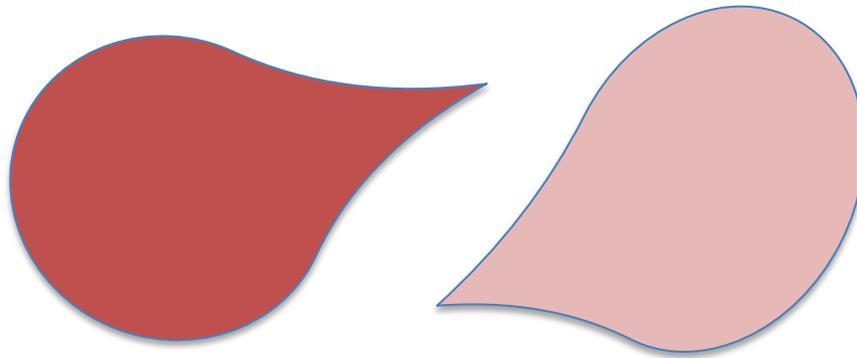




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The acronyms

DRC: Democratic Republic of Congo

CFR: confer

CENI: Independent National Electoral Commission

FDWM: Washawasha women for development of Mongbwalu

ARV: Antiretroviral

AFDCC: Association of Women for Development in Congo

AFD: Women's Action for right and Development

CTJ: Territorial Youth Council

SEPPAF: Services by, for and with women

SOFEJEP: Solidarity of organizations of women and young farmer's producers

HIV: human immunodeficiency virus

AIDS: Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

FFC: Funds for Congolese women

SEDECO: Support for Congolese Children in Need

SGBV: violence based on sexual gender

LSC: League for Congolese Solidarity

PFND: Platform of Women for Development of North Kivu

AGR: Income Generating Activity

USD: United state dollars

CEDAF: Documentation study center and of Action for Women

ESSAIM: framework for dialogue and action for the protection and rights of women

JED: Journalist in Danger

FFIDDHOP: Francophone fund of initiatives for Democracy, the right of man and peace

CFJ: the Collective of Women Journalists

AFEM: Media Women Association

TCC: The Carter Center

CIRGL: International Conference on the Great Lakes Region

GFW: Global Funds for Women

O/SESG: General Secretaries
PSC-F: Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework
FAS: Africa women solidarity
MONUSCO: UN mission for the stabilization of Congo
CERGL: International Conference for the Great Lake region
CEOV: coaching center for Orphans children and Widows of the Territory
PALU: LUMUMBISTE party unified
PPRD: parties of the people for democracy
MSR: Social Movement for change
UNAFEC: National federalist union of Congo
UNADEF: National federalist union
UDPS: Union for Democracy and proper Social
MLC: Movement for the Liberation of Congo
AFDC: Alliance of Democratic Forces of Congo
UCP: Union of Congolese for peace
BUREC: bureau
UNC: Union for the Congolese Nation
RCD -KML: Democratic Congolese rally for the development of Kisangani
DCF: Christian Democratic Federalist
INWF: International Network of Women Funds
AJWS: American Jewish World Service

Introductory words of Madame Julienne Lusenge, Director of FFC



On behalf of the team of Fund for Congolese Women (FFC) and its beneficiaries, I would like to express our gratitude to all those who contributed to our activities. We also extend our sincere thanks to partners and donors who have provided financial support to various projects being executed by the FFC during this 2015.

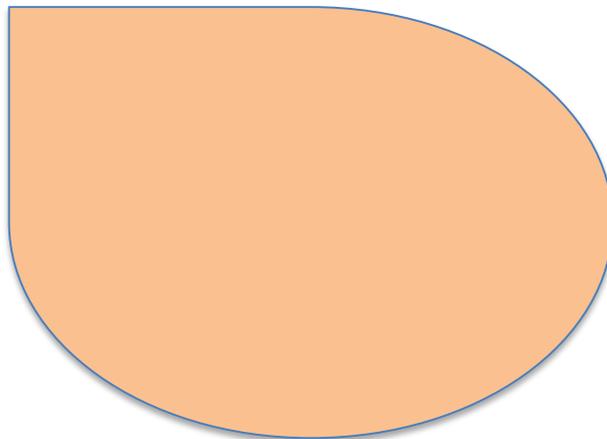
Today I am pleased to present the 2015 annual report of the FFC. This annual report is a presentation of the summary of actions taken on the ground by FFC and its beneficiaries. It is important to begin by recalling that in order to respond better to the local population, the labour of FFC is based on

exchanges and dialogues undertaken with women across the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In addition, all projects supported by the FFC have the overall aim of contributing to the implementation of Resolution 1325 of the UN Security Council on women, peace and security and the Millennium Goals development.

For years, the DRC has faced recurrent political crises, one of the causes is the challenge to the legitimacy of political institutions and actors. This challenge has taken on particular importance with the wars that have torn the country: the cities and property of the population were looted, men and children killed, women abused. Women are particularly affected by these conflicts and distress cries are heard in various parts of the country to denounce this situation. To add to this, it is important to remember the impact of some traditional customs that hinder the development and awareness of Congolese women. It is in this particular context that the Fund for Congolese Women and its beneficiaries undertake these activities for the restoration of peace in the DRC and the improvement of the situation of Congolese women.

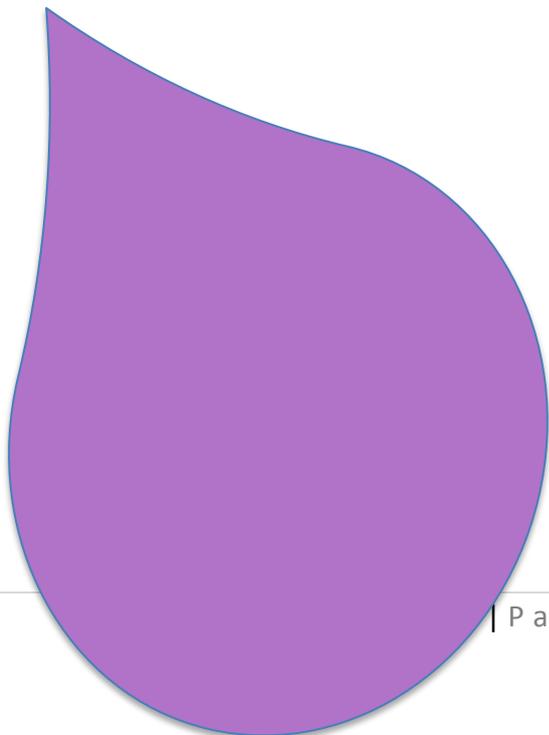
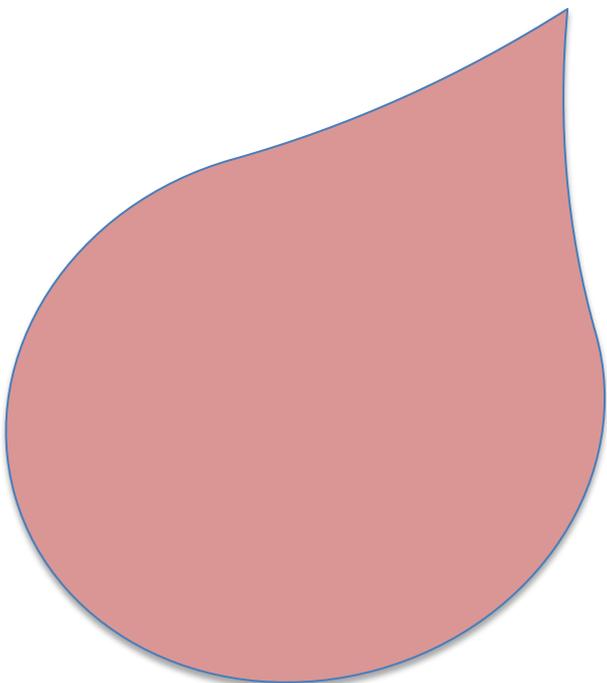
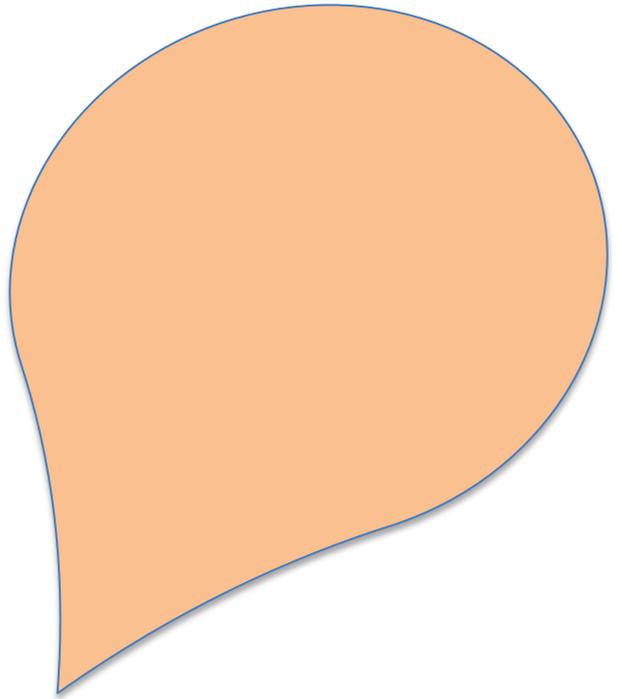
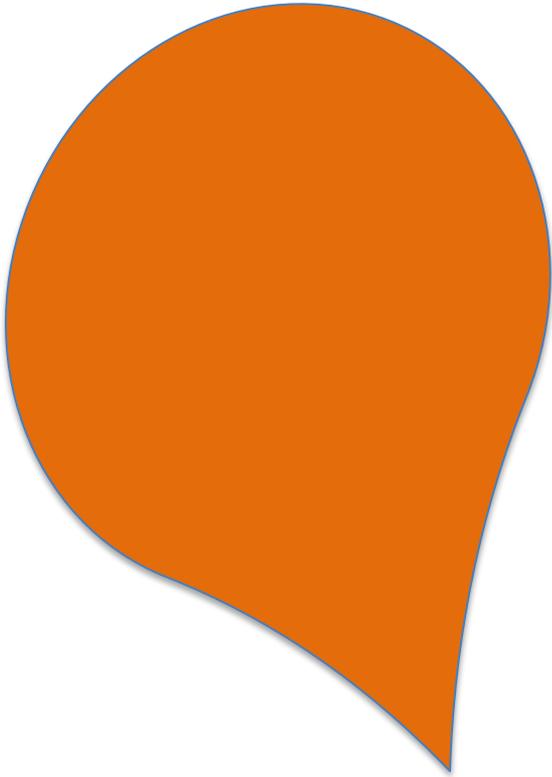
Despite the complexity of the political and security situation this year was rich in activities and successes for FFC. In total 52 projects across the country were funded by the FFC in these five areas: political participation and leadership; violence based on gender; the peace negotiations; women's empowerment; and HIV / AIDS and reproductive health. The work of the FFC is not just that. Indeed, we are also strengthening the capacity of recipient organizations in order to make them financially and technically independent. In addition, we regularly organize meetings for exchange of experience and good practices involving officials of recipient organizations in order to facilitate their work. Finally, FFC undertakes significant advocacy across the country, with political actors, as well as worldwide.

