SHARING POWER, SHIFTING NARRATIVES

REALIZING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FOR ALL.
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WELCOME
We are a global south-led and grounded transnational feminist alliance of younger feminists, committed to fostering stronger communities by building trust, nurturing solidarity, and sharing power.

As a membership-based alliance of feminist activists working across generations, constituencies, identities, and movements, we seek to realize Sexual and Reproductive Justice (SRJ) for all. Our justice approach encompasses an understanding of and a commitment to addressing the interlinkages between our bodies, our health, and our human rights in the context of the ecological, economic, and social crises of our time. This approach also recognizes historical injustices and systemic inequalities in gender power relations. We aim to contribute to creating long-term systemic change by transforming our ways of thinking, working, and living while relying on the leadership of communities most impacted by sexual and reproductive oppression.

We believe that meaningful participation of south feminists in all our diversity is essential in shaping and advocating for transparent, accountable, and sustainable development policies and programs. We create and hold spaces at global and regional policy-making fora that go beyond resolution driven advocacy, and strengthen collaboration and future alliances, provide consistent support for south feminist leadership, in particular for newcomers, bring in new voices, experiences and ideas, and have them heard in multilateral policy making fora and other halls of power.

We believe in agency. Personal agency is crucial to individuals living happier and more fulfilled lives and is an essential precondition for a world that is just, harmonious and pleasurable.

Finally, we are committed to accountability and transparency within our own movements and to a culture of activism which integrates pleasure and joy. We understand that without assuring the protection, safety, and well-being of activists, both individuals and communities, we cannot have sustainable organizations and movements.
Dear friends,

The story of RESURJ is one of possibility, solidarity, creativity, rage, tears, self and collective care, healing, joy, and pleasure. It is a story still in the making with a lot to recount and reflect on, and much to imagine and look forward to. We are excited to share with you our journey for the years 2018 and 2019. In many ways, these two years have been an important period of growth, learning, resisting, building, and of strengthening our collective. Both 2018 and 2019 were full of continued efforts by us and our accomplices to challenge the status quo, whether in feminist organizing or in applying a justice approach to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Our organizing took place in a global context in which politicians use immigration and healthcare as political talking points, where walls and borders separate and divide movements and communities, and where the space for feminist activism and solidarity at intergovernmental spaces continues to be purposefully dwindled down. We know that this context is even more dire now with the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our intention in sharing our journey through this report is not just about numbers, figures, and accounts of ‘impact.’ We are pushing beyond what is quantifiable to share how we actively practice our feminist accountability as part of our organizing and living. This includes the importance of showing up for each other and for the struggles we are a part of and creating and expanding feminist organizing spaces and practices. In this manner, we, global south sexual and reproductive justice activists, can feel supported to challenge and overcome some of the structural as well as physical and mental obstacles of doing intersectional feminist activism in an ever-challenging context. Our practice of feminist accountability also continued to push us to break silos by ensuring that the work implemented throughout these two years would continue to deepen the interlinkages between economic, environmental, and sexual and reproductive justice. It is with intent and gratitude that we reflect upon the ways our efforts have led to enhancing connections, building power, and strengthening solidarity amongst younger feminists from the global south.

We hope you enjoy reading about our work and we welcome your responses and suggestions as we move forward together towards a future of justice and hope.
RESURJ
2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS
Increased mobilization, support for, and engagement with younger feminists from the global south and allies in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. Supported young African feminists through the Young African Feminists Dialogues (YAFD) and Vecinas Feministas por la Justicia Sexual y Reproductiva en América Latina (Vecinas Feministas) to engage in regional and global processes related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 25 years of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA).

Amplified young south feminists’ voices, knowledge, and leadership by positioning ground up intersectional analysis, research and organizing for SRJ.

Along with DIVA for Equality Fiji, hosted Feminists Community of Care (FemCom) sessions at the Commission on the Status of Women in 2018 and 2019, holding space with and in support of young feminists and newcomers from the global south, resulting in collective care practices, deepened political analysis, and a Manifesto for South Feminist Organizing.

Continued to challenge the mainstream narrative, language, and siloed approach to talking about sexual and reproductive justice through our communications, advocacy efforts, and by holding spaces for and with younger feminists.

Shared analysis, held space and strengthened collaboration, and co-learning through intentional presence in feminist and women’s rights gatherings including the first conference on Justice and feminisms in Latin America, the LBQ Women’s Conference, Challenge Criminalization Dialogues, and the Pacific Feminist Forum.

Participation in the AWID Forum Content and Methodology committee, contributing to shaping the Forum activities and feminist participation alongside other feminists from various regions and backgrounds.
Collaborated with allies in organizing around a wide range of women’s rights and gender justice priorities in key regional and global policy advocacy spaces such as the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) processes, regional population conferences, the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development, and the High level Political Forum (HLPF).

Engaged with our governments in regional and international intergovernmental spaces providing expertise, and proposing language related to adolescents’ health and rights, data collection and use, climate justice, recognition, value and redistribution of unpaid and paid care work, comprehensive sexuality education, access to a comprehensive SRHR package, the role of women and feminist organizations, and protection of human rights defenders.

Played a key role in advocating for a transparent and coordinated mechanism for civil society participation in the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda at national, at regional and global levels.

Strengthened our evidence basis for advocacy through our thought leadership work, particularly with regards to questioning the use of criminalization and penal systems to address sexual and reproductive rights violations; and experimenting with alternative data collection through the Our Lived Realities project.
Established new partnerships to expand our interlinkages work including with the BRICS Feminist Watch which monitors the activities of the newly formed BRICS New Development Bank, and the Alliance for Gender Equality and UHC.

Organized dialogues and created spaces that center the interlinkages between economic, environmental, sexual, and reproductive justice.

Continued to be a leading voice in exploring the limitations of penal policies in addressing rights violations and advocating for a comprehensive approach to SRR violations, along with accomplices and allies.

Published a collective statement on “Why is the right to abortion a fundamental aspect of sexual and reproductive justice”.

Had our approach to reproductive justice featured as a case study in the book “Reimagining global abortion politics: a Social Justice perspective.”
We came together for our retreats in Nigeria (January) and Malaysia in 2018 (November) and in Mexico in 2019 where we collectively took stock of our work and strategies, engaged in values clarification exercises, celebrated our accomplishments, began a process to develop our narrative(s) of change and transformation, and underwent a process to revise and update the RESURJ’s Action Agenda.

