Swedish Police. Since 2014, Chief of the UN Standing Police Capacity.

5. LARS JALMERT

Active on the Board since 2012. Emeritus Professor of Education at Stockholm University. Board member of Men for Gender Equality, the Fredrika Bremer Association and Feministiskt Perspektiv. Politically active in the Swedish feminist party, Feministic Initiative.

6. DEVRIM MAVI

Active on the Board since 2014. Head of the Feminist Initiative party's registry at Stockholms stadshus. Engaged in gender equality and anti-racism issues. Former Editor-in-chief, journalist and debater.

7. MARIE SUNDBERG

Active on the Board since 2015. Financial journalist for more than thirty years, the last ten years as a foreign correspondent. Degrees in economics and journalism.

DEPUTY BOARD MEMBERS

8. BANAFSHE HEJAZI

Active on the Board since 2015. Human Rights Strategist, Executive Office, City of Stockholm. Has spent the last 15 years working with issues concerning gender, human rights, peace and conflict in Sweden and abroad. She has a BA in gender studies and a masters in law and politics of international security.

9. KARIN KARLSBRO

Active on the Board since 2015. Sustainability Manager at the Swedish Property Federation. Former permanent secretary at the Swedish Liberals parliamentary secretariat and chief-of-staff at the Government Offices of Sweden. Licensed lawyer.

10. KAJSA WEJRYD

Active on the Board since 2014. Teacher and retired administrative manager. Has been actively involved in gender issues for many years. President of Women in the Church of Sweden from 1995 until 2003.



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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR 2016

THE KVINNA TILL KVINNA FOUNDATION
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Information about our operations

Kvinna till Kvinna's vision is a world of sustainable peace based on democracy and gender equality, and where conflicts are dealt with through non-violent means. A world in which human rights are respected and where all people can feel safe and secure. A world in which women have power and influence over decisions and are actors in the economic and political development of society to the same extent as men.

Kvinna till Kvinna's established mandate

- To conduct projects in war and conflict-affected regions that promote women's self-reliance and self-esteem, women's psychosocial and/or physical health, or contribute to promoting women's participation in building a democratic civil society.
- To foster studies and research on the effects of war and armed conflict on women.
- To publicise facts and information about the effects of war and to build public support for peaceful conflict resolution through the use of civil methods.

Widespread support in Swedish society

Kvinna till Kvinna is supported by a number of Swedish organisations. These organisations (see below) take it upon themselves to inform their members about our work:

1.6 Million Club, Centerkvinnorna (The Centre Party Women's Organisation), Farmaciförbundet (Swedish association of pharmacies, since 2014 part of Unionen trade union), Feminist Initiative, The Fredrika Bremer Association, Swedish Disability Federation, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, The Christian Democratic Party Women's Association, The Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation, Kvinnor för Fred (Women for Peace), Kvinnor i Socialistiska Partiet (Socialist Party Women), Church of Sweden women's organisation, The Swedish Federation of Liberal Women, The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO), Swedish Green Party, Moderate Women, Riksförbundet Hem och Samhälle (Society for Home and Community), The Swedish Federation of Immigrant Women's Associations (RIFFI), National Organisation for Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters in Sweden, Save the Children Sweden, Social Democratic Women in Sweden, Socialist Party Women, Soroptimist International of Sweden, United Nations Association of Sweden, The Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, Swedish women's left-wing association, The Swedish Ecumenical Women's Council, The Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees (TCO), Bang Magazine, UN Women Sweden, Verdandi (Swedish Workers' Association for Fellowship and Solidarity), Women's Policy Committee of Sweden's Left Party

Significant events during 2016

In 2016, there were more people fleeing war and oppression than ever before. Regions that Kvinna till Kvinna operates in were seriously affected, in particular the Middle East. Kvinna till Kvinna operates in several of the countries surrounding war-torn Syria. Our partner organisations in Lebanon and Jordan are adapting their work to help women refugees with psychosocial support and vocational training, a real lifeline to many of these women. Kvinna till Kvinna's ability to provide support quickly in urgent situations is becoming increasingly important.