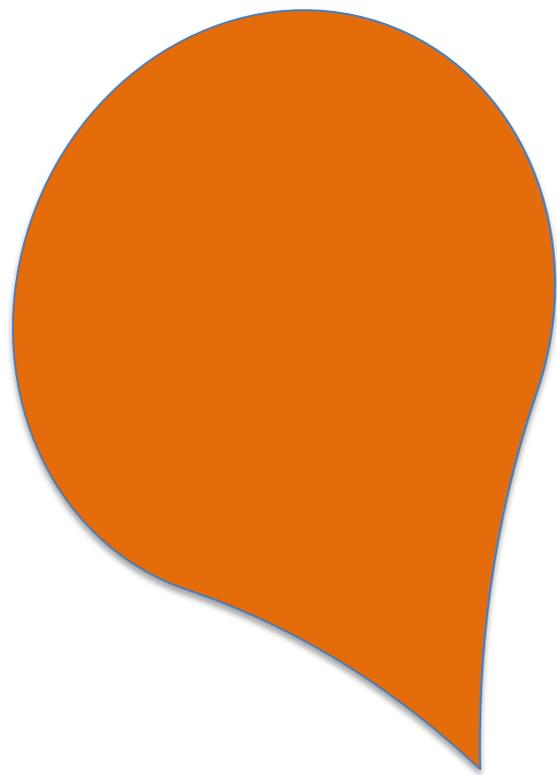
I hope you enjoy reading more on our activities, on projects that we supported and the results we have achieved. FFC has the vision of Congo without violence where women have their human rights and have the opportunity to participate at all levels in the decisions that affect their lives and communities. We are ready to continue to work hard in 2016 to achieve this goal in the near future.



Julienne Lusenge
Director of FFC

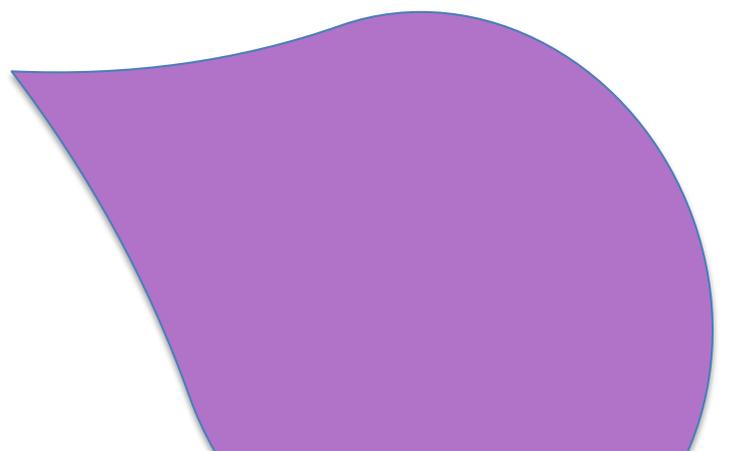
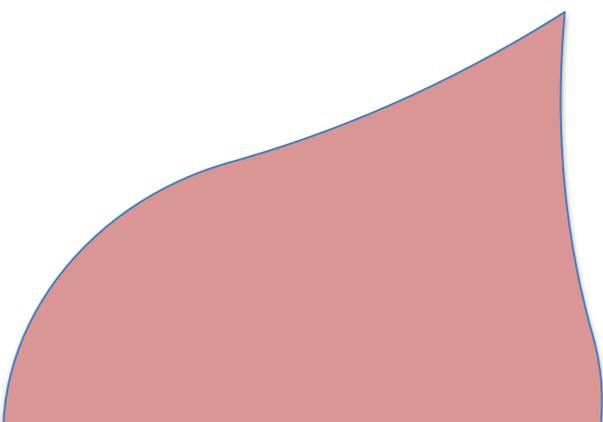


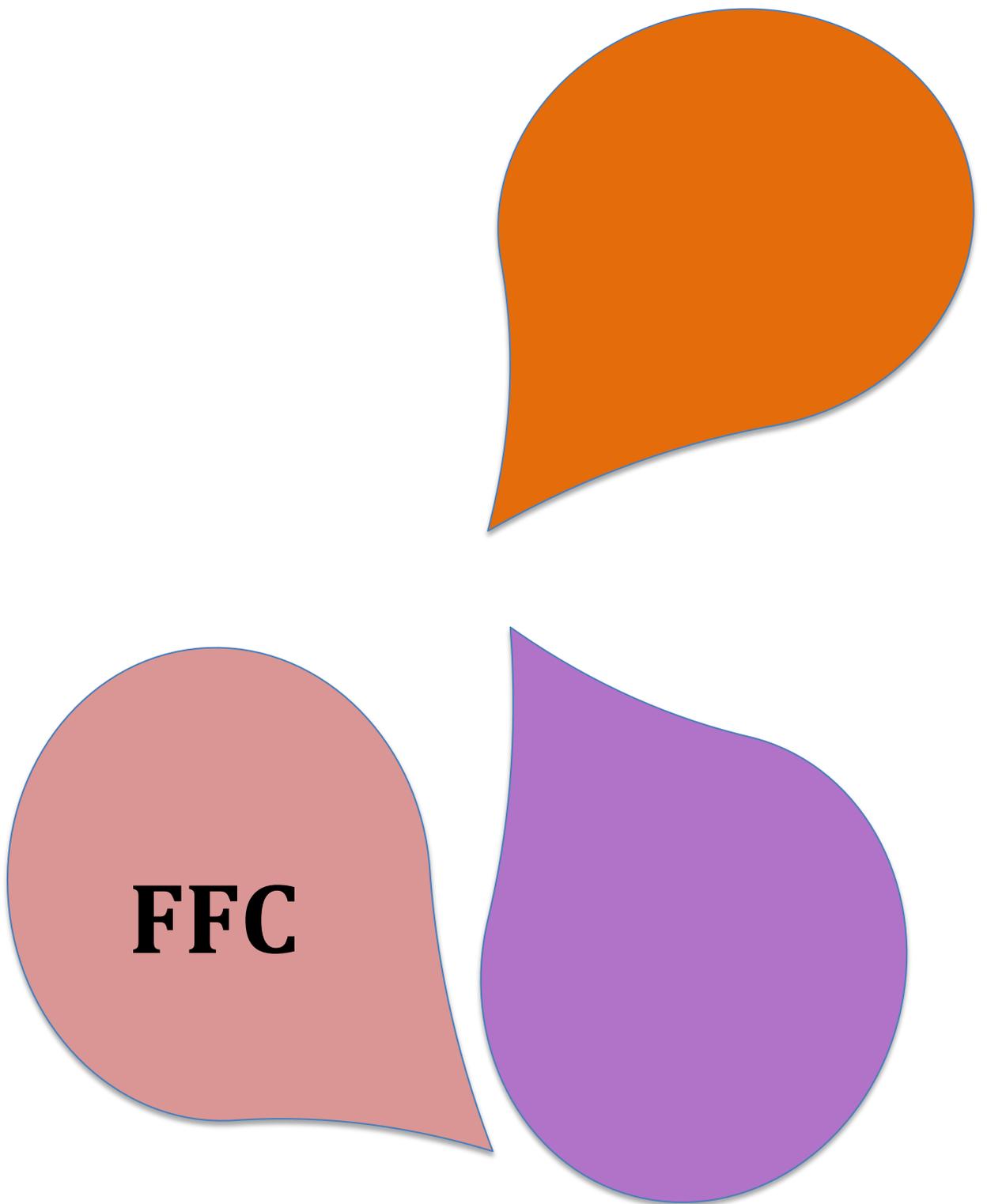




Funds for Congolese Women (FFC)

A basket of proximity





Our vision is to have a Congo without violence where women have their rights to physical integrity, economic justice and to participate in all levels of decision-making that affect their lives and communities.

