

INVESTING IN ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST  
VALUABLE ASSETS  
**WOMEN**



NEPAD/Spanish Fund for African  
Women's Empowerment



## The NEPAD Spanish Fund for African Women's Empowerment

The NEPAD/Spanish Fund for African Women's Empowerment is a partnership between the NEPAD Agency and the Spanish Government through the Spanish Agency for International Development and Cooperation (AECID). It has benefited from a 20 million Euros contribution from the Government of Spain.

The overall long term goal of the NEPAD Spanish Fund is to promote gender equality and increase the capacities and autonomy of African women, in order to contribute to the acceleration of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular MDG3.

The specific objective of the NEPAD Spanish Fund is to support actions on gender equality and women's empowerment, specifically linked to improving women's economic, political and social empowerment and full use of their rights, within the framework of the MDG 3 in sub-Saharan African countries.

The Fund provides financial and technical support to women's grassroots organizations, civil society organizations government institutions and Regional Economic Communities.

77 projects have been supported since its inception in 2007 in 35 countries in Sub-Sahara Africa.

More than half million women benefited directly from the Fund in areas such as business skills and vocational training, agriculture, nutrition and value chain, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), development of women's SMEs, microfinance, income generation, promotion of women's right, advocacy for promoting women's participation and leadership in decision making, Gender-Based

Violence (GBV), gender mainstreaming and employment among others.

The Fund has contributed to women's economic empowerment through skills transfer, access to finance and the set-up of businesses.

At institutional level, the capacities of government institutions and civil society organizations including grassroots women's organisations have been strengthened. This has led to an increased representation and effective participation of women in decision making processes in political parties, local governments, the private sector and Civil Society Organisations; in sound implementation of their National Plans for eradication and prevention of Gender Based Violence in some of the most affected countries.

In addition, 2 million Euros have been earmarked for establishing Business Incubators for Women (BIAWE) projects to be implemented by the Common Market of East Africa (COMESA) and the Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) regions.

The Fund is also supporting the NEPAD Gender programme, which aims to mainstream gender gender issues into NEPAD programmes, projects and processes.

The work of the NEPAD/Spanish Fund is aligned to the priorities and the African Union Gender Policy, the Africa Women Decade (2010-2020) as well as with other international and regional policies and frameworks to ensure sustainability of the programme and projects and the achievement of Agenda 2063.



"The long term growth of Africa requires an environment where women can reach their full potential in order to fully contribute to the development of the continent. In order to ensure that there are additional resources to support development projects that are addressing gender concerns in Africa, the NEPAD Agency in partnership with the Spanish Cooperation established the NEPAD Spanish Fund for African Women's Empowerment. The decision to create this Fund emanates from the fundamental understanding that gender concerns and women's empowerment objectives must form an integral part of the development agenda if stakeholders are to make significant strides towards equitable and sustainable growth and human centered development"