Welcomed four new members from Malawi, Pakistan, Paraguay, and Egypt.

Continued to challenge the status quo of feminist organizing through our transnational alliance building, and our feminist accountability practices including approaches to power and leadership, where and how we locate our activism, spend our resources and build partnerships.

Established and renewed partnerships with donors, including by being as a soundboard in providing feedback on innovative strategies; and supported the fundraising efforts of local and newly established feminist groups.

Strengthened our communications platforms and online engagement including by setting up a communications team within the alliance, welcoming Marisol Ruiz, our full-time Communications Officer to the Secretariat, launching collaborative pleasure centered campaigns, and challenging mainstream narratives in talking about SRJ.

Conducted membership assessment and re-elected Marisa Viana as our Executive Coordinator.

Embarked on a process to assess and learn about the ways our convenings and dialogues support and south feminist organizing, connecting and networking.
SHARING POWER
RESURJ’s agenda for action calls for the realization of sexual and reproductive justice for women, adolescents, girls, trans and non-binary people, as well as the leadership of young, global South feminists in shaping population and sustainable development policies and programs that affect our lives.
1. How did the Action Agenda come about?

**NANA**

I had just joined when the alliance made a decision to revisit the 10-Point Action Agenda to guide our work and be more reflective of our collective aspirations. In the Malaysia retreat, we huddled over RESURJ’s agenda for more politically articulated principles and goals. The newer version of our Action Agenda does not entail the alliance is going to bring to life and sustain every aspect of it, rather an imagination of what would be the ecosystem we need to be able to realize sexual and reproductive justice for all.

2. What are some of your favorite points in the Action Agenda and why?

**MADIHA**

The Action Agenda is a very comprehensive, clear, and concrete strategy which represents all of RESURJ and its members values, wishes and vision for the world. It takes a holistic approach to SRHR justice, addressing all systemic and social barriers and impediments to complete realisation of rights. The action points related to comprehensive sexuality education, public financing and resources, and corporate accountability, are points that strongly resonate with me as I see these are significant steps that need to be taken in countries to empower affordability and accessibility to SRHR and services.
The Action Agenda centers sexual and reproductive justice while at the same time showing its interconnectedness to other issues, systems of power and structures. Global south younger feminists highlight through this action agenda how women’s sexuality isn’t separate but integral to economies and ecosystems and how SRJ realisation is part of this ecosystem.

3. How does this action agenda differ from the previous one?

In 2010 when RESURJ was founded the “RESURJ by 2015”, 10-point action agenda which aimed to place women’s and young people’s human rights, in particular SRHR, and participation in decision-making, and accountability at the center of health programs and development efforts. It was developed as a rally tool aimed at influencing two major global processes: the 20-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+20) and the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

The updated 13-point action agenda is reflective of how our work, vision and politics have grown over the years. It builds on the previous action agenda and dives deeper into structural and systemic issues linked to the economic and environmental aspects of our justice approach. It challenges us to ensure that our work is for and by women, adolescents, girls, and trans and non-binary people in all our diversity and brings to the forefront our position that both the realization and violation of sexual and reproductive rights should not further disenfranchise and criminalize marginalized peoples.
4. What does RESURJ mean by “structural and systemic inequalities”?

**VIVA**

For me it comes from the work we do around criminalization; and the work we do in contributing to changing policy and laws at the national, regional and global levels. It is about challenging a failing system that has been violating women’s bodies and human rights for decades. For me it is making visible the system that has failed us. As much as the women’s movement is progressing, we also want to speak about the realities and oppressions that have not changed. There needs to be a moment to work towards disrupting a system that is failing and oppressing us.

**CHANTAL**

It means that sustainable realisation of rights needs to go beyond issues as consequences at a superficial level. Rather how inequalities are embedded in structures built on class, gender, age, race determine accessibility to equal treatment and opportunities. For example, education, work, social protection and how systems of operations of institutions also reflect, “normalise” and reproduce inequalities and without analysing and addressing structural and systemic inequalities, realisation of rights for all is difficult.

5. Why was it important for RESURJ to name the following groups in this Action agenda? “Women, adolescents, girls, trans and non-binary people, and other marginalized groups.”

**UMBA**

It was important for us to name all those groups because within marginalized populations we wanted to highlight the specific populations that are usually combined as one homogenous group which risks; ignoring the nuances of what their rights and needs are when it comes to policy, programs and services meant to uphold the realization of sexual and reproductive justice for all.
6. How do you see this action agenda being useful in the work that you do at the national level?

**JASMINE**

In India, a lot of conversations have been around dealing with adolescent sexuality. Decriminalization is not often the approach child rights and sexuality rights groups take. Through the work of RESURJ, our collective (Hidden Pockets Collective) have been able to negotiate and navigate conversations on policy on adolescent sexuality from penal methods. RESURJ (de)criminalization work has helped the collective to evolve a voice around this issue, and lead a space in the movement, which is rooted in decriminalization approach and at the same, giving young people the courage to lead such difficult work.
The cross-regional and cross-movement convenings hosted by RESURJ during 2018 and 2019 contributed to a stronger and interconnected cohort of south feminists advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality in their countries, regions and globally.
Globally since 2017, and as part of our ongoing priority to create safe and supportive spaces for collective organizing, learning, deepening of analysis, solidarity practice, centering collective care and pleasure, RESURJ and Di-verse Voices and Action for Equality (DIVA) - Fiji, have co-hosted FemCom (formerly known as The Space).

FemCom is aimed at supporting younger south feminist newcomers’ participation in regional and global advocacy spaces. In 2018 and 2019, we collaborated to bring together over 70 newcomers and younger south feminists to engage in dialogue, deepen our analysis, and create solidarity at the edges of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Of note was the support and engagement of Women Human Rights Defenders, Lusophone activists, environmental rights defenders, and disability rights activists who joined FemCom sessions during the 63rd CSW in 2019. The creation of alternative organizing spaces is aimed at challenging established structures of oppression in and around intergovernmental spaces.
The Space/FemCom allowed Pacific feminists to connect with southern feminists from Mexico, Bolivia, Egypt, Lebanon, Venezuela, South Africa, India and etc. This opportunity enabled young women advocates and activists to collaborate in conducting intersectional analysis on many areas of feminist work, as well as provided the chance to discuss challenges of working as South Feminists intergovernmental spaces. Connection to this broader movement allows for continued sharing of resources, knowledge and skills. The South Feminist Manifesto comes from this gathering of energy, which captures the ongoing social organising values with an inherent focus on power negotiation, providing a clear advocacy tool for increasing south feminist voices in global spaces.

