

POST

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Not **one** less

Systems of domination are so deep-rooted that we must wriggle free of our world to clearly see how they work. For instance, by changing the subject of a sentence, we can perceive the extent to which something that is humanly, ethically and morally intolerable has become mundane. Let us, for example, replace “woman” with “man with green eyes” and tell the following story: “Once upon a time, there was a land where a rather chilling phenomenon was reported. Every other day or so, a person was killed by a family member. An investigation undertaken by trustworthy people found that the victims all shared the same distinguishing physical feature: they were men with green or blue eyes. In effect, men with light-coloured eyes often were disdained in this land, and sometimes were openly mistreated, even in public. Of course, the question arose as to why these now murdered men with light-coloured eyes chose to remain with such abusive families. After delving deeper, it was found that many of them had in fact fled their families in fear of their lives, but their families pursued them and succeeded in killing them several months after they left.” The story does not say how men with green eyes managed... it simply shows the point to which something intolerable is completely trivialized when women are concerned...and at the moment, women are not managing at all.

According to [UNODC](#), 87,000 women in the world were killed intentionally in 2017, meaning they were killed because they were women. Of these, 58% were killed by intimate partners or family members. This

means that every day, 137 women are killed by a member of their own family. Every hour, six women are killed by someone they know. Over 60% of them are killed by a current or former intimate partner, someone with whom they once had a bond of trust and/or love.

As early as the 1970s, feminists understood



«Not one less», the slogan of the Italian anti-femicide women's movement. Photo by Ghillino Vladia, 2nd place winner in our 2019 photography competition on the theme «Stronger Together».

that this type of homicide was related to being a woman, and called it “femicide”. At first strongly rejected, the term has gradually become officially accepted. In 2006, the UN General Secretary defined “femicide” as “the gender-based murder of a woman” and the “murder of women because they are women”. And in 2012, the United Nations

Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Its Causes and Consequences, described “femicide” as “the culmination of pre-existing forms of violence, often experienced in a continuum of violent acts”. This is because the notion of “femicide” is inextricably linked to violence against women, from the most ordinary kind, such as society’s subtle and systematic devaluation of women, to more extreme forms, such as mass rape and murder.

Kafa (meaning “enough”), and Non Una de Menos (meaning “not one less”) are amongst the names that an increasing number of women’s associations have adopted to put a face and life stories on cold statistics. In so doing, they are trying to restore to these female humans the value that was stolen from them even before their lives were taken. For them, it is too late.

But many, many women (35% of all women in the world) continue to wake up each morning wondering where the first blow will fall, and whether the man with whom they have chosen – for the most part – to live will carry out his threats. To avoid a fresh humiliation, or a new blow, they give up part of themselves, become smaller, and reduce their ability to imagine themselves elsewhere.

For these women, every day is a living hell, and these tranquil households, which seem so peaceful and safe, are actually torture chambers from which they cannot escape because outside there are few places where their lives will be taken seriously.

In our society, half of which is female, many women have experienced this hell or will live in it one day. We pass them on the street every day. They are among us. They are us.

SINCE LAST SPRING, WE HAVE SUPPORTED SOME FORTY ASSOCIATIONS WHICH ARE WORKING TO:

MAKE WOMEN'S VOICES HEARD



MOROCCO



The **Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc** (ADFM, Democratic Association of Moroccan Women), which was established in 1985, positions itself as a force advocating for gender equality and full citizenship for Moroccan women. In July 2019, the ADFM Rabat branch organized a **national seminar for women from Soualalyate communities** who are excluded from enjoying the right of usufruct and the collection of compensation in the event of collective land transfers. ADFM has been fighting for over 10 years to help these women, who seek equal access to collective land ownership in Morocco, and to urge the government to introduce amendments that would guarantee women effective equality of access to Soualalyate lands.



FRANCE



Africa 93 (Association for Training against Racism and Active Citizen Intervention) was established in La Courneuve, a suburb of Paris, in 1987. It has set up many activities to consolidate social ties and inform women about their rights. Alongside other associations, Africa 93 is lobbying for an independent status for migrant women in order to change the discriminatory laws which they face in France. MedWF's funding is intended for **general operations**.



