

## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (ZISVAW) HISTORY 1996-2020

From 1996 to 2020, more than US\$9.5 million was provided to support projects in 46 countries. Beginning in 2020, all of Zonta International's service projects are being supported by the International Service Fund.

### 2018-2020

#### Ending Child Marriage: A Programme to Accelerate Global Action with UNICEF USA and UNFPA

Child marriage is a global violation of human rights that can be found in cultures, religions, ethnicities and countries around the world. The Ending Child Marriage project brings together governments, civil society, families and young people in a collective effort to prevent girls from marrying too young and to support those already married as girls. In the first phase, the project will turn commitment into tangible action to effect meaningful and lasting change in girls' lives. (US\$2 million)



### 2016-2018

#### Respecting the Rights and Responding to the Needs of Adolescent Girls in Niger with UNFPA

Zonta International partnered with UNFPA to reduce early marriage and early pregnancy in a critical mass of communities in all regions of Niger. Funding from Zonta covered the participation of thousands of additional adolescents in the 2016-2018 Biennium. Parents, relatives and peers also benefited from knowledge shared by the girls, including valuable health and hygiene information. (US\$1 million)



**The Future We Want: Creating Sustainable Foundations for Addressing Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration of Women and Girls in Nepal with UN Women**  
In the aftermath of the April and May 2015 earthquakes, Nepal faced a heightened risk of human trafficking and unsafe migration. Despite policies, plans and programs in place to counter trafficking and promote safe migration, there is a lack of synergy at the operational level. Zonta International partnered with UN Women to create sustainable foundations for addressing the nexus between human trafficking and foreign labor migration of women and girls in Nepal. (US\$1 million)

### 2014-2016

#### Respecting the Rights and Responding to the Needs of Adolescent Girls in Niger with UNFPA

Partnering with UNFPA, Zonta International helped to reduce early marriage and early pregnancy in a critical mass of communities and departments in Niger. Early marriage is a form of sexual and gender-based violence with detrimental physical, social and economic effects. Niger has the highest child marriage prevalence in the world, with 75% of girls married by age 18 and 36% by age 15. (US\$1 million)

#### Voices Against Violence: Non-formal Education Curriculum for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) on Ending Violence against Women and Girls with UN Women

Zonta International teamed up with UN Women and WAGGGS for this project to prevent and reduce gender discrimination and violence against women and girls through non-formal education and youth engagement and leadership in 12 countries. The curriculum was designed for various age groups ranging from 5 to 25 years and provides young people with tools and expertise to understand the root causes of violence in their communities, to educate and involve their peers and communities to prevent such violence, and to learn about where to access support if violence is experienced. (US\$986,000)



## 2012-2014



### Safe Cities for Women in Honduras with UN Women

More than 50% of the world's population—approximately 3.4 billion people—lives in cities today. With this rapid urbanization comes increased risks for citizens of urban areas, especially women and children. The Safe Cities Program addresses the issue of urban violence by working with local authorities and organizations on the ground to build awareness and solutions. (US\$250,000)

### Mass Communication with a Purpose: Global Partnership on Edutainment for Social Change with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, administered by UN Women

Zonta International teamed up with the UN Trust Fund for this project. “Edutainment” is the term used to describe a proven approach that combines mass communication of a positive and locally relevant message with community outreach to transform the myth that violence against women is “normal” and “inevitable.” The edutainment approach, which combines traditional and contemporary media, is proven to be both cost-effective and efficient in reaching women and men on a much wider scale. (US\$802,124)

### Empowering Women in Rural Samoa to Combat Violence with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, administered by UN Women

Samoa is an island country in the Pacific Ocean with 61% of the 192,001 residents living in poverty. The incidence of violence experienced by women and girls between the ages of 18 and 65 in Samoa is high, and this violence is usually perpetrated by an intimate partner. This project empowered communities in rural Samoa to prevent and combat violence against women. (US\$109,876)



## 2010-2012

### Towards a Comprehensive Strategy to End Burns Violence Against Women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, administered by UNIFEM

Acid attacks and other forms of burning are prevalent forms of violence against women and girls, especially in countries where regulatory monitoring and controls are weak, and where the judiciary, lawyers and police have limited knowledge on the appropriate laws to prosecute perpetrators. Zonta International supported this UN Trust Fund program, which focused on improving response from the justice, police and health sectors, mobilizing communities to monitor and advocate for the implementation of legislation reform, and encouraging individual responsibility to end this gender-based violence. (US\$430,000)



### Security and Empowerment for Women and their Families: Ensuring a Gender-Responsive Humanitarian and Early Recovery Response in Haiti with UNIFEM

Zonta partnered with UNIFEM for this program, which focused on increasing the capacity to provide services to victims of gender-based violence, delivering support for women's economic livelihoods, and promoting, supporting and ensuring women's empowerment and participation in the recovery process after the earthquake in 2010. (US\$200,000)

## 2008-2010

### Ending Violence Against Women through Community Action (EVAWCA) in Cambodia with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, administered by UNIFEM

Zonta partnered with the UN Trust Fund to support the implementation of the Law on the Protection of Domestic Violence and Protection of Victims, the Civil Code and Criminal Code, among others, in three Cambodian provinces. Gender and Development for Cambodia worked to change attitudes of society and to modify harmful behaviors through education and counseling. (US\$300,000)



