



Associated Country Women of the World

ACWW CONNECTS AND SUPPORTS WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE



TRIENNIAL REPORT 2013-2016



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REVIEW OF THE 2013-2016 TRIENNIUM

TISH COLLINS, OPERATIONS MANAGER

87 years of cooperating and understanding through networks of rural and non-rural women

- **ACWW believes:**
In creating opportunities for women to exercise more power – through being better informed, being part of an enabling environment and having the necessary tools to carry out the changes they want. That women will be empowered when they are able to make better decisions and change their own lives.
- **ACWW believes in empowerment of women by:**
Advocacy, partnership, sharing knowledge and local activities - including UN representation, access to information resources, funding community development projects and training programmes.
- **ACWW is:**
Committed to raising the health and standard-of-living of rural women & their families;
it is non-sectarian, non-political, forward-looking and friendly
A non-governmental organisation (NGO)
A 'not for profit', registered in England as charity number 290367.
- **ACWW has three connected charities:**
The Elsie Zimmern Memorial Fund, Charity Number 266190
The Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund, Charity Number 262772
ACWW Nutrition Education Fund, Charity Number 270053
- **ACWW:**
Welcomes into membership women's societies, umbrella organisations, interested groups and individuals

General Notes on ACWW

The Triennial Conference is the highest legislative body and elects a Board of Trustees for 3 years. The Board are all volunteers who conduct most of their ACWW activities at their own expense.

In 2013 the 27th Triennial Conference took place in Chennai, India.

ACWW conducts work on policy objectives set by Triennial Conference resolutions, through six specified committees which meet 2-3 times per year: Agriculture, Communications and Marketing, Finance, Projects, Triennial Conference and United Nations. Area Presidents conduct work and communications within their Area. The Board meets once annually in London. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Executive Committee, who employs 8 staff members in the London Central Office.

Communication with Members is through mail outs, The Countrywoman magazine, our website, email, social media, e-newsletters and direct from Area Presidents.

Full versions of the 27 page Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for each year of the Triennium is available as a download from www.acww.org.uk or a printed copy is available for a small charge to cover postage.

2013-2015 Statistics at a glance

	2013	2014	2015*
Countries with ACWW Member societies or individuals. The number of countries remained the same although the composition changed	72	74	74
Number of Member Societies	456	394	412
Life Members No new Life memberships granted after 1992	467	456	382
Number of Individual Members	1,491	1,373	1,836

* 2015 is listed as it is the last year for which full figures are available

27th Triennial Conference Chennai, India, 2013 - Resolutions Adopted

The following resolutions shaped the work of ACWW Member Societies during the Triennium:

Maternal Health Be it resolved that ACWW Member Societies urge their governments to provide a well-trained and resourced quality maternity health service and to improve maternal health education for all women and girls to ensure the best outcomes for mother and baby, giving particular regard to the special needs and isolation of rural women.

Stop Use of Bisphenol A Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organisations strongly urge their governments to banish the use of the hazardous chemical Bisphenol A (BPA). This chemical is the main building block of polycarbonate plastics and is used in many consumer products and household goods, such as food and drink containers, plastic baby bottles, medical devices, sports equipment and toys. The chemical components are dissolved and leach into their contents, poisoning our bodies and damaging our health.

Stop the Practice of Female Genital Mutilation Be it resolved that ACWW calls on all people worldwide to stop the practice of female genital mutilation, female circumcision and cutting, which endangers the health and life of young girls.

Stop Violence against Women and Girls ACWW urges all member societies to focus strongly on the situation of girls and women who are victims of different forms of violence.

Women as Victims of Conflict Be it resolved that the Associated Country Women of the World and its member organisations urge their governments to act upon, not only adopt, the UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

Registration of Births Be it resolved that ACWW member societies urge their governments to record without prejudice the births of all children born within their jurisdiction to ensure that all children are recognised as citizens.

ACWW Constitution Request permission to set up an ad-hoc committee to review the ACWW Constitution to ensure that it meets all of the requirements of the Charities Commission of England and Wales, and make any other changes required to bring the document up to date and bring the changes to be voted on at the 2016 Conference.