As a RESURJ member and as DIVA for Equality we look forward to continuing to build on this space in the future to make intergovernmental spaces more accessible and participatory for south feminists.

-Viva Tataqawa.
RESURJ and DIVA for Equality (RESURJ member’s organization and accomplice in Fiji) have come together at different moments to create and hold space for the participation and actions of diverse younger feminists living under occupation.

In 2018 DIVA for Equality Fiji worked hard to provide support for a young woman from West Papua to participate at the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). West Papuan human rights defenders and activists have experienced increased oppression, militarization, human rights violations, and reprisals from the Indonesian government in their struggle for self-determination.
The struggle has attracted increasing international attention and concern, particularly in neighboring countries such as Malaysia. However, often what it is missing is consistent support, accompaniment, and solidarity with and for young women activists of West Papua who are at the forefront of the struggle for indigenous rights and liberation. Through DIVA’s support to participate at the 62nd CSW and the FemCom, the participant from West Papua was able to share and learn with and from other young feminists and human rights defenders about their journeys and struggles in advancing basic human rights, and also strategies in organizing young feminist-led spaces.

Following the 62nd CSW, RESURJ and DIVA for Equality invited the same activist from West Papua to participate in the SRJ cross-regional dialogue in Malaysia where she brought in perspectives on SRJ from a context of occupation and deepened her knowledge on the linkages between SRHR, economic justice and the climate crisis. At the 2019 Pacific Feminist Forum this young woman brought together a small group of young women who have been slowly organizing themselves to be the first feminist network in West Papua. They are very vocal in articulating the issues they are facing and what solidarity from the women’s movement would mean for them.

Weaving together collaboration, moments and spaces are important aspects of feminist solidarity practiced by RESURJ and DIVA. The openness in reaching out and committing to consistently supporting younger feminists, regardless of their geographical locations or the little window of opportunity young women might have in organizing or building their networks, is the beauty of being nimble, south grounded and being led by accomplices of young and fierce feminists.
At the regional level too, we have been intentional in holding spaces for and with younger feminists. In 2019 we collaborated with members and allies in Africa to host a Young African FemCom organized by RESURJ and SPECTRA. The FemCom in Morocco brought together more than 20 younger African feminists who convened in a safe space to discuss their experiences and key feminist African realities they felt were not being addressed at the regional Sustainable Development Forum. These included the lack of a deeper analysis of systems of oppression for women’s rights i.e. patriarchy, capitalism, heteronormativity and, economic and ecological crises.

At the end of 2019 RESURJ and SPECTRA hosted another FemCom at the margins of the Africa regional review of the Beijing Platform for Action in Addis Ababa. The FemCom brought together 15 younger African Feminists from 10 countries to collectively reflect and map out the trajectory of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to analyze systems and structures that continue to hinder the full realization of the rights of African women and girls in all their diversity and how they have shaped young feminist organizing in the region.

“Before I found out about RESURJ too many spaces seemed inaccessible for me, and after RESURJ, many doors opened and the validation received from the alliance. RESURJ helped me deal with the intimidation that was coming from those spaces.”
In Latin America our FemCom practices are well solidified through our members and as part of our collaboration with the Vecinas Feministas. In 2018 and 2019 we were present supporting younger feminists’ participation and advocacy in several important regional policy advocacy fora including the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, the follow up to the Montevideo Consensus at the Third Regional Conference on Population and Development in Lima, and in preparatory meetings related to Beijing+25. Together we held space, shared information and tools about the advocacy spaces we were attending, held political discussions, came up with a collective analysis and priorities for the space, and a shared advocacy strategy.

The RESURJ Cross-Regional dialogue held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in June 2018 brought together 22 younger feminists from 21 countries from Africa, Asia, South West Asia, and LAC. The dialogue was an opportunity for feminists to share national and regional experiences in using a justice approach in our work that recognizes the social, economic, environmental and ecological dimensions of our sexual and reproductive rights. These experiences included advocating for accountability in the implementation of crosscutting targets in the 2030 Agenda related to gender, elimination of all forms of discrimination, SRHR, and education including comprehensive sexuality education. An important outcome of this meeting was the reflection on strategies within feminist movement building, around activism, transnational solidarity and organizing. The convening left us with renewed energy to continue our work, confidence in having deepened our collective feminist analysis, and new connections and solidarities across regions.
Since our inception in 2010, we’ve been challenging and experimenting with the status quo of feminist organizing through our transnational alliance building, our feminist accountability practices including approaches to power and leadership, and where and how we locate our activism, spend our resources and build partnerships. The last two years have shown clear outcomes of these efforts, given that our scope as well as ecosystem of partners and accomplices has grown significantly but horizontally.

Feminist formations such as the Vecinas Feministas in Latin America and the Young African Feminists Dialogues (YAFD) emerged from RESURJ’s regional convenings, and our approach to SRJ and ways of working provided inspirations to build their own structures. While RESURJ created spaces for these emerging feminist formations to come together, we are proud to say that they now function independently and often collaborate with RESURJ at national, regional and global levels. Other formations such as the BRICS Feminist Watch have over the last two years relied on RESURJ’s experience in feminist governance and accountability, consensus building and membership based alliances to strengthen their own internal processes.
2018 and 2019 resulted in important milestones for RESURJ in our support and accompaniment to the Vecinas Feministas. We engage with the work and strategy of the Vecinas Feministas in various ways as they continues to grow as an independent feminist network in the region. The Vecinas Feministas is an active and integral member of the Mira que te Miro - a regional social monitoring initiative focused on the follow up of the Montevideo Consensus on population and development; and in the leading up to ICPD+25 and Nairobi Summit, partnered with UNFPA to organize and implement youth leadership camps bringing together youth voices and experiences in mobilizing for SRHR.

