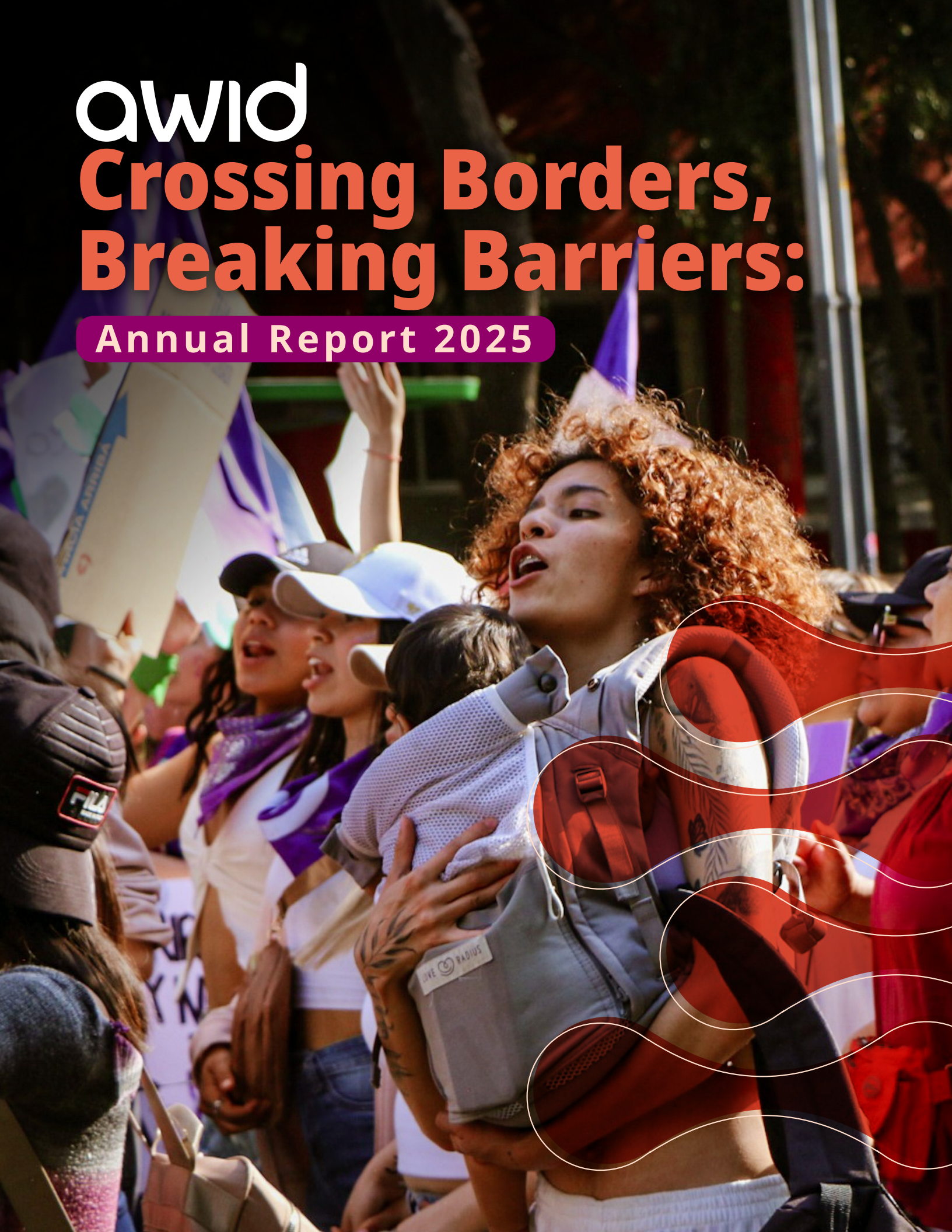


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Annual Report 2025





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Dearest friends,

2025 was the year many of the storms we had long anticipated arrived all at once. From an avalanche of funding cuts, to intensified militarization and authoritarianism; from growing border violence to climate crises.

We asked what feminist movements will need not only to survive this moment, but to grow our collective strength and to shape our future. Our answer focused our work around three pillars: infrastructure, leadership and sustainability.

Infrastructure, as the systems that allow movements to connect, organize, learn and act across borders. Leadership, as collective political imagination capable of building power in a changing world. Sustainability, as fundamentally rethinking how feminist movements build, govern and redistribute resources over generations.

This is also the work of reinventing what it means for us at AWID to be global, to build solidarity and belonging across borders, to support movement and to mobilize action. There is no doubt that this is a time for courage, experimentation and collective imagination.

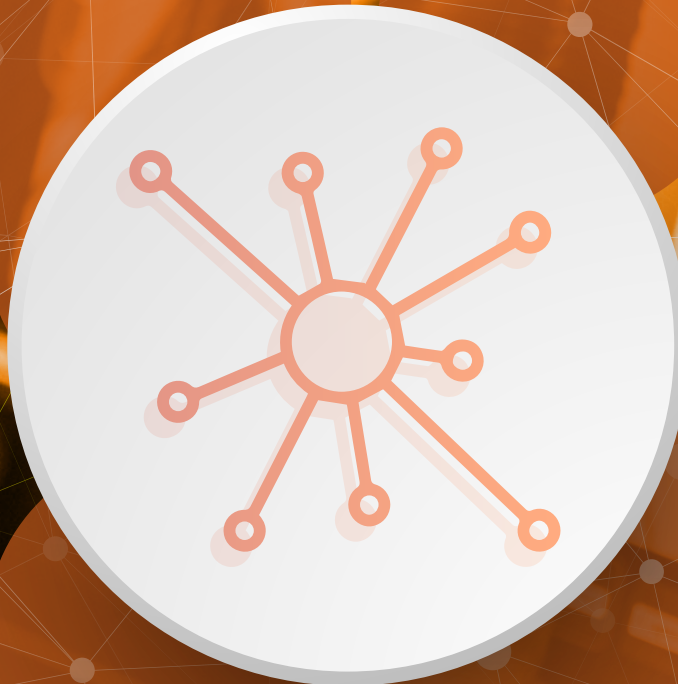
In the pages that follow, you'll find stories of these ideas in practice: new infrastructure for feminist movements, new data and experiments in resourcing and mutual support, political organizing across borders despite growing restrictions, and the everyday work of building collective power.

With an incredible global feminist community of nearly 10,000 members around the world, AWID carries that responsibility with humility and determination. The future of feminist organizing will be built together. We are proud to be part of that work.