TUNISIA

Irtikaa, an association established in 2011 in Tunis, focuses on women's participation in elections and workplace decision-making bodies. It provides women the opportunity to acquire new skills and helps them to realize their full potential to actively participate in the life of the city. MedWF's support is for **strengthening the team and overall operations**.

STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AND SELF-CONFIDENCE



MOROCCO

The **Tafoukte association for the rehabilitation of Messiwua women** was established in 2008 in the village of Ait Ourir, a remote region in Marrakech province. The association works for the **economic independence of women through carpet making and organizes literacy classes**. The founders of the association have considerable influence on the improvement of women's rights in their region and continue their work despite the reservations of their neighbours.



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The **SEKA Goražde** association was established in 2007 in Goražde to raise awareness of the consequences of collective war-related trauma, and to develop an innovative approach to psycho-trauma therapy, especially for women. The MedWF supports the operating costs of the **SEKA centre for education, therapy and the democratic process**, which provides individual and collective psychotherapy services to women and girls.

DEFEND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS



ISRAËL

Muntada - The Arab Forum for Sexuality and Health, founded in 2006 in Haifa, works to address the social problems faced by Palestinian communities in Israel such as underage marriages, violence and gender-based discrimination, and to promote sexual rights and defend the importance of sexuality education in synergy with institutions and schools, youth clubs, feminist associations. The MedWF supports its **general functioning**.



MOROCCO

The **Association Taytmatine pour la réhabilitation des femmes Ait Qalla** (an association to empower the women of Ait Qalla), located in the middle of the Atlas Mountains, came into existence in 2016 thanks to two young women determined to change women's daily lives. They built their headquarters in the middle of the village, where women make carpets for direct sale, and organize literacy classes, encourage parents to send their girls to school, and advocate against child marriage. They are now planning to **set up a maternity ward in the village** to fight maternal mortality.



ITALY



Obiezione Respinta, established in Pisa in 2017, fights against gynecological and obstetrical violence. It helps women to assert their right to abortion and emergency contraception in a country where 70% of doctors refuse to practice abortion (90% in some regions). The MedWF supports the **operations of the platform**, on which women submit their experiences in hospitals, clinics and pharmacies. These experiences are added to an interactive map in order to inform other women about access to abortion or emergency contraception.

EDUCATE AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS



CROATIA

The **Center for Civil Initiatives**, located in Poreč, which is 250 km away from the Croatian capital, is an organization promoting women's rights and citizenship that has existed since 1997. Their project **"Our daily sexism"** aims to raise awareness about the presence of sexism in everyday life and its unacceptable nature. It seeks to expose ordinary and everyday sexism in the media, advertisements and public speeches through an extensive digital campaign.

● The **Mediterranean Institute for Gender Studies**, established in 2004, fights against gender-based discrimination through research, advocacy, training and advisory services. It prioritizes the participation of women in political processes at the national and European level, and the engagement of excluded social groups in training programs and debates to help to promote socially diverse dialogue. They are planning to **set up a new website**.

RAISE AWARENESS THROUGH ART AND CULTURE



TURKEY

Tatavla's **feminist reading club project** is the result of fieldwork conducted over one year by the **Tatavla Art Collective**, which was founded in 2018 by three women from Istanbul's Tatavla district. After working together for over 10 years in women's organizations, they wanted to create a welcoming place to host reading groups and evening debates on women's rights.



FRANCE

The Effronté-es (the Bold) is a gender mixed association defending equality between women and men. Its four branches are located in Paris, Strasbourg, Rennes and Marseille. It was established in 2012 to organize support for women in gravely difficult situations. The **Féministival! 2019** is a feminist art festival. For its 3rd season, Féministival has welcomed nearly 2,500 participants in Marseille for a weekend full of art, public education, and the blending of Mediterranean cultures.

END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

All the associations that we support fight against the violence suffered daily by the women from birth, such as unequal treatment, discrimination, contempt, and the denial of needs and desires... Some focus their work on protecting women from extreme violence, including femicide.

ISRAEL-PALESTINE



Assiwar, the Arab feminist movement, was established in Haifa in 1997. It combats sexual violence crimes, provides psychological and legal support to girls and women exposed to all types of sexual violence, and trains professionals. The initiative supported by the MedWF is to produce **short films highlighting all kinds of sexist violence** directed against girls

the consequences of these murders. This exhibit was undertaken with six families who were interviewed during the summer of 2019 in the north, south and centre of Italy.

