



Safe Abortion Action Fund

Annual Report 2024

An unprecedented demand for abortion funding.

Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF)

SAAF is the only global fund focused exclusively on the right to safe and accessible abortion. Through our funding and support, we work to destigmatise abortion and to enable organisations in low- and middle-income countries to deliver abortion related initiatives based on their context and expertise. SAAF also creates opportunities for organisations and networks working on abortion to connect with like-minded partners, with the goal of supporting a thriving intersectional movement to advance reproductive rights for all, especially communities which experience marginalisation.

This Annual Report provides an overview of SAAF's work in 2024 and showcases the incredible achievements of the organisations we provide funding to. In this year we provided funding to a total of 83 organisations across 50 countries (see the map on page 31).

In November 2024 we launched a new call for funding and will be announcing the new cohort of grantee partners in 2025.

"SAAF is an incredible funder – they give us the freedom and flexibility to be nimble and responsive, and they give us the confidence to grow and take up space."

SAAF grantee partner

Since beginning our grant-making in 2007, SAAF has committed USD 72 million to 245 organisations across 86 countries.



Cover image: Advocacy workshop led by Women Working With Women (3W), Kenya

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A message from the SAAF co-chairs

Yet again, US politics had a big impact on the rest of the world in 2024. Those of us working in human rights were rocked by the news that Donald Trump would once again be President of the USA. Part-way into 2025 we have already seen the devastation beginning to be brought about by removal of critical foreign aid aimed at health, education, development, and humanitarian relief. Many SAAF grantee partners are reporting that their funding has been affected by cuts to USAID, and they are already having to cancel healthcare initiatives and let go of cherished staff and volunteer members. As global advocates for abortion rights, we stand firm in our belief that people have a right to safe, high-quality and equitable reproductive health care.

We stand in solidarity with those impacted in the US and around the world, and as the only international fund focused exclusively on the right to safe abortion, we want to reiterate our commitment to working with grassroots movements and organisations at the forefront of local advocacy.

SAAF will remain a staunch supporter of organisations working to provide and advocate for reproductive justice with remarkable resilience, creativity, and determination across the movement. We are proud that, during this difficult time, we are still able to provide new funding opportunities to organisations working with some of the most underserved and historically marginalised groups.

On that note, the call for funding applications at the end of 2024 was a huge success. We received an unprecedented number of applications, showing that the demand for abortion-focused funding is high and that advocates worldwide are not retreating despite the increasing challenges. As board members, we are honoured to be part of the selection process and are excited to learn more about the new grantee partners as they begin their work with SAAF in 2025.

In solidarity,

Génesis Luigi and Mamello Makhele



SAAF co-chairs Génesis (L) and Mamello (R)

Supporting global abortion access

We define success as enabling people to access abortion if they choose it. This goes beyond simply counting the 'number of abortions provided'. Asking only about the number of abortion services provided would not capture the breadth of work being done in terms of supporting access to information as well as support. When SAAF grantee partners report on supporting individuals to access abortion options this can include direct provision of clinical services, but also one-to-one support through hotlines, in-person counselling, referrals to trusted providers and self-managed abortion options. It may even include financial support, legal advice, or transport to places where abortion is accessible.



Di Ramona promote their hotline, Mexico.

214,357 people were supported by SAAF grantee partners to access abortion options.

22% of these people received abortion or post-abortion care in healthcare settings (including telemedicine).

We don't require targets from our grantee partners because real social change – especially around abortion rights and access – can't always be measured in numbers. Targets can distort priorities, create pressure, and distract from the deeper, long-term work that's actually needed. In abortion care, setting service delivery targets is especially problematic, because it risks undermining informed choice and bodily autonomy by turning people's decisions into performance metrics. On top of that, targets reinforce unhealthy power dynamics between funders and grantees, focusing more on donor optics than real impact. Instead, we trust our partners to drive change in ways that make sense for their contexts, and we focus on supporting their contribution to bigger movements.



COHERINET training on surgical abortion methods, Uganda.

9,252 health workers were trained by SAAF grantee partners to provide abortion services or counselling.