In the meantime, it is the long-term efforts to promote change that most of our partner organisations are focusing on. In 2016, there were some very positive results with respect to creating long-term change for women's rights.

In the South Caucasus, a region that is plagued by unresolved conflicts and patriarchal structures, Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisations have been working to break taboos about speaking out about domestic violence. Their work has had positive results, and in Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia, the authorities have started to take the issue seriously, and the police and courts now treat domestic violence as a legal offense.

Thanks to the efforts of partner organisation Avangard, there has been a decline in child marriage in the eastern parts of Abkhazia. In one village, the practice of child marriage has been terminated completely.

Also in Liberia and the DRC, violence against women is a widespread problem that represents a major obstacle to women's political participation. As a result of the long-term efforts to change norms and attitudes concerning women's role in society, we were able to see that the number of women decision-makers in Liberia had increased in 2016.

In the DRC, our partner organisation SOFAD ran a project on women's rights to own land in 2016. This project has had positive results – traditional chiefs and authorities in Uvira Territory decided to increase women's representation in land institutions and make it possible for women to become landowners.

Almost twenty years have passed since the wars in the former Yugoslavia came to an end, yet the ethnic tensions are still very much felt in the region and women's rights are increasingly limited. One positive development is that several of our partner organisations are now cooperating with various policy working groups on a government level, including one on Kosovo's accession to the EU. The Kosovar Women's Network has been acting as a consultative body to the prime minister's office for all new legislative proposals in Kosovo.

More and more people are following Kvinna till Kvinna on social media, and we now have almost 60,000 followers on our various channels. We have both a Swedish and English Facebook page, as well as Twitter and Instagram accounts. Our media presence has also been significant. We appeared on television and radio 25 times and the

peace protest in December under the motto *Stop the violence in Aleppo* was reported in 131 news channels, meaning that our message was able to reach hundreds of thousands of Swedish citizens.

During the year Kvinna till Kvinna did a thorough review of the work our partner organisations do to combat gender-based violence, and we learned that in 2015 they helped 80,000 people, providing psychosocial support, legal aid and advice. The vast majority of these (80 per cent) were women and girls.

In 2016, we were proud to be ranked 4th out of 76 international organisations in a survey about partnership. The results were based on anonymous responses from the organisations that we support. They provided a great deal of positive feedback about their collaboration with us. We also won the award for *Best Annual Report within the non-profit sector*. The motivation from the jury was: "Kvinna till Kvinna has, from the very first page, successfully managed to explain how the world, their organisation and their operations are related, in a clear and comprehensible manner."

Quality assurance work: Since 2009, Kvinna till Kvinna has issued a separate report in compliance with the guidelines of the Quality Code adopted by the member organisations of The Swedish Fundraising Council's (FRII). The purpose of this report is to improve transparency and to benefit management and control within the Council's member organisations. The Quality Code is the consolidation of all that is deemed good practice within FRII's member organisations.

Follow-up and evaluation: Kvinna till Kvinna's vision and three mandates indicate the direction of the organisation. Kvinna till Kvinna also has three thematic strategic aims with corresponding goals that have been presented in Kvinna till Kvinna's six-year strategy for 2016-2021. The strategy is monitored annually by all parts of the organisation's operations to assure compliance.

In addition to Kvinna till Kvinna's strategic plan, the organisation monitors and evaluates each programme to determine whether Kvinna till Kvinna and its partner organisations are on track to reaching their goals. Goals and indicators are specific to each programme. Both quantitative and qualitative indicators are used to help evaluate a programme's progress. Kvinna till Kvinna uses these indicators to follow up and subsequently understand its organisation, learn from experience and update its working methods and frameworks where needed in order to stay relevant. A number of different methods are used to achieve this, including reports from partner organisations, field visits, workshops and dialogue. Some goals are linked to specific activities (such as a course in sexual and reproductive health and rights) and the results are then measured directly in the form of an increase in participants' knowledge on the subject. Other goals are linked to long-term social change, such as greater respect for women's rights. These kinds of results are less quantifiable and measured over a longer period of time.