With love,

Faye and Inna

INFRASTRUCTURE



Building and strengthening connected systems that enable movements to act collectively

Solidarity Spaces: Feminist Response and Collective Care

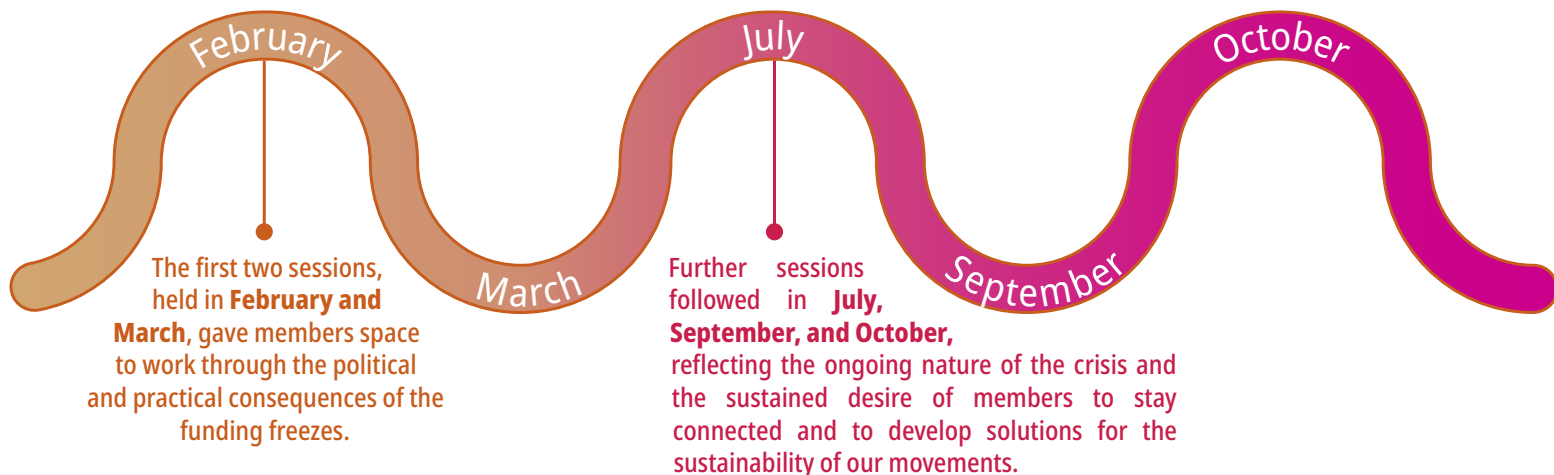
Gathering in solidarity sits at the heart of feminist activism, because that is when we forge shared analysis, turn common struggle into collective power and build connections. **When the world is hostile for the work we do, solidarity spaces are a lifeline.**

Soon after US Presidential Elections, the President issued sweeping executive orders that included the freezing of USAID and HIV/AIDS relief funding globally. Other countries also made major cuts to their international development budgets, destabilizing the already precarious financial reality of civil society worldwide. The impact of this on feminist and social movements broadly, as well as on our own members, cannot be overstated.



The AWID Member Solidarity Spaces, launched in early 2025, responded to an urgent call from members to make sense of the abrupt U.S. funding freeze. The guiding questions were simple and straightforward: How are these cuts affecting your communities, and what risks and opportunities do they present for our movements? In what ways can we influence the broader funding ecosystem to ensure critical resources reach movements?

What began as a crisis dialogue grew into something more enduring: a continuing platform for solidarity where members could also raise other emerging issues and collective needs.





The **September session** was a **Special Solidarity Space** focused on Nepal and Gen Z Feminists in the context of the protests in the country, bringing together activists from **Nepal, Indonesia, Kenya, and France** to reflect on youth-led resistance and the shrinking of civic space.

The session highlighted how **Gen Z** movements are organizing against corruption, unemployment, and state repression — and how governments are increasingly responding with violence, censorship, and digital control.



Speakers shared first-hand experiences from the frontlines, grounding global analysis in lived reality.

Across all sessions, the Solidarity Spaces brought together feminists from around the world and across languages. Throughout the year, the geographic diversity increased, and our final Solidarity Space of 2025 had representation from over 30 countries, spanning different continents.

AWID members reported how meaningful the Solidarity Spaces were for them:

AWID Member, Liberia

"By connecting across borders, feminists can exchange tools of resistance, inspire resilience, and create inclusive movements that leave no one behind. These conversations not only affirm shared struggles but also transform them into collective power, ensuring that responses to injustice are rooted in empathy, collaboration, and global solidarity."

AWID Member, Kenya

"I like how we can all use Wordly to talk and listen to others. And that it is movements talking more than a big INGO just presenting at us all the time like other webinars"

AWID Member, India

"In a moment that feels deeply conflicting on a personal and global level, I find myself craving for more solidarity spaces to remind myself of the why's and find out the how's of moving forward. I look forward to this space to feel a sense of community, in a maddening moment in this world, where voicing frustration and hopelessness feels acceptable, and where there are conversations and ideas about how to move into the future and continue to build the world we still dare to imagine."

AWID Member, Mexico

'The global situation has an impact on the local level; we need to explore ways, resources and ideas for the sustainability of our movements.'

AWID Community App: A Digital Home for Feminist Movements

The digital space has become increasingly more important as a political organizing space for feminists. We created the AWID Community platform to support cross border mobilization and collaboration.

It was designed as a safe, easy-to-use space, built on feminist values.

In August, we brought the existing web-based community a step closer and launched the AWID Community App: a feminist digital network designed with safety and intersectionality at its core.

The app allows members to connect with activists across the world, navigate interactive maps, and organize for gender justice together.



WHAT THE APP OFFERS:



Connect with feminists and allied movements worldwide through an interactive map that lets you search by location or issue area.



Access information, opportunities, and spaces designed specifically to support intersectional organizing and solidarity across borders.



A dedicated platform for community-driven discussion and advocacy — away from the surveillance, harassment, and instability of mainstream social media.

If you are an AWID member, we invite you to join us there.

And if you are not yet
an AWID member,
there has never been
a better time.