We have facilitated the co-learning and deepening of analysis of Vecinas Feministas on the shortcomings of criminalization of SRHR violations and they are positioned as a new voice on the issue at the regional level. RESURJ, Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud AC (RESURJ member organization from Mexico) and Vecinas Feministas are co-leading the regional campaign Injusta-Justicia focused on challenging protectionist approaches to adolescent sexuality and bodily autonomy in LAC. In April 2018, RESURJ and Balance hosted the Vecinas Feministas’ third regional follow up meeting. The meeting was essential to assess regional political, social and economic trends undermining SRHR gains and to design a new work plan for the group that prioritizes advocacy for safe abortion, comprehensive sexuality education and adolescents’ autonomy. RESURJ and Vecinas Feministas participated in important regional spaces presenting the discussions around the shortcomings of criminalization. Some of these spaces were the Primer Encuentro Justicias y Feminismos in Quito-Ecuador and the Women’s Regional Conference hosted by ECLAC and the government of Chile in Santiago.
RESURJ has continued to support the cohort of younger African feminists that emerged out of a RESURJ-hosted workshop in 2015. The Young African Feminist Dialogues (YAFD) continues to be space for young feminists from the region to come together as a collective of like-minded African feminists, to better advance the rights, wellbeing and participation of women and girls on the continent. It was through this collaboration that RESURJ supported the participation of young advocates from the region in our SRJ Cross-regional dialogue in 2018; at the Africa Regional Sustainable Development Forum (ARSDF) in 2019; at the Africa regional review of the Beijing Platform for Action regional in 2019; and globally at the CSW and HLPF in 2018 and 2019. These were key opportunities to continue the collaboration with members of YAFD but also to meet other younger African feminists organizing around the various regional agreements on SRHR and gender equality in their countries and regionally. Participants reported positive experiences and shared their reflections of engaging the FemCom at the ARFSD and strategies for global level engagement.
SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER
RESURJ’s advocacy strategy is grounded in our unique capacity to mobilize south feminist activists to speak truth to power about the lived realities of our constituencies and communities, often challenging the status quo in international and regional policy advocacy space.
Beijing+25

As Beijing+25 approached, RESURJ members in Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, the Pacific and SouthWest Asia engaged in preparations for the regional consultations as well as strategizing with partners regionally and cross-regionally around the Global Equality Forum. In Europe, we also co-led in the development of factsheets on sex work and SRHR in Europe; contributed to the Feminist Benchmarks for Beijing+25; and participated to a meeting hosted by the Mexico government in August 2019 to identify priorities towards Beijing+25, and supported in shaping the outcome A Framework for Beijing+25: Women Radically transforming a World in Crisis.

In the context of Beijing+25 review, RESURJ’s member from Paraguay also facilitated the workshop “Co-creating a global feminist policy, platform and agenda for a world of peace, safety and justice for women in all our diversities,” hosted by the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID) and the UN Trust Fund to end Violence Against Women in Sarajevo in November 2019; and RESURJ member from Sri Lanka contributed to an online intergenerational dialogue also co-hosted by AWID between young feminist activists and feminists who were in Beijing to share their reflections and analysis during this critical global moment for feminist movements.

In Africa, we actively participated in the Economic and Social Commission for Africa (ECA) regional review meeting for Beijing+25 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from October 27, 2019 to November 1, 2019. In the lead up to the regional meeting we partnered with Education as a Vaccine (EVA), the African Women’s Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), and the International Women’s Health Coalition to host a 2-day advocacy workshop with 15 young women from the region. RESURJ members and allies from different African countries including Rwanda, Zambia, Mozambique, Uganda and Senegal participated in a pre-youth consultation and the African Union deliberations for the regional outcomes.
At the Pre youth consultation, members and allies engaged and led the development of a youth position paper which was presented at the main intergovernmental review meeting. The position paper incorporated key issues that were clearly missing from the pre youth and main conference including the recognition and challenges faced by African LGBTQI, sex workers and gender non-conforming people. The position paper also addressed the lack of an interlinkages approach to sexual and reproductive, gender, economic and ecological justice issues that affect the majority of young women and girls in all their diversity in the African continent.

Regional Forums on Sustainable Development.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, RESURJ also worked closely with the Vecinas Feministas and YAFD to influence the development of participation mechanisms at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD) in their respective regions linked to the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda. RESURJ members from Latin America co-led the establishment of a regional Civil Society Organizations Mechanism for engagement, which was presented by RESURJ members and adopted by over 350 civil society actors during the meeting of the Forum of Countries in Chile in 2018.

In 2019, RESURJ continued to be active members of the Interim Commission to set up terms of reference and guidelines for the groups that will implement the mechanism for participation as part of the follow up and review of the SDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean. At the 2019 LAC Forum of Countries, RESURJ members from Brazil and Mexico co-facilitated the adoption of the mechanism and the election of representatives for the Liaison Committee now adopted by civil society and the UN Economic Commission in the region. As part of this process, RESURJ was elected as the focal point for the LGBTI Group and is a member of the Working Groups on Ecological justice, Children, adolescents and youth, and Women.
In Africa, we strengthened our collaboration with YAFD members and EVA Nigeria, at the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) in Morocco in 2019. We positioned advocacy messages on gender equality, economic justice and SRHR directed at governments that were undertaking Voluntary National Reviews for the HLPF later in 2019.
In Europe, for the first time, in line with our approach to south politics and examining how inequalities are manifested in the North, RESURJ attended the European Sustainable Development Forum. Our efforts were focused on engaging in the Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Forum and leading the development of analysis and messaging on SDG 10 and issues of inequalities and interlinkages, for the peer learning thematic roundtables with governments at the forum.

RESURJ also submitted a report to the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights during his country visit to the UK, focused on inequalities, austerity, and economic justice in the UK and outlined the ways in which austerity has impacted women.

**Interlinked Advocacy Opportunities**

In Asia, RESURJ supported members attending the 9th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights, in a side event sharing RESURJ’s analysis related to the shortcomings of penal policy in addressing SRHR violations. Members also engaged with the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, in particular focusing on how to strengthen connections between CEDAW and the 2030 Agenda.
In 2019, RESURJ, the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA), the International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW AP), came together to organize a learning exchange among SRHR activists and advocates in Asia focused on facilitating a peer learning and strategize process linked to exploring international agreements and policy framework related to SRHR including CEDAW, the SDGs and Beijing Platform for Action as well as assessing. The result includes a CEDAW-SDGs Learning Exchange Module that we hope to build upon and utilize with allies in policy advocacy spaces.

Cross-regional Advocacy Organizing

RESURJ members, Vecinas Feministas, YAFD and allies engaged in regional organizing and movement building, planning and strategy, analysis, and communications, in various regional and global spaces.

Some of these included the 62nd and 63rd sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW); the 51st Commission on Population and Development (CPD) in 2018; the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) 2018 and 2019; and the Regional Sustainable Development Forums in Africa, Asia and Pacific and LAC.