Profit/Loss and financial position

Kvinna till Kvinna's work has been implemented in compliance with our Articles of Association. This applies to the support of women's organisations in conflict-affected regions and our advocacy work.

Since mid-1993, Kvinna till Kvinna has disbursed monetary aid of 1,436.3 million SEK. Of this amount, 129.8 million SEK was disbursed in 2016.

Fundraising and donations

Money from fundraising and donations amounted to 14.6 million SEK in 2016, and including probono work the amount is 17 million SEK. Kvinna till Kvinna has been one of the beneficiaries of the Swedish Postcode Lottery since 2010 and received 10 million SEK in 2016.

Allocations and grants

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna supported 108 women's organisations in Central and West Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, the South Caucasus and the Western Balkans. The allocations amounted to 120.7 million SEK in 2016. We have also extended our contract with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) for Liberia and Georgia.

Profit/Loss for the year

We have a surplus of 901 TSEK this year (3,534 TSEK for 2015). During a review performed by Collectum, it was noted that Kvinna till Kvinna had not paid enough pension contributions for some employees between 2004 and 2013. The cost of retroactive pension contributions and income tax amounts to 436 TSEK and this has impacted the financial results for 2016.

For detailed financial accounting, see the following income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement and notes.

Other non-financial information

In 2016, Kvinna till Kvinna introduced a project on our working environment for employees. The initiative was presented at the head office as part of a presentation about stress and new regulations issued by the Swedish Work Environment Authority that aim to have systematic efforts on working environments.

As part of this initiative, Kvinna till Kvinna has since August 2016 been sending out monthly surveys to staff to gather statistics about the working environment. A large employee survey consisting of 22 questions was performed in November. A similar study was carried out in 2013. The surveys aim to identify strengths and focus areas for Kvinna till Kvinna's working environment.

At the end of 2016, we had a total of 103 employees. Adjusted for those on leave of absence, temporary employees and short-term projects, this figure comprised 93 full-time positions. Of these, 53 were at the head office in Stockholm, where work is focused on coordination of support in conflict-affected regions, communications and fundraising, management and methodology development, as well as human resources and finance issues.

There were 40 people working at the offices in the organisation's programme countries. The offices in the Middle East are located in Erbil, Beirut, Jerusalem and Amman. The office in the South Caucasus is located in Tbilisi in Georgia. In Africa, we have offices in Monrovia in Liberia, and in Bukavu in the DRC. Our offices in the Western Balkans are located in Belgrade, Pristina, Sarajevo and Skopje. Of the employees at the field offices, 33 were locally and nationally employed staff.

Voluntary work

For a few years now, Kvinna till Kvinna has focused on raising awareness about and widening the possibilities for doing voluntary work at or for the organisation. In 2016, volunteers were able to collect more money to support the work of Kvinna till Kvinna than ever before and they reached more than 10,000 people. The volunteers also created meeting places for all those wanting to get involved in women's rights. Thanks to funding from the Swedish Inheritance Fund, and a collaboration with the Sensus Study Association, the organisation was given a major boost in 2014–2016. There are local volunteer groups in six cities: Gothenburg, Malmö, Stockholm, Umeå, Uppsala and Linköping. There are 200 volunteers involved in these groups. Around sixty external activities, such as lectures at international affairs associations, lectures at schools, participation in events such as university fairs, book stalls and film screenings, have been arranged by and together with our volunteers. Moreover, the volunteers have also participated in larger events, and have represented Kvinna till Kvinna in panel discussions at *Feministiskt Forum* in Stockholm, exhibitions and film screenings at the *Göteborg Book Fair*, and the *Swedish Forum for Human Rights* that was held in Malmö.

During 2016, the volunteer group in Stockholm also arranged a local study group for newly arrived women at Botkyrka Folk High School.

The volunteers frequently appeared in the media representing Kvinna till Kvinna, including an in-depth interview with Linköping volunteer Julia Mitic in *Östgöta Correspondenten* on the 8th of March and Dajana Mehdi in Gothenburg in *Göteborgs-Posten*.

Our volunteers in Uppsala wrote an op-ed in *Uppsala Nya Tidning* that was published on the 8th of March.