ACWW Legal Structure Oxfordshire FWI proposes that the Board (2013 – 2016) have the power to look at the legal structure of ACWW with a view to:

- making ACWW a legal entity in its own right and
- limiting the legal liability of Trustees

and to prepare a new structure for ratification at the 2016 Conference

Recommendations Adopted

E-waste Recycling & Disposal In view of the ever increasing use of electronics that pollute the environment, the members of ACWW are urged to do all they can to ensure e-waste is recycled and disposed of safely and responsibly to prevent further damage to the environment.

Pennies for Friendship

In 1936, as ACWW developed and needed an office, it was decided that each year every society should collect one penny (or equivalent) from each member and that these contributions would enable ACWW to continue. Thus 'Pennies for Friendship' was born, which contributes to our unrestricted funds.

Donations to Pennies for Friendship	
2013	£188,975
2014	£171,825
2015	£192,908

Pennies for Friendship is our major source of income and supports the entire operation of ACWW, including maintaining the Central Office, the Board travel and outreach costs, and the day-to-day running of ACWW.

'Unrestricted Funds' refers to monies coming in to ACWW for the general use of the organisation and its survival as the Board see fit, as distinct from Restricted Funds which are donated for a specified purpose.



Empowering Women and Communities through ADVOCACY

ACWW's Consultative status as an NGO at the United Nations (UN), UNESCO and the FAO continued to give rural women a voice particularly on policies addressing poverty, hunger and women's empowerment. Such advocacy and consultation brings potential benefits on a global scale, not restricted to ACWW membership.

The ACWW United Nations Committee coordinated contact with over 35 UN agencies and NGO committees whose mandates relate specifically to the interests, concerns and activities of ACWW and its member societies, regarding our 2013 Resolutions & Recommendations. The Committee and ACWW UN Representatives keep the UN informed about the role, needs and problems of member societies, and keep member societies informed about relevant developments at the UN, enlisting their support for its work and enabling them to influence and build on opportunities available through the UN system, particularly at national and local level.

Whilst the ACWW UN Committee's main priorities were the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Commission on the Status of Women theme of "elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls" and the World Health Organization's 8th Global Conference theme of "health in all policies" were also supported. The next big challenge will be the transition from the MDGs to new goals and targets set out by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which will form the UN agenda for 2016-2030.

With the addition of 3 new volunteers, we currently have ACWW UN representatives in Bangkok, Rome, New York, Geneva and Vienna who participate on working committees with other NGOs to establish statements and provide input to government policy makers at UN venues to achieve the empowerment of women.

Our UN Reps and Committee members attended more than 40 UN and NGO committee events including the Commission on the Status of Women (New York), the World Health Assembly (Geneva), the FAO General Conference (Rome), the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok).

The Agriculture Committee contributed to the FAO consultation on investing in smallholder agriculture for food security and discussed FAO resolutions and recommendations such as retention of arable land for food production. They called for greater acknowledgement of the role of women in agriculture who have traditionally lacked the same access to productive inputs as men even though women produce the majority of the World's food.

Our input influenced the International Food Security & Nutrition Civil Society Mechanism, the largest group of non-governmental organisations working on these issues. Reporting to the Committee on World Food Security's session in October 2013, FAO decision-makers noted: *"Limited access to land and other natural assets (especially water) is one of the most binding constraints on smallholder farming investment, especially for women."*

Issuing statements for annual International Day of Rural Women (15 October), World Food Day (16 October) and International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October) rural women were encouraged to find their voice and speak up. 2014 was highlighted as the International Year of Family Farming. Our Communications and Marketing Committee (formerly Promotion and Publications) made the statements available to members, the general public and UN agencies, enabling advocacy at several levels.

Member societies were encouraged to learn about UN Observances and to celebrate the many achievements, while supporting the need to encourage change for a better life for the majority who don't have a voice.

At the World Health Organisation 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion in Helsinki, our representative spoke about the importance of engaging young doctors in policy-making as, in time, they will become the implementers.

The UN Commission on the Status of Women held in New York each March was attended by members of the Executive and other Committees. They passed on valuable insight into how governments are informed and how policies are developed, via *The Countrywoman*.

