



Justice. Opportunity. Leadership.

Organizations Receiving Public Funding

Listed here are example organizations which are currently funded by USAID and the US State Department. These organizations operate within our areas of focus — justice, opportunity, and leadership.

The Afghan Women’s Business Federation (AWBF) – (Afghanistan), serves women entrepreneurs by increasing the capacity of women’s associations as well as coordinating the delivery of programs and services. The AWBF network provides training and business development services, and its Afghan Women’s Design Center offers ongoing training in many skill areas including product line development, production techniques, marketing and corporate image, and a designer mentoring program. With USAID support, the AWBF has worked with over 50 women-run business associations with more than 20,000 members nationwide.

The Jibon-O-Jibika (Life and Livelihood) — (Bangladesh) program works with some 2,200 women who are heads of food-insecure households. With USAID support, the Jibon-O-Jibika program promotes household food production and access to quality health and nutrition services. Through this program, women receive training in methods of earning sustainable household income and improving family nutrition.

The Makana Project (Jordan), a partnership of CARE International and The Queen Zein Al Sharaf Institute for Development (ZENID) — works with women to empower them to advocate for their rights on the local level and interact directly with local leaders and organizations that have a statutory obligation to provide services — especially basic social services. With support from the State Department, the Makana Project has strengthened women’s advocacy initiatives by targeting political actors and women’s advocacy groups to increase rural women’s access to basic rights and entitlements. In the program, women participants have successfully advocated for needs in their community, including improved sidewalks and streetlamps and classrooms for deaf children. Women have gained confidence in their capacity to make a difference in the world and have reported that they are more able to influence household decision-making.

Rural Delight (Lebanon) is a program sponsored by the YMCA that has built a system of 37 cooperatives in Lebanon with a marketing branch that distributes and exports over 100 brand name products (foodstuffs). With USAID support, Rural Delight provided training in hygiene processing methods, manufacturing, and business and management skills to 1600 Lebanese women in rural areas. Several of the graduates from the program have formed a licensed produce cooperative and have sold items in local and regional markets.

Morocco: 9600 rural women who received grants are currently participating in literacy training using the New Family code as training content. Thanks to the literacy initiation programs in the local languages, the women are extremely committed to the program and the drop out is very low. With State Department support, grants have been awarded to 30 NGOs who implement literacy programs. The Moroccan Ministry of Education has adopted the literacy program and plans to scale up the program throughout the entire country.

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The University of Peshawar (UP) and American University Washington College of Law (WCL)

— **(Pakistan)** are currently partnering on a year-long project of capacity building and academic exchange. With assistance from USAID, the university partnership develops programs to help enrich both faculties in the creative implementation of human rights education and law. WCL works with key UP faculty on capacity building in legal education in human rights and gender.

West Bank/Gaza: A partnership of savings and credit cooperatives, four microfinance institutions and a bank are working together on the Small and Microfinance Assistance for Recovery and Transition (SMART) Program which maintains 26,063 active clients in the West Bank and Gaza, of which more than 70% of these clients are women. Through the assistance of USAID, the microfinance institutions expanded their outstanding credit portfolio by 2,743 loans over the past year at a value of \$4.5 million.

Organizations In the Proposal Process

The following organizations have provided complete proposals and eligibility documentation and are under review. Our first private funding grants will represent diverse regions of the world with large Muslim populations. Our initial grants will provide the means for a range of support for women seeking justice under the protection of law, opportunity in the workplace in order to support their families, and training so that they may fulfill their leadership potential.

Kashf Foundation (Pakistan): Kashf is a local micro lending institution that lends exclusively to women. Inspired by the success of the Grameen Bank, Kashf, which means miracle or revelation, began in 1996 and today is the second largest micro lender in Pakistan, serving over 260,000 clients from urban and peri-urban areas of Punjab and Sindh. With a OWI grant, Kashf will launch a rural microfinance program focused on farming support which will allow rural women to become self-sustaining and financially independent. Kashf strives to reach one million clients by 2010.

Group for Urban and Rural Development (GUARD India): GUARD falls under the Muslim Women's Initiative, supported by USAID/India, which works with five grassroots NGOs to disseminate information on Muslim women's rights under the Quran and the Indian Constitution in two states of India. Because the program has targeted women, men, and youth, these efforts have gained broad-based support within the Muslim community, including support from religious leaders. Based in Karnataka, GUARD implements their program through its 700 self-help groups, out of which 566 groups are exclusively women groups. With a grant from OWI, GUARD will develop an economic enhancement activity to help further empower Muslim women. Activities will include building the capacity of women's groups to provide entrepreneurship training and linking women's groups to available support agencies and government programs for economic development.

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Magbassa Kita Foundation, Inc. (Philippines): MKFI focuses on conflict prevention in Sulu, Mindanao through skills training, workshops and networking in the areas of conflict management and peace building. Of particular interest is MKFI's approach to empower women as peace advocates and to increase their acceptance as conflict mediators in a largely male-dominated culture. Building on the success of its Muslim Women Peace Advocates Project, MKFI proposes to develop and strengthen a network of women's peace organizations. This activity would strengthen sustained collaboration between women's peace building networks, provide a forum for the sharing of experiences between and among women peace advocates in the region, and provide women with additional skills in peacemaking and conflict prevention.

The Egyptian Association for Human and Environmental Development (EAHED) — (Egypt): Based in El-Kanater El-Khairiya in Qalubiya Governorate, EAHED promotes women's participation in the political and electoral process. A notable project achievement is that women from the EAHED target group will stand as candidates in the coming Local Popular Councils elections. With a grant from OWI, EAHED's Justice Initiative project will provide leadership training for more than 100 women, conduct an awareness campaign on women's constitutional rights, and assist women in obtaining ID and election cards.

Women's Bar Association (Azerbaijan): The WBA includes more than 250 women working or studying in the legal profession. The WBA works to increase the professional level of Azerbaijan's female lawyers, educate women throughout the country about their rights, and to promote solidarity among Azeri women. With a grant from OWI, the WBA Women-For-Women Legal Support Project will train more than 400 women in four provinces on issues related to women's rights, including domestic violence, trafficking of women, early marriage and gender equality. In addition, WBA will develop educational pamphlets and will provide approximately 200 women with free legal advice.

Association for the Promotion of Rural Women (Morocco): APRW provides literacy, vocational training, and income-generating programs for rural women. With a grant from OWI, APRW will reach more than 5,600 young women through a women's and human rights campaign. The project will also provide vocational and literacy training to more than 460 rural women.