Join us today at awid.org/awid-membership



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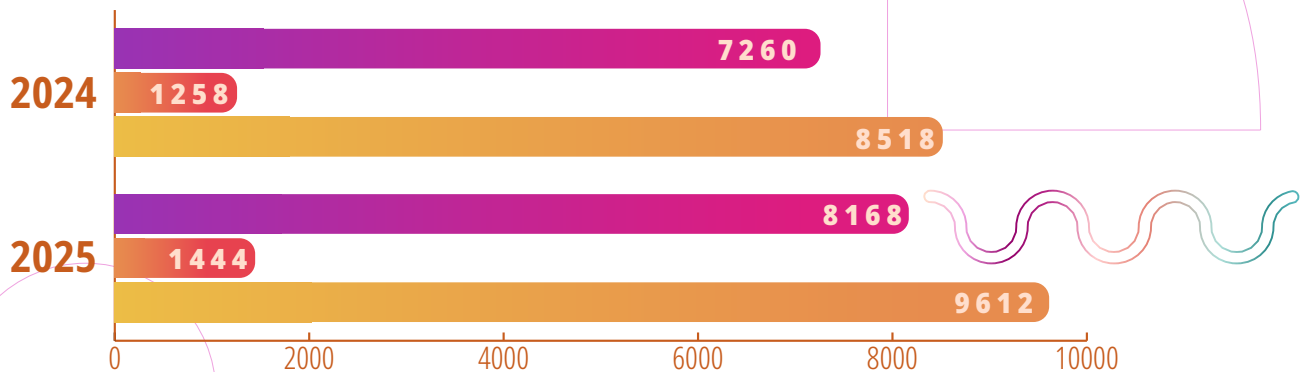


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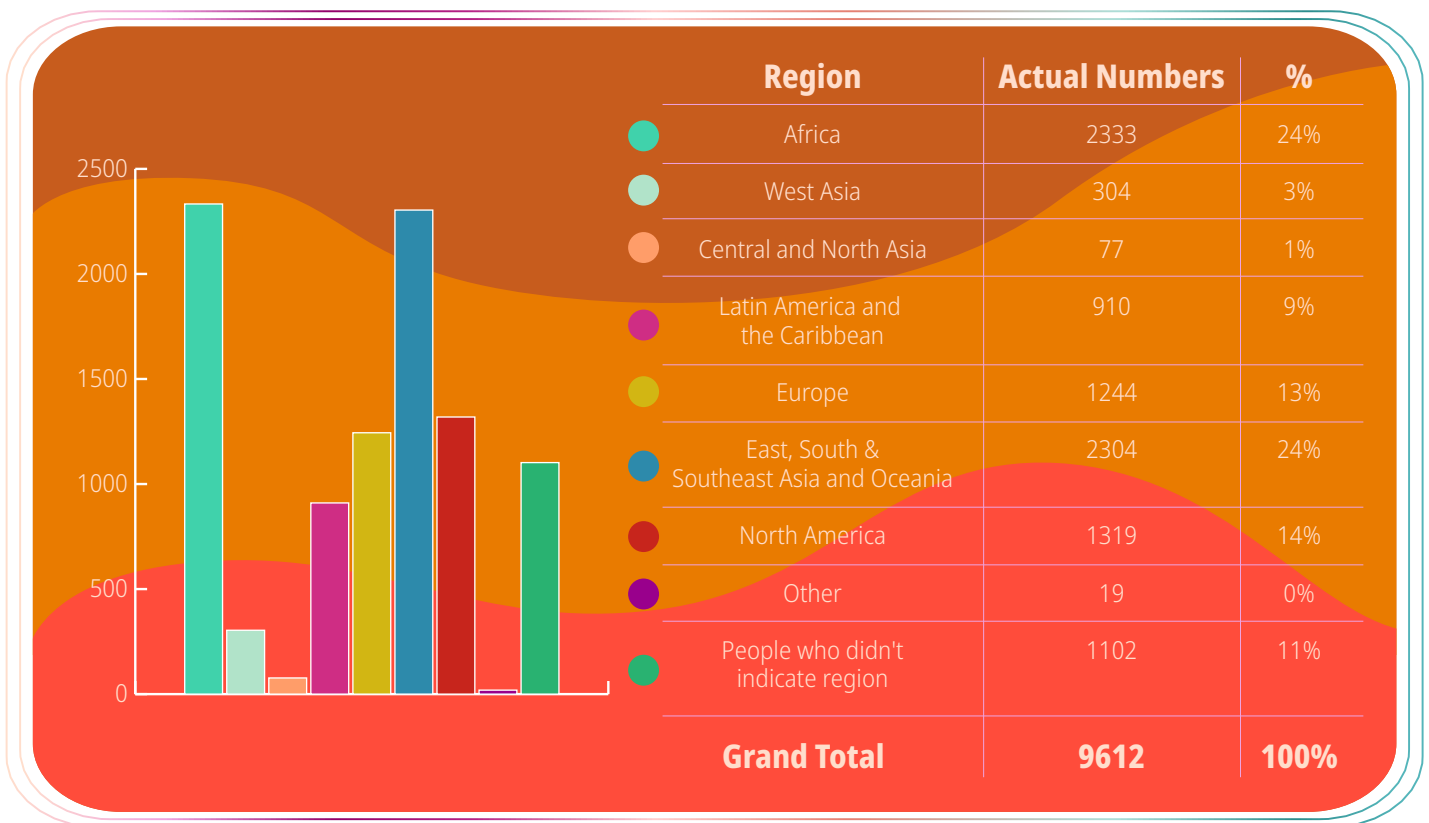


Apple App Store

The AWID Community in numbers



Individual members **Institutional members** **TOTAL**



We are a growing vibrant global community. AWID's membership increased from 8,518 members in December 2025 to 9,612 by the end of 2025, a growth rate of approximately 13%. The most significant area of growth continues to be young feminists under the age of 30.

Regionally, Africa and East, South, Southeast Asia and Oceania remain AWID's largest membership bases, each representing around 24% of total membership by year's end. At the same time, membership in both Europe and North America grew by approximately 20%, potentially reflecting increased interest among feminists in the Global Minority to connect with feminist movements and political analysis emerging from the Global Majority, and reflecting the need for transnational organizing in this era of coordinated and globally reaching anti-rights attacks.

Movement-Led Hubs: Reimagining Multilateralism in Practice

AWID piloted an innovative model to address a structural problem: who gets to participate in global advocacy and decision-making, and on whose terms? Defying funding cuts and border violence, AWID's Movement-Led Hubs bridge local and global and interconnect regions in new ways.

Movement-led hubs bring together groups of feminists locally to engage collectively with global or regional events — such as the 15th AWID International Forum in Bangkok or the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York — from their own territories. Each hub sets its own framework, determines its own priorities and programming, and decides how it will organize locally around global processes.

Hubs range from low-tech gatherings in rural areas to livestreamed sessions in capital cities. The format adapts to local conditions and needs — theatre, breakout sessions, collective reflection — creating room for political analysis and dialogue that large international conferences rarely allow.

AWID MOVEMENT-LED HUBS COME TO LIFE IN ALL SHAPES AND FORMS.

