

Our 2022 Financials

PROGRAM	\$19,977,998.1	73%
MANAGEMENT/GENERAL	\$2,481,871.55	9%
FUNDRAISING	\$4,954,315.36	18%

\$23,600,436

Total Assets

\$3,766,064

Total Liabilities

\$19,834,373

Net Assets

Our fundraising model has engaged more than 250,000 supporters, enabling us to reach more than 550,000 participants since our founding. Data shows our programs means lasting impact. The personal nature of our mission - sponsorship and individual donations - mean our fundraising ratio is high. We take this seriously and work with external auditors to ensure our financial practices and costs are ethical and in the best interest of the women we serve.

"Supporting women to increase their knowledge, competence, and independence, thereby providing more successfully for their families, is my most important charitable goal. I can't think of a better place to invest than in Women for Women. The women who graduate from their programs receive education that gives them marketable skills, confidence, and a cohort of women who support them in their continued growth. Over time, they quite naturally become leaders in their communities, uplifting the lives of an ever-widening circle of women, men and children."

Nancy Sproull,
Major Donor



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Art therapy session in Poland with Ukrainian survivors.
Credit: Bereginia and The HumanDoc Foundation.

Ukrainian Women are Finding Strength in Unity

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February of 2022, there have been multiple reports of rape and torture perpetrated by Russian soldiers. The experience of surviving sexual assault and the loss of family and friends has left many women in physical, emotional and psychological distress.

To meet the needs of these women, we worked closely with our sister organization, Žene za Žene, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, who led our urgent

response to support women survivors of the war. Through four local partnerships formed through the Conflict Response Fund, we ensured women survivors had access to medical care, trauma-informed counseling and legal resources.

Alongside our partners, we are committed to supporting women caught in the crossfire of a relentless war, as they pursue their path towards healing and eventually rebuilding their lives.



"Thanks to Women for Women International and its partners, we were able to secure a temporary place of residence. We were in a new country, new laws, new language. None of us could speak a word of Polish. It was overwhelming."

Nastaysia,
Program Participant in Poland



SWSN program participants during training in Afghanistan. Credit: WfWI.

Act with Afghan Women

Since Taliban forces took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, women's lives have completely changed. They are experiencing a harsh rollback of their rights and are being systematically excluded from public life. Women in Afghanistan have lost many of their most basic freedoms – the freedom to leave their homes on their own, get an education, wear what they want and work wherever they want. Despite all the hardships they face, Afghan women have not given up the will to shape their own lives.



Obaida in her house with her chickens. Credit: WfWI

And we at Women for Women International have not given up our role supporting them to do it.

We've had to adapt and pivot several times, including modifying our curriculum and finding ways for our female staff to work virtually in some locations, while in other locations, locally-led teams have secured permission at the district and province levels to resume in-person trainings for participants by female staff. Women for Women International is one of the few organizations providing direct services and a safe haven for women to come to our training centers so they can continue their learning.

"In August 2021, as the world watched in horror when Taliban forces took control of Kabul, our lives changed for the worse. After a few months of despair, in February 2022, I heard that Women for Women International was reopening its centers. It was like a glimpse of hope in our lives."

Obaida, Program Participant
in Afghanistan



Proud Afghan participants during their graduation in Kabul, Afghanistan.



Reclaiming our Power to Choose

2022 IMPACT SUMMARY



Change Agents with their land titles in Bukavu, DRC.



A tailoring session in Kawrgosk refugee camp in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). Photo by Sabua.

Changing the World, One Woman at a Time

2022 has been marked by a rise in conflict and crisis. It's been a year in which women's rights have been systematically stripped away. Across the world, women have grappled with violence, inflation and the trauma of war.

Conflicts across the world, from Ukraine and Ethiopia to the DRC have displaced millions of people, most of them women and children, forcing them to flee everything familiar to them. In Afghanistan, women face ever-increasing

restrictions on their rights. In South Sudan and Nigeria, the cost of living means women must choose between feeding themselves and their families.

Despite these challenges, your generosity has enabled us to reach 553,437 women survivors of war since 1993. With your support, the women we serve have come together and realized their inherent power to rebuild their lives, their families, and their communities.

Our Programs

When women living in war-torn communities learn to reclaim their power, they use this power to rebuild their lives and families and transform their communities.



Stronger Women Stronger Nations Program (SWSN)

In 2022, a total of 25,572 women participated in the SWSN Program across seven different countries. It is our core 12-month long program in which participants form connections in class, learning how to earn and save money, build businesses, understand their rights, improve their health, and influence decisions in their families and communities.