Our mission is to support women's grassroots organizations for the effective promotion of right of Congolese women and girls

Values:

Participation

Equity

Transparency

Trust

Efficiency

Inclusivity

Interventions themes:

- Women's Leadership and participation of women in decision making bodies
- Sexual violence and the ones based on gender
- Empowerment of Women / girl
- HIV / AIDS and reproductive health

Scope:

North-Kivu, South-Kivu, Maniema, Eastern province, Bas-Congo, Equator, Kinshasa and North-Katanga

Context of DRC in 2015

The DRC is diving since the last quarter of 2014 in the electoral process through the publication of the electoral calendar, the promulgation of the electoral law; the revision of the electoral roll, the promulgation of the law on the establishment of new provinces, the establishment of the Constitutional court (ability to judge the president and prime minister), and the establishment of the national commission of human rights.

However, despite the implementation efforts of these instruments and institutions to support democracy, the woman has a little consideration in the light of the following facts: in the government of national unity, women represent only 7%; the constitutional court has two women on its eleven members; Finally, the National Commission on Human Rights has only two women out of 9 members.

In terms of the electoral law, a proposal to open a seat for nominations of women in districts with more than three seats was made. However, this measure, which had the goal of increasing political participation of women was rejected (see: Articles 13 of the electoral law in progress).

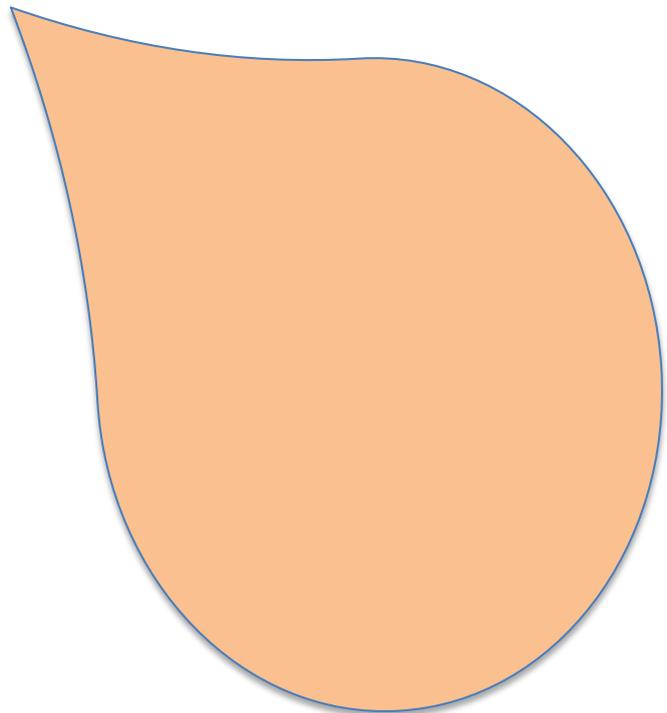
In the month of January, the DRC has experienced several incidents during the vote on the election law to the National Assembly and Senate. These tensions led to cases of murder, arrests, looting shops and internet outage across the country. Article 8 of the bill as proposed by the government would condition the elections to the general identification of the road infrastructure. This measure should therefore encourage the regime in late mandate, and would allow them to stay in power longer.

During the second half of 2015, other political events have made more vague electoral process, including: the decision of the Constitutional Court on the appointment of special commissioners to manage the new provinces dismembered; return to Greek calendar of governors elections in new provinces; provincial and local elections; the reconfiguration of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) after the resignation of members of the management committee and the appointment of a new team (i.e. the President, Vice-President and treasurer); the absence of an electoral calendar and the beginning of the national dialogue among political actors.

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This year, numerous cases of extortion of the population have been reported in eastern DRC on the axis Beni, Oicha-Mayimoya-Eringeti-Kainama-Mavivi. There have also been cases of men and women abductions by strangers in particular Mayangose; ambushes on Oicha-Eringeti road Beni-Butembo, Beni Kasindi; night robberies and rapes of; teenager girls and women in the town of Beni.

It is in this context that the Fund for Congolese women has evolved over the year. The FFC has supported financially and technically local initiatives for a better contribution to the promotion of women's rights at the local level, restoring peace and strengthening the women's movement from the base.



I. Granting

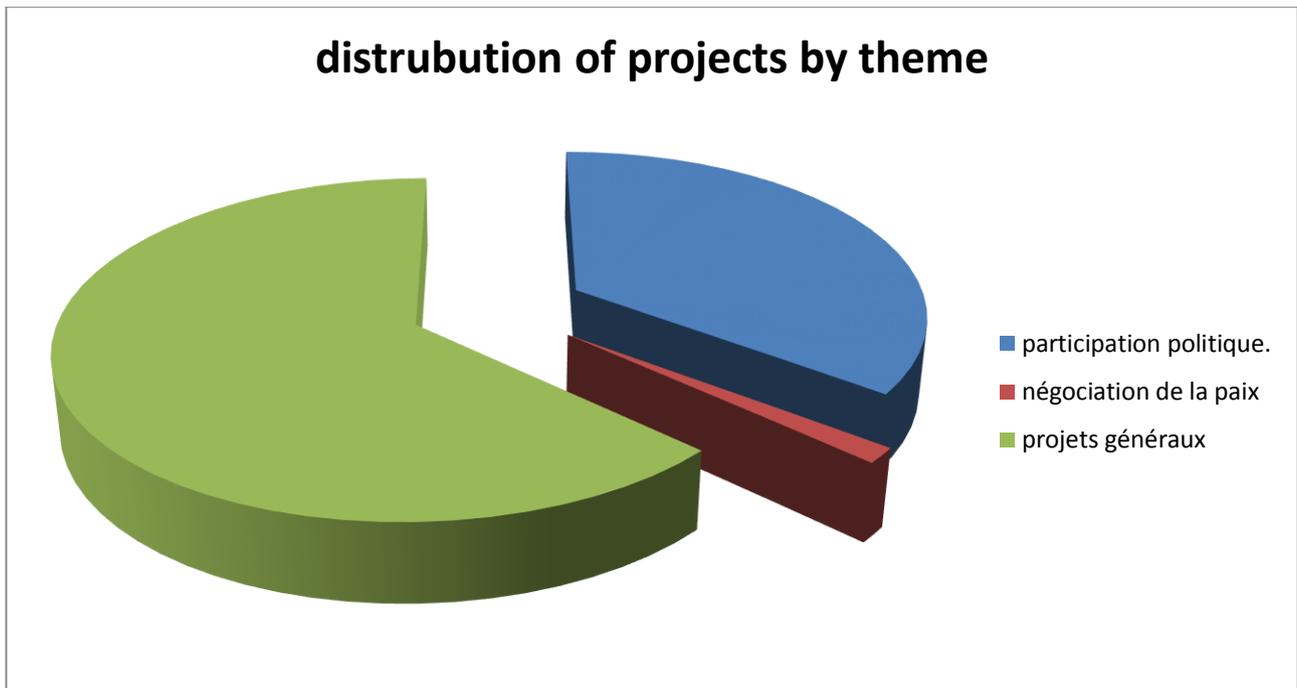
FFC launched a call for projects in 8 provinces of the DRC from 8 December 2014 to 15 February 2015.

In total 85 projects were submitted. 54 were selected by the selection committee and funded. The projects were divided as follows:

	Kinsha sa	Bas- Congo	Maniem a	Nort h Kivu	Katan ga	South- Kivu	Equato r	Eastern province	Total
Political participation and leadership	4	2	4	3	1	2	2	3	21
Gender violence	2	0	1	4	1	2	0	2	12
Peace negotiation	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Empowerment of women	2	0	0	3	0	5	1	2	13
HIV/AIDS and reproductive health	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	4
Freedom of expression	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	7	1	7	11	2	9	3	7	54

54 PROJECTS FINANCED IN 2015

The histogram below shows the proportion of projects received in the call for proposals in 2015.



Regarding political participation, 37 projects were received from different provinces namely: Bas-Congo, Equator, Katanga, Kinshasa, Maniema, North-Kivu, South-Kivu and Eastern province.

I.A institutional diagnosis

After the Board approved the projects selected by the committee, missions of institutional diagnostics are performed to assess the reliability, governance and management level organizations whose projects were selected.

To this end, the team diagnosed and provided technical assistance in project development through the recommendations of the selection committee to six organizations in North Kivu, Ituri, Tshopo and Tanganyika that were funded for the first time.

At the end of this mission, the finding was that organizations for promotion and defense of women's rights are very involved in changing the status of women but require capacity building sessions in project cycle management and are facing funding problems. To overcome these problems, as shown in the table above, the FFC funded and supported 54 projects in various fields.

Examples of projects funded in 2015 according to their theme:

✓ HIV/AIDS and reproductive Health

The city of Mongbwalu is a major mining hub that attracts people of different backgrounds. This has been the basis for the spread of HIV / AIDS.

With the first project of the organization of Washawasha Women for Development of Mongbwalu (FDWM), supported by the FFC in 2014, HIV prevalence increased from 8.5% to 8.1%. This project helped to increase the number of persons seeking medical services (screening). Statistics from inside hospital shows that in March 2014, patients receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) was 42. In March 2015 ARV patients are at number 119.

In pursuing this project in 2015, the organization FWDM has:

- Organized capacity building sessions for 57 teachers on HIV / AIDS and reproductive health.

- These teachers then integrate the concepts learned in the course of life education to raise awareness of students (12-20 years);

- Set up committees in 5 schools in Mongbwalu to educate students on reproductive health issues and fight against violence of any kind.

In addition, nurses trained last year continue to educate pregnant women on prenatal consultation for prevention against HIV / AIDS and reproductive health. The prevalence rate of HIV / AIDS, which was 8.1% in 2014 is now 8%.