CSW69 Hubs

Building on the AWID Forum experience, we supported five hubs to engage with CSW69, a space historically inaccessible for grassroots feminists, and this year made more hostile by the US administration's border restrictions and funding freezes. Three hubs (**Jamaica, Nigeria, and Kenya**) continued from their Forum convenings; two new hubs were formed: one bringing together Caribbean feminists to examine the relevance of CSW engagement, and another in Libya focused on what Beijing +30 means for feminist movements in Libya and Tunisia.



COP30 Resistance Hubs

For COP30 we worked with five AWID partners to set up hubs in **Barbados, Pakistan, Nigeria, Cameroon, and the Philippines**. Between 75 and 100+ activists at each site came together to build climate justice analysis parallel to the official negotiations.

COP spaces remain structured to exclude frontline and grassroots voices. The

Resistance Hubs for Climate Justice directly challenged that dynamic: centering lived experience, building cross-border collective power, and anchoring climate demands in feminist politics rather than in institutional access. We partnered with Global Voices to document and amplify the hubs' work. As one participant from Cameroon's RADD network said:

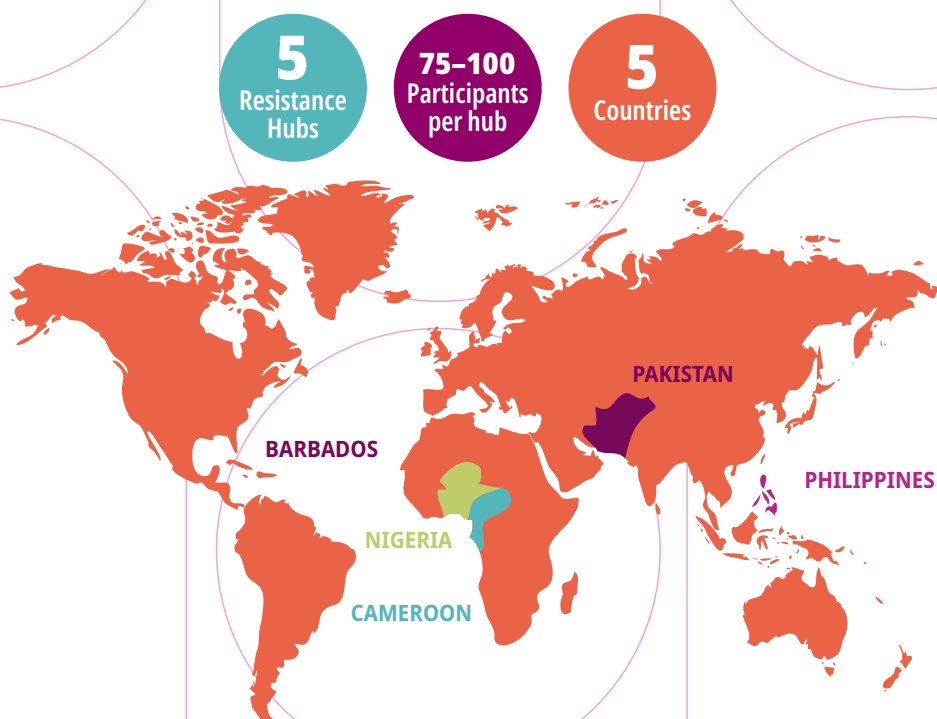
"If we cannot go to the Amazon, then let the spirit of the Amazon meet us here — because our forests are just as alive, just as threatened, and just as essential to the planet."

What the Hub Model Does

The hubs are not a workaround for exclusion; they are a political intervention in how global advocacy works. They root global conversations in local organizing and build movements' capacity to engage with multilateral mechanisms on their own terms. The hubs create connections across regions and struggles that the standard conference model does not.

At a moment when border violence and funding cuts are narrowing the space for transnational feminist organizing, the hub model offers a concrete way to keep that work moving.

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The background of the entire image is a vibrant red. In the center, there is a silhouette of a person from the waist up, facing away from the viewer. Their right arm is raised, with a clenched fist. Overlaid on the person's head is a large, white circular icon containing a red megaphone. In the upper right corner, there is another white outline of a megaphone with three short lines radiating from its horn. The word "LEADERSHIP" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image, positioned over the person's head and the central megaphone icon.

LEADERSHIP

Advancing shared visions, strategy, and collective mobilization capable of building power and shaping policy and practice.

A Climate Justice Journey: Building Power Toward COP30

The road to COP30 in Belém did not begin in a negotiation hall. It began in coalition rooms, feminist convenings, and community workshops; a collective effort, months in the making, to arrive at the global climate negotiations as an organized force with a clear feminist agenda and alliances.

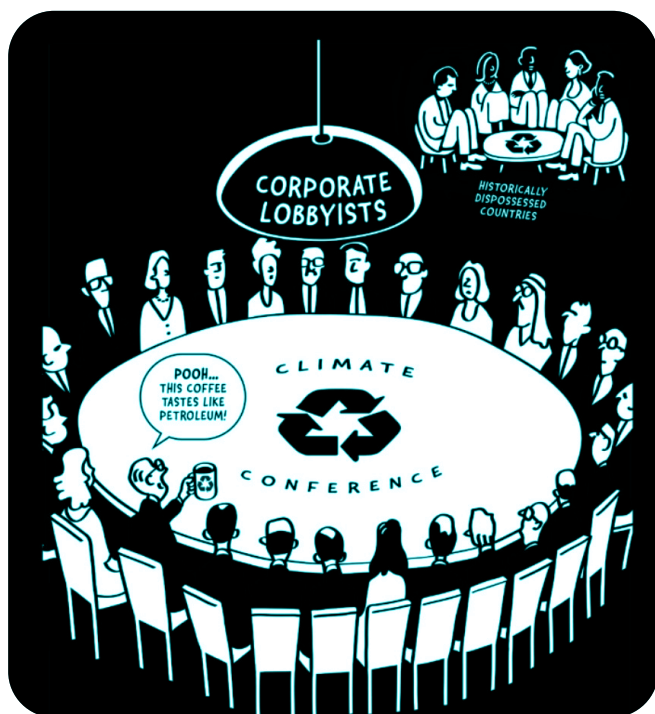


A pivotal moment came when AWID joined the Global Feminist Economic and Climate Justice Convening in Rabat, Morocco in May, organized by MENAFem Movement and WEDO. Most of the participants came from Southwest Asia and the African continent, the communities bearing the heaviest costs of climate breakdown and among the leaders of sustainable climate solutions.

We shared concrete feminist economic alternatives already operating across different sectors and regions, addressed silos between climate, economic and gender justice and raised the need to restructure the global financial architecture, and push for climate finance in the forms of reparations.