Our latest call for funding

In November 2024 we promoted a new SAAF funding opportunity for organisations in low- and middle-income countries working on safe abortion. Organisations in a total of 140 countries were eligible to apply, they did not need to be registered organisations, or to have necessarily worked on abortion issues before. What we look for from organisations applying for funding is a passion for improving access to safe abortion, and a clear strategy for how to do this in their context.

We were blown away to receive almost 1,800 applications from 97 different countries around the world. This is the highest number of applications we have received since we began funding abortion work in 2007. It shows just how strong the need for financial support for the work of feminist groups and community-based organisations is.

70% of organisations applying had an annual budget of under \$100,000.

Of course, we can only provide grants to a small percentage of the groups which apply, so we think very carefully about the best use of the funding and how the SAAF network of organisations can be a source of support and sustainability during a particularly difficult time for the sector.

The SAAF team reviewed every single application, and shortlisted organisations were approved by the board. These 32 shortlisted organisations have now been invited to submit a full proposal with budget and invited to induction workshops to further develop their plans. Following approval of the final proposals, we expect the new cohort of SAAF grantee partners to receive their funding in July 2025. They will join the other 64 organisations already receiving funding from SAAF to make a total of 96 grantee partners from July 2025.

18% had no previous experience working on abortion.



Community Healthcare Initiative (CHI) event for young people's reproductive health, Liberia.

Only 25% of applicants had received a grant of more than \$100,000 in the past.

Achievements of SAAF grantee partners in 2024

For the current round of funding, SAAF is capturing the work and progress of grantee partners using the six outcomes from our [Theory of Change](#).

On the following pages we share just some of the achievements made by SAAF grantee partners in each of these areas last year.



Advocacy

Advances in
abortion law and
policy



Services

Access to quality
abortion options



Changing Norms

Improving
understanding
of abortion and
reducing stigma



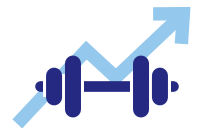
Research

Evidence and
knowledge
sharing



Movement Building

More vibrant
movements
working for safe
abortion rights



Organisational Strengthening

Strengthened
organisations
with increased
capacity

Advocacy: Making advances in policy environments

Cameroon Young Jurists Legal Resource Center (CYJULERC)

Cameroon

Ensuring access to legal abortion for rape survivors.



Working in conflict-affected regions of Cameroon, **CYJULERC** has witnessed the devastating impact of high levels of sexual violence on women and girls. With SAAF funding they are fighting for survivors of rape to be able to access legal abortions when they need them.

Before their work in this area, they had not recorded any women using the available legal pathway to gain abortion services following rape. Where women did know about the right to abortion and had requested it, they were being denied access. Following CYJULERC's many efforts, including advocacy workshops for magistrates, police officers, health care providers, lawyers and journalists, they have successfully supported 54 women to obtain the legal permissions required and to access their right to safe abortion care.



54

women supported to obtain legal access to safe abortion care.



Esther from CYJULERC.

Reproductive Health Training Center (RHTC)

Moldova

Approval of medical abortion services by telemedicine in Transnistria.

SAAF first started funding RHTC to expand access to safe abortion care in 2014. RHTC has made huge progress in the past ten years, especially when it comes to increasing access to medical abortion. In 2020 they carried out a pilot study on the use of telemedicine for abortion care in Moldova. This work was particularly pertinent as the COVID pandemic hit, meaning that women in Moldova could now access abortion care remotely. In 2023 they undertook a similarly successful pilot in Transnistria, a separatist region with a high need for accessible abortion services.

In April 2024 RHTC received official approval from the Transnistrian Public Health Authorities for the provision of telemedicine abortion

up to nine weeks. Alongside this, RHTC set about training health care professionals, identifying new centres to offer the service, and procuring reproductive health supplies to be sent into Transnistria.

Unfortunately, despite this high-level approval of the ground-breaking service, in early 2025 the Government of the Republic of Moldova banned telemedicine abortion in Moldova. This came about as a result of just 18 individuals signing an anti-abortion petition. Providers are currently blocked from actually implementing the service, which was proven to be effective, safe and in demand. Thankfully, the telemedicine abortion services continue to be successfully offered in Transnistria, along with post-abortion family planning.