- ✓ Female leadership and participation of women in decision making

Women's Association for Community Development in Congo (AFDCC) has set up a project that involves community mobilization on the political participation of women of Kingantoko sector in the territory of Kasangulu.

The AFDCC working on women's leadership and good governance in the territory of Kasangulu. This project aimed to mobilize women leaders, political parties and civil society to get involved in politics by filing their candidacies in local elections in the Kingantoko sector. 10 mobilizing women to this effect was enhanced the capacity on women's leadership and political participation. These mobilizers organized awareness sessions for women leaders, political parties and civil society to encourage them to submit their nominations for the upcoming local, municipal and urban elections and populations to support women candidates during coming the local elections.

✓ **Peace Negotiation**

Beni territory is more than ten years now the Ugandan rebel bastion of AFD / NALU that have managed to persuade some young people to join the movement at the base of inter-community conflicts (Nande, Mbuba, Mbute, Batangi and Babila). Faced with this situation, the organization Territorial Council of Youth (CTJ) has initiated a project entitled "Support to Youth for peace and civic culture in Beni territory." Through this project, the capacity of 30 young people (15 women and 15 men) were strengthened on peaceful cohabitation. The CTJ also sensitized 50 youth and incited them to dissociate from armed troops. Of these, 20 were disconnected and referred in support structures. 6 cores of peace and inter-community dialogue (composed of members from communities in conflict) have been established in six localities ERINGETI, MAYI - MOYA, OICHA, MBAU, MATUMBI and MAMOVE. These cores are designed to educate community members on peaceful cohabitation. In addition, this organization records all violations of human rights perpetuated in this area. This monitoring work is very useful for the assessment of the security situation

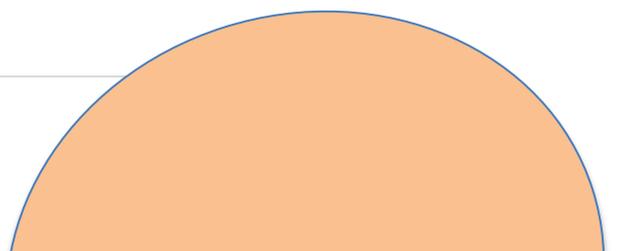
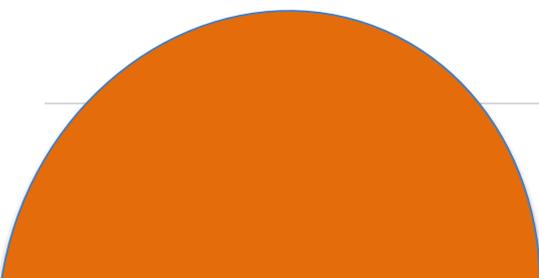
✓ Empowerment

During the past two decades, the Province of South Kivu has experienced several wars that caused population displacement and did sink the province into an unprecedented economic crisis, most young women are unemployed. This situation makes women very vulnerable. In addition, many cases of sexual violence against women were recorded in this region. To address these vulnerability, the organization SERVICES BY, FOR AND WITH WOMEN (SEPPAF), through its implementation of the project of a multipurpose center for learning of trades to vulnerable girls in Bukavu / South - Kivu has strengthened 25 women in trades training capacity of fittings, welding and woodwork.

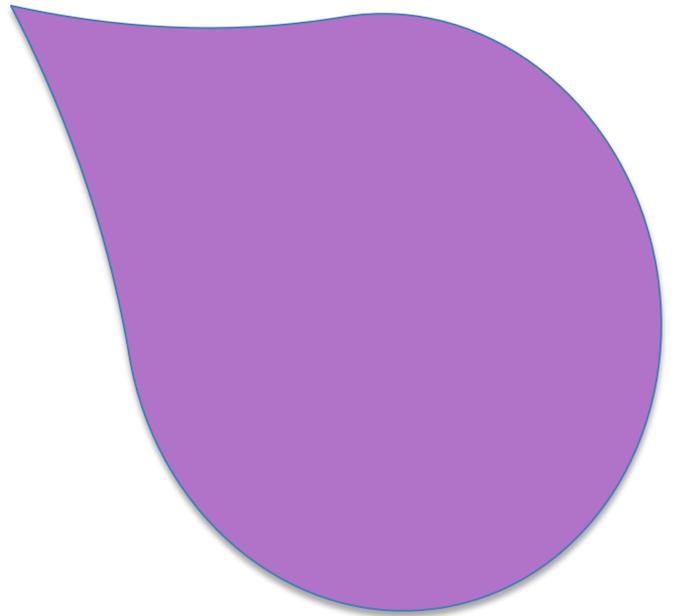
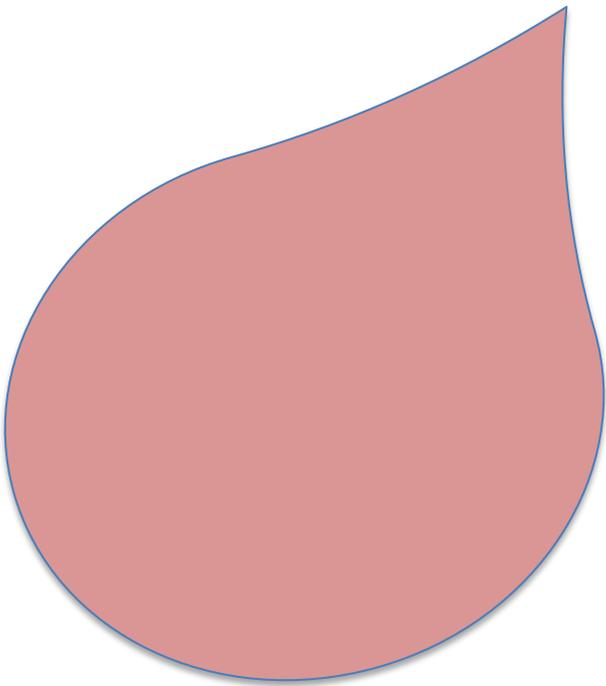
✓ Sexual violence and those based on gender

The traditional status of women in Lubero territory is characterized by the fact that it is considered inferior to men. Their rights are often violated and it is discriminated in various areas of daily life. There is therefore a need to organize awareness of associations of villagers to save and credit on economic activity and gender. To this end, the Solidarity of women's organizations and youth farmers' SOFEJEP "implements the project" Support to the fight against gender inequality. "

The project has encouraged collaboration between husband and wife in the collegial management of economic activities, including managing credit and savings and allocation of income and resources control. The project is running.



Our impacts on Field



I.B Monitoring and evaluation of projects supported in 2014

In addition to new projects supported, we also met the organizations supported in 2014 to evaluate the results over the long term activities implemented. It was a real motivation for the whole team to observe FFC project impacts on the daily lives of Congolese women.

Examples of changes identified on the field:

Given the stigmatization , rejection and contempt to which young mothers face in Kingabwa / Limeté area in the city province of Kinshasa, the Congolese organization Relief Children in Need (Secode) implemented the project "Support for activities socio-economic reintegration of young mothers. " This project has strengthened the capacity of 25 single mothers in learning dressmaking trades. Today:

- 10 single mothers working in the respective sewing workshops. They have become autonomous and can ensure their support and that of their children.
- 10 young mothers progress in the training center and mentor newcomers.
- 5 young mothers were able to set up their own workshops.



5 / 10 Women

FORMED WERE ABLE TO SET UP
THEIR OWN WORKSHOP

The program against SGBV (sexual and gender-based) found that women and girls displaced Mugunga / North Kivu camp are very vulnerable because of this conflict and wars raging in this region. To address the situation, the organization League for Congolese Solidarity (LSC) executed an empowerment project of 35 vulnerable girls and women of Mugunga through mushroom cultivation

Thanks to the sales of mushrooms, 24 women have saved \$2197.80!

During the project implementation, the LSC has set up two mushroom, one at Mugunga and one in Goma. It's then trained 35 women displaced by war on production techniques, marketing and have also set up a mutual solidarity of the 24 women. With women mutual, women contribute about \$ 1 each week to constitute a common fund to facilitate access to micro credit among group members

A second training was given on solidarity in mutual interest group and the credit system. It was about organizing a mutual whose credits granted come from membership fees through the mushroom cultivation business. Out of all funds raised by membership fees from the sale of crops of mushrooms and interests in repayment, this mutual solidarity currently has a total of 2000 000Fc is 2 \$ 197.80.

We believe that if a woman is independent, she can properly claim her rights

In Goma, due to the war, a majority of the population was deprived of his property and finds himself in a precarious situation of poverty. To contribute economic recovery, the organization "PFND" which is a Platform of Women for Development of North Kivu, implemented a project of reinforcement of capacities of 20 Women Victims of Violence in trades training and credit management. This project brought together women to learn their various trades. For this purpose, 20 women were trained in learning and management of income-

generating activities (IGA), as the manufacture of improved stoves, popcorn, peanut pastes and wire baskets raffia. These 20 women, grouped in 4 groups, benefited from microloans of \$ 450 per group. These microloans allow to empower them to and gives them the possibility of social reintegration.

- The first group of 5 women learned how to make baskets and mats. During the training, the women had learned to create a particular model, today they create their own model. They sell the cart \$ 2.22 and earnings collected allowed them to repay all their loans and increase their capital to \$ 600.



- The 5 women and girls trained in learning improved stoves are able to produce their own materials and sell them. They produce 5 stoves per day and sell them for \$ 5 or \$ 15, depending on the size of the stoves. Women share gains at the end of the week. This group also repaid all their credit and increased their capital to \$ 750.