– NEPAD Agency Chief Executive Officer, Dr Ibrahim Mayaki

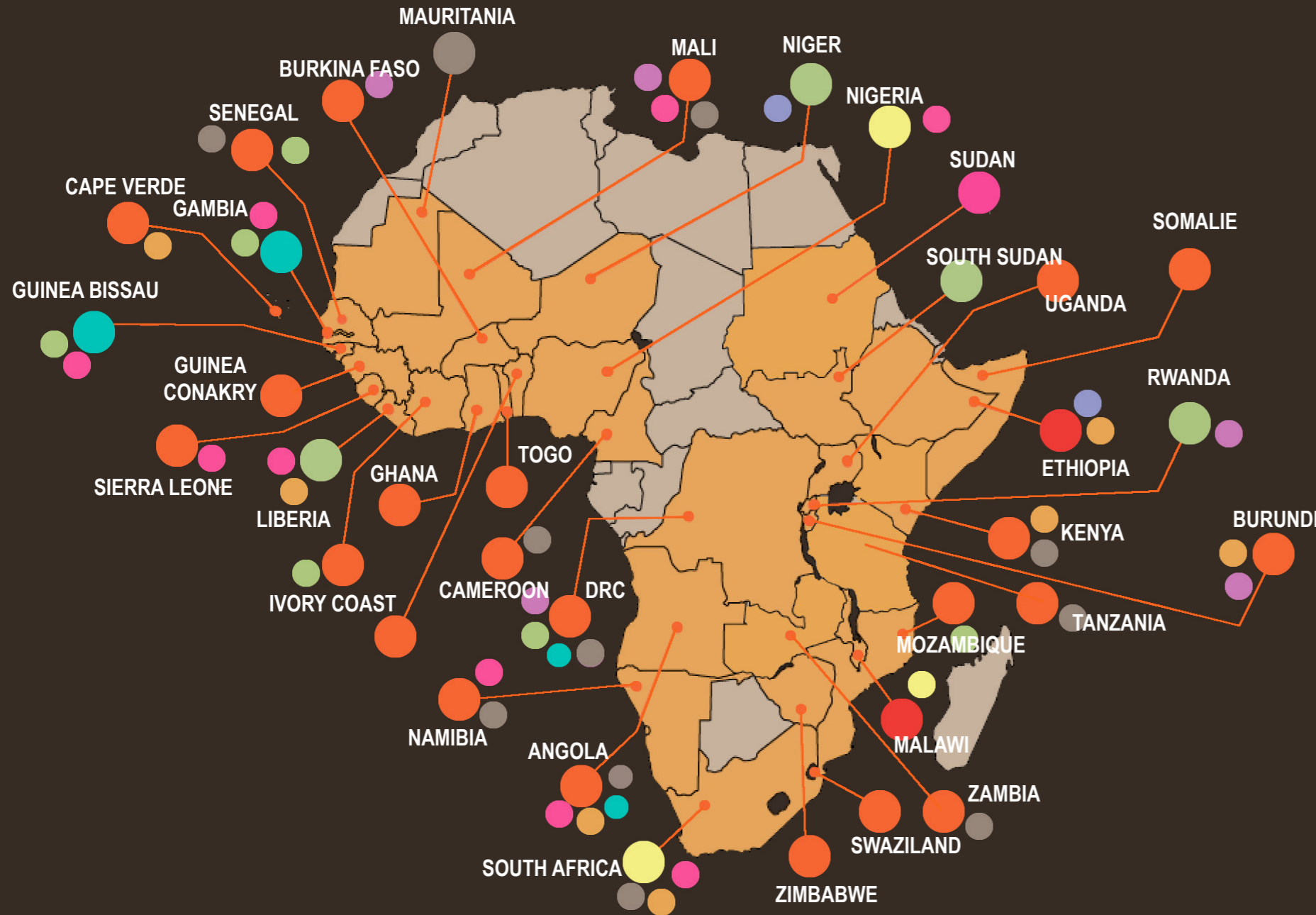
"The advancement of gender equality is one of the hallmarks of the Spanish Cooperation in Africa, and the NEPAD-Spain Fund for the Empowerment of African Women remains its flagship project. Through the Fund, 77 projects in 35 African countries have been supported, increasing women's participation in the labor market and economic life, promoting their social and political influence and fighting against sexual discrimination. Our contribution to the empowerment of women in Africa will continue to be one of the main lines of work of the Spanish Cooperation"

– Jesús Manuel Gracia Aldaz, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Ibero-America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain



The NEPAD/Spanish Fund generously supported by the Spanish government is a flagship programme of the NEPAD Agency in fulfilling its commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment on the continent. The Fund has contributed in fostering women's empowerment and gender mainstreaming to improve the well-being and socio-economic position of women, their households and communities within nation states and RECs.

– The NEPAD Spanish Fund Team



Sectors

-  Small and Medium Enterprise Development
-  Microcredit
-  Agriculture and Agro-processing
-  Business and Vocational Skills training
-  Promoting Participation of Women in Decision Making and Leadership
-  Eradicating Gender Based Violence
-  Elimination of Gender Disparities in Primary and Secondary Education
-  Promotion of Women's Rights
-  Promoting Participation of Women in Environment Conservation Practices and Management
-  Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Prevention Services
-  Cross Border Informal Trade

## Highlights of the NEPAD/Spanish Fund for African Women's Empowerment

**77 projects** Implemented in **35 countries**. Out of the 77 projects, **9** are **regional projects**.

**504, 342 women** impacted by the NEPAD Spanish Fund

At least **74, 435 women** directly **empowered through income generation skills, increased agricultural production, access to land and title, job creation**

Women from **20 countries** benefited from **business skills, micro finance, food processing and vocational skills**

**3 Women Business incubators** projects supported to **foster an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs in ECOWAS, COMESA**

Government institutions and Civil society and grassroots organisations supported in **eradicating and preventing violence against women** and providing support to more than **5,000 victims**

**175 cooperatives** created and **supported both technically and financially** to support their members, 90% being women

**359, 291 women** women capacitated through CSO and women 's grassroots organizations

**92 Civil society, grassroots organisations and women platforms** trained and upskilled on awareness raising and building a critical mass of supporters for the **gender agenda**

**Regional integration** enhanced through support to women involved in informal cross border Trade with the construction of a regional cross border market in DRC ( Burundi, Rwanda, DRC); cooperative creation and sensitisation of police and customs officials along the fish road between Burkina Faso and Mali.