### Combating Physical Violence Against Women and Supporting the Implementation of Protective and Anti-Discriminatory Laws and Policies in Egypt with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, administered by UNIFEM

Zonta worked with the UN Trust Fund to pilot a model to provide integrated services to survivors of violence in the community of Ezbet El Haganna, a slum area of Greater Cairo, and to build the capacity of service providers in six

other governorates of Egypt to respond more effectively to the needs of survivors of gender-based violence in their communities. (US\$200,000)



**Community-Based Center for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence in Syria with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, administered by UNIFEM**

This project created a one-stop center to provide immediate protection, medical and legal aid, counseling, rehabilitation and reintegration assistance to survivors of violence. It also addressed harmful societal norms and discriminatory practices and promoted awareness-building campaigns focused on women's rights, helping women become less vulnerable to violence and teaching people to speak out against violence to women. (US\$100,000)

**2006-2008**

**Prevention of Cross-border Regional Trafficking in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro with STAR Network of World Learning and Regional Anti-Trafficking Mobilizations for Prevention (RAMP)**

Zonta teamed up with STAR and RAMP for this program, which focused on cross-border cooperation to prevent trafficking in women, fostering joint work by governmental and non-governmental organizations, and building upon efforts in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Croatia, as well as previous STAR capacity-building and advocacy projects in Serbia and Montenegro. Grants were given to pairs of communities on either side of the borders joining Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, which provided stimuli for NGOs to work together and required matching funds from local governments and business. In addition, the project sought to involve the global women's network of Zontians by creating anti-trafficking advocacy modules for Zonta clubs worldwide. (US\$150,000)



**Implementation of Laws, Policies and Action Plans on Violence Against Women in Niger with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women**

This program was an initiative of women lawyers aimed at building the capacity of judges and medical doctors to ensure the effective implementation of the law on the protection of victims of violence. It also targeted youth and women to promote advocacy toward the enforcement of their lawful protection. (US\$50,000)

**Combating Violence Against Women and Girls in Sierra Leone with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women**

Zonta teamed up with the UN Trust Fund for this program, which addressed domestic violence, sexual violence, women's entitlement to inherit and own property independently, and the practices of early and forced marriage of girls by taking the first steps in building state capacity and nationwide understanding necessary to put recently approved national laws on these topics into practice in post-conflict Sierra Leone. (US\$50,000)



**Preventing Trafficking in Women in Thailand by Addressing the Normative Dimensions of Demand with UNIFEM**

Zonta and UNIFEM partnered for this project, which aimed to prevent trafficking in persons, especially women and children, by addressing the factors that generate demand. The project targeted high school students and teachers (national and international schools), male and youth groups, faith-based organizations, media, local governmental organizations and communities by addressing socio-cultural norms, values and behaviours that "justify" exploitative behavior that generate gender-based violence and the demand for trafficked persons, especially women and children. (US\$100,000)

**2004-2006**

**Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women: Creation of Women Friendly Police and Judicial Procedures in Bhutan with the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, administered by UNIFEM**

Zonta teamed up with the UN Trust Fund for this program, which aimed to change the way the police and judiciary respond to cases of violence against women through capacity building and training, as well as by filming court



procedures and making the judicial system more transparent and accessible to women. The project helped make a safer and more secure environment for women in Bhutan so they could pursue their development without hindrances and violations of their basic human right to be free of violence. (US\$75,000)



#### Prevention of Gender Based Violence (GBV) among Sudanese Refugees in Chad with the UN Foundation and UNFPA

Zonta supported this program, which worked to prevent sexual and gender-based violence in Oure Cassoni Camp, the northernmost and second largest of the Sudanese refugee camps in eastern Chad. The main strategy to prevent and reduce the incidence of violence against women and girls was to address security and legal justice needs, as well as raise awareness on the issue of gender-based violence and means to prevent it. The activities supported by this project focused on the preventive measures to ensure recognition of

rights and protection through international, statutory and traditional laws and policies, and worked with communities to recognize the health impact of GBV on the girls and women themselves and, more broadly, on the family and the community. (US\$50,000)

#### Support to Prevent and Manage the Consequences of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka with the UN Foundation and UNFPA

This program attended to the needs of potential victims of sexual and gender-based violence, which increased after the 2004 tsunami, and aimed to prevent further development of such episodes. This was achieved through a combination of assessment, training, awareness-raising and material support to local NGO partners and health facilities in or near communities affected by the tsunami. (US\$50,000)



#### 2005

The first ZISVAW grants were awarded to UN agencies or recognized non-governmental organizations for projects that seek to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behavior contributing to gender-based violence.

#### 2000-2004

ZISVAW grants were awarded in amounts up to US\$25,000 to Zonta clubs that partnered with local non-governmental organizations or schools to produce programs aimed at preventing violence against women.

#### 1998

ZISVAW was created to improve education about, and increase awareness of, violence against women and children. It was adopted as an ongoing program of Zonta International at the 1998 Zonta International Convention in Paris.

#### 1996-1998

ZISVAW was the first international service project administered by Zonta International.

**UNFPA** (United Nations Population Fund)

**UNIFEM** (United Nations Development Fund for Women)—now UN Women

**UN Women** (United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women)