MOROCCO

The **YTTTO Foundation for the Shelter and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence** was founded in 2004 in Casablanca. It works ceaselessly in the field to defend women's rights and to fight against child marriages and girls being taken out of school. Its **Derb Moulay Chrif Centre in Casablanca** hosts women and girls who are victims of violence and in difficult situations, offering them legal and social assistance. The MedWF supports its overall operations.

GREECE



The **Center for Research on Women's Issues – DIOTIMA** has provided legal and psychological support to survivors of gender-based violence in Athens, since 1989. It works to prevent this violence through training programs. The MedWF's support is dedicated to **legal and psychological support** activities provided free of charge. Since 2017, the association has supported 178 women survivors of violence, and also has conducted an extensive awareness-raising campaign called, "Don't Skip".

FRANCE

NousToutes (All of Us-women) is a collective formed by over 50 organizations that was established in 2018 to create a large-scale national movement against gender-based and sexual violence. On 23 November 2019, the **#NousToutes 2nd national march** took place to reclaim a world in which violence against women has no place, and to obtain concrete measures from public authorities.



ITALY

ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE DRY ART (the Dry Art cultural association) has fought for gender equality through art in Bologna, Italy, since 2001. Its **photo exhibit, "The Consequences"**, aims to change how the media portrays femicides to consider the point of view of victims' families. The exhibit consists of a series of photos of the families of victims who must continue living with

To become familiar with all of the projects, visit the information page on our website: www.medwomensfund.org

NEWSFLASH

Mediterranean women, despite the worst, for the best

Despite the tragedy being re-enacted today by “the faceless sea wearing a hundred drowned faces”, the sea which has become the funeral shroud and tomb for thousands of people who set out in the tenacious hope of finding a better life on the far shore;
Despite an accelerating rise in sea levels averaging 3 millimetres/year and water temperatures increasing 20% faster than the rest of the world, both worrying records;
Despite the recent announcement that the Mediterranean is the second region most impacted by climate change after the Arctic;
Despite this heavy toll of pain and suffering, we are choosing to cultivate and nourish what is best in this region of the world in which we live.

Rather than donning a single identity confined within the cages of borders, we prefer to “stand tall in the infinite space” of the world’s poetry and beauty. Our compass is the star light reflected in the sea, the wind rustling through fig trees, and the seamless clarity of the sky that is tirelessly shared by the 500 million human beings who live around this sea.

We have little choice but to work together to find new ways to see, act, and think, to put love back into the heart of relationships and to weave bonds of trust, friendship, and respect with everyone and everything around us, be they humans, animals or plants. To be able to connect with the world in peace and tranquillity, we must shake up the human constructs built on the backs and in the flesh of women and the planet.

It was in this frame of mind that “Med-Feminiswya”, the Mediterranean Network for Feminist Information, was established in 2018. The network was further consolidated last July during a three-day meeting in Rabat. Twenty women, including 17 journalists from 13 Mediterranean countries, gathered to strengthen their ties and develop their vision of feminist information under the slogan, “Our sea, our voices”.



And this is what leads us to invite eco-feminists around the Mediterranean to meet for a few days in 2020 to build relationships and – who knows? – constitute the strength that our region needs!

1 «la Mer sans visage aux cent visages noyés»Andrée Chedid Mediterranean poet (1920-2011)

2 Idem «Dans l'espace infini je me tiendrai debout».



The Mediterranean Women's Fund aims to help improve the status of women and promote gender equality in countries around the Mediterranean by contributing to the strengthening of women's rights associations at the local and regional level.

And always citizens of the world...



The biennial meeting of PROSPERA (the International Network of Women's Funds) held last May in Victoria, Canada, brought together 38 representatives of women's funds from around the world, including the Mediterranean Women's Fund.

All of them are devoting tremendous energy to finding financial resources to defend women's rights around the world: they raised more than \$100 million in 2018 from individual donors, private foundations, governments and businesses with an interest in women's issues.

To build a more just world, and to truly change the lives of 3.8 billion women by helping them lift their heads and reject the multifaceted violence to which they are subjugated, this amount remains far too small.

Help women make a difference by making a donation!



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