RHTC demonstration of contraceptive methods.



Services: Improving access to abortion options



Rural Women Center for Education and Development (RuWCED)

Cameroon

Improving sexual and reproductive healthcare for young people.

RuWCED began receiving SAAF funding in 2018. Working in a conflict-affected part of Cameroon they see high levels of sexual violence affecting young people and wanted to create trauma-informed support services for them. RuWCED has successfully set up and maintained six 'Adolescent Care and Counselling Centres' in the North-West region of the country. They have reached over 7000 young people with information and support on their sexual and reproductive health.

The youth-friendly centres are so popular with young people and well regarded in the community that in 2024 the government set up its first ever 'Adolescent Wellness Centre' at Bamenda Regional Hospital inspired by the work of RuWCED.

In 2025, RuWCED will continue to maintain the six existing centres and establish an additional two in new areas, to expand the reach of their tailored support to young people.



RuWCED adolescent counselling session.

"Before RuWCED started to work on these issues, we had reports of at least 1-3 women and young girls dying of unsafe abortion every month at the level of the health district. Today in 2024, it is over a year now that I have not read a report saying a woman died from an unsafe abortion."

Health authority in Ngoketunjia Division



Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health (TICAH)

Kenya

An SRHR hotline accessible even to those without phones.



3213

calls made to the hotline in 2024.



TICAH community training session.

One of SAAF's longest-term grantee partners, **TICAH** has a well-established helpline to provide support on sexual and reproductive health issues. In 2024, they received over 3000 calls and were able to make a number of referrals to trusted services. TICAH works to ensure that this support is accessible to a wide range of individuals – they carry out targeted outreach sessions to sex workers, people who are LGBT, people living with disabilities and others who may face additional barriers accessing sexual and reproductive health services directly.

A recent initiative to extend the hotline support to more rural communities proved very successful. TICAH identified local champions (such as shopkeepers and teachers) and provided them with training and information on confidential support. In more marginalised communities where people may not have access to their own phone, these trusted champions can act as intermediaries and support them to call the toll-free hotline from their phone. In the first month following the pilot, TICAH found that 41% of their hotline calls came as a result of this initiative, proving the need.

Norms: Changing norms and attitudes

NÈGÈS MAWON

Haiti

Using theatre to raise awareness about the need for safe abortion.



Thousands of girls and women in Haiti are subjected to sexual violence carried out by criminal groups. Combined with a very restrictive abortion law, unplanned pregnancies and deaths from unsafe abortions are high.

Feminist organisation **NÈGÈS MAWON** uses SAAF funding to work on reproductive justice, and actively pushing for free, safe, legal and accessible abortion in the country. As part of their advocacy efforts,

they have used a play called 'Danta' to develop community awareness raising. The play dramatises the real-life story of a teenage girl who died as a result of unsafe abortion. Using the play as a starting point to approach the topic sensitively and to evoke empathy in the audience, NÈGÈS MAWON led discussions around sexual violence and the need for access to safe abortion. To date, almost 3000 people, including schoolgirls, academics, doctors and nurses have seen the play.



Audience member responds to the play 'Danta'.

Visible Impact

Nepal

Increasing awareness of the right to safe abortion for young people.



Though abortion is legal in Nepal, there are still several barriers to access, especially for young people. **Visible Impact** works with a number of groups to increase understanding of safe, legal abortion and challenge the stigma which can prevent access to care.

With SAAF funding they have trained Youth Champions across the country who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to inform their peers about reproductive health. Pre- and post-test analysis showed an 89% increase in knowledge, and 72% positive change in attitudes towards abortion following sessions conducted by the Youth Champions.

Participants reported greater understanding of their rights, and where to go if they needed an abortion service.

