



Photo: Families of the disappeared march in Mexico.

# Investing in Feminist Movements for Justice

Dear Friend,

Feminist leadership is critical to building collective power and effecting systemic change. Yet, feminist groups remain critically underfunded. For four years, driven by your generosity, the Regan Ralph Feminist Leadership Fund has provided the resources, tools, and training to women and LGBTQ+ activists tackling gender discrimination and inequality at their roots as well as ensuring women are at the forefront of human rights movements.

**Your partnership has made it possible for the Regan Ralph Feminist Leadership Fund to deliver nearly \$750,000 to 28 grassroots feminist groups in 12 countries to date.** Beyond funding, your support gives these activists access to vital resources—training, professional development, respite, evacuation if facing threats, and shared knowledge opportunities. Thank you for helping us meet their unique needs and build stronger, more effective movements for justice.

With gratitude,



**Clara Desalvo**  
**Director of Programs**

**Your support is furthering gender justice around the world.**

Around the world, your support is strengthening grassroots feminist groups that are reshaping communities and reclaiming power in the face of poverty, corruption, and violence. The stories that follow highlight how this sustained, flexible support enables women leaders to drive change and create a more equal future.

# East Africa

In East Africa, women are pushing back against discrimination and gender-based violence to claim leadership and drive reforms from the community level to national decision-making spaces.

**AFRABU** is the only organization in **Burundi** working for more than a decade to advance women's political participation shaped by data and rigorous evaluations.

Originally focused on supporting returned refugees and internally displaced women, AFRABU has evolved into a key actor elevating women's voices and experiences across community, regional, and national platforms. This includes playing a pivotal role in strengthening women's participation in Burundi's general elections last year, which saw an 8 percent increase in women in parliament. Your support is helping them scale up critical analysis on women's representation to inform both their advocacy and long-term institutional reform.

In neighboring **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, women's exclusion from customary decision-making structures, particularly in rural communities, remains a critical barrier to gender equality. **AFJMa** helps women claim a foothold in local governance through community outreach and sustained engagement with traditional leaders and local authorities.

Thanks to you, the group is educating women on their rights ranging from legal frameworks to land inheritance, running campaigns addressing domestic violence, and advocating for women's leadership opportunities. Recently their efforts resulted in the appointment of two women to local decision-making committees.



Photos: Community members attend an education session held by AFJMa

# Mexico

In Mexico, when women speak out against powerful interests, they are often met with discrimination and threats of violence. Courageous activists are pushing back and strengthening feminist movements for justice:

The activists of **Procesos Integrales para la Autogestión de los Pueblos** work with Indigenous communities where violence is closely tied to land and natural resources exploitation and the growing influence of organized crime. The group applies a gender lens to this activism—and with your support, offer youth programs to prevent gender-based violence and opportunities for Indigenous women to shape community organizing, land rights efforts, and advocacy.

**Fray Juan de Larios Center** takes a feminist approach to the pursuit of justice for forced disappearances—countering the gender, racial, and class inequalities that create an environment where violence thrives and investigations stall.

Your generosity helps them provide training, legal advice, and care to the mothers, sisters, and wives demanding answers and accountability. They also build bridges between families and local and national authorities, elevating women's advocacy with the state and pushing for reforms that prioritize their safety.



Photo: Families and activists join a demonstration demanding investigations into forced disappearances

**Thank you** for powering women as they build and lead strong movements to transform their communities and our world for good.