Empowering Women and Communities through PARTNERSHIP

ACWW forges partnerships with like-minded organisations such as Women’s Institutes and Country Women’s Associations around the world in order to further joint aims. The World President and other Board members are frequently invited to give presentations and speak at meetings and conferences to rural and non-rural women. For example, in 2014 at least 119 presentations were given by members of the Board in 47 countries.

ACWW United Nations Affiliations (and our commencement date):

FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	Consultative Status (1947)
ECOSOC	The Economic and Social Council	Special Consultative Status (1947)
CoNGO	Conference of Non-governmental organizations	Consultative Status (1948)
UNESCO	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	Consultative Status (1949)
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund	Consultative Status (1953)

In January 2013 ACWW became a partner of Save Food, the FAO’s global initiative on food loss and waste reduction. Our Agriculture Committee contributed information learned through the agricultural projects we fund and shared best practices for reducing food waste. We believe it is shameful that at least 30% of all food produced is wasted, harming the environment and driving up food prices for the poorest people in the world and therefore campaign around the slogan ‘Grow locally, benefit globally’.

In 2015 ACWW signed up to Ban Ki Moon’s Zero Hunger Challenge and has been submitting results of some projects in to this campaign as positive indicators.

We also continued to work with other NGOs on bodies such as the Committee on the Family. Through such partnerships, the impact of our advocacy and communication is maximised and ACWW’s UN representatives have assumed significant roles.

ACWW is a huge partnership of over 400 Member Societies in 74 countries. Grass roots projects in developing countries are supported by fund raising efforts in more developed countries, facilitated by staff at Central Office.

Member societies sending donations to fund projects in other countries form vital partnership links.

Empowering Women and Communities through SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Member Societies and Individual and Life members receive *The Countrywoman* magazine 4 times per year by post. This major communication tool, first published in 1936, is also partially available online to download. Directed by the Communications and Marketing Committee, the magazine and the recently re-designed website provide a wealth of information on current issues keeping members and the public in touch with our organisation, its policies and activities. It is a developing resource for fact sheets, flyers, posters and brochures on topical subjects.

The International Years of Family Farming, Water Cooperation and of Quinoa, were marked with dedicated articles and summaries of projects related to these observances and participation in UN social media campaigns. We also prepared statements for the International Day of Families.

All members nominated for the Board in 2016 will be given leadership training at the pre-Conference Workshop in August 2016.

The Pen Friend Scheme or ‘Friendship Links’ provides another opportunity for members to learn about each other’s lives and cultures. Increasingly, modes of communication other than pen and paper are taking over and whole societies are exchanging information electronically. This programme will be re-developed in 2016.

Empowering Women and Communities through LOCAL ACTIVITIES

ACWW does not implement projects but rather funds them and works in partnership with grassroots organisations in developing countries, through its network of Member Societies and individual supporters. Small grants are awarded to women-led community based projects with identified outcomes of alleviating hunger, poverty, sickness or the advancement of education, in line with ACWW's overall aims and objectives. Applications are welcomed from both member and non-member societies.

Grants may be given for the purchase of equipment to be used in making goods for sale, thus providing income; for investment in food production to feed the participants and their families (perhaps producing some surplus to trade); or for educational projects to increase knowledge, understanding or skills.

Whilst projects supported primarily target women and children, benefits generally reach far wider into the community. Applicant women tend to be strong activists locally, but who would not normally have access to major external funds. Grassroots organisations invariably have expert knowledge of their own communities and are supported where possible so that their communities can benefit from this knowledge. ACWW recognises its project partners as experts and teachers, rather than beneficiaries.

The Projects Committee receive far more applications than they could possibly fund. Eligibility criteria are published and the selection is made as fair as possible to distribute funds, with some reference to track record and geographical spread. Insufficient detail in the application remains the most common reason for rejection however. Regrettably, some good projects still have to be turned down. Monitoring visits were made to approximately 70% of projects and our mechanisms for evaluating and checking impact of the funding programme are under review.

All ACWW projects support some or all of the MDGs which is an important extension of UN work at the local level. UN agencies acknowledge the importance of NGO and civil society input into development. Several ACWW projects were summarized for inclusion in the International Year of the Family +20 study prepared by Dr. Peter Crowley, NGO Committee on the Family in Vienna.