Members of RESURJ and allies supported by the alliance engaged with and served as experts in their government delegations at global and regional intergovernmental forums (Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Rwanda and Nigeria), and worked closely with government delegates of Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Mozambique, Zambia, Fiji, Philippines, Uruguay and Peru.

In the context of the SDGs Summit and Youth Climate Summit in 2019, RESURJ provided support for a young trans woman from the Pacific to participate in the deliberations of the Summit, when the UN fell short in providing adequate daily allowance and accommodation that would ensure the safety and meaningful participation of trans youth in New York.
Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

In 2018, RESURJ attended the 62nd CSW, working with allies to influence governments, and sharing analysis and language recommendations towards securing an Agreed Conclusion that was responsive to the situation of rural women and girls. This included addressing structural issues and links with SRHR, and language that went beyond victimizing women and girls living in rural areas and positioning them as vulnerable/marginalized groups. At the 63rd CSW, the theme was social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. RESURJ worked with members and allies to develop language recommendations and analysis focused on: SRHR and HIV package of services, conditionality, austerity and privatization, criminalization and sanctions, financing for social protection systems, and data.

The development of language and analysis on these issues informed our advocacy with governments prior to and during negotiations, the spaces and side events where members spoke, and shaped much of the wider Women’s Rights Caucus advocacy and language recommendations.
At the 2019 HLPF, members from Rwanda and the United Kingdom engaged in national level consultations, both in official government consultation processes and in shadow report development with civil society, in preparation for the HLPF and presentation of country reports - ensuring that both gender equality and SRHR were addressed as part of the goals under review.

**High Level Political Forum**

RESURJ actively participated in HLPF in 2018, leading discussions within the Women’s Major Group (WMG) from a feminist perspective and developing our key recommendations along with allies from the global south, around methods of work and HLPF reform. RESURJ held and engaged in side events such as the Major Group and Other Stakeholders (MGos) and UN DESA sponsored Stake-holder Engagement in the High Level Political Forum and its review in 2019 - 2018 HLPF, utilizing these spaces for catalyst conversations within the WMG and MGos around the ministerial declaration; its role, usefulness, necessity, and future. RESURJ led and participated in a number of advocacy activities, including through the WMG engagement in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process nationally. RESURJ members took part in strategizing alongside the WMG and MGos, including leading the drafting of their position paper, in particular the sections focused on interlinkages and policy coherence.

The HLPF and the follow up and review of the SDGs remains weak in its accountability. As such, RESURJ members have made efforts to demand accountability across the process, and in particular ensuring that targets under Goal 3 and Goal 5 related to gender equality and SRHR remain a relevant topic of discussion throughout; from meeting with the national indicators office in India to supporting members to engage in national consultations for Voluntary National Reviews in the UK, Rwanda and Pakistan. These efforts have included presenting civil society statements for the UK and Rwanda at the VNR sessions at the 2019 HLPF, and leading the development of the Women’s Major Group position on HLPF reform within the WMG and sharing on panels and meetings with other stakeholders.
Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

In 2019, RESURJ had another opportunity for targeted advocacy for SRHR through the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage convened by the UN. To this end, RESURJ members from Rwanda, Mexico, Brazil, the UK and Egypt closely followed the discussion on UHC and joined the Alliance on Gender Equality and UHC, a space co-convened by the International Women’s Health Coalition, Women in Global Health and Women Deliver, along with over 100 organizations from various countries. This collaboration was central in ensuring that UHC proceedings would be reflective of local realities with regards to financing for health, domestic resource mobilization, SRHR and gender equality; crucial aspects to the realization of the rights to health initially missing from the UHC debate. The UHC political declaration agreed upon by governments in September 2019 is reflective of well-coordinated advocacy efforts at the global level supported by action grounded in national experiences and mobilization on the central need to ensure that UHC is inclusive of gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights.
SHIFTING NARRATIVES
RESURJ is invested in developing collective action strategies and knowledge with environmental, social and economic justice advocates and movements, and exploring conceptual inter-linkages and strategic alliances across these issues.
In 2018 and 2019 we have continued to build on our thought leadership work on investigating the limitations of penal policies to address sexual and reproductive rights violations. We’ve done this through research, strengthening alliances with other like-minded collectives and organizations as well as by supporting our members to lead evidence-based policy advocacy.

During the period, RESURJ’s work towards examining the shortcomings and limitations of criminalization approaches led to a major milestone in our thought leadership analysis: commissioning and engaging in an in depth desk review research and publication of the report, *Beyond Criminalization - A Feminist Questioning of Criminal Justice Interventions to Address Sexual and Reproductive Rights Violations*. Through the report we sought to answer questions such as: what are the shortcomings of the criminal justice systems in addressing sexual and reproductive rights violations based on research in certain topics/areas?; what else, besides penal provisions and criminalization, works?; and what are some measures that have been undertaken that have yielded results in addressing violations, both preventive and measures undertaken as redress, that are part of a more comprehensive approach to addressing SRHR violations?
With a view to enriching our advocacy strategy, we have made significant efforts in leading a ‘political reimagining’ of analysis, discussions and thinking related to addressing the limitations of penal policies to address sexual and reproductive rights violations such as child, early and forced marriage. We have continued to challenge criminalization discourses promoted in feminist spaces as well as in intergovernmental spaces such as CSW, CPD, Beijing+25 and the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda by proposing language in line with RESURJ’s goals for comprehensive policies that go beyond criminalized responses to protect human rights.

This work also included efforts to mobilize younger feminists to identify and challenge the limitations of penal policies as a solution to rights violations including by inviting younger feminists to participate in our dialogues and sharing our strategies with them. RESURJ members from India and Egypt attended and presented at the CREA Re-conference in April 2019 in Nepal; and members also participated in and presented at the Challenging Criminalization Interdisciplinary and intersectional meetings series hosted by Accountability International held in the United States in 2018 and South Africa in 2019, sharing the preliminary findings and recommendations from the Beyond Criminalization desk review report and analysis.

The preliminary findings of the “Beyond Criminalization” report was also presented at a round table in 2019 at the First Latin America and Caribbean Feminist Forum on Justice: A critique of the penal and prison system, towards feminist justice, convened by various feminist collectives from the region. The event was well attended and it was an opportunity to strengthen our analysis on the short-comings of criminalization regionally, learn about grass-roots organizing around alternatives to the penal system, and to strengthen networks and alliances towards what would later become the Injusta Justicia campaign.