In November 2016, our volunteers at Botkyrka Folk High School raised awareness about feminist perspectives as part of their Femdefenders Day event.

In addition to the external events, volunteers also arranged their own monthly gatherings to provide and receive training on issues concerning Kvinna till Kvinna, and to plan activities. Such meetings take place at least once a month. In early December, we arranged a national meeting for all our volunteers to enable them get to know each other and share their experiences.

In 2016, three volunteers from local groups also participated in a regional meeting on the Balkans through Kvinna till Kvinna's project *Young Women's Peace Academy*. During the regional meeting, the volunteers held a workshop on sustainable commitment, organisation and voluntary work for other young activists.

Future progress

Kvinna till Kvinna's strategy, which is to guide the organisation until 2021, focuses on three thematic areas where Kvinna till Kvinna will push for progress together with its partners.

The three thematic strategic aims:

- A future where women are not subjected to gender-based violence.
- A future where women participate fully and effectively in the development of an equal and democratic society.
- A future where global security is based on human security and where women's human rights are respected.

The strategy also has a fourth theme that guides the organisation's internal development:

- Kvinna till Kvinna is a sustainable organisation that is well-known in Sweden and internationally for its work in supporting women in conflict-affected regions.

The strategy sets a clear need for the decentralisation of the international programme activities, a process that requires a holistic organisational approach and will involve change within a number of areas at head office and regional/country office levels. Systems and structures for financial management, administration and HR work will need to be adapted to the prevailing situation in the programme countries, which can vary a great deal from country to country. We also see that the organisation is and will be undergoing extensive digitalisation in many areas, including internal communications, finance, project management, security systems and more.

Administration

Kvinna till Kvinna was initially formed as a network of women's organisations in 1993. The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation was founded by the Swedish Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) in 1995.

The organisation is headed by a Secretary General. Kvinna till Kvinna has three departments (Resource Department, Communication Department and Field Department) and each department is managed by a Head of Department (the Deputy Secretary General, the Head of Communication and the Head of Development Cooperation). The Resource Department comprises three units: Methodology, Finance and Human Resources. The Head of Finance and Human Resources is part of the organisation's overall management team, along with the Secretary General and the other Heads of Department.

During the year, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General were co-opted members of the Board. A Board Secretary and a staff representative, with a personal deputy, were also co-opted to the Board. The Secretary General reports to the Board, and the Board appoints and dismisses her.

The Board is elected every fourth year by WILPF Sweden (6 members) and the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society (1 member). The current Board took up office in May 2015.

The Board's Rules of Procedure and Annual Plan are revisited annually. The purpose of the Rules of Procedure is to specify procedures for the Board's work, allocate responsibilities among Board members, and to clarify the division of responsibilities between the Board and the Secretariat. The Rules of Procedure also outline the organisation's long-term strategy, the management and control systems, as well as the systems for managing and administering funds. The Rules of Procedure also control matters relating to the accounts and budget decisions, and that Kvinna till Kvinna's auditors must attend at least one Board meeting each year, which they have indeed done in 2016.

Board Members

2016

Number of meetings 2016	
Birgit Hansson, Chairman	8
Viola Furubjelke, Vice Chairman	6
Jesper Hansén, Secretary	6
Maria Appelblom	6
Lars Jalmert	7
Devrim Mavi	4
Marie Sundberg	8
Kajsa Wejryd, Deputy Member	7
Banafshe Hejazi, Deputy Member	4
Karin Karlsbro, Deputy Member	4
Eliza Küçükaslan, Deputy Member, dismissed 10 February 2016	0

Multi-year overview	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
General conditions					
Average number of employees	93	98	92	78	62
Number of partner organisations	108	104	130	133	132
Income and cost-benefit analysis (EURO)					
Operating income	14 430	14 234	13 998	12 791	12 555
Operating expenses	-14 317	-13 845	-13 867	-12 932	-12 542
Profit (loss) from financial items	-19	-14	-33	1	-10
Tax on economic activities	0	-7	-7	-	-
Net profit (loss) for the year	94	369	90	-140	3
Financial position					
Equity (EURO)	465	371	1	-89	52

Unless otherwise specified, all amounts are reported in TSEK. The figures in brackets represent last year's values.

