ANNUAL REPORT 2020
FUND FOR CONGOLESE WOMEN
Who Are We?

Mission
To support grassroots women’s organizations to effectively promote Congolese women’s and girls’ rights.

Values
Participation, Transparency, Equality, Efficacy, Inclusivity

Vision
A Democratic Republic of Congo without violence, where women and girls have rights to physical integrity and economic justice; where women participate in all levels of decision-making that affect their lives and communities.
FISCAL YEAR 2020

TOTAL REVENUE

- GRANTS FROM INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATIONS: $906,625.84
- INDIVIDUAL DONORS: $12,606.80

Total revenue: $919,232.64
2020 GRANTMAKING
56 Projects supported by FFC

- Environmental justice and women's access to natural resources
- Empowerment of women and girls
- Reproductive health and the fight against HIV
- Fight against sexual and gender-based violence
- Covid-19 and Ebola pandemic disease prevention
- Peace negotiation

Tanganyika: 14.3%
Nord-Kivu: 21.4%
Ituri: 10.7%
Sud-Kivu: 12.5%
Maniema: 7.1%
Kinshasa: 32.1%
2020 IMPACT

- Leaders from 75 organizations benefiting from FFC funding were trained on online tools in order to shift their approach to work during the pandemic.

- The Union of Clinical Psychologists reported counseling and providing emotional support to more than 150 individuals who reported benefiting from these services offered.

- Targeted action to raise awareness among young people by a youth association reached approximately 2,000 young people, including 1,340 girls (67% girls).

- Approximately 30,000 people reached through community outreach messages, of which more than 21,000 were women and girls.
A FEW YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE CITY OF SAKE IN NORTH KIVU PROVINCE SOUNDED THE ALARM TO DENOUNCE THE RESURGENCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST YOUNG PEOPLE DURING CONFINEMENT. ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN THE FIELD, MORE THAN 10 EARLY MARRIAGES, UNWANTED PREGNANCIES, AND YOUNG GIRLS RAPED WITHIN THEIR FAMILY WERE IDENTIFIED. A GIRL-LED MEDIA CAMPAIGN WAS CREATED BY GIRLS THEMSELVES AND AWARENESS MESSAGES WERE DISSEMINATED DURING THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 2020, REACHING HUNDREDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND LEADING TO A PLATEAUING OF VIOLENCE.
SALAMA GLAMOUR IS A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE BASED IN KINSHASA WHO WERE FIRST-TIME BENEFICIARIES OF AN FFC GRANT. PROJECT LEADER RACHEL AND THE TEAM DESIGNED A PROJECT TO REACH LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, LIKE THEM, THROUGH VIDEO AND SOCIAL MEDIA. THEY EDUCATED PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES BOTH AGAINST COVID-19 AND VIOLENCE IN THE HOME DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE VIDEOS WERE WRITTEN AND PRODUCED THEMSELVES AND WERE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON TELEVISION SO THAT EVERYONE COULD HEAR THE KEY MESSAGE: REFRAIN FROM ALL VIOLENCE. THESE BROADCASTS RAN FOR TWO MONTHS IN BOTH LINGALA AND FRENCH. OVER 1,000 PEOPLE IMPROVED THEIR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT CHILDREN’S RIGHTS AND A YOUTH GROUP IS EMPOWERED AND ANCHORED IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
CONCLUSION

FFC WORKS IN A VOLATILE AND UNSTABLE CONTEXT. DESPITE NUMEROUS CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE OVERARCHING SITUATION, AND THE DISRUPTING IMPACT FROM THE PANDEMIC, FFC EMERGED WITH STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS AND PROVED OURSELVES ADAPTABLE TO UNPREDICTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE FLEXIBILITY OF FFC’S BACKERS AND DONORS AND THE TEAM SPIRIT WITHIN FFC CONTRIBUTED ENORMOUSLY TO THE PROGRESS MADE. FFC BENEFICIARIES NOT HESITATE TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE AND SATISFACTION HAVING EXPANDED KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR RIGHTS, REGAINING THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AND SENSE OF SELF-WORTH AND THE WORTH OF THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE PROJECTS THEY WERE ABLE TO CARRY OUT BECAUSE OF FFC’S FINANCIAL BACKING, WHICH IN TURN WAS ONLY ABLE TO HAPPEN BECAUSE OF FFC’S GENEROUS DONORS.

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