The collective discussion held during the convening helped shape the Rabat Declaration: a shared feminist framework for climate and economic justice.

Collective Knowledge, Collective Power: Working with ESCR-Net

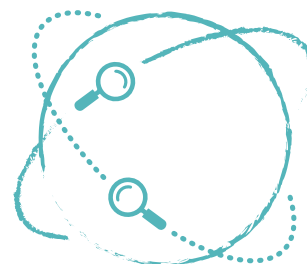


We deepened our work with **ESCR-Net**, (a global network advancing economic, social, and cultural rights) contributing analysis on corporate power and feminist economic alternatives to a comic book on False Solutions and to a "People-Led Solutions" document now used to anchor the network's collective critiques of climate finance and its calls for reparative climate justice rooted in human rights.

Joining ESCR-Net's Steering Committee and Environment Working Group infused the work with much needed energy and dynamism. During COP30 we supported each other's activities on site (press conferences, actions inside the venue against militarism, and events at the People's Forum).

With ESCR-Net and the Transnational Institute, we launched the "Whose COP is it?" campaign to challenge

corporate influence over climate negotiations. The campaign provided movements with advocacy tools in multiple languages, connecting feminist economic alternatives to climate finance debates and helping build the case for systemic change.



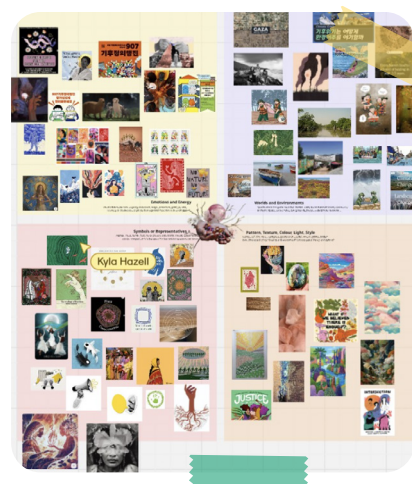
Members as Movement: Organizing Our Political Base

Running through all of this was a core question: how do we build with our members as active participants in this struggle? Over 2,500 of them work on climate justice, triple the number from two years ago. The approach has been consistent: create spaces that feel close, creative, and real.

On Earth Day, 36 members gathered online for a zine-making workshop to launch "Feminist Transnational Solidarity: An Antidote to Ecocide" and to open the Climate Justice Circle on the AWID Community platform, now home to 302 members. Small, intimate, creative: the format built the kind of solidarity that formal spaces rarely do. One participant said it felt like being in the same living room.

Members from Spain, India, Indonesia, and South Korea also co-created a deck game on feminist economic alternatives, a popular education tool designed so movements can learn and organize around concrete alternatives to the current system. The feedback said it all: "Working towards creating a game rather than writing another report seems really interesting."

MEMBERS



Inside the UNFCCC: Feminist Presence with Political Weight

AWID anchored its COP30 work within the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC), one of nine official UNFCCC constituencies and the main channel for feminist advocacy in the negotiations. After months of participation in WGC advocacy calls and strategy sessions, we joined in a collective agenda that challenged the COP30 Presidency, advanced the Rabat Declaration through official channels, pushed back against corporate capture of COP30 governance, and raised alarms about the privatization of climate adaptation finance.

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COP30, Belém: From Presence to Power

At COP30, the gap between the negotiation halls and the streets was impossible to ignore. Inside, 1,600 fossil fuel lobbyists (1 in every 25 participants) worked to slow, water down, and delay; outside, nearly 70,000 people marched on the Global Day of Action. 30 years into the UN climate process, a fossil fuel phase-out remains out of reach.



BELÉM



AWID showed up on all fronts: following the negotiations, attending the People's Summit and marching alongside movements from around the world. We also supported five movement-led COP30 Hubs in Nigeria, Cameroon, Pakistan, Barbados, and the Philippines: autonomous spaces where women farmers, trans activists, and community leaders defined climate justice on their own terms. Through agroecology fairs, town halls, murals, and forest immersions, these hubs connected local struggles — from Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean to typhoons in the Philippines — to the global negotiations, amplifying voices the official process consistently sidelines.

BELÉM

This journey, from Rabat to Belém, from coalition meetings to zine workshops to movement hubs, reflects how feminist climate justice is actually built: together, strategically, from the ground up. In this, genuine collaboration and solidarity among different segments of civil society working from the inside and the outside is paramount.

Care Is Political: Building Feminist Solidarity Across Movements

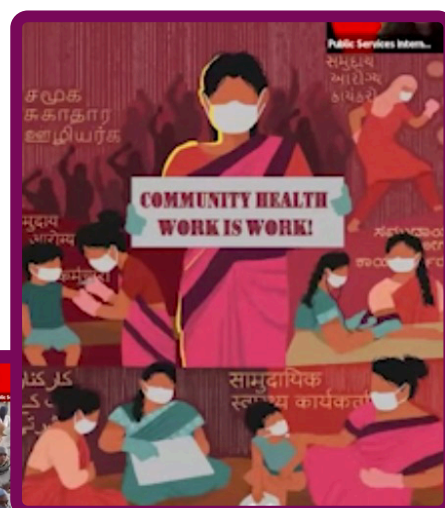
Care sits at the heart of feminist economic alternatives — and at the heart of some of the most urgent struggles unfolding right now. This year, we worked to make that connection visible: across labour movements, climate justice organizing, disability rights, and international human rights spaces. #CareWorkIsWork: Feminist Labour Movements Across Borders

To mark International Workers' Rights Day, we organized a webinar, #CareWorkIsWork, to spotlight the struggles of care workers across geographies and name them as the political struggles they are. The timing mattered: US funding cuts were gutting care infrastructure globally, and the rise of fascisms and fundamentalisms was making it harder for women and gender-diverse workers to deliver care, let alone be recognized as workers with rights.

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MOVEMENTS TOOK THE FLOOR

Kerala's ASHA health workers:
sharing their demands on day 60 of an indefinite strike)



Public Services International:
representing 30 million workers, connected their struggle to community health worker organizing across Pakistan and beyond, placing individual fights inside a wider political picture.



International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa:
traced how peer-led care networks were being hollowed out by funding cuts and political rollback.

Egna Legna:
spoke to the reality of migrant domestic workers in Lebanon, navigating Israel's war on top of existing precarity.



Over 800 people registered and 348 joined live. The webinar opened a space for movements to name what they needed from feminist solidarity and for the feminist community to show up. The session showed what an expansive framing of care can look like in practice.