Changes in equity	Specific-purpose donations	Retained equity	Net profit (loss) for the year	Total equity
Equity 01-01-2016	167	-55	3 436	3 548
Donor-specified purpose 2016 not utilised	31	-	-	31
Utilised donations	-16	-	-	-16
Transfer to net profit/loss for the year	-	3 436	-3 436	-
Net profit (loss) for the year	-	-	886	886
Equity 31-12-2016	182	3 381	886	4 449

Specification of specific-purpose funds

The following funds are included: Bosnia-Herzegovina 52 TSEK and Syrian refugees 130 TSEK.

INCOME STATEMENT

Income statement	Note	2016	2015
The Foundation's income	2		
Donations		14 636	14 869
Grants		120 721	118 744
Other operating income		2 742	2 611
Total income for the Foundation		138 099	136 224
Operating expenses	3, 4		
Programme service expenses		-129 755	-123 647
Fundraising expenses		-2 153	-2 215
Administrative expenses	4	-5 108	-6 630
Total operating expenses		-137 016	-132 492
Result of operations		1 083	3 732
Profit (loss) from financial items			
Other interest income and similar income statement items		687	562
Interest expenses and similar profit/loss items		-869	-698
Total profit (loss) from financial investments		-182	-136
Profit (loss) after financial items		901	3 596
Tax	5	-	-62
Net profit for the year		901	3 534
Allocation of net profit for the year			
Net profit for the year according to the income statement (see above)		901	3 534
Utilisation of designated/unrestricted reserves from previous years		16	-
Reservation of designated/unrestricted funds received but not utilised during the year		-31	-98
Amount remaining for the year/funds carried forward		866	3 436

Balance sheet	Note	2016-12-31	2015-12-31
Assets			
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets			
Equipment	6	193	429
Total fixed assets		193	429
Current assets			
Stocks etc.			
Merchandise		33	-
Current receivables			
Accounts receivable – trade		788	618
Other current receivables		1 917	3 768
Prepaid expenses and accrued income		4 163	2 020
Total current receivables		6 868	6 406
Cash and bank balances			
		87 665	43 779
Total current assets		94 566	50 185
Total assets		94 759	50 614
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Funds brought forward		3 548	14
Net profit (loss) for the year		901	3 534
Total capital and reserves		4 449	3 548
Current liabilities			
Liability from received but not utilised grants	7	18 785	36 026
Other current liabilities		4 727	3 704
Accrued expenses and deferred income	8	66 798	7 336
Total current liabilities		90 310	47 066
Total equity and liabilities		94 759	50 614
Contingent liabilities and contingent assets	9		

CASH FLOW STATEMENT INDIRECT METHOD

Cash flow statement indirect method	2016	2015
Operating activities		
Operating profit (loss) before financial items	1 083	3 732
Adjustment for items not included in cash flow, etc.	236	283
Interest received	1	1
Interest paid	-2	-6
Paid income tax	18	-312
	1 336	3 698
Increase/Decrease in stocks	-33	-
Increase/Decrease in accounts receivable – trade	-170	79
Increase/Decrease in other current receivables	-207	-2 255
Increase/Decrease in accounts payable – trade	656	273
Increase/Decrease in other short-term operating liabilities	42 485	-5 784
Cash flow from operating activities	44 067	-3 989
Investment activities		
Investments in tangible fixed assets	-	-106
Cash flow from financing activities	0	-106
Financing activities		
Exchange rate difference	-181	-130
Cash flow from financing activities	-181	-130
Cash flow for the year	43 886	-4 225
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	43 779	48 004
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	87 665	43 779

NOTE 1 Accounting and valuation principles

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act, BFAR 2012:1 (K3) and FRIL's Styrande riktlinjer för årsredovisning (Operating guidelines for annual financial statements).

Operating income

Only the inflow of economic benefits that the organisation has received or will receive on its own account is recognised as income. Unless otherwise specified below, income is valued at the fair value of the benefit that is received or will be received (receivable).