Empowering Women and Communities through VOLUNTEERING

All Board, Committee members, ACWW UN representatives and ACWW representatives / International Representatives are volunteers who contribute considerable time, money and energy to furthering the aims of ACWW. Volunteer fundraisers raised the major source of incoming funds for the year in the form of Membership fees and Pennies for Friendship. Additionally, from England and Wales donations were received to restricted funds from WI Pennies for Friendship, in direct support of projects.

The grant funding of projects necessarily incurs support costs. There are also costs associated with maintaining an information network, a quarterly magazine, membership services, educational information, outreach by the Board and representation at the UN and related activities. Governance costs including professional, financial and legal services, plus the facilitation of meetings, the Board and six Specified Committees – all of which give ACWW its truly global reach – also need to be funded.

At conference time many volunteers come forward to act in a variety of vital administrative and support roles, for what becomes a great social occasion and opportunity to forge friendships with people from different cultures and countries.

A major focus for awareness, fellowship and fundraising was Women Walk the World held annually on or around ACWW day, 29 April. Activities were reported with many photographs in The Countrywoman. A fundraising initiative on jewellery recycling was also launched from the Triennial Conference.



◀ WI and ACWW members at Denman for the Information Day.

▶ ACWW's Executive, joined by HRH Princess Azizah of Malaysia, Communications & Marketing Committee Chairman Magdie de Kock and Operations Manager Tish Collins at Denman

▶ Nick Newland conducts The Amadè Players at St John's Smith Square ACWW's Concert for International Women's Day

Achievements and Performance

- The Finance Committee approved expenditure on a new IT system and network in order to improve security, efficiency and cut costs in the mid-to-long term and to enable a more responsive but less costly maintenance contract to be enacted. Nine desktop computers and a server were purchased from DELL under their charity discount scheme. Software including Microsoft 365 and a Customer Relationship Management system Harlequin were purchased on a similar basis streamlining entry of membership, donations and Conference registration after initial training. Sophisticated software was also purchased to enhance the website and publications.
- The World President and the Operations Manager have a Skype meeting weekly. Increasingly, facilities such as Skype are being used to enable remote access to meetings, thus saving costs. It was agreed to upgrade facilities to an improved standard.
- Low cost tablet computers were purchased in advance of the October 2015 Triennial Conference Committee session to trial paperless meetings; with the aim of saving the environment and ensuring all Committee members had access to appropriate documents without having to travel long distances with them. After initial success, this is to be developed further to allow more productive use of time and resources in meetings.
- The 27th Triennial Conference resolution convened Ad Hoc Committee on the Constitution met twice face-to-face and also maintained a considerable email correspondence whilst re-drafting the Constitution in line with the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation structure under the Charity Commission of England and Wales. A resolution will be moved to adopt the new constitution at the Triennial Conference, subject to approval by the Charity Commission. Charity lawyers Russell Cooke were engaged to assist with the process.
- Promoting ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations: All Member Societies were encouraged to send lobbying letters to their local and national governments. The ACWW UN Committee also sent these resolutions and recommendation to 35 UN agencies and non-government organisations and ACWW's UN Representatives in early 2014.
- ACWW signed up to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's Zero Hunger Challenge, signed by World President Ruth Shanks AM and there has been close working collaboration between the Agriculture and Projects Committees.
- Each year the Projects Committee have approved grants (see table on pages 10-13).
- Towards the end of 2015, the 1,000th project was funded.
- In early 2016, ACWW hosted a concert celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March at prestigious London concert hall, St John's Smith Square. World renowned soprano Ailish Tynan appeared as guest soloist, donating her services to ACWW, accompanied by historical instrument ensemble The Amadè Players and conductor Nick Newland. The publicity impact for ACWW was huge, with the performance featured on BBC Radio (the InTune programme gave the concert six previews, reaching an audience of more than 3 million listeners, explaining the work of ACWW), and listed on the BBC website's homepage in the '5 Ways to Celebrate International Women's Day' list - combined with reviews in music magazines The Strad and Gramophone.
- Three days after the concert, ACWW travelled to the Women's Institute cookery school at Denman to host an ACWW Information Day. The event was quickly sold out and served to educate the audience about ACWW's work, launch the new Countrywoman's Kitchen cookbook and allow WI members to witness the Princess's cooking up close. A trial event to explore deployment of the concept, the Board will be developing the idea further in the next Triennium.



