RESISTERS
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A number of obstacles slow down the growth of young feminist organizations.

In 91% of cases, it's due to limited financial resources.

There's also...

Political instability: 17%
Violence: 15%
Non-recognition from other actors within society: 14%
Threats: 20%
Backlash against feminism: 35%
Labor shortages: 35%
The challenges of intergenerational cooperation: 12%

Despite it all, these young feminists don't give up.

What motivates them to keep fighting?
FOR ME, IT STARTED...

WITH THE RADIO

THESE WOMEN ON THE RADIO WERE GIVING THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICAL ISSUES

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY WANTED TO END CHILD MARRIAGE

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

WE WERE TALKING ABOUT IT WITH NEIGHBOURS, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE REALLY POSSIBLE.

IN OUR COMMUNITY, THEY TEACH US VERY EARLY ON THAT THE MEN ARE IN CHARGE.

AND THESE WOMEN WHO'VE HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE AS ME, HAVE BUILT THIS PLATFORM FOR US.

THEY...

ALLOW OTHER WOMEN TO GET INFORMED

LOBBY

ARE ACTIVISTS

THEY ARE TRULY INSPIRATIONAL.

THEIR THIRST FOR AUTONOMY IS CONTAGIOUS.

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INTERSECTIONAL & CREATIVE IN OUR ACTIVISM

DIFFERENCES IN GENDER
CLASS
RACE
SEXUAL ORIENTATION

TO PROMOTE BUT TWO BINARIES
THE LEVEL OF OPPRESSION BECOMES MORE AND MORE COMPLICATED AS WE GET AWAY FROM THIS “NORM”.

ALL THE INVISIBLE DIFFERENCES
AND THOSE WE TRY TO HIDE FROM WITHIN OURSELVES.

POWER RESIDES IN EDUCATION. BY PARTICIPATING IN AND PREPARING WORKSHOPS, WE AFFIRM OUR PRESENCE IN A WORLD THAT’S TRYING TO MAKE US INVISIBLE.

I KNEW IT WASN’T POSSIBLE TO PRETEND TO BE AN IDENTITY I’M NOT...

AND THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE FORCED INTO THIS MASQUERADE.

BY BUILDING A NETWORK, MARGINALIZED GROUPS CAN UNITE AND STRENGTHEN.

WE DEMONSTRATE, WE ADDRESS ALL ISSUES THAT AFFECT US, WE ARE INTERSECTIONAL AND CREATIVE IN OUR ACTIVISM. WE COULDN’T DO IT ANY OTHER WAY.

WE NEED TO LEAVE A POSITIVE MARK IN HISTORY.

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WHAT MOTIVATES ME TO KEEP FIGHTING?

WHAT A QUESTION...

IT'S YOUR DEAFENING SILENCE...

THAT MAKES SLEEP IMPOSSIBLE!

THE SYSTEMIC RACISM AND SEXIST VIOLENCE THAT ROMA PEOPLE FACE IS SUBTLE AND VICIOUS.

THE VERY LEAST WE CAN DO IS RE-APPROPRIATE OUR OWN NARRATIVE.

GIVE VOICE TO THE PEOPLE CONCERNED.

ART IS A POWERFUL VEHICLE TO SEND THE MESSAGE.

ORGANIZING WITHIN A NON-OPPRESSIVE STRUCTURE CAN BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

WE NEED TO CONSTANTLY REINVENT OURSELVES IN ORDER TO FIND THE BEST WAY OF WORKING.

BUT IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR US TO HAVE A HORIZONTAL STRUCTURE, WHERE EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.

THE ISSUES ARE TOO BIG:

SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES, FORCED MARRIAGE, THE REJECTION OF ROMA IDENTITY...

IF WE DON'T ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, NOTHING WILL CHANGE.

THE PILLAR OF OUR WORK IS A SIMPLE DECLARATION:

WE EXIST.

AND WE DESERVE THE SAME RESPECT AS ANYONE ELSE.

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WHAT MOTIVATES ME?

HM...

EVEN ON THE INTERNET, THERE AREN’T REALLY ANY RESOURCES ON OR FOR QUEER AFRICAN WOMEN, EH?

NOPE.

IT’S GONNA CHANGE.

YOU START WITH A LITTLE ART AND SOME LETTERS

THE PLATFORM GROWS AND YOU BUILD A NETWORK

AND WITHOUT NOTICING THE TIME PASS, YOU BECOME A SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

IT’S HUGE!

THOUGH THE INTERNET IS A TOOL FOR LIBERATION, IT ALSO HAS ITS PROBLEMS.

WE’D LIKE TO BELIEVE WE’RE IN A PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY WHERE DISCUSSIONS OF WOMEN’S SEXUALITY ARE ACCEPTED.

BUT NOT EVERYONE GROWS AT THE SAME PACE, EH?

IN MANY COUNTRIES, HOMOSEXUALITY IS STILL ILLEGAL.

IT’S MORE THAN TIME TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF HOMOPHOBIA.

AND IT STARTS WITH VISIBILITY.

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The desire to end injustice is a good enough motivation.

You’d say to a cis-hetero man that decisions about his own body are out of his control and he’d laugh.

Anyone with a uterus doesn’t have the luxury to laugh at that.

It’s a struggle.

Awareness raising and accurate information sharing is at the centre of our concerns.

Punishing last resort options has no place.

We all have the right to decide.

Too many women and gender non-conforming people are incarcerated because of a dangerous law that appeases fundamentalists.

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RESISTING FUNDAMENTALISMS

WHAT MOTIVATES ME? LOVE.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF ARTICLE 230 CRIMINALIZING HOMOSEXUALITY, AND RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISTS, MY SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE LIKE ME IS NOT GUARANTEED

WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO YOU HAVE BUT TO RESIST WHEN YOU ARE CONDEMNED BY VIRTUE OF EXISTING?

AND, IN MANY OTHER WAYS:

THERE ARE NO PUBLIC SERVICES TO GUARANTEE OUR HEALTH.

AND, THERE ARE THE PHYSICAL ASSAULTS.

IT'S UP TO US TO ORGANIZE TO CREATE NETWORKS TO DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION THAT IS NECESSARY FOR US.

LEGISLATIVE REFORM IS NEEDED. IT'LL TAKE TIME. BUT WE'LL GET THERE.

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