Donations

Donations include donations received from the general public, companies, organisations, associations, private and non-profit funds and foundations, and sponsorship. Donations also include bequests, the value of donated assets, and income from donations with deeds of gift. Funds from the Swedish Postcode Lottery are also classified as donations. Donations received in the form of undertakings by companies to pay a certain percentage of their sales to a fundraising organisation are also deemed funds raised because the third-party company is the seller – not the fundraising organisation.

Grants

Funds that the organisation has received from the European Union, the Swedish state and formally independent bodies formed by the EU or Swedish state, and which are provided in the form of transfers of resources to an organisation in exchange for that organisation having met, or having pledged to meet, certain conditions relating to its activities, are deemed public grants and are to be recorded as grants (K3, Sections 36.8 and 37.10). This is also a requirement in relation to the obligation to repay if the conditions are not met. The definition of a grant also applies to other organisations that provide funds under these conditions.

Other income

Primarily, income from successfully completed International Training Programme (ITP) courses.

Operating expenses

Programme service expenses

Programme service expenses refer to expenses that have a direct connection with the fulfilment of the organisation's purpose and Articles of Association, namely:

- To support projects that promote women's self-reliance and self-esteem, women's psychosocial and/or physical health, or contribute to promoting women's participation in building a democratic civil society.
- To publicise facts and information about the effects of war and to build public support for peaceful conflict resolution through the use of civil methods.
- To foster studies and research on the effects of war and armed conflict on women.

Administrative expenses incurred as a direct result of an activity/project are programme service expenses. Examples of such expenses are our overseas offices, central project management and project governance, as well as administration of grant applications.

Fundraising expenses

Fundraising expenses consist of expenses that have a direct connection to fundraising activities targeting any or all of the organisation's donors.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses that the organisation incurs to fulfil the quality requirements that we have for our purpose and for our donors, but that cannot be regarded as programme service expenses. In our allocations, around 7.3 percent finance the administrative expenses and these are accounted for as programme service expenses. Remaining expenses are those for certain managers and some staff within the finance and communication departments, as well as development expenses for administrative and organisational processes, accounting expenses and some of the common costs.

Common costs

The above costs include common costs that can be defined as follows: Common costs include IT, the finance and accounting function, the cost of premises, and management in the form of the Board of Directors and the Secretary General.

Leasing

All the organisation's leases are recognised as operating leases. Leasing costs include rental for premises.

Payments to employees

Current payments to employees in the form of wages and salaries, social security contributions and the like are recognised as expenses in pace with the employees carrying out their jobs. Since all pension obligations are classified as defined contribution plans, a cost is recognised in the year the pension benefits are earned.

Income tax

The tax expense for the year includes tax relating to this year's taxable income. This applies to our activities within the International Training Programme (ITP) that is classed as an economic activity. There are no temporary differences, which is why deferred tax is not reported.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are valued at their costs of acquisition less depreciation according to plan. Tangible fixed assets are systematically depreciated over their assessed economic life. In doing so, the following depreciation periods are used:

Equipment/Computers 5 years

Some equipment purchases are recorded as programme service expenses. This occurs when appropriations have been made for the purchase, or when, due to the high risk of theft in field work, the equipment is equated with expendable equipment. During the year, equipment purchases totalling 118 TSEK were recorded as programme service costs.

Receivables

Receivables are reported in the amounts that we estimate will be paid, based on individual assessment.

Foreign currencies

Receivables and payables in foreign currencies are valued at the closing day rate. Receivables in foreign currencies, foreign currencies in cash and bank balances in our field offices are valued at the exchange rate applied for the most recent transfer of funds from Sweden. These currencies are used in the field and are not intended to be returned to Sweden.