ACWW BALANCE SHEETS as at 31 DECEMBER 2013, 2014 & 2015

ALL ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

ACWW

	2015		2014		2013	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	13,901	11,956	13,901	11,956	10,025	10,025
Investments	2,219,731	2,231,571	2,219,731	2,231,571	2,177,521	2,177,521
	2,233,632	2,243,527	2,233,632	2,243,527	2,187,546	2,187,546
Current Assets						
Debtors	40,894	46,733	40,894	46,733	30,252	30,252
Cash at bank and in hand	497,834	432,921	395,538	330,585	367,930	367,930
	538,728	479,654	436,432	377,318	398,182	398,182
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	- 98,741	-51,087	- 173,650	-123,216	-123,438	-123,438
Net current assets	439,987	428,567	262,782	254,102	274,744	274,744
Net assets	£2,673,619	£2,672,094	£2,496,414	£2,497,629	£2,462,290	£2,462,290
Funds						
ACWW						
Permanent endowment fund	644,131	660,314	644,131	660,314	644,374	644,374
Restricted funds	466,250	448,577	466,250	448,577	410,337	410,337
Designated funds	161,904	161,875	161,904	161,875	161,809	161,809
Unrestricted funds	1,224,129	1,226,863	1,224,129	1,226,863	1,245,770	1,245,770
	2,496,414	2,497,629	2,496,414	2,497,629	2,462,290	2,462,290
Connected Charities						
Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund	74,378	72,489	-	-	-	-
Elsie Zimmern Memorial Fund	33,296	33,296	-	-	-	-
Nutrition Education Trust Fund	69,531	68,680	-	-	-	-
	177,205	174,465	-	-	-	-
	£2,673,619	£2,672,094	£2,496,414	£2,497,629	£2,462,290	£2,462,290
Total Funds						

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Permanent Endowment	Connected Charities	Total 2015	Total 2014 (restated)	Total 2013 (restated)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations, membership, legacies	249,613	181,855	-	2,741	434,209	381,370	550,408
Investment income	82,079	-	-	-	82,079	71,082	69,679
Charitable activities	4,338	-	-	-	4,338	1,283	284
Total income	336,030	181,855	-	2,741	520,626	453,735	620,371
Expenditure							
Raising Funds:							
Investment management costs	8,124	-	-	-	8,124	7,975	7,493
Charitable activities:							
Project activities	-	295,501	-	-	295,501	273,762	281,180
Education	24,615	-	-	-	24,615	22,885	23,445
Outreach	47,930	-	-	-	47,930	44,564	35,854
Information and research	101,712	-	-	-	101,712	94,567	78,246
United Nations representation	37,503	-	-	-	37,503	34,867	33,659
Conference	-	-	-	-	-	422	57,245
Total expenditure	219,884	295,501	-	-	515,385	479,042	509,629
Net income (expenditure)	116,146	- 113,646	-	2,741	5,241	- 25,307	110,742
Transfers between funds	- 128,950	128,950	-	-	-	-	-
Net income (expenditure) before other gains (losses)	- 12,804	15,304	-	2,741	5,241	- 25,307	110,742
Gains (losses) on investment assets	10,098	2,369	- 16,183	-	- 3,716	62,025	100,103
Net movement in funds	- 2,706	17,673	- 16,183	2,741	1,525	36,718	210,845
Fund balances brought forward 1 January 2015	1,388,738	448,577	660,314	174,465	2,672,094	2,635,376	2,424,531
Fund balances carried forward 31 December 2015	1,386,032	466,250	644,131	177,206	2,673,619	2,672,094	2,635,376

2013-2016 PROJECTS (by Country)