RESURJ continued to engage with allies in various spaces also working on issues of the criminalization of bodies, sexualities and identities and shortcomings of criminalization; such as the Technical Group on Criminalization; and collaborating with with Amnesty International, CREA and the Global Health Justice Partnership to host debates such as “Can We Achieve Gender Equality in a Context of Criminalization?"
In 2018 we began discussions with CREA and Accountability International to conceptualize region specific campaigns around challenging criminalization in Africa, Asia and Latin America and Caribbean. In Latin America and the Caribbean, in 2019 RESURJ partnered with close allies and members’ organizations to spearhead a campaign to challenge protectionist approaches to adolescents’ sexuality. Along with Vecinas Feministas and Balance, we coordinated with 13 diverse feminist and grassroots groups and organizations to develop Injusta Justicia a campaign and a collaborative platform that explores the ways in which criminalization affects adolescents and young people in the region. An important result has been cross-movement collaboration with trans activists, indigenous communities and persons with disabilities. Injusta Justicia opened up new dialogues and conversations on the shortcomings of criminalization and strengthened the network of accomplices organizing towards justice for adolescents and women from various communities impacted by the criminal justice system.
Partners, accomplices and funders have described RESURJ as a leading voice on this topic, and this was reflected in the number of spaces and dialogues we have been invited to engage in throughout the last two years to share this emerging analysis.

The interlinkages analysis that RESURJ has been sharing in 2018 and 2019, through our thought leadership work, including in our Reflections on Our Countries and our advocacy messaging is a vital and effective contribution to pushing back on the rise of conservatism, particularly in relation to sexual and reproductive justice, as well as pushing back on corporate power and neoliberalism.

We have been able to show the significance of these issues in our work, and the need to prioritize these issues with SRJ analysis, advocacy, knowledge and awareness building. For example, RESURJ and allies developed an advocacy priorities guide for the Commission the Status of Women (CSW) in 2019 based on the interlinkages between social protection systems and SRHR; SRHR and HIV services, care and support and SRHR packages of services; austerity and social protection systems; conditionalities, sanctions and criminalization of cash transfer and social assistance, financing, and data.

For us it is also imperative to engage in collective reflective exercises of our positions within our movements and to build resistance to cooptation of feminist language and history. Our collective statement around the International Safe Abortion Day in 2019 on “Why is the right to abortion a fundamental aspect of sexual and reproductive justice” is meant as a gift to our allies who are shifting their strategies to SRHR advocacy to be more grounded in sexual and reproductive justice.

In 2018 we contributed to the book “Reimagining global abortion politics: a social justice perspective” and RESURJ was featured as a case study for our approach in organizing around sexual and reproductive justice and positioning this framework in intergovernmental advocacy for abortion rights.
RESURJ members also participated in numerous speaking engagements, lectures and written pieces to highlight these interlinkages including presenting at a side event discussing common difficulties in the process of implementing the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development in adverse political contexts at the 2019 HLPF with partners from Brazil, Philippines and Argentina; sharing our experience in advocating for accountability for the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda at the Columbia School of Public Health course on Environmental Justice.

Throughout 2018 and 2019 we continued to engage with the space created by the economic formation of the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) as they set up the New Development Bank for south-south cooperation, with a focus on development, sustainable infrastructure and renewable energy. We have contributed to this space through the BRICS Feminist Watch (BFW) including by co-writing the BFW statement for the BRICS summit leadership; co-organizing a webinar on the green economy and its impact on women and gender equality; and co-sponsoring and presenting at the 2018 CSW side event “Rural women and south-south cooperation: Feminist Analysis from BRICS and emerging economies” positioning SRHR and gender justice as a priority in regards to south-south cooperation and sustainable development.

RESURJ members continued to develop and implement Our Lived Realities: Evidence for Justice, a project aimed at documenting accounts of the social, economic and ecological conditions that affect younger women and adolescents’ decision-making in regard to their sexual and reproductive rights. At the Women Deliver Conference in 2019, RESURJ co-hosted a side event with the AJWS and the International Development Research Center (IDRC) on “The Power of Feminist Research to Transform Gender Inequality”, sharing examples from Our Lived Realities projects, and RESURJ’s approach to feminist research and data gathering.

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RESURJ members engaged in a number of global and regional women’s rights and feminist organizing activities. Highlights include:

- Supporting members and allies from Mexico, Brazil and India, Egypt and Uruguay to attend Women Deliver. RESURJ’s Executive Coordinator spoke at the closing ceremony of the Women Deliver Conference;

- Members also spoke in a panel on Feminist Foreign Policy hosted by ICRW and IWDA in March 2019, discussing RESURJ’s political analysis of development assistance and bodily autonomy.

- The RESURJ EC was invited to collaborate and support a member from Fiji at the 2nd Pacific Feminist Forum: Sustaining Solidarity, Resistance and Revolution, in particular around language on universal health coverage and north-south feminist organizing;

- RESURJ members from Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Fiji, and Mexico, and allies from Brazil and the Ivory Coast attended the global LBQ Conference in July 2019 and spoke in various sessions including discussions on North-South LBQT organizing, LBQ adolescents, healing and sexuality, and the experiences of LBQ people in using the internet.

- RESURJ’s EC participated in CREA’s Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute strengthening our knowledge and analysis on the interlinkages between these issues and bringing into our advocacy.

- At the invitation of the Praxis Project members from Brazil, Sri Lanka and an ally from Egypt participated in the Roots and Remedies Conference in 2018 and 2019.
RESURJ’s communications outputs have continued to challenge the mainstream narratives, language, and siloed approaches to talking about SRHR and pushed forward counter narratives rooted in a justice approach. Highlights included the #365DaysOfPleasure campaign through which we shared messages of collective and self-care each day for a year. This initiative has included collaborations with other south feminist allies such as Balance Mexico and Agents of Ishq India. We hosted webinars with partners including: Bodies, Sexualities and Rights, Advances and Resistance in partnership with DAWN; and in the lead up to September 28th co-organized with Hidden Pockets “Decriminalization of Abortion in South Asia: Young Feminist Activism!” an exchange of strategies from around the globe on decriminalization of abortion.