Weaving Care Through Disability and Climate Justice

Some of the most important conversations happen in small rooms. In a closed, invitation-only exchange co-organised with Women Enabled International, 15 people from feminist, disability, and climate justice movements across regions sat together to think through care, not as a policy category, but as a site of struggle and solidarity. The conversation had roots in the AWID Forum, where it became clear that these movements were speaking about care in parallel, rarely to each other.

What emerged was generative and sometimes uncomfortable, which is what good cross-movement work looks like. We learned that "care" carries a complicated history in disability spaces: the medical model of care has been used to control and diminish, which is why disability movements insist on "care and support" and a social model rooted in self-determination. We heard that framing care as a "burden", a common feminist move to hold the state accountable, can land differently for disabled people, for whom providing and receiving care can be a source of power and pleasure, not only hardship.

These tensions sharpened our collective thinking. Framing care through social reproduction and the social organisation of care opens up the analysis, making space for different power dynamics, connecting individual care to macroeconomic policies, and recognizing communities as the ones already leading. As one participant put it: "Feminist resistance is care. Fighting for living wages, resisting extractivism, asserting self-determination over land: that is care."

"We genuinely appreciated the opportunity to participate in the session. It was truly enriching to hear perspectives from peers across the globe and to understand their approaches to care and support. These dialogues are incredibly important for strengthening solidarity among our sister movements. Glad to have contributed to this."

Participant

"Weaving Care through Disability and Climate Justice" was a powerful space, and I was honoured to share and learn alongside everyone." **Participant**

"It was such an energizing and meaningful conversation. If I may say, it felt like a form of care. Sometimes, we don't need to have all the answers right away; just having a safe space to express ourselves, listen, and reflect is already powerful. I look forward to continuing these conversations with all of you and offering my support along the way."

Participant

"Thank you for the insightful conversation, sisters. The existing context often makes these issues seem like they are divorced from each other, and focused on the individual rather than in communities and systems. A key takeaway for me from

our space tonight on Disability and Climate Justice is the importance of cross-movement spaces for conversation, learning exchange, and towards building a shared agenda-- on how we can resist and also imagine and create better, inclusive futures together."

Participant

Centering Movement Voices at the Human Rights Council

Formal intergovernmental spaces like the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) are not built for grassroots movements. Visas, accreditation processes, and travel costs act as filters, keeping out the people whose experiences most need to be heard. At the 59th session of the HRC in Geneva, we worked to push against that. AWID co-organised a side event on the precarity of undervalued gendered labour, bringing feminist economic analysis into a space that too often treats economic rights and bodily autonomy as separate conversations.

Central to the event was ensuring that Eгна Legna Besidet, a domestic worker-led organisation, had a platform. Unable to travel, they presented a video intervention that brought their members' voices directly into the room.



The response confirmed why this matters: a representative from the Red Umbrella Fund drew immediate connections between the experiences of undocumented migrant domestic workers and those of criminalized sex workers, opening a thread of cross-movement solidarity that the formal agenda would never have surfaced on its own. For Eгна Legna, it was their first time participating at the HRC. Across all three spaces (the webinar, the cross-movement circle, the HRC side event) the work was the same:

breaking down silos,
bringing movement voices into rooms
that weren't designed for them,
and insisting that care is a political agenda.

Holding the Line: Feminist Organizing at the UN Human Rights Council

The UN Human Rights Council is a contested space. Anti-gender actors are organized, well-resourced, and increasingly fluent in human rights language. Feminist movements are pushing back, and this year, we worked to make sure that pushback was coordinated, visible, and connected to struggles happening far beyond Geneva.

Coordinated.

Visible.

Connected.



HRC59: Coordinating Feminist Response

At the 59th session of the Human Rights Council in June, AWID monitored anti-gender side events and tracked the Special Rapporteur's report on "sex-based rights", a report that took a protectionist approach at odds with feminist analysis. We delivered a statement critiquing that framing, and coordinated with other civil society organizations and the sex workers' delegation present.

Since 2023, alongside SRI, AWID has helped coordinate a civil society space where Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) organisations share intelligence, exchange plans, and take joint actions. This coordination role matters precisely because not all feminist organisations are Geneva-based, and without deliberate effort, those spaces default to whoever is already in the room. We also provided accreditation support to partners, extending access to groups who would otherwise face structural barriers to participate.

AWID supported side events on important topics such as challenging "sex based rights" and conflation of trafficking and sex work, and confronting gender-based violence in the Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) region, ensuring attention to political violence and the realities of Palestinian women.

HRC60: Bringing Voices from the Margins to the Centre

The 60th session in September opened against a backdrop of upheaval. Indonesian activists had taken to the streets against political corruption and deepening inequality. When Indonesian feminists told us they needed their voices amplified internationally, AWID secured a slot at the Annual Panel on Youth and coordinated a video statement from young feminist Nabila Tauhida, delivered on behalf of the Indonesian Civil Society Coalition Against Sexual Violence, making sure a live struggle had a presence in a global forum.

AWID also supported two Indigenous women human rights defenders from the Asia Pacific region to participate in HRC60 and bring Indigenous gender perspectives into the session's discussions. Their participation included a side event on documentation and protection of WHRDs, oral statements to Special Procedures, and meetings with OHCHR mandate holders. Indigenous feminist voices are consistently underrepresented in these spaces; this must be challenged.

Across the session, AWID co-sponsored and helped draft statements on reproductive rights amid the ongoing genocides in Gaza and Sudan; on the Global Sumud Flotilla mission and state complicity; on the right to development; and on reproductive genocide in Gaza. Beyond symbolic meaning, consistent and collective feminist positioning is valuable against the backdrop of anti-rights forces and agendas.

Building Capacity Across Movements

AWID's work at the Human Rights Council extends beyond the sessions themselves, into strengthening feminist analytical capacities in organizations that shape how human rights are understood and defended.

Amnesty International invited us to brief staff across its regional and thematic teams on anti-gender movements: how they've gained ground, the narratives they use, and how feminist movements are responding.

We also began a two-part training with the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies on gender and international human rights law.

#FreezeFascisms: Reclaiming Power in the Face of Rollback

When CSW69 ended in March, many of the activists who had shown up were exhausted, and disappointed. AWID hosted a members-only healing session “Freezing Fascisms, Reclaiming Our Power through Healing Justice” for those who had attended in person or virtually.

We launched the #FreezeFascisms campaign, an open call to members and partners to share how their movements were resisting. Fascism does not look the same everywhere, but its effects converge: the denial of bodily autonomy, the silencing of marginalized voices, the dismantling of the systems that make survival possible. USAID and PEPFAR cuts alone had pushed sex worker-led organizations in Kenya, Uganda, and Nigeria into crisis, shutting down safe spaces, halting lifesaving programs, freezing gender justice research mid-stream. The global funding freeze was not just about money. It was freezing livelihoods, futures, and organizing capacity.