NOTE 2 The Foundation's income

	2016	2015
The Foundation's income is detailed as follows:		
Donations	14 636	14 869
Grants	120 721	118 744
Other operating income	2 742	2 611
Total	138 099	136 224

Donations are detailed as follows:**Donations reported in the income statement**

General public	3 731	4 430
Companies	255	181
Swedish Postcode Lottery	10 000	10 000
Other foundations	650	258
Total	14 636	14 869

Donations not reported in the income statement

Advertising	228	1 041
Probono services (estimated amount)	2 200	-
Total	2 428	1 041

Total donations

Donations reported in the income statement	14 636	14 869
Donations not reported in the income statement	2 428	1 041
Total	17 064	15 910

Grants recognised as income**Sida grants for projects and activities**

Western Balkans	9 432	4 448
South Caucasus	6 779	8 333
Middle East, Jerusalem	9 611	8 032
Middle East, Amman	22 005	11 846
Middle East, Iraq	1 343	8 371
Liberia	8 643	11 403
Afghanistan	529	2 237
Ukraine	2 822	164
Cross-regional framework allocations	26 825	16 473
Information contributions	2 352	2 106
Other Sida	7 391	8 319
Sida allocations for administration	7 802	6 813
Total	105 534	88 545

Other grants for projects and activities

Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	1 600	3 489
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FLOW project	534	12 766
Swedish Inheritance Fund	1 218	1 351
Folke Bernadotte Academy	1 598	1 982
International Alert EPNK project	1 041	720
Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs	3 677	491
Forum Syd	-	90
Swedish Postcode Lottery	5 519	9 310
	15 187	30 199
Total	120 721	118 744

NOTE 3 Leasing

	2016	2015
Future lease payments fall due according to the following:		
Falling due and payable within 1 year	5 859	4 496
Falling due and payable later than 1 but within 5 years	1 664	4 333
Falling due and payable later than 5 years	-	177
Total	7 523	9 006

Expensed leasing charges during the period	5 618	4 819
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Leasing charges include premises and office and IT equipment.

NOTE 4 Average number of employees, staff costs

	2016	2015
Number of employees, women only		
Sweden	62	64
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	3
Kosovo	2	3
Macedonia	2	-
Serbia	3	2
South Caucasus	3	6
Liberia and the DR Congo	8	10
Palestine and Israel	4	3
Jordan and Lebanon	5	4
Iraq	2	3
Total	93	98

Salaries and other employee benefits:

Secretary General	776	736
Other employees	31 073	30 851
Total salaries and benefits	31 849	31 587

Payroll overhead	12 774	11 971
(of which pension costs)*	2 612	2 537
Pension costs Secretary General	295	266

*Retroactive pension payments for 2004-2013 amount to 372 TSEK.

Board of directors and senior management**Number of board members on the balance sheet date**

Women	5	5
Men	2	2
Total	7	7

Number of Secretary Generals

Women	1	1
Total	1	1

Voluntary work

During the year, a varying number of people worked voluntarily for the organisation e.g. packing dispatches and with information and collection box fundraising. The value of these efforts has not been recorded in the income statement.

NOTE 5 Tax on net profit for the year

	2016	2015
Income tax is calculated on taxable economic activity		
Pre-tax profit recorded	-73	76
Tax calculated at the applicable tax rate (22%)	-	17
Adjustment of prior year tax	-	46
Reported tax expense	0	63

NOTE 6 Equipment

	2016-12-31	2015-12-31
Costs of acquisitions brought forward	1 807	1 701
Purchases during the year	-	106
Sales and disposals	-141	-
Closing accumulated costs of acquisitions	1 666	1 807
Depreciation brought forward	-1 378	-1 095
Sales and disposals	141	-
Depreciation for the year	-236	-283
Accumulated depreciation carried forward	-1 473	-1 378
Residual value according to plan carried forward	193	429

NOTE 7 Liability, received but not utilised grants

	2016	2015
Sida South Caucasus	85	477
Sida Europe/Western Balkans	3 551	1 113
Sida Middle East	1 166	8 635
Sida Liberia	757	1 022
Sida Afghanistan	-	2 022
Sida Ukraine	160	1 836
Sida framework grant	4 013	6 233
Sida information	172	209
Sida other	1 745	2 024
Other allocations	7 136	12 455
Total	18 785	36 026

NOTE 8 Accrued expenses and deferred income

	2016	2015
Accrued interest payments	-	3
Holiday pay	1 996	1 911
Other items	3 131	3 422
Prepaid grants, Sida	61 671	2 000
Total	66 798	7 336

NOTE 9 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

	2016-12-31	2015-12-31
Rental guarantee	849	849
Mortgages	664	664
Total	1 513	1 513

NOTE 10 Events after the balance sheet date

Two important funding agreements were finalised with Sida just before the end of year. We received an extension of our five-year agreement for the Middle East and North Africa. In addition, we will be establishing ourselves in Rwanda in 2017.

