* The author of the cover photo of the report is our partner Aghunik Ter-Stepanyan (@aghtstep). She did feminist graffiti in Vanadzor with the support of the Women’s Fund Armenia.
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Throughout 2021, The Women’s Fund Armenia (WFA) has continued its core mission of developing feminist philanthropy and strengthening feminist movement in Armenia, while taking into account the needs of the post-war period and providing resources to satisfy those needs.

Respectively, during 2021 the Fund has announced 6 grant calls in the following areas:

- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights,
- Research on feminist philanthropy in the Armenian context,
- Strengthening women’s economic resilience,
- Supporting feminist art and feminist events,
- Supporting women’s creative initiatives,
- Encouraging women’s and girls’ engagement in STEM.

Overall, 202 applications have been received during these grant calls and 51 grants have been allocated to women’s organizations, initiative groups or individual activists, each grant in the range of 500-5000 EUR. Throughout 2021, the overall financial support by the WFA has reached 87K USD.

In addition to the grant programs, the Fund has organized more than 12 capacity building courses for its partners on the following topics:

- Self-care and well-being,
- Psychological meetings on personal growth,
- 6-day training on women’s rights,
- WFA 3-day trainings,
- Feminist method of women’s oral story collection,
- Financial reporting skills,
- Monitoring and Evaluation skills,
- Business idea generation and business modeling trainings,
- Sociological research methods,
• Holistic security.

During the year we also managed to organize several meetings with our colleagues, get acquainted with their needs, discuss current issues. In addition, we conducted program evaluation and monitoring visits to the regions of Armenia to participate in the programs of our partners.

During 2021, we continued our thematic live discussions, conducted two online campaigns, one of which was a fundraiser (still ongoing), paid a study visit, summarized the Fund’s 3 years of activity, and published a collection of articles on feminist philanthropy in cooperation with our international sister foundations, as well as acquired new partners, with whom we will start cooperation since January 2022.

You will find details of all of the abovementioned activities in this summary. Thank you for being with us, supporting us and cooperating with us.

With love,

WFA team
IMPLEMENTED PROGRAMS BY THEIR DIRECTIONS

**Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**

The WFA started the year with the announcement of a Sexual and Reproductive Health grant call, the results of which were announced in March, and the 12 selected projects received a financial support of $1,000 each. The selected programs were various: meetings with specialists for women living in the provinces, special courses on reproductive health for teenage girls and their parents, including girls from Artsakh, research on the needs of women with disabilities in the sphere of SRHR, awareness-raising meetings for Yezidi women and girls, a short movie on menopause, etc.

In December, 3 of the 12 projects received additional $1,000 each to provide the continuity of their projects. In total, 15 grants were awarded on this topic in 2021.
Research on feminist philanthropy in the Armenian context

In April, the WFA announced a research grant competition on feminist philanthropy. Its purpose was to facilitate the dissemination of research on feminist philanthropy in Armenia, which is one of the Fund's strategic areas. As a result of the competition, the ideas of 4 researchers were selected, one of which was a translation of a book. Two of the researches are already on the Fund’s website:

- Sibil as a feminist philanthropist and her “Society of Nation-Dedicated Armenian Women.”
- Princess Mariam Tumanyan’s philanthropic activities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The third research, as well as the translated book on feminist philanthropy, will soon be available online. The abovementioned two research are also included in the collection of articles published by the WFA. It's called "Feminist Philanthropy: Stories of Resilience." It became a reality thanks to the contribution of our sister foundations from around the world, including Germany, Georgia, Serbia, the Netherlands, Fiji, and Spain. The articles are in English. In them, we and our colleagues present our experiences with feminist philanthropy, the problems we face in our work. You can read them here.
Strengthening women’s economic resilience

In April the WFA announced for the first time a call, the direction of which was completely different from the work directions we had had so far. The purpose of this grant call was to support women’s business initiatives to ensure their economic resilience, contribute to poverty alleviation, and capacity building for women living in borderline areas. The Fund received 86 applications, of which 8 were selected. These include a children’s entertainment center to provide jobs for young mothers, handicraft courses for women who experienced domestic violence, as well as displaced women, acquisition of a guest house to provide the self-financing of a youth center for girls, support to a women’s cooperative in a borderline community, professional development courses for female probationers, establishment of a smart greenhouse, etc.
Supporting women’s creative initiatives

The third call of April was to support creative initiatives and feminist ideas of women and girls. 5 out of 23 applications received as a result of the competition were selected. These include a series of feminist-themed lectures in community schools, cycling courses for women followed by a marathon in Sevan, making clay figures of skulls depicting human essence, and lectures on feminism for teenage girls through art.

Support to feminist art

In July, the WFA announced two grant competitions, the first of which was for women in the arts. The aim of the grant was to bring out through art and express gender stereotypes, women's views, experiences, address the issue of gender inequality. 8 out of 27 received applications were selected. Within the framework of the project, the following ideas were proposed and implemented by women and girls: a series of graffiti art entitled "Right to Be Heard" (one of which is the cover photo of this report), exhibitions of works and paintings on various feminist themes, a documentary about the relationship between art and war, a comic book about famous women of Gyumri, a collection of poems of a female writer depicting women's issues, a song and a video based on women's real stories and experiences. Later in September, within the framework of the same program, the WFA funded another initiative - the organization of the photo exhibition of Mariam Shahinyan – the first female studio photographer of Turkey.
Supporting women and girls in STEM