Promoted women leadership and **gender inclusiveness** in decision-making processes and the creation of enabling environments for access to land, land tenure and legalisation of land title for women in **12 countries** in sub Sahara Africa

Established physical **networks of African women in business** in **6 countries** in order to share information and opportunities along the continent. More than **20,000 women** empowered through the establishment of business networks.

Set up **Micro credits schemes** in **15 countries** for access to microfinance for **10500 women** in Gambia, use mobile banking to deliver microcredit services in the remotest area at their door gate

Reproductive health and HiV prevention awareness raised to more than **12,000 women**

**Domestication and awareness raising** sessions of African Union **Protocol on Rights of Women in Africa** for selected countries in the Mano River region, the Great Lakes, and East Africa Sudan and Ethiopia

## Comprehensive list NEPAD/Spanish Fund Grantees - FIRST CALL

Name of Organisation	Title of project	Country
FOSCAM (Fédération des Organisations de la Société Civile Camerounaise)	Programme national de lutte contre la pauvreté sociale, économique et politique de la Femme camerounaise	Cameroon
Association Rwandaise des Ecologistes "ARECO-RWANDA NZIZA"	Renforcement des femmes pour la promotion de la sécurité des moyens d'existence et la gestion durable des ressources naturelles dans la zone du Parc National des Volcans (PNV)	Rwanda
African Women's Millennium Initiative on Poverty and Human Rights (AWOMI)	Capacity-Building, Advocacy and Mobilization for Budget Responsiveness: Ensuring the Inclusion of Women and Youth in Economic and Poverty Reduction Policies	Senegal
Enda Graf Sahel	Renforcement des capacités des organisations professionnelles des micros et petites entreprises agroalimentaires	Senegal
Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS)	African Gender Forum and Awards	Senegal
Coordination Nationale des Femmes Entrepreneurs du Mali (CFEMA)	Promotion de l'Entreprenariat Féminin	Mali
Santé et Développement (SADEV)	Jeunes Genre et VIH/SIDA	Niger
Association des Guides et Eclaireuses du Niger (AGEN)	Création d'une unité de production de produits biotechnologiques vétérinaires	Niger
ONG Santé de la Reproduction pour une Maternité sans risque ( SRMSR DIMOL)	Formation et sensibilisation des populations de 30 communes rurales de six régions du Niger (Agadez, Diffa, Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabéry et Zinder) sur L'approche genre, la planification familiale et les IST/VIH/Sida	Niger
ONG Santé de la Reproduction pour une Maternité sans risque ( SRMSR DIMOL)	Le Plaidoyer pour la ratification du protocole additionnel à la CADHP sans réserves	Niger
ONG Santé de la Reproduction pour une Maternité sans risque ( SRMSR DIMOL)	L'équipement des blocs opératoires des centres de la ville de Niamey et des régions de Tahoua, Maradi et Zinder	Niger
Ligue Africaine pour la Non-violence Active (LANOVA)	Caravane 2008-2009 pour la non-violence active	Burundi