RESURJ implemented social media campaigns with partners, including for the International Day of Action for Wo-men’s Health, the Global Day of Action for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion on September 28 for which RESURJ published a special edition of the Country Reflections; a twitter chat with partners for the One Day One Struggle campaign; and contributed to the #HealthIsMigration twi-tter chat to fight back against the threats to migrant com-munities, hosted by our fiscal sponsor, the Praxis Project. RESURJ published a number of solidarity statements for international days and urgent and emerging issues of concerns in RESURJ member countries, as well as highlight successes and wins, milestones, the work of, and transitions of RESURJ member’s and allies’ organizations and work.
REFLECTIONS FROM OUR COUNTRIES

HUMAN RIGHTS

- The Holy See in international human rights spaces including the UN and the OAS and its impact in challenging #SRHR
- The impact of Brazil’s president Bolsonaro war on "gender ideology" and its link to a broader global attempt to dismantle the advances on human rights.

ADOLESCENTS

- The spreading of misinformation and tampering with adolescent rights in Paraguay
- The ways funding conditionalities, requirements, and understanding of adolescent sexuality and rights, can lead to wider impacts on girls in Rwanda.

ABORTION

- Framing abortion from a sexual and reproductive justice approach, for International Safe Abortion Day.
- Decriminalization of abortion in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.
- Decriminalization of abortion in India.
- The legal framework of abortion, and the role of the feminist movements advancing the issue in Paraguay.
- Unsafe abortion in Sri Lanka.
- The ways Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act in India continues to hinder full access to abortion services.
- Reflections from the 2019 Sindh Reproductive Healthcare Rights Bill in Pakistan.
FEMINISM

- Gender-related commitments launched by the National Council for Women in Egypt.
- Feminist mobilizations that took place in Mexico City, as a result of the outrage ignited by cases of sexual violence committed against women.
- Feminism in Rwanda.
- Reflections on feminist space and organizing at the HLPF.
- Experiences of a women’s march in Pakistan.
- Our rage is legitimate.
  Addressing feminist fault lines around criminalization globally.

VAW + GBV

- Femicide and how that links to high estimates of women who die because of unsafe abortions or lack of care in the aftermath in Brazil.
- Advances of the trans movement in Pakistan.
- Violence against Indigenous, disabled and refugee and migrant women and girls in Canada.

INTERLINKAGES

- International Day of the Disappeared.
- Discussion on ‘the Family’ in the context of Egypt.
- Structural inequalities and education in Rwanda.
- Addressing the multiple needs of rural women and girls in relation to technology in Rwanda.
- Sextortion in Nigeria.
- From a Smart City to a Sustainable City.
- Finding the Pleasure Point in Internet Policy Spaces.
- Development projects and violence against environmental and land defenders in Brazil.
- Menstruating in a Neoliberal Structure.
BUILDING RESURJ’S INFRASTRUCTURE
STRENGTHENING OUR BASE
The years 2018 and 2019 were also pivotal in strengthening RESURJ’s foundation and the interconnectedness of our strategic goals in expanding and supporting younger south feminists organizing for sexual and reproductive justice from an intersectional and interlinked approach at various levels.

We recognize that our leadership and impact from organizing in global advocacy spaces, convening regional, global and cross-regional dialogues on the issues we care about, and exploring cross-movement strategy is only truly possible when our base is strong and nourished. This means we must place significant importance and care towards creating collective support mechanisms, governance structures, and accountability practices that uplift us and give us autonomy to break away from established models and molds of leadership, capacity building, and representation.

For RESURJ, strengthening the base of the collective has included engaging in feminist accountability circles; values clarification in the context of our criminalization work and the membership process; deepening our knowledge on environmental, ecological, and climate justice; experimenting with campaigns; opening spaces for newcomers; saying goodbye to core members while maintaining relationships both personally and professionally; asking for help from consultants and allies; adapting to losing funders and building new partnerships; and learning with our fiscal sponsors. Moreover, our strength comes from being fully aware that a membership-based alliance that relies on members’ volunteer time is an exercise in and of interdependence requiring love, dedication, and patience.

Our annual retreats are a space for deep reflection, reconnecting, collective evaluation of our efforts and alliances as well as imagining and forging new opportunities.

At the 2018 retreat in Nigeria we started a process to revise our 10-point Action Agenda established in 2010, soon learning that this needed to be a complex and participatory process. After two retreats, a full year of consultation, wordsmithing, collaboration and learning we launched “Sexual and Reproductive Justice NOW!”, our new and encompassing advocacy tool to mobilize movements and governments towards upholding SRJ. Our advisors’ accompaniment through this process was invaluable.
In 2018 RESURJ established a Temporary Evaluation Committee composed of members, to coordinate the appraisal and re-election process of the Executive Coordinator; and a feminist circle for assessing members. Major decisions such as the re-election of our Executive Coordinator, building a new communications strategy and hiring a full-time communications expert, and engaging in self and collective assessment of ourselves and the Secretariat took place in our annual retreat in Malaysia, at the end of 2018. During our 2019 retreat in Mexico our time was dedicated to healing including by beginning our journey to create RESURJ’s narrative(s) of change and transformation, an exercise that has now been folded into our strategic planning for 2020 and beyond.

In 2019, we also asked ourselves questions that led to the need to evaluate the convenings organized by RESURJ since 2012. Throughout the year we worked with an external consultant to conduct a deep assessment of our convenings/dialogues. The convenings evaluation sought to sharpen, widen, and concretize our strategy in supporting feminist organizing moving forward. We deemed it necessary to take a deeper look at how and where we invest our limited funds and assess the needs of younger feminists from different regions. The assessment resulted in key recommendations to further strengthen and resource RESURJ convenings as unique global south led spaces for younger feminist organizing and learning; and to strengthen and sharpen participants’ political and social analysis, thought leadership on emerging issues and interlinkages sexual and reproductive justice.

In 2018 and 2019 RESURJ welcomed four new members Madiha Latif (Pakistan), Nana Abelsoud (Egypt), Umba Zalira (Malawi), Mirta Moragas Mereles (Paraguay), who will play key roles in RESURJ’s criminalization work, convenings and engagement with Beijing+25 processes. We also elected one new advisor Charmaine Pereira (based in Nigeria) who joined the advisory group providing guidance in a range of areas within the Alliance. During this period, we also began to forge new collaborations with long-term members including Fadekemi Akinfaderin (Nigeria), Ghiwa Sayegh (Lebanon), Diakhoumba Gassama (Senegal), Sheena Hadi (Pakistan), and Sinara Gumieri (Brazil) who have transitioned out of their roles as alliance members into RESURJ’s Friends Network.
RESURJ continued to support members and their organizations, Vecinas Feministas, YAFD, and other close allies beyond facilitating engagement in regional and global advocacy. We have shared funding opportunities; practiced mutual aid strategies; engaged in strategic fundraising conversations, provided references and administrative support for funding applications; logistical support, visa and immigration references, security and safety tips/measures; and peer feminist accompaniment throughout the years.