Stockholm 2017-03-29



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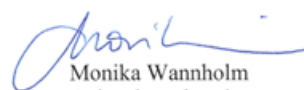


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Vår revisionsberättelse har lämnats 2017-04-27.



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Auktoriserad revisor



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AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the board of
Kvinna till Kvinna,
corporate identity number 802401-6134

Report on the annual accounts

Opinions

We have audited the annual accounts of Kvinna till Kvinna for the year 2016. The annual accounts is included on the pages 41-51 in this document.

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2016 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The statutory administration report is consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities* section. We are independent of the Association in accordance with professional ethics for accountant in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled my ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Other information than the annual accounts

It is the board of directors that is responsible for other information. The other information consists of an annual report (but does not include the annual accounts and our audit report regarding this).

Our statement regarding the annual report does not include this information and we do not make a statement regarding this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual report, it is our responsibility to read the information identified above and consider whether the information is to a significant extent incompatible with the annual report. In this review, we also take into consideration the knowledge we obtained during the audit, as well as assessing whether the information in general seems to contain material misstatements.

If, based on the work done, we conclude that the other information contains a material deviation, we are required to report this. We have nothing to report in that regard

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and that they give a fair presentation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The Board of Directors is also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts, the Board of Directors is responsible for the assessment of the Association’s ability to continue as a going concern. They disclose, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The going concern basis of accounting is however not applied if the Board of Directors intend to liquidate the Association, to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the annual accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, internal omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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- Obtain an understanding of the Association’s internal control relevant to my audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Association’s internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Director’s use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual accounts. I also draw a conclusion, based on the audit evidence obtained, as to whether any material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association’s ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the annual accounts or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion about the annual accounts. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual accounts, including the disclosures, and whether the annual accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We must inform the Board of Directors of, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit. We must also inform of significant audit findings during our audit, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements and statutes

Opinion

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts, we have also audited the administration of the Board of Directors of Kvinna till Kvinna for the year 2016.

In our opinion, the Board of Directors have not acted in breach of the foundations Act, the foundation regulation or the annual accounts Act.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities* section. We are independent of the Association in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for the administration according to foundation Act and the foundation regulation.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our objective concerning the audit of the administration, and thereby our opinion about discharge from liability, is to obtain audit evidence to assess with a reasonable degree of assurance whether any member

of the Board of Directors in any material respect has undertaken any action or been guilty of any omission which can give rise to liability to the Association.


Reasonable security is a high degree of security, but no guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect actions or omissions that can give rise to liability to the Association.

As part of an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. The examination of the administration is based primarily on the audit of the accounts. Additional audit procedures performed are based on our professional judgment with starting point in risk and materiality. This means that we focus the examination on such actions, areas and relationships that are material for the operations and where deviations and violations would have particular importance for the Association’s situation. We examine and test decisions undertaken, support for decisions, actions taken and other circumstances that are relevant to our opinion concerning discharge from liability.

Stockholm, 27 April 2017

Monika Wannholm
Authorized Public Accountant

Pernilla Varverud
Authorized Public Accountant



In Jordan, it is very difficult for women subjected to violence to get help. Kvinna till Kvinna's partner organisation Sisterhood is Global Institute makes a difference by running a support center, and raising awareness in society. One of the women who have received help is Aseel.

Photo: Christopher Herwig



Kvinna till Kvinna has a 90-account, which is a special type of account granted by the Swedish Fundraising Control for donations. It is the public's assurance that the fundraising is monitored by the Swedish Fundraising Control. It guarantees that the fundraising is managed in an ethical and responsible way, and that the funds that are collected are used for the intended purpose.



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