Name of Organisation	Title of project	Country
Organisation Agricole YEYA	Projet de santé communautaire et d'appui à la production de vivriers dans la Sous-préfecture de Founbesso	Ivory Coast
Centre de Transformation des Produits Alimentaires, (CTPA)	Promotion de la Femme Congolaise dans la Croissance par la Transformation des Produits Alimentaires.	Democratic Republic of Congo
Réseau des Femmes du Tanganika (REFETANG,ASBL)	Projet d'appui institutionnel du REFETANG	Democratic Republic of Congo
Ministry of Gender	Economic and social empowerment of women in Liberia	Liberia
Women's Action for Development	The empowerment of Ovahimba and San population together with other marginalized groups	Namibia
Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) - Kenya	Empowerment of women through participatory governance of devolved funds	Kenya
Education Centre for Women in Democracy (ECWD)	Enhancing the engagement of women in Kenyan electoral process	Kenya
African Women Foundation (AFFRO)	Supporting asset building for poverty reduction among women	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia
Women's Rights Awareness Program (WRAP)	Economic empowerment of abused and violated women in Nairobi, Kenya	Kenya
Center for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW)	Towards realizing human rights in Kenya	Kenya
Center for Land, Economy and Rights of Women (CLEAR)	Addressing women's livelihoods and their land rights through gender equality	Kenya, Uganda
Vinya Wa Aka Group	Enhancing capacity of women to participate in resource mobilization and investment programs in Kenya	Kenya
Africa Leadership Development Institute (LeadAfrika)	Women Empowerment- Women as architects of their own future	South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland and Zimbabwe
Women Development Foundation (WDF)	Young women leadership development training for civil society organizations	South Africa

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South African Women in Dialogue (SAWID)	Development caravan model	South Africa
Center for African Women Economic Empowerment (CAWEE)	Awareness creation and promotion of women in business	Ethiopia
Women for Women Foundation (Trampled Rose)	Economic empowerment and housing for women affected by obstetric fistula in Addis Ababa	Ethiopia
Hundee Oromo Organization	Women economic support in Dendi and Jeldu districts	Ethiopia
Good Samaritan Training Center	Vocational skills training and education for underprivileged women in Addis Ababa	Ethiopia
Jewels of Faith Academy Learning Centre	Provision of holistic, high quality literacy, practical skills, and life skills for self- development	Nigeria
African Women Development Foundation (AWDF)	Fund-raising and grant making initiative to support African women's movement (disburses small grants to women groups in West, East, and North Africa for various activities)	Ghana, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Somalia
Orphan and Widow Campaign Organization (OWACO)	Food security and livelihoods improvement	Malawi
The Church of Central African Presbytery (CCAP)	Gender equality and sustainable development in education	Malawi
Women's Bureau	Strategy for reducing drudgery of women by providing labour saving and processing devices as well as improve vegetable production in communities	Gambia
Equality Now	Popularization, ratification and domestication of the African Union Protocol on rights of women; and building capacity of legal communities to address adolescent girls human rights	Guinea Conakry, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Kenya and Cote D'Ivoire
Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET)	Enhancing income growth between small and micro women entrepreneurs through use of ICT	Uganda

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Women of Liberia Peace Network (WOLPNET)	Maimu cassava production and multiplication project	Liberia
Juba Women Self Help Development Organization (JWSFHO)	Promoting empowerment of women in Southern Sudan	South Sudan
Fundação para o Desenvolvimento da Comunidade (FDC)	Networks of Women Entrepreneurs	Mozambique
Ministério da Família e Promoção da Mulher	Support to Gender Equality in Angola	Angola
REDE MULHER	Women's Right and Gender Equality in Angola	Angola
Promoção da Mulher Angolana na igreja Católica (PROMAICA)	Promotion of Socio-Economic Development and gender equality in the communities of the Benguela municipality.	Angola
Instituto Cabo-verdiano para a Igualdade e Equidade do Género (ICIEG)	Support National Plan Against Gender Based Violence 2009-2011	Cape Verde
Instituto da Mulher e Criança	Eliminating Female Genital mutilation in Guinea Bissau	Guinea Bissau

### Comprehensive list NEPAD/Spanish Fund Grantees - **SECOND CALL**

Name of Organisation	Title of project	Country
Group d' Animation Action au Sahel (GAAS)	Appui à la Promotion des Femmes Engagées dans le Commerce Transfrontalier et Transrégional sur la Route du Poisson « Mopti-Sévaré-Bandiagara-Bankass-Koro, frontières du Burkina Faso »	Mali
Consortium GRAPES six "S" Groupe de Recherche Action pour la Promotion Economique et Sociale Se Servir de la Saison Sèche en Savane et au Sahel	Renforcement des capacités de participation des femmes a la gouvernance locale dans le cercle de Kati	Mali
Teen Challenge-Western Cape	Teen Challenge Women's Economic empowerment Project - Home of Hope Women's Center	South Africa
South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)	The Dev and Implementation of an Intervention to Reduce Gender Based Violence Perpetrated against Young Women aged 16-24 in a peri-urban setting in SA: A Community Participation Model	South Africa