As RESURJ’s 10-year anniversary approaches, we feel encouraged by the extent of our networks, strengthened and expanded constituencies, and grateful for having served as a home to many Resurjitas and accomplices throughout the years.
A significant lesson for us during this period has also been recognizing and honoring RESURJ’s own pace – that is, feminist collective organizing for transformation does not happen overnight. It takes time, generosity, imagination, adaptability, love, and transparency. It requires that we exercise feminist leadership horizontally while trusting the power each of us has. This also means that we are willing to put in the time needed into our actions towards advocacy, movement building and thought leadership in a way that builds the collective, respects the integrity of our values and principles and results in grounded strategies and evidence that supports our resistance and struggles.

RESURJ’s pace also requires that we continuously assess the spaces we engage in and the connections we build on the way. It is particularly important to take note of the need to place focused energy, time and resource towards the mobilization and amplification for regional organizing, strengthening collectives and trusted relationships with accomplices. In this manner, we have been able to strengthen our presence, connection and impact with a strong cohort of younger feminists who are leading change in their communities and mobilizing for transformative policy advocacy in all regions and at the global level.

It is on this strong foundation that we have been working across all our strategic goals and objectives, resulting in a holistic and expanding set of practices for feminist movement building and advocacy.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
2018 IN 2018 OUR TOTAL INCOME WAS $455,000.00.

WE SECURED DIRECT FUNDING FROM THE FOLLOWING FUNDERS:

- Anonymous: 49.45%
- Channel Foundation: 6.59%
- Kendeda Fund: 21.98%
- Ford Foundation: 21.98%

OUR EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY AREAS:

- Young Feminist Dialogues, thought leadership and Advocacy and communications: $239,651
- Administrative and governance: $92,807
- Learning, Monitoring and Evaluation: $22,059
- Resource mobilization: $17,999

Total expenditures 2018: $372,516.10
A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT OUR PROGRAMS COSTS ENTAIL:
Expenses by Program Areas

- Global Policy Advocacy: $38,525
- Communications and Social Media: $17,031
- Regional Policy Advocacy: $33,148
- Thought leadership and Young Feminist Organizing: $150,946

Total Programs: $239,651.10
In 2019 our total income was $634,561. This income was supplemented by overlapping in funding of $82,484 from 2018.

We secured direct funding from the following funders and organizations:

- Anonymous: 39.82%
- Kendeda Fund: 10.46%
- AJWS: 6.97%
- Channel Foundation: 4.18%
- Accountability International: 13.11%
- Ford Foundation: 13.95%
- Accrued from 2018: 11.50%

Total income: $717,045

Our expenditure summary by areas:

Total expenditures 2018: $461,492

- Young Feminist Dialogues, thought leadership and Advocacy and communications: $287,904
- Administration and Governance: $99,839
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning: $44,617
- Resource Mobilization: $29,132
A closer look at what our programs costs entail:

Expenses by Program Areas

Thought leadership and Young Feminist Organizing
$155,165

Global Policy Advocacy
$47,639

Regional Policy Advocacy
$61,014

Communications and Social media
$24,084

Total Programs
$287,904

Total projected budget
$670,000

Our summary by areas looking forward to 2020

RESURJ’s projected budget.

Young Feminist Dialogues, thought leadership and Advocacy and communications
$475,000

Resource Mobilization
$30,000

Administration and Governance
$120,000

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
$45,000
MEET THE MEMBERS, THE SECRETARIAT ADVISORS
**Dana:**
The moment that I can appreciate the beauty of everything — the delicacy of food, the charm of people, the magnificence of nature — gives me the most satisfying joy, which I have never valued so much before the pandemic.

**Nana:**
Sensual experiences that are flirtatious with sunlight, grass, and water bring me a lot of joy. Just sitting through those experiences uplift my spirit.

**Sachini:**
Rice and curry, holding hands, TikTok, sunrise, and belly laughs and hearty cries with friends.

**Marisa:**
The warmth of sunsets, lying in my hammock, the feeling of water washing over me, mangoes, swimming, touching trees, reading recipes out loud (but not really cooking them); shared laughter and accomplishments.

**umba:**
Movement of the body as a form of exercise or fun brings me joy, I love the rush after a good outdoor workout, sunbathing, looking at trees and experimenting with recipes in my little kitchen.

**Oriana:**
Making people release stress through a loud laugh is joyful for me. Pleasure is something I keep rediscovering and treasure; we must give ourselves the time and rest needed to spark the creativity that helps us explore our deeper pleasures.

**Mari-claire:**
Nighttime, moon and stars, magic in any form, trees, music, oils, water, fake nails, and being alone

**Inas:**
Inas: I find joy in intimate gatherings fueled with cries and laughs. Aromas, candles and a2TTa (weaving) rituals. Lying down in the sea sand, sun, salt and watermelon. Frozen yogurt with my friends.

**Jasmine:**
In the given situation, just being able to have a cup of chai with people I care about, and being able to support people nearby with immediate needs.

**Madiha:**
Swimming/the beach, sand between my toes, reading (for myself or my child), a warm cup of cappuccino.
VIVA:
Proper 8 hours of sleep, sharing meals with my kids now that I have 3 and a moment in a day when I can have my room to myself :)

CHANTAL:
A quiet night by myself, loud laughter of my child, intimacy, cooking for myself, friends and family, sleeping with a clear mind and without an alarm clock on.

MICHÍ:
For me joy is the laughter of my nieces, Emma (4), and Ale (3). They always teach me that the beauty of life is found in simple things. As for pleasure, I believe it has to do with pampering oneself, self-care, and to have time for ourselves, to care for our bodies.

MARISOL:
Sunlight coming through a window, sunflowers, meeting feminists that inspire me to do better, laughing with my partner, greenery, walking in a big city safely with myself, spending time with my family, watching my nephew grow.

ALEJANDRA:
Human kindness, human resilience, the diversity of living beings that share this world with us (and their resilience), reading, dancing, cooking, sharing my life with a wonderful woman who honours me with her love, having friends, singing (even though I do it so badly!), walking by the Montevideo beaches, feeling the sun and knowing that for a little while I have this amazing fortune of being alive, in spite of everything else.
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