As well as working directly with young people, Visible Impact has also trained media and health professionals. They have enlisted and trained Media Fellows who have now published over 100 articles sharing information about safe abortion across a number of platforms. A values clarification training for nurse midwives saw an increase in knowledge of safe abortion provision and the participants are now certified as safe abortion providers in their district.



Visible Impact training for healthcare providers.

"In the past, we used to deny services on fasting days, considering abortion a sin. However, after the training, we have set aside such myths and beliefs and now focus on meeting the needs of service seekers without any judgment".

Healthcare provider trained by Visible Impact



72%
positive change in attitudes towards abortion following Youth Champion sessions.



Research: Sharing knowledge and evidence

Sarajevo Open Centre (SOC)

Bosnia and Herzegovina



Uncovering anti-abortion activity and networks.

In 2024, **SOC** carried out research into the anti-abortion movement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including tracking funding sources and international connections.

Though on paper the law is liberal, in practice abortion stigma presents a huge barrier to access in the country. SOC found at least 10 organisations working nationally to try to prevent or hinder abortion services. This includes counselling centres designed to persuade people not to have abortions, including 'Voice for Life', which is an affiliate of the US-based network of anti-abortion

organisations Heartbeat International. SOC found some shocking misinformation being given by these organisations – for example, claiming that abortion causes sterility, cancer and depression.

The research has been presented to students at the 'School of Feminism', and the findings have been disseminated through social media, online videos, and press coverage. SOC continues to advocate for improved access to legal abortion services in the country, using these insights to push for greater transparency and accountability.



SOC researcher with partners.



Las Comadres and SENDAS

Ecuador

Using data on abortion accompaniment to affect social change.

“We want the publication to be a point of reference for ourselves as activists, for future Comadres, and for other feminists in the country and the region. It is also a commitment to share all the feminist knowledge we have generated and to nourish other struggles.”

Las Comadres



Abortion rights activists representing the Justa Libertad movement in Ecuador.

In March 2024, a pivotal moment reshaped the history of the struggle for abortion rights in Ecuador. **Las Comadres** and **SENDAS** joined forces with six other organisations that are part of the Justa Libertad Movement to file an historic lawsuit before the Constitutional Court to remove abortion from the Penal Code and, once and for all, establish it as a right for everyone.

For over a decade, Las Comadres has built a feminist support network that centres those who decide to have an abortion. In 2022 and 2023, they took another step forward to develop a solid and rigorous data collection system to systematise the

impact of their support work. They did this not only to strengthen their accompaniment process, but also as a political strategy to influence, argue, and demonstrate – with living evidence – the urgent need to transform the law. This information is a powerful tool to expose the gaps and injustices in abortion access, but also to highlight the power of feminist accompaniment as an act of care and transformation.

This year, Las Comadres plans to publish a book that captures these ten years of struggle, learning, and support.

Movement-building: Building abortion rights movements

Instituto Patrícia Galvão (IPG)

Brazil

Supporting others to speak publicly about the need for safe abortion.



IPG public action for the right to safe abortion.

As a feminist media collective, **IPG** works to improve understanding of the need for legal reform to abortion in Brazil. Despite some legal allowances for abortion, only 1.8% of Brazilian municipalities offer abortion services. IPG works with feminist collectives as well as other media professionals to disseminate their own research on abortion to support an abortion rights movement which is evidence-led.

In 2024 they held media training for other activists to improve their confidence and ensure that pro-choice voices are more prominent in public spaces. They also provided small grants to women's collectives and journalists to produce investigative reports, and advocacy materials which support the argument for legalising abortion. They organise and participate in a number of advocacy events and financially supported a protest against the persecution of doctors providing abortions which received wide press coverage.

"I am immensely grateful for the media training workshop, and I would really like to continue with more training, as I believe that this is a fundamental service that the Patrícia Galvão Institute offers to the feminist movement."

IPG media training participant



Women's Action Group (WAG)

Zimbabwe

Expanding support for abortion reform in Zimbabwe.



As part of their SAAF-funded work, **WAG** is engaging community-based organisations across three districts of Zimbabwe to engage them with safe abortion advocacy. WAG's movement building has led to a significant expansion of the abortion movement and has played a pivotal role in the forming of the Safe Abortion Coalition Zimbabwe (SAC-Zim).