Name of Organisation	Title of project	Country
Graca Machel Trust Fund (GMT)	Empowerment of African Women	Mozambique, Angola, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania & Kenya
Gender Links	Cascading the Centres of Excellence (COE) for gender mainstreaming in local government in Namibia	Namibia
Réseau sur les Politiques de Pêche en Afrique de l'Ouest (REPAO)	Renforcement des capacités des organisations de femmes de la pêche membres du REPAO	Senegal, Mauritania, Republic of Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde, Gambia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Togo, Burkina Faso & Benin
Enda Pronat	Amelioration et securisation de l'accès au foncier des femme rurales du Senegal	Senegal
Cooperative PANALE	Boutiques PANALE	Senegal
Programme National Plateformes Multifonctionnelles (PNPTFM)	Promotion de l'entrepreneuriat féminin en milieu rural à traers la mise en place d'entreprises de transformation agroalimentaires ETAAL	Senegal
Live-Addis	Economic and social empowerment of 500 young girls in two sub cities of Addis Ababa	Ethiopia
Inter-Africa Group	Youth Empowerment: Support to Out-of-School Adolescent Girls	Ethiopia
Instituto para Pesquisa, Advocacia e Cidadania(CARA)	Economic empowerment of rural women in the districts of Jangamo, Inharrime and Zavala	Mozambique
Instituto de Emprego e Formação Profissional (IEFP)	Support to young women entrepreneurs	Cape Verde

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Sudan Peace & Education Development Programme (SPEDP)	Empowering Women Through Organic Vegetables and Fruits Production	South Sudan
Young Enterprises	Girls, future entrepreneurs	Malawi
Agence Intergouvernementale Panafricaine EAA, Eau et Assainissement pour l'Afrique ( EX Centre Africain pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement)	Projet de résorption des inégalités homme-femme dans l'accès aux avantages des services d'eau, d'hygiène et d'assainissement dans cinq pays d'Afrique de l'Ouest (PRI-EHA / Afrique de l'Ouest) : Bénin, Guinée-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Togo	Togo, Niger, Benin, Mali, Republic of Guinea
Gambia Women's Finance Association (GAWFA)	Empowering women through microfinance	Gambia
Structure d'Appui aux Réseaux d'Agricultrices/ Agriculteurs (SARA)	Appui à l'Insertion Socio économique des Femmes par la mise en place et le développement des Activités Génératrices de Revenus dans la Région Administrative de Kindia (PAISEFAGRE).	Republic of Guinea
Association Songui Manegré /Aide au Développement Endogène (ASMADE)	Appui aux acteurs et actrices de l'alimentation de rue à Ouagadougou : du renforcement du pouvoir économique et technique vers l'autonomisation des femmes.	Burkina Faso
The Future in Our Minds (FIOM)	Empowering Women through Cooperative Development	Rwanda
Ministry of Trade and Industry	Support to Women in Informal Cross-Border Trade in Rwanda	Rwanda
Communauté Economique des pays des Grands Lacs (CEPGL)	Coordination des activités régionales d'appui aux femmes dans le commerce informel transfrontalier dans les pays des Grands Lacs	Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo
Credo Action	Soutien aux femmes rurales dans la commercialisation de produits agricoles.	Togo
Salon International de l'Artisanat pour la Femme (SAFEM)	Appui à l'autonomisation socioéconomique de 350 femmes artisanes au Niger	Niger
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology -Non formal Education Directorate	Enhancing the Capacity of Women and Girls through Literacy, Livelihood Skills Training and Support to Micro-enterprises.	Sierra Leone

Name of Organisation	Title of project	Country
Crianca e Desenvolvimento Integral de Angola (S.O.S – CEDIA)	Mulher Feliz	Angola
Equality Now	African Women's Rights Protection and Advancement	Sudan, Ethiopia, Burundi, Guinea Conakry
Christian Rural and Urban Development Association of Nigeria (CRUDAN)	Capacity strengthening of CSOs and Women leaders in governance issues in Nigeria for gender equity and justice and reduced discrimination against women	Nigeria
Efokhoyu Manyu Network	Empowering Women on the Cultivation and Commercialisation of Eru in Manyu Division of the South West Region of Cameroon	Cameroon
Development Aid By People to People (ADPP)	Increasing women's economic status in Empada, Guinea Bissau, through agro-production and commercialization	Guinea Bissau

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