The campaign surfaced what movements were actually doing to hold on and push back. BEBOF, in Cameroon, called for coordinated data collection and evidence-based resistance, for building spaces of care and solidarity, and for amplifying mutual aid for grassroots organizations. The Queer IPV

Collective pushed movements to find funding streams beyond traditional feminist spaces and to channel resources through health, wellbeing, and economic pathways.

Comms4ACause, India, named the urgent need to build digital and communications infrastructure for grassroots groups. The Community Care Collective centered queer and trans joy, mutual aid, and radical love, insisting that destigmatizing mental health is a survival strategy.

What the campaign showed, collectively, was that movements are not waiting to be rescued. They are coordinating, adapting, caring for each other, and refusing to disappear. AWID’s role was to create the conditions for those voices to be heard and to make sure that the political stakes were named clearly: this is fascism, and feminist movements are freezing it.



Freezing Fascisms: Reclaiming Our Power through Healing Justice

31ST MARCH MONDAY | 9.00am EST
3.00pm SAST
9.00pm SGT

A collective healing space following CSW69 to make meaning and strengthen our resistance.

Register to participate via Zoom.

Translation available in French, Arabic, and Kiswahili



#FreezeFascisms

Movements pushing back against anti-rights forces



Fascism to me is the systematic suppression of rights,

Numa (she/her)

Berine and Bokwe Foundation (BEBOF)
Cameroon

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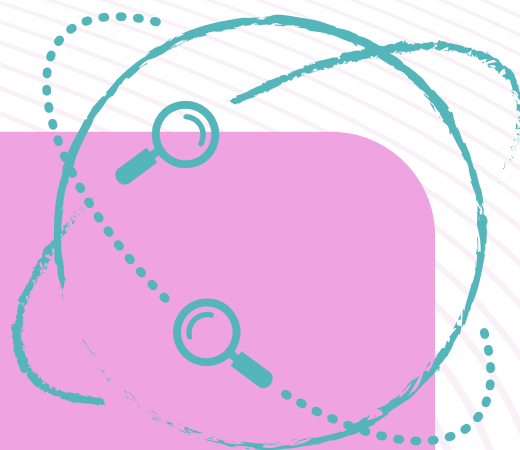
Securing the long-term resilience and financial stability of feminist organizations and movements

Who Can Fund Me: A Tool Built for Movements

As the global resourcing landscape shifted dramatically in early 2025, with funding cuts stripping movement infrastructure in real time, AWID doubled down on our work to ensure feminist organisations could find, understand, and challenge the systems that should be resourcing their work.

We revived and rebuilt the [\[Who Can Fund Me \(WCFM\) database\]](#), a searchable, publicly available resource now hosting over 200 funders, updated regularly, and searchable by region, funding type, funder type, movement focus, registration requirements, and grant duration. It is a practical tool built with one purpose: making the funding landscape legible to the people who most need to navigate it.

We launched the database alongside a companion guide developed by Justice Funds, “Getting the Money We Need”: a practical fundraising resource written for activists, organisers, and community leaders across the Global Majority. Both resources were promoted together with the Funding Database developed by ImpactMapper, and introduced through a fireside chat that brought all these initiatives together. Who Can Fund Me? remains one of AWID’s most accessed resources - movements recognize these as tools built for them, not about them.



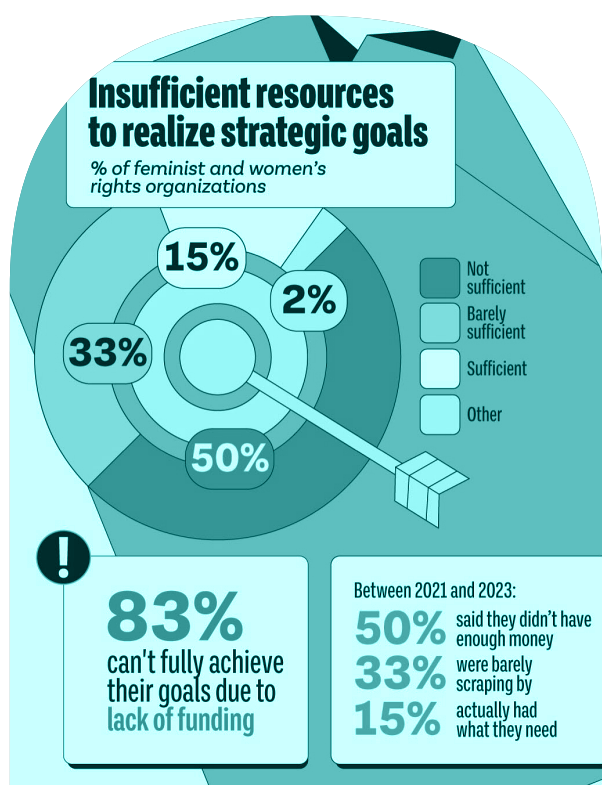
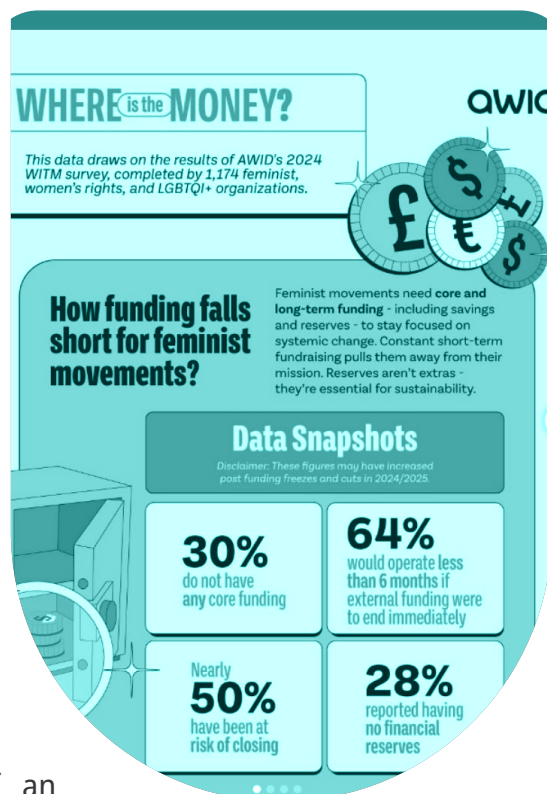
Where Is the Money? : What the Data Tells Us

This version of the Where Is the Money ([WITM](#)) report was developed through a rigorous, collaborative process: rich data, feminist analysis, peer review, and partner input. It launched to an audience of over 400 participants — the largest AWID webinar of 2025 — through a format that combined presentation, video, and panel discussion. Preliminary findings were also shared at the Financing for Futures Conference in Madrid and other events, engaging both funders and movements.