The aim of the second grant call announced during the summer was to promote the participation of women and girls in the STEM field. The WFA received 13 applications, of which 5 were selected. Selected initiatives included: an app to help women and girls to set goals and achieve them, a series of videos about successful women and girls in IT to inspire other girls, “Girlopolis” hackathon for girls which was supported by the WFA for already the second time, development of an eco app called “EcoCoach,” web design courses for women affected by the war and living in Meghri community.
Expanding the feminist landscape and empowering the feminist movement

At the end of the year, the WFA established a basis for cooperation with 4 local organizations, with which we will begin working in 2022. This is a part of the regional cooperation program, within the framework of which we will work also with our partners from Germany, Georgia, Ukraine and Poland. The aim of the program is to draw attention to all the marginalized groups of women who are often excluded from the general feminist landscape. To this end, local organizations have been selected to help us identify the problems of the above-mentioned marginalized groups, understand the current challenges of the feminist movement in Armenia, and work towards their solution.
TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

During 2021, the WFA organized a number of trainings, workshops for its partners which were both one-time meetings and workshops that lasted several days in a row or were carried out on a regular basis.

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These capacity building courses were designed for individuals, initiative groups and organizations already collaborating with the Fund. Some of them were provided by the WFA team, while others were provided by our partners and leading specialists in the field.
ONLINE CAMPAIGNS

March 8 campaign

On March 8, the WFA and its partner organizations launched an online campaign to emphasize the importance of women's solidarity. The slogan of the campaign was "Similar and different, but not indifferent." The campaign was the result of a joint effort by women human rights activists' partnership, that went through the hard days of the war and pandemic and found its place in the post-war context. For years, women human rights activists have supported and defended many vulnerable women and girls, who in turn have been threatened, discriminated against, targeted, and attacked. However, the struggle to raise women's issues and the struggle for women's rights has not stopped; through the efforts of often defenseless but supportive women, this struggle has continued to expand, advocating for and empowering more and more women and girls.

This campaign was the result of regional cooperation with our partners from Germany, Georgia and Ukraine. We also had a live discussion on the topic of the campaign, which can be found here.
Fundraising campaign to support teenage girls’ ideas

In December, the WFA launched a fundraising campaign. The goal was to start a local fundraiser to help us support the ideas of teenage girls. Working with teenage girls is one of the most important directions of the WFA. The needs and problems of teenagers are always in the center of our attention. So far, the Fund has announced 2 grants to support about 20 teenage girls. You can read about their projects here.

The fundraising is still on. You can join us and make your donation here. The results will be summed up in 2022, in January, after which the WFA will announce a grant call for teenage girls.
NETWORKING MEETINGS WITH OUR PARTNERS

During 2021, the WFA regularly held meetings with its partners both in Yerevan and in the regions. The purpose of such meetings is to strengthen our cooperation, assess the needs of our partners and their organizations on the spot, exchange experiences, establish possible collaborations. These meetings are a good opportunity to communicate with women's organizations, initiative groups and individuals, gain insight into the state of the feminist movement through them, understand the existing problems, and work to find solutions.

One of those meeting took place in a place called "The Gardens of Silihdar" in Ashtarak. The area is one of the biggest achievements of WFA during 2021. It's going to serve as a retreat center for women and girls. Renovation of the area will begin in 2022, after which it will be fully operational. Until then, you can follow Silihdar’ pages on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with the latest news.
The Gardens of Silihdar
MONITORING VISITS

In addition to group meetings, the WFA conducted monitoring visits to the regions during the year to familiarize itself with the programs of its partners. During the year, we were also present at the events organized by our partners in Yerevan, too. The purpose of such visits is mainly to encourage and support our partners, make sure that they have the necessary skills and capacities to complete the projects they have undertaken. We managed to make such visits to Lori, Shirak, Armavir and Gegharkunik marzes [regions], in particular, Vanadzor, Stepanavan, Gargar, Mets Parni, Gyumri, Armavir and Sevan.

Monitoring visits also provide an opportunity for us to understand the needs of our women and girls in the regions and, if necessary, to review our program directions. They help us to see the results of our joint work with our partners.
OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Live sessions on Facebook

We have continued our initiative that we started in 2020 - live discussions on Facebook. This year the focus was on having discussions with guest speaker. We have invited partners from different organizations that we cooperate with, both from Armenia and abroad. You can get acquainted with the complete list of live broadcasts and watch them [here].

Summary of WFA’s 3 years of activity

2021 marked the third anniversary of the WFA’s activity. On that occasion, we summarized the programs implemented so far. Over the past years, the WFA has provided approximately $140k financial assistance to 120 local organizations, women’s initiative groups, or individuals. You can read the full summary [here], and the picture (from the left) shows the updated data.
Study tour

Whenever possible, the WFA tries to conduct study visits to women's foundations and organizations in different countries to get acquainted with their activities, exchange experiences, and re-evaluate its own activities. This year, the WFA team visited the Reconstruction Women’s Fund in Belgrade, Serbia. You can read about the details of the visit here.

New partnership

In 2021, thanks to the WFA’s efforts, we got new partners, the canadian Equality Fund. The partnership with this fund will start from January 2022. Thanks to this cooperation, we will be able to increase the support for local women's organizations and provide resources for the development of the feminist movement in Armenia. Such collaborations allow us to create a culture of feminist philanthropy.
To increase the Fund's visibility and make it accessible to more women and girls, the WFA representatives gave an interview to the program called "Aravot Luso" on the 1st Public television. In 2022, we will continue to inform the general public about the activities of the WFA. You can watch the interview below.
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