The other two groups make pasta peanuts and popcorn. They have already paid \$ 250 to the organization that trained them.

Women and girls beneficiaries of the project say they are happy to have learned a trade that enables them today to have an occupation and gives them the possibility of economic reintegration and empowerment.

Women produced improved stoves they sell the profits received allow them to increase their capital from \$600 to \$700 and to support their families.

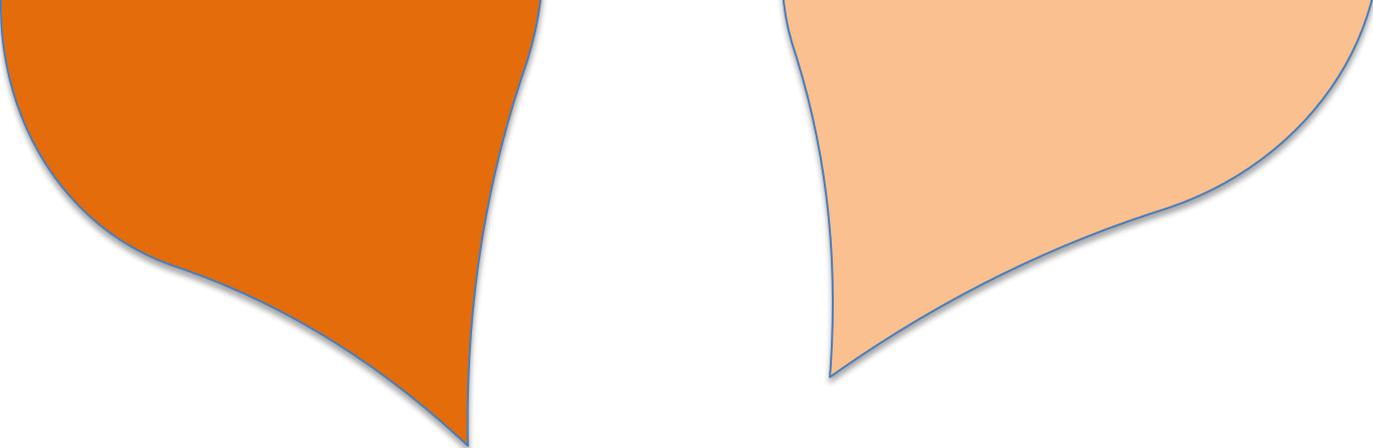


The representation of women in political institutions remains a concern in Mahagi territory, this compared to the number of men who hold elective and appointed positions. During the two rounds of elections (2006 and 2011), compared to men, women candidates were very low. This is observed in the statistics of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI), Mahagi area. One reason for this observation was noted by the organization Documentation Center of Study and Action for Women (CEDAF): the lack of knowledge in leadership and communication

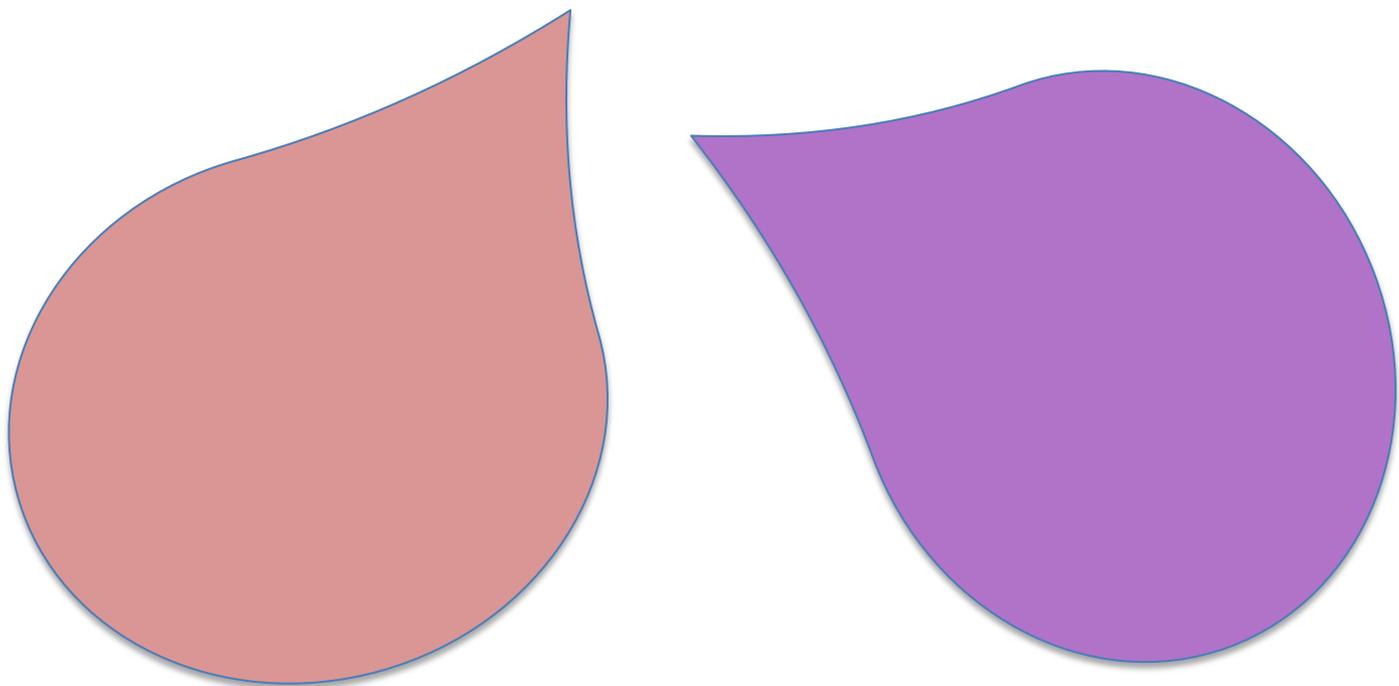
technology. To overcome these shortcomings, the CEDAW has strengthened the capacity of 15 women community leaders on women's leadership and participation in politics. The project collected a hit in Mahagi territory. After the formation of the 25 women candidates in provincial elections, two participants submitted their nominations for provincial elections. The CEDAF invited two women candidates for awareness sessions to allow them to stay in contact with the base. The other 23 trained declared they looked forward to national elections. Meanwhile, they multiply awareness meetings with their respective bases.

The political participation of women remains a difficult issue in Maniema as evidenced by data collected by several sources on the field, for example, the statistics of the CENI. This is due to several causes such as the women's under-representation at the head of the political parties and in their decision-making bodies and the lack of support from the local community to women's leadership.

Therefore, the organization ESSAIM created a project on community mobilization for the political participation of women in the city of Kindu. To contribute on the improving of political participation rate of women in this province, ESSAIM renewed a project it led in 2014 that led to the appointment of more women in political parties and a woman secretary Executive of the province of Maniema. This project aimed at technical support of potential women candidates and maintenance of different communities in a dynamic to support women in elections. With the new project, ESSAIM strengthened the capacity of 25 potential women candidates in provincial elections, municipal and local and 9 trained women filed their nominations in the town of Kindu. Sensitization continue to mobilize communities to support women candidates in the next election.



Capacities building



II.A capacities building of leaders of recipient organizations

The Fund for Congolese Women organized three capacity building sessions:

- Training of women leaders of organizations on communication techniques and use of social media

This training was attended by 27 women leaders of women's organizations from Beni, Butembo, Goma, Lubero, Masisi, Nyiragongo, Rutshuru and Walikale. The training lasted 4 days, from 16

to 20 May, in the city of Goma / North Kivu. Women learned how to use various communication tools. During training, each participant created its own Facebook, Twitter and Whatsapp accounts and began using them. They can now communicate and make their pleas for peace. Group discussions and sharing information on Facebook were created by women leaders of the beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries of the FFC. Women began to use social networking to educate the mass on the situation in East and thus request the intervention of the various national and international actors. They also make users aware of social networks on the importance of women's leadership. Among the participants, the leader of the Women's Development Association has created a website for visibility of their actions.

Training in project management cycles and the narrative reporting

This training was organized for 28 participants from the North Kivu, South Kivu and Maniema from 21 to 22 May in Goma in the North Kivu Province. It was organized with the aim of strengthening the capacity of recipient organizations on project management cycles and narrative reporting before subsidies.

✓ **Training of journalists on protection mechanisms**

Strong attacks on freedom of expression and rights of journalists were registered in the DRC. Just in 2014, more than 38 journalists were arrested or detained, 42 threatened and 2 murdered according to the report of journalist in Danger (JED). These figures, which, most likely, will increase with the 2015-2016 electoral context, led the FFC to work on capacity building of journalists in the field of information security and their own safety and that of their sources. To do this, with the financial support the Fund of Francophone Initiatives for Democracy, Human Rights and Peace "FFIDDHOP" the FFC organized training for 17 women journalists from community radio stations North and South Kivu. The training focused on the mechanisms of protection of human rights activists in collecting and processing information. The workshop was held in Beni in North Kivu province from October 7 to 10. Community radio stations that participated in the training developed their safety plans.

As part of this project, two women's organizations were also subsidized for the organization of popular expression stands in the provinces of North and South Kivu. The Collective of Women Journalists (CFJ) created the popular phrase of grandstands in the city of Butembo and Beni territory, two entities that cross a recurring security instability. Finally, the Media Women's Association (AFEM) worked on the promotion of freedom of expression to promote citizen participation in communities of Nyangezi and Kamanyola in the territory of Walungu in South Kivu.