Advocacy

In 2022, 450 Change Agents graduated, and we began training our first class in Iraq. In May, our Country Director for the DRC, Rachel Boketa, briefed the UN Security Council on armed conflict, poverty, and humanitarian access. At the 2022 UN General Assembly, we co-hosted a private roundtable with exiled Afghan women activists and decision-makers on how the international community can better support Afghan women.



Men's Engagement Program (MEP)

In 2022, we reached 7,734 men and worked with them to engage local leaders to use their influence to promote women's rights. Also, midline results from research in Rwanda, found that MEP, combined with SWSN, increased men's recognition of women's financial contributions and men's likelihood of reporting their earnings to a partner. It also significantly reduced women's victimization and acceptance of Intimate Partner Violence.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Over 2,000 women displaced in Poland and Ukraine received support through four local partners. At the same time, Žene za Žene fostered the growth of 16 small business associations.

Kosovo

Through a tailored version of the SWSN program, our sister organization Kosova Women 4 Women reached 711 women. An additional 138 women were added to a graduate network for connections for their businesses or social support, and 205 women also received mental health resources.

Syria

Our CRF partner Women Now for Development began training 250 women using our SWSN program approach and curricula. Women received the resources to reclaim their power amid the ongoing civil war.

Iraq

We expanded our programs to Nineveh Plains after the region's liberation from ISIS forces. This is an effort that has taken years in the making, and we are grateful that 700 women from ethno-religious minorities targeted by ISIS were able to convene for the first time in years as part of their healing process.

Afghanistan

After our training centers were able to re-open in January 2022 following the Taliban takeover in August 2021, hundreds of women showed up to enroll in our program. Across 16 different training centers located in four provinces, we were able to serve 3,310 women in our SWSN program.

Myanmar

74 women and 30 girls were trained on literacy, numeracy and basic life skills, with an emphasis on women's health.

Nigeria

Our Change Agents made history by opening a primary school. Established to increase educational access to girls, 92 students joined on the first day, half of this number being young girls.

South Sudan

Over 200 women graduates of our SWSN program received formal advocacy training. The new Change Agents applied their training to educate radio listeners in South Sudan and neighboring countries on topics like women's health and wellness, gender-based violence, and civic engagement.

Ethiopia

Two safe houses were established in the Amhara region for 291 women and their children to find temporary refuge, receive food and learn new trades. In Tigray, 951 women and girl survivors of sexual violence received counseling and psychological first aid.

DRC

In 2022, we expanded our micro-health insurance project to two new districts. Women and their families are achieving at least 50% reduction in fees on average, resulting in a greater likelihood that they will seek and receive the healthcare they need.

Rwanda

A total of 425 women were served in the SWSN program, many of whom were under 25 and had experienced teenage pregnancy. As part of the program, they received counseling services to reconnect with their families after the stigma of their pregnancies placed a strain on their relationships.

2022 Global Highlights

Your Impact



31,821

women served in 2022*



93%

graduation rate globally



196%

Increase in women's savings**



69%

fewer women report household food insecurity at graduation



84%

of women report participating in household financial decisions by graduation

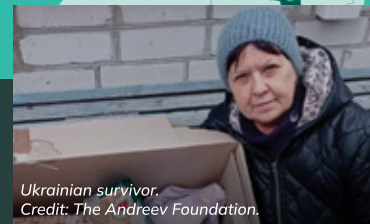


114%

increase on a scale measuring confidence and ability to reach goals

Responding to Emerging Conflicts

When war breaks out, women often suffer the most. In 2018, we launched the Conflict Response Fund (CRF) to respond to emerging conflicts around the world. WfWI identifies credible partners on the ground and allocates resources to meet the critical needs of women survivors, no matter what side of a conflict they are on.



Ukrainian survivor. Credit: The Andreev Foundation.

Ukraine

Partnering with The Andreev Foundation and D.O.M.48.24 to locate and support women survivors of the war in Ukraine.



Art therapy session. Credit: Bereginya.

Poland

Partnering with Bereginya - the Mariupol Women's Association, and the HumanDoc Foundation to provide resources for displaced Ukrainian women.



Program participants in Tigray region. Credit: Mums for Mums.

Ethiopia

Partnering with Mums for Mums in Tigray region and AWSAD and Agar Ethiopia in the Amhara region to reach women survivors of the civil war.



Life skill classes in Myanmar. Credit: CSI.

Myanmar

Partnering with the Center for Social Integrity to create educational opportunities for Rohingya women and adolescent girls to develop literacy, numeracy and life skills.

*Total women served in 2022 by WfWI directly and through partners.

** Average personal or household savings increased from \$62 to \$185 by program end.