COUNTRY	PROJECT N°:	ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT
Cameroon	992	Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch (CAMGEW)	Oku counselling and computer literacy centre for community development	£4,708
	977	Fonge Women's Group	Water as source of life: Community water relief and improvement of community standards through better sanitation and agricultural techniques	£3,882
	976	Changing Mentalities and Empowering Groups (CHAMEG)	Sustainable integrated farming of non-conventional agricultural products	£2,782
	954	Rural Society for Base Development (RUSOBAD)	Water and equipment for Muyuka Orphanage	£5,446
Georgia	1006	Koda Community Education Center	Project bio-farming: Proposal to support vegetable gardens in Koda	£3,891
Ghana	993	Our Lady of Mercy Community Services	Empowering women through entrepreneurship development and start up loans	£2,817
	970	Active Centre for Rural Development (ACRUDEV)	Beekeeping skill training project for poor women farmers at Santrokofi-Bume	£2,188
	965	Shape Lives Foundation	Provision of clean and safe drinking water for Santrokofi Community	£5,157
India	1,014	Centre for the Development of Rural Women (CDRW)	Apiary and warren for the economic self-reliance of Malayali (tribal) women	£6,313
	1,011	Organisation for Community Development (OCD)	Strengthening and developing economic and social status of head load fish vending women in coastal villages through income generation activities	£9,237
	1,008	Women's Organisation for Rural Development (WORD)	Safe and potable drinking water to families of low caste Arunthatthiyar and Dalits	£2,387
	1,007	Success Trust	Promotion of indigenous rice and vegetables cultivation among marginal women farmers and prevent their migration to towns	£3,388
	1,004	Snekithi Charitable Trust	Enhancing the livelihood of women in difficult circumstances through <i>milch</i> cow rearing activities	£8,813
	1,003	Sarojini Naidu Rural Welfare and Education Trust	Innovative education for adolescent health and skill development training for their mothers	£2,226
	1,001	Integrated Education and Development Society (IEDS)	Skill development training programme for Kanikkar tribal women	£5,320

COUNTRY	PROJECT N°:	ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT
India	1,000	Country Women's Association of India	Computer literacy for adults and children	£2,889
	994	Rural Organization for Social Education (ROSE)	Community driven integrated water resource management to mitigate poverty and vulnerability of coastal fisher women	£4,552
	991	ATSWA Trust	Support for sustainable livelihood through distribution of <i>milch</i> animals (cows) to landless poor Dalit women	£6,138
	988	Society for Serving Humanity	Family enrichment programme in Dindigul District	£8,132
	985	Rural People Development Society	Market driven self-employable trade skills training programmes for sustainable development of marginalised communities vulnerable young girls and women	£3,183
	979	Victory Rural Development Society	Country women's participated HIV/AIDS prevention & education project	£7,560
	978	Society for Agricultural, Cultural and Rural Educational Development	Milk cows to lead young Dalit widows to economic self-reliance	£7,570
	972	Paramedical Educational Trust	Reduction of nutritional anaemia among tribal women in age group 10 - 30	£979
	971	Integrated Rural Women Education and Development (IRWED)	Core funding for organisation of piggery units as means of income generation for 60 rural women in tribal villages to ensure sustainable livelihood and to effect an improvement in their image and status in families and society	£839
	967	PACHE Trust	HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health for adolescent girls and women	£7,986
	966	Bethany Ministries	Digging of borewells with rigs and fixing electrical motors to draw water in 7 villages	£5,911
	961	Organisation for Community Development (OCD)	Livelihood revitalisation for head load fish vending women of coastal Kanyakumari District	£3,918
	960	Grace Trust	Economic empowerment of disadvantaged Dalit women SHG members by initiating income generation activities	£2,781
	958	Vinmathee Education and Rural Development Society	Enhancing farm livelihoods of women through dairy programme	£6,135
	956	Mahila Seva Samithi (MASS)	Socio-economic development of the poor women farmers for better yields through vermi-composting technology	£4,839
	957	Sarojini Naidu Rural Welfare and Education Trust	Empowering rural women in economic and nutritional need	£3,681
	955	ARBOR Charitable Foundation	Self-employment through training in fashion technology project	£8,173