II.B organizational capacity building within the FFC

Following organizational and technical evaluation by The Carter Center (TCC) in Kinshasa in 2014, capacity reinforcement needs were expressed by the Fund for Congolese Women for improving technical and organizational capacities. Thus, TCC organized capacity for building sessions for FFC Staff on:

- The collection and fundraising

This training was held from 12 to 15 January 2015. It enabled the FFC to develop its three-year plan for resource mobilization. Close monitoring is performed by the TCC to assure the implementation of educational subjects by the FFC staff.

With the support of the Carter Center, the Fund for Congolese Women (FFC) was able to implement a public awareness campaign and fundraising. Indeed, between July and September 2015, the FFC has filed donations boxes in various supermarkets in the city of Kinshasa. In July 2015, the FFC also undertook an awareness campaign on several television channels in order to promote its activities.

In four months of operation, the FFC has raised the sum of \$ 1,100, with contributions from the Congolese population through donations boxes.

With the money raised, we paid school fees for whole year of 33 girl students of families affected by the conflicts in the territory of Beni / North Kivu and living in precarious situations, from 4 Beni schools. The parents were very happy to see their children return to school and thank everyone who has contributed to help them.

- **Physical security , and information technology and materials**

The second training took place in two stages, the first stage focused on the analysis of physical security, computers and materials. It was held from 19 to 21 August 2015. This training allowed the FFC to develop the operational safety. The second step was the installation of a security system with a camera on the front door that can strengthen the security of office, equipment and personnel. This training proved important to prevent potential risks and threats that may affect the organization.

- **Project cycle, Monitoring and Evaluation**

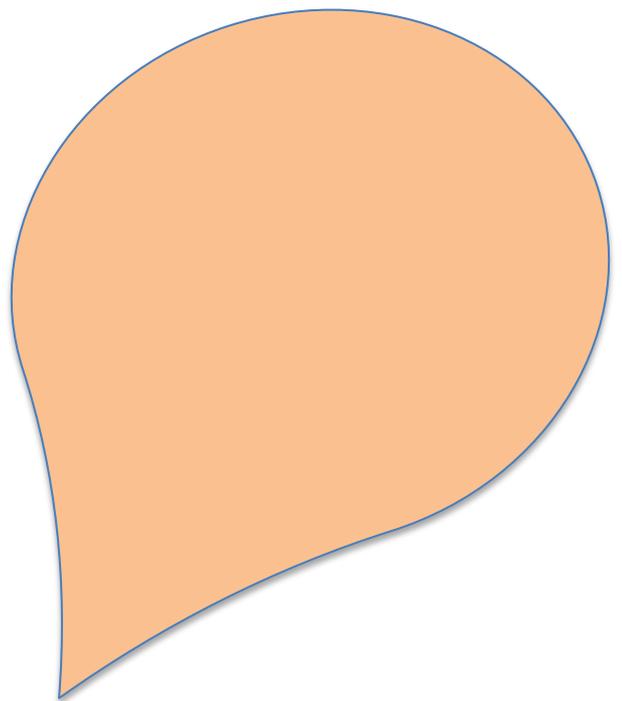
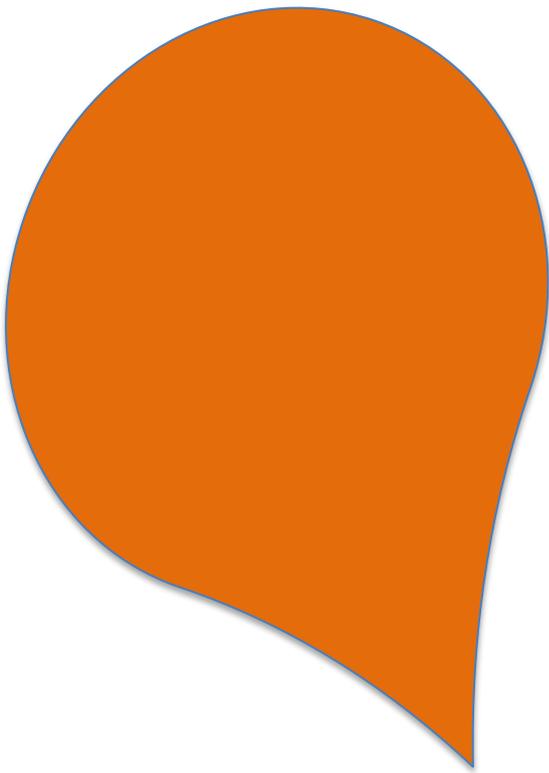
The third training focused on project cycle management, monitoring and evaluation. It was organized from 19 to 23 October 2015. This training allowed the FFC to develop tools for monitoring and evaluation of projects of beneficiaries for better monitoring.

- **Collection and management of sensitive data**

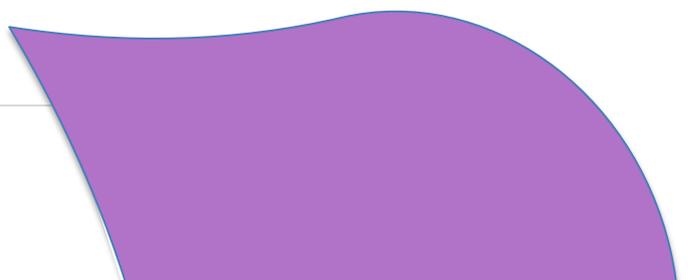
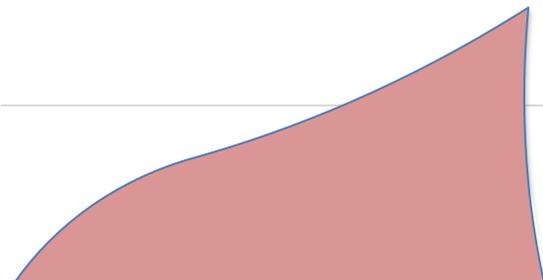
This session took place in two parts, the first was the training itself on the matter, it was held from 9 to 12 November 2015. It allowed to develop a data collection protocol. And the second layer was on the storage information in the Martus database. The software was installed on all computers of staff and training was given.

- **Accounting software**

Training on the use of the Software accounting sage, was held from 18 to 24 November 2015. The purpose of this training was to improve the accounting of the organization.



EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE



III. Meeting for exchange of experience

In 2015, FFC organized two meetings for exchange experiences and good practices.

The exchange meeting with women leaders trained with authorities of the province of North Kivu and traditional leaders of Masisi, Rutshuru and Nyiragongo was organized by the FFC, March 26, 2015 in Goma / North Kivu. The aim was to discuss the efforts of women in conflict resolution in their communities, the difficulties faced and how to advocate the integration of women in peace processes and negotiations at the local level. Provincial authorities and traditional chiefs have pledged to integrate women in all peace initiatives and negotiations to resolve community conflicts locally. Women produced an action plan to continue their work of pacification.

The FFC organized the pre-meeting for exchange experiences and reflection on the level of participation of women in women's leadership, the Regional Action Plan on resolution 1325 and the implementation of the Framework Agreement peace, security and cooperation, held at the Carter Center in Kinshasa, May 6, 2015 and met 14 representatives of women's organizations. The objective of this meeting was to gauge the level of understanding of the framework agreement.

Interventions have turned on three issues

- The monitoring of the current situation of women's leadership in the DRC: what are the advances and obstacles?
- The Regional Action Plan on 1325 resolution: what is its impact?
- Women's efforts for the implementation of the framework agreement for peace, security and cooperation: what are they?

At the end of this meeting women leaders have concluded that the participation of women in leadership, regional action plan on Resolution 1325 and the implementation of the framework

agreement was very low. They produced a report with recommendations to improve the effective participation of women.

The recommendations were sent to the CIRGL, the African Union, and at the offices of correspondents and presented in the conference room..

Inaugural conference of the women platform

FFC held the first inaugural conference of women's platform under the Addis Ababa agreements in Goma / DRC from 13 to 15 May 2015. It was attended by 65 women.

Participants came from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda and Senegal. Other personalities also attended the meeting, including: the Congolese Minister of Gender, the representative of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the UN for the Great Lakes region, the core of the implementing partners of the women platform; solidarity Africa women (FAS); the Office of the Special Representative of general secretary on sexual violence in countries in conflict; and MONUSCO (through the Office of the Special Representative of the United Nations in the Great Lakes region).

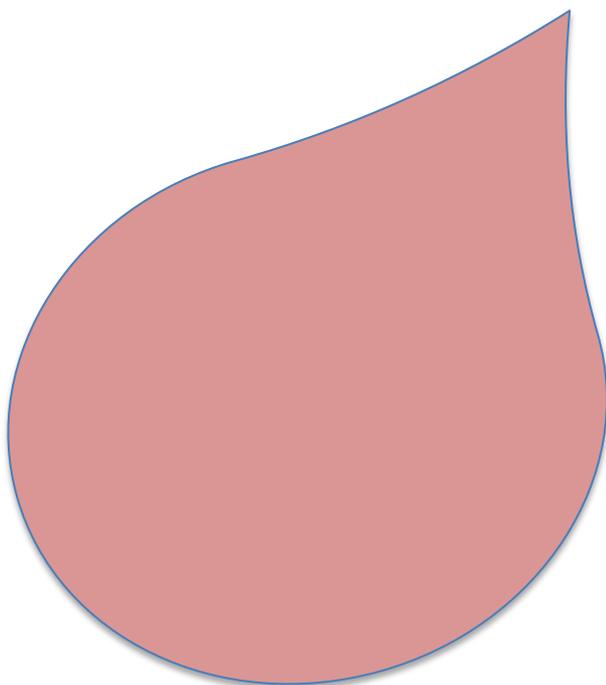
The discussions focused on:

- Achieving a common agenda to get involved effectively in monitoring the implementation of the framework agreement
- The possibilities of building stronger ties across borders, set up collaborative synergy between their respective organizations and the Regional Women's Forum of CIRGL.