The data does far more than tell a familiar story of an underfunded ecosystem; it explores key questions of sustainability, going beyond core funding to highlight realities and needs around savings and reserves.

For the first time, this year's WITM report foregrounded autonomous resourcing: the ways feminist movements sustain themselves outside institutional funding streams. The findings are striking: 81% of feminist organisations rely on self-generated, autonomous resources, both financial and non-financial. Feminist organizing is not powered by grants alone; movements have always known this, and AWID's report gives it the visibility and analytical weight it deserves within broader resourcing debates.

To deepen engagement with the data beyond the report itself, we produced accessible Data Snapshots for movement audiences, organised a sense-making session with movements, and initiated opinion pieces and collaborations with partners to amplify the findings further.



"Funders don't engage with grassroots, they don't speak Bangla, when this happens a lot of groups are left out, there is gate keeping at multiple levels, preventing from building these networks".

Sense-making session participant

"My labour has continued to be erased by funders and INGOs - they become grantees and we remain invisible, especially through fiscal sponsorship structures."

Sense-making session participant

"Despite so many years of consistent advocacy, and 30 years of south asian dalit feminists highlighting caste inequality in global platforms, for someone to say they don't understand caste is ridiculous."

Sense-making session participant

South Asia Skill Share: Practicing Resourcing Solidarity

Over the last couple of years, through in-person and virtual convenings, skill-sharing sessions, and engagement at regional and global advocacy spaces, AWID has contributed to a deepening of collective analysis and advocacy on resourcing justice for feminist movements in the South Asia region.

The South Asia Skillshare was envisioned as a participatory, movement-led space for feminist organisations and funders to think together about resourcing — its structures, its limits, and what solidarity looks like in practice. The Skill Share in Colombo, Sri Lanka brought together over 40 participants from across the region, 13 funders and strategic partners, and AWID staff across 12 sessions, with a program designed for joint analysis, shared strategizing, and honest exchange between movements and the people who fund them.

"I return to my work more grounded, more hopeful, and more committed — with new relationships, shared strategies, and a deeper sense of belonging to a regional feminist movement that refuses to be fragmented or silenced."

Skill-share participant



"Being in this space reminded me that our struggles are connected across borders, and that solidarity is not just a concept but a daily practice. The conversations strengthened my political clarity around resourcing justice, helped me name the injustices we face more boldly, and gave me practical tools to engage funders and allies with confidence."

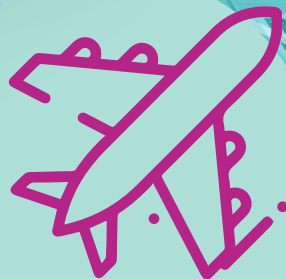
Skill-share participant



"This Skillshare was not just a learning space — it was a place of healing, affirmation, and collective power. As a feminist and LGBT+ organizer working closely with sex workers and marginalized communities in Bhutan, I often carry the weight of limited resources, isolation, and structural invisibility."

Skill-share participant

Organizational Learning Spotlight





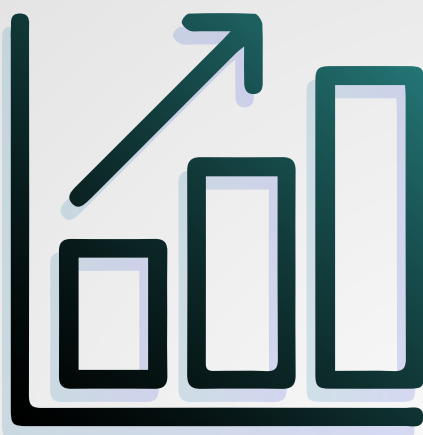
Organizing in a World on Fire: Operations in an Age of Upheaval

During the year, AWID navigated an extraordinary series of disruptions that tested our operational resilience. A planned All-Staff Meeting and regional convening in Nepal were affected by a nationwide political uprising, the collapse of the government, and escalating security risks, requiring major last-minute changes and cancellations. A regional convening in Sri Lanka was further impacted by severe weather caused by Cyclone Ditwah.

Despite these challenges, recently strengthened operational systems at AWID, including centralized travel management, robust contracting practices, and clear risk management procedures, enabled us to respond quickly, minimize financial losses, and prioritize the safety and wellbeing of staff and participants. These experiences underscored the importance of investing in resilient organizational infrastructure and shared operational processes, which have become essential for sustaining feminist organizing in an increasingly volatile world.



Financials



Contributions	\$US
DONORS SUPPORTING AWID	
Co-Impact Philanthropic Funds, Inc.	250,000
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs via the Count Me In! consortium	849,654
Foundation for a Just Society	415,000
Mama Cash	19,034
Open Society Foundations	10,000
The Ford Foundation	761,475
The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	999,525
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund	1,033,825
DONORS SUPPORTING HOSTED PARTNERS	
American Jewish World Service	19,800
Donor Advised Charitable Giving, Inc.	50,000
Dreilinden Gesellschaft für gemeinnütziges Privatkapital mbH	5,933
Fondation Chanel	201,364
Foundation for a Just Society	161,976
Global Affairs Canada	56,203
Schwab Charitable Fund	7,997
The Ford Foundation	182,469
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund	18,745
OTHER REVENUE	
Contributed Services	49,774
Investment income	1,660,466
Yield Giving gift	20,000,000
Membership	798
Other revenue	1,947
(Discount) Amortization of discounts on long-term receivables	174,496
TOTAL INCOME	26,930,482

Expenses	\$US
INITIATIVES	
Advancing Universal Rights & Justice (AURJ)	661,021
Building Feminist Economies (BFE)	561,007
Forum	199,290
Membership & Constituency Engagement (MCE)	594,715
Resourcing Feminist Movements (RFM)	991,406
SEED	78,840
Organizational Sustainability & Resilience (OS&R)	404,415
Management, Governance and General	1,122,054
Fundraising	231,755
HOSTED PARTNERS	
The Alliance for Feminist Movements	559,012
Sex Work Donor Collaborative	145,473
OTHER EXPENSES	
Foreign Exchange (gain) loss	(484,341)
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,064,647

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We support feminist, women's rights and gender justice movements to thrive, to be a driving force in challenging systems of oppression, and to co-create feminist realities.

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