COUNTRY	PROJECT N°.	ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT
Kenya	1,009	Ufanisi Women Group (UWG)	Lifting socioeconomic status of young mothers through revolving dairy goat farming	£3,880
	975	Hope for Children and Development	A roadmap to better health for women with disability	£3,215
Malawi	1,013	Youth Active in Community Development (YACODO)	Naotcha sustainable livelihoods development project	£2,453
Mongolia	973	Sain Tus Center NGO	Greenhouse development	£2,990
Pakistan	995	FLAME Foundation	Equipping rural women through health awareness, nutritional education and food safety	£2,610
	986	Advocacy, Research, Training and Service (ARTS) Foundation	Empowering orphan girls through computer literacy project	£5,266
Papua New Guinea	990	Country Women's Association Jiwaka	Pepik model community water project	£13,628
South Africa	1,005	Federation of Women's Institutes Kwazulu Natal	Solar pump for completion of Project 980: Yezanzathi community upliftment project garden	£1,940
	980	Federation of Women's Institutes Kwazulu Natal	Drilling a borehole for Yezanzathi community upliftment project garden	£6,188
Sri Lanka	989	Lanka Mahila Samiti	Build latrines, provide sanitation facilities to pre-schools and rural members	£4,859
	981	Nest	Cultivation skills and education/school support for children, women and families in the North, North Central, Central & Southern Provinces	£6,096
Tanzania	1,002	The Trust of Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) Tanzania	Support for employable skill building programme for victims of trafficking in Kibamba	£4,767
	996	Goodness Organisation	Improving household income and nutrition of HIV/AIDS affected families	£3,109
Togo	963	Tumaini Women Group	Mushroom production project	£2,338
	997	Charité Chrétienne pour Personnes en Détresse	Enhancing access to safe drinking water and improving sanitation in the community of Agodeke	£3,536
Tonga	959	Aloua Ma' a Tonga Association	Nursery and home gardens for food production	£11,524
Trinidad & Tobago	969	The Network of Rural Women Producers, Trinidad and Tobago	A revolving loan facility for rural women farmers	£10,698

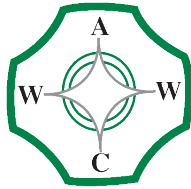
COUNTRY	PROJECT N°.	ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT	
Uganda	1,012	Bayira Rural Women's Development Association (BARWODA)	Community sanitary pads production project in Kyarumba and Kisinga Sub-Countries	£4,520	
	1,010	Friends of Women with Disabilities (FWD)	Disabled Women skills and empowerment project	£4,434	
	999	Kasese District Women with Disabilities	Prevention of HIV/AIDS, maternal and child mortality rate in Kasese District	£3,864	
	998	Safeplan Uganda	Masindi young women empowerment enterprise	£2,549	
	987	Nyakasanga Development Community Foundation (NIYAKU)	Compress recycled materials for smokeless charcoal briquettes	£3,455	
	983	Maganjo Farmers Association (MAFA)	Promotion of increased household food security and incomes among 100 rural poor women-led families	£7,324	
	982	Kituntu Women's Association	Kituntu community managed water for life project	£4,431	
	974	Voluntary Efforts for Community Health Uganda (VECH Uganda)	Kabembe grandmothers and orphans and vulnerable children health improvement	£2,570	
	964	Training of Rural Women in Uganda (TORUWU)	Provision of safe piped water to the local community of Kikajo (Phase 2)	£1,645	
	962	Nyaka AIDS Foundation	Nyaka grannies project (Phase 3)	£3,263	
	Zambia	984	Trust of Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI)	To promote awareness, control and prevention of cervical cancer in 10 communities in Lusaka	£5,367

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2013-2015

	2013	2014	2015
Projects approved for funding	21	21	28
Amount granted	£109,809	£114,871	£139,767
Number of Countries	10	8	12

IMPACT - typical results from 2014 Projects

Directly supported by our Projects programme	Number
Women	12,172
Children	7,941
Additional family members reached (in 12,021 families)	48,000
Poor rural women in self-employment projects to boost income, support their families and increase levels of self-sufficiency	630
Women farmers in agricultural projects to increase knowledge, share techniques and improve yields.	434
Women, men and children benefiting from water and sanitation projects	7,455



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