The purpose of this inaugural convocation of partners was to establish a joint program between all grant recipients and partners to deepen their commitment to formal frameworks of the peace process in the Great Lakes. This meeting was also an opportunity to deepen the knowledge of the framework agreement. After exchange on their respective activities; women of Rwanda and Burundi called on Congolese women to strengthen them in the care of victims and

The women at this conference have improved their understanding of commitments made by their countries for the implementation of the Framework Agreement of Addis Ababa

Recommendations of the convocation:



Improve understanding of the political context in the Great Lakes region and the state of implementation of the Framework Agreement.

Strengthen partnership and synergies for the implementation of the Framework Agreement and resolution 1325

Establish links between the activities of grant recipients, that interventions are oriented towards transformational change in the region

Reinforce the organizational capacity of women's organizations to support their work and attract potential partners.





Beneficiaries of the Platform for the Inaugural Conference of the Women's Platform of Great Lakes

As part of the platform, the FFC has also funded six projects to implement the projects on renewable energy, empowerment and participation of women in peace negotiations. Below is the list:

League for Congolese Solidarity (LSC): for the implementation of a project on the use of renewable energies in Rutshuru territory;

Service To and For Women "SEPPAF": for the implementation of a project on learning trades to idle daughters of the town of Bukavu;

Orphaned Children of Supervision Center and Widows of Oicha territory (CEOV): Literacy and trades training to mothers of girls and women widows of Oicha;

Synergy of women of Rutshuru to implement the project on women's involvement in the peace process;

Solidarity organizations of women and young farmers (SOFEJEP): for the execution of the project on literacy and learning trades to women

The Vughuma organization: to run the project on learning in the manufacture of briquettes and stoves

Some results from the action of these projects:

With the LSC, 45 women and community leaders in Kiwanja and Kako were formed on the construction of the digesters and their use. A 8m³ digester was built in Kako and allowed access to 5 households of energy and clean cooking

30 women of Rutshuru territory were trained on the use of the solar for domestic energy and on the development of manure. Substitute firewood by biogas and solar energy has reduced deforestation threats and protect the environment

Advocacy for women to restore peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Advocacy on women's political participation

Provincial Focal Points of FFC organized advocacy missions to the federations of political parties in the provinces of intervention namely Bandundu, Bas-Congo, Equator, Maniema, Katanga, Kasai 2, North and South Kivu and in eastern.

Thus, the following parties met with women during the advocacy in the provinces:

Bas-Congo : PALU, PPRD : advocacy conducted in the city of Matadi

Bandundu : PALU, MSR, PPRD, ARC, AFDC : advocacy conducted in the city of Bandundu

Equator : MLC, AFDC, ACO, MSR : advocacy conducted in the city of Mbandaka

Katanga : UNAFEC, UNADEF, UDPS, PPRD : Advocacy conducted to Lubumbashi

Western Kasai : PPRD, UDPS, MLC : advocacy conducted in the city of Kananga

Kasai oriental: UDPS, MSR, PPRD : Advocacy conducted to the city of Mbuji-Mayi

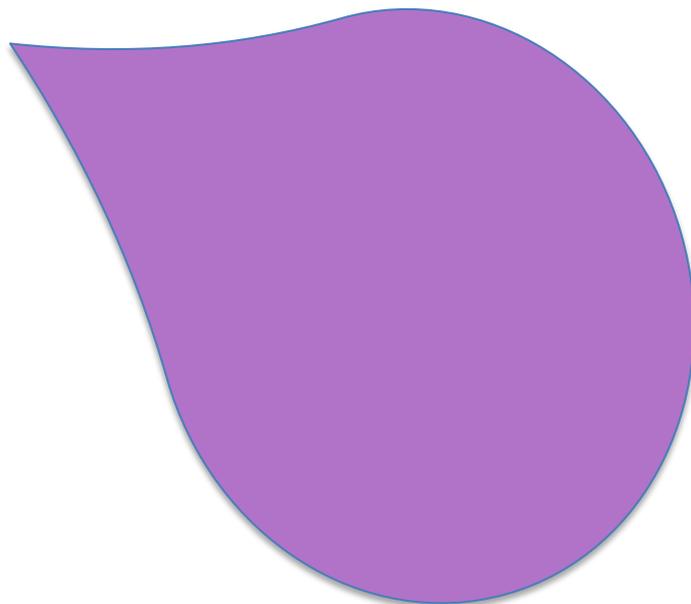
Maniema : AFDC, MSR, UCP, PPRD : Advocacy conducted Wednesday in the city of Kindu

North-Kivu : BUREC, UNC, RCD-KML, DCF : advocacy conducted Friday in the city of Goma

South-Kivu : UNADEF, PPRD, AFDC, PANADER, advocacy conducted in the city of Bukavu

Oriental Province : MSR, PPRD, MLC, ARC the advocacy conducted in the city of Kisangani

The parties, in turn, promised to send the women's grievances with their respective hierarchies, and have made



recommendations to women working within political parties and potential candidates:

The parties, in their turn, promised to send the women's grievances with their respective hierarchies and align in women in good order on electoral lists in the upcoming urban, municipal and local elections.

Mission of visibility, resource mobilization and participation in different conferences

To mobilize funds to support Congolese women, the FFC has participated in international, national and local meetings and conferences as follow:

- The Biennial Conference 2015, organized by International Network of Women Funds (INWF) in Guatemala where Madame Julienne Lusenge presented her experiences of defense and promotion of women's rights that she conducts every day.
- Madame Julienne Lusenge participated in the training of defenders for women's rights organized by the Nobel Women. This training was an opportunity to meet JAZZ International which deals with the protection of human rights defenders.
- The Fund for Congolese women took part in the meeting for exchange of experiences between AJWS partners working in the areas of promotion and protection of civil and political rights from 24 to 25 March 2015 in Goma, North Kivu province. Through this meeting for exchange of experience, a synergy has been developed to collaborate in advocating for women's political participation. A working group and action has been set up consisting of the beneficiaries of AJWS organizations and non-beneficiaries.
- FFC continues to take part in the meeting of the campaign committee "Stop Rape" with the Nobel Women Peace.
- The Director of the Fund for Congolese women participated in the month of April 2015 for the centennial celebration of WILF held in the HAGUE Netherlands. Several topics were discussed, among other topics guests talked about the priorities of WILF including their proposed resolution on banning weapons manufacturing denied by the United Nations.

- The FFC, represented by the Director and responsible for communication and fundraising, participated in the meeting of the funds for women in New York. They presented the actions of the FFC for changing the status of women.
- Julienne Lusenge took part in the celebration of the 15th anniversary of Resolution 1325 in New York by the UN Security Councils. During her speech she made a presentation of the conflict locations state in the DRC and their impact on women, and to analyse the impact of 1325 in DRC.

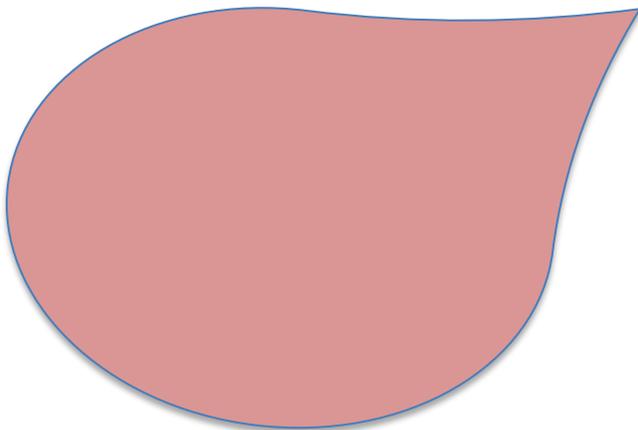


Others activities to increase the visibility of the FFC in Kinshasa

On the sidelines of the celebration of the Month of Women, the FFC held March 28, 2015 at the Venus Hotel in Kinshasa, an activity known as "FFC DOOR OPEN". This event was to increase the visibility of the FFC and inform potential donors and other partners in Kinshasa of its achievements on the promotion of women's rights in the DRC. It was also about mobilizing them on the importance of supporting the efforts of women through philanthropic actions.

Each year the Equine Club of Kinshasa organizes an International Jumping brings together a large number of people. In addition to horse racing, there is an exhibition of food stalls and promotion of various organizations and companies. FFC succeed to convince Rawbank to leave

them a free space to establish a FFC stand on Friday 20 and Saturday, November 21, 2015. The stand has helped expose the work of FFC using a banner, calendars, flyers and a screen projecting images of beneficiaries. A prize pool has also been placed on the table for those wishing to financially support the FFC can do it. These activities allowed the FFC to increase its visibility and collaborations were initiated following that weekend.



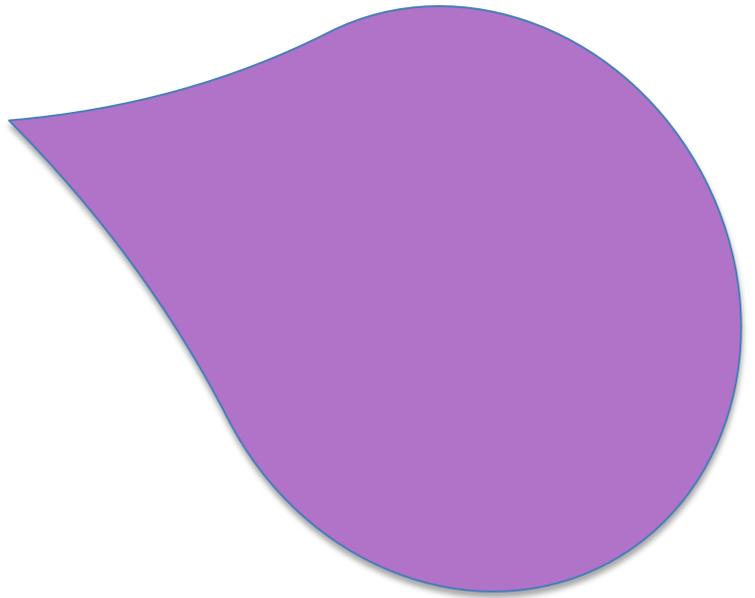
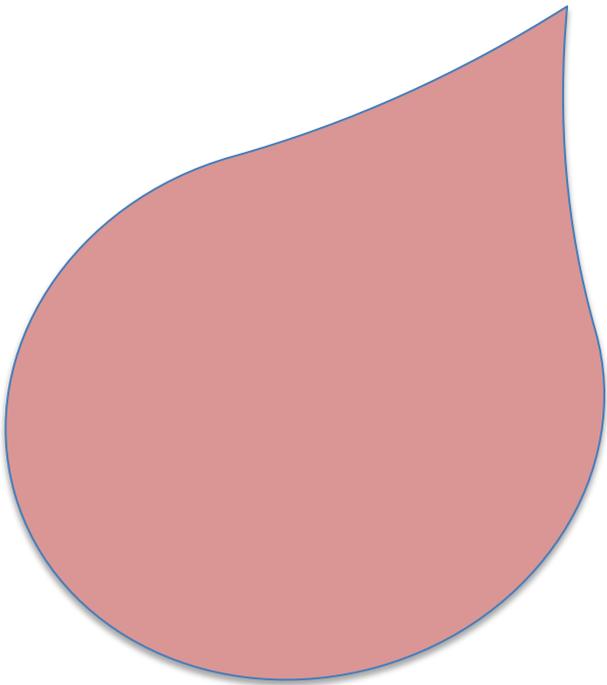


Every first Friday of the month, the Royal Hotel organizes an evening entitled "Belgian pot" which brings together a large number of people. On Friday, 4 December 2015, the FFC prepared a stand and present their work using leaflets, calendar and screen projecting pictures. The FFC had also a poster with the slogan "I am committed to the fight against violence to women. And

you? ". The goal was to photograph the guests with poster. A jackpot was placed on the table for those wishing to financially support the FFC. In addition, the FFC sold various items made by grant recipients, such as: small kits, pencils doors, bags, shirts and dresses. Finally, the FFC distributed pins / brooch and keychain with the FFC logo. The evening was a real success, the pictures were relayed on social networks and visibility on Facebook and Twitter of FFC was greatly increased.



Financial Report



Mobilization of Funds		
Embassies based in the Democratic Republic of Congo		
Donors	amount USD	Project title and comments
<i>Embassy of Norway</i>	\$ 121 426,98	After annual consultations with the Norway Embassy in the DRC as part of the project to support women's leadership and participation of women in political life, and the results obtained. The Norway Embassy has agreed to support the project for the year 2016.
International and non-governmental organizations based in the Democratic Republic of Congo		
<i>Fund for the Consolidation of peace</i>	\$ 56 073,62	For the run of the project which addresses the principle of "Do no harm" to conflict transformation and peaceful coexistence. This project was implemented in the provinces of Central Congo and Bandundu.
<i>Centre Carter</i>	\$ 18 375,00	This funding helped to install the security system of the implementation of a resource mobilization campaign in Kinshasa, purchase and training on the use of financial software and training of the backup and collection of sensitive data.
International and non-governmental organizations based outside the country		
<i>PRBB</i>	\$ 7 000,00	To the legally support of 20 cases of sexual violence in North and South Kivu.
<i>American Jewish World Service (AJWS)</i>	\$ 60 000,00	In order to put into execution the project on advocacy for peace on internationally level
<i>Global Fund for Women (GFW) :</i>	\$ 79 496,00	To support women's organizations in the framework of the platform

<i>Global Fund for Women (GFW)</i>	\$ 35 000,00	For the organization of the inaugural conference of the Women's Platform of the Great Lakes region on the part of Addis Ababa agreements.
<i>Match International (MI)</i>	\$ 12 420,65	For the training of women activists in New information and communications technology
<i>Global Women Issues (GWI)</i>	\$ 47 570,30	Project to support the consolidation of peace and the participation of women in peace processes and negotiations at local level in the North - Kivu
<i>Oak Foundation</i>	\$ 202 358,00	<i>Core support</i> : Support for office operation related expenses
<i>Mama cash</i>	\$ 64 498,71	<i>Core support</i>
<i>Mama cash</i>	\$ 2 000	This fund was collected when selling pictures on Auction of FFC activities in a meeting in the HAGUE Netherlands.
<i>FFIDDHOP</i>	\$ 33 000,00	Project to support the promotion of freedom of expression in the provinces of North and South Kivu
Philanthropies		
<i>Donation boxes</i>	\$ 1 195	The money raised was used as school fees of 33 girls students of families affected by conflicts in the territory of Beni / North Kivu
<i>Private</i>	\$ 75	Reserve (savings account)
Membership fees		
<i>Board of directors</i>	\$ 1050	Reserve (savings account)
<i>FFC Staff</i>	\$ 180	Reserve (savings account))
Other funds for the training and support		

<i>Oak Foundation</i>	\$ 20 000	The grant ensured the support of the trainee from Switzerland.
<i>Global Fund for Woman</i>	\$ 5000	The fund was used for medical assistance of Mrs. Louise SADIKI, defender of women's rights
Total	\$ 766 719,26	

BUDGET MONITORING 2015

TABLE A

Wording	Budget 2015	Budget 2015 refurbished								TOTAL	Gap	% uptake
			OAK	GWI	AJWS	Embassy	Embassy	Embassy	FCP			
						Norway	Norway I	Norway II				
Staff salaries	125892,00	127164,00	72037,42	1574,19	3949,92	0,00	0,00	33926,85	0,00	111488,38	15675,62	88%
Training of beneficiaries in gender and democratic governance and citizen participation	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0%
Training of Beneficiaries	96346,00	115682,00	4000,21	27090,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	45496,31	76586,52	39095,48	66%
exchange of experience meetings between beneficiaries and advocacy	58054,00	14165,00	12509,88	0,00	1650,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	14159,88	5,12	100%
Subventions of organisations	325000,00	190000,00	59835,00	14963,07	0,00	0,00	0,00	48922,18	0,00	123720,25	66279,75	65%
Focal points meeting with civil society	0,00	27618,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	5381,62	0,00	5381,62	22236,38	19%
Installation of provincial focal points	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0%
Meeting of the Monitoring Committee and provincial focal points for validation of advocacy calendar	14834,00	14834,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	14834,00	0%
Training in communication skills and political leadership	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0%
Meetings of the teaching team	865,00	1920,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	917,13	0,00	917,13	1002,87	48%

governance and citizen participation													
Training of Beneficiaries	96346,00	115682,00	76586,52	1970,00	5480,00	0,00	9482,00	15989,53	0,00	5518,31	115026,36	655,64	99%
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Meetings of the teaching team	865,00	1920,00	917,13	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1000,00	0,00	0,00	1917,13	2,87	100%
Identification of potential women candidates	0,00	1004,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1004,00	0%
Monitoring and evaluation[staff]	34620,00	27000,00	24763,35	0,00	0,00	0,00	1101,00	944,14	0,00	0,00	26808,49	191,51	99%
Consultants and other contractual service	30000,00	14200,00	12559,00	0,00	664,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	400,00	13623,00	577,00	96%
Participation in international conferences and trips for resource mobilization	15000,00	15000,00	11761,58	0,00	3138,60	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	14900,18	99,82	99%
Visibility materials for the entire projects	10000,00	2350,00	2278,30	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	2278,30	71,70	97%
Own funds and emergency funds	43500,00	3600,00	3600,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	3600,00	0,00	100%
Operational and administrative costs	84216,00	79000,00	34797,94	14,00	17335,27	5103,75	2919,87	1476,81	2596,10	55,52	64299,26	14700,74	81%
Health care	6000,00	2000,00	1414,23	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1414,23	585,77	71%
Capacity building of FFC Staff	11000,00	20248,00	900,00	0,00	2500,00	4490,17	0,00	0,00	0,00	12357,67	20247,84	0,16	100%

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Monitoring and evaluation[staff]	34620,00	27000,00	26808,49	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	26808,49	191,51	99%	
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Operational and administrative costs	84216,00	79000,00	64299,26	0,00	0,00	8080,72	6080,77	5,77	3,72	78470,24	529,76	99%	
Health care	6000,00	2000,00	1414,23	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1414,23	585,77	71%	
Capacity reinforcement of FFC Staff	11000,00	20248,00	20247,84	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	20247,84	0,16	100%	
Convention of partners of the platform of the women of the framework agreement for peace	0,00	36602,06	0,00	0,00	36602,06	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	36602,06	0,00	100%	
Audit, unexpected and Restitution Fund	18565,00	12017,00	3711,92	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	3711,92	8305,08	31%	
GENERAL TOTAL	873892,00	704404,06	547224,45	0,00	36602,06	27280,72	24334,37	5,77	3,72	635451,09	68952,97	90%	