They first conducted a mapping exercise to identify potential new allies and began to deliver values clarification workshops to a wide range of groups focused on issues like HIV, child protection, and

disability rights. They have also been successful in attracting faith-based organisations and universities, expanding the reach of their messages about the dangers of the current abortion law.

Through community dialogues WAG has shared knowledge about the Termination of Pregnancy Act and the reality for those facing unplanned pregnancies in Zimbabwe. The majority of new partners in the movement have now committed to including abortion related issues in their work moving forward.



WAG workshop on abortion values.

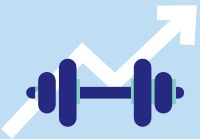


Organisational strengthening: Strengthening organisational capacity

Socorristas en Red

Argentina

Establishing a robust plan for digital security.



“We believe that strengthening the management and administration team has enabled the Network to obtain funds through calls for proposals.”

Socorristas en Red

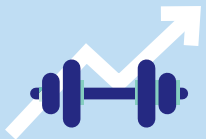
Socorristas en Red has made important strides in fund management, digital security, and expanding their abortion accompaniment services which they say has helped their fundraising efforts. They’ve worked hard to build resilience in response to the challenges posed by the new government and Argentina’s volatile economic situation. Inspired by a SAAF training, Socorristas en Red has now created a task force focused solely on digital security. This task force is dedicated to ensuring the safety and privacy of their network’s digital operations, an increasingly important area as they continue to grow.

The 38 different organisations which make up the Socorristas network were supported, and provided with funding, to maintain and expand the hours of their sexual and reproductive health hotlines. This expansion, alongside a robust digital security system is crucial at a time when the State is removing programmes supporting sexual and reproductive health.



Socorristas en Red public event.





Tamtang Foundation

Thailand

Registering as a foundation and setting up a feminist abortion clinic.



4414

**people supported to access
abortion-related support.**

Funded by SAAF since 2020, **Tamtang** has made a huge difference to abortion access in Thailand. They have successfully fought for policy changes to liberalise the abortion law and in just the past year have supported over 4000 people to access abortion-related support through their own counselling and referral system.

In 2024 they reached a major milestone in gaining registration as a foundation. This will give greater freedom for applying directly for grants and also allows Tamtang to register their staff in the national Social Security Health Scheme.

As well as becoming an official non-profit foundation, Tamtang is also working hard to set up their own independent abortion clinic based on feminist principles. As abortion by telemedicine is legal in Thailand they want to start an accessible and rights-based service which cuts out the logistical barriers often present for those seeking government-run services. The clinic is due to launch in 2025.



Tamtang Coordinator Chompoo at the AWID conference.

Supporting and connecting SAAF grantee partners



SAAF Financial Advisor on a visit to WWHR in Türkiye.

Beyond funding, SAAF seeks to strengthen grantee partners' capacity by providing technical allyship and networking opportunities to strengthen the sense of partnership and mutual support between organisations.

We are currently in the process of supporting an external evaluation team to assess the work of SAAF by talking to our grantee partners and evaluating our documents and processes. We will be able to provide the results of this in 2025 and are very grateful to SAAF partners for taking part.

Visits to grantee partners

In 2024 the SAAF team visited with 21 grantee partners in 15 different countries. Where possible, we combine visits with existing travel plans to reduce cost and environmental impact. Two of these visits took place online. **Easyhealth** in Cameroon, appreciated this format and shared the following on their LinkedIn page:

"Happy to share that in July, our team was honored to have a virtual visit by SAAF. We received hands-on guidance on programmatic, finance and on the monitoring and evaluation arms of our project...Partners who are able to not only provide financial support but ensure organisational strengthening are essential in the growth of every organisation."



Grantee partner meet-ups

In countries that have multiple grantee partners, SAAF supports them to get together and share ideas, resources and build networks. This has been particularly valuable in Uganda which has the most grantee partners in one country with eight organisations working across the country. In 2024 SAAF supported another meet-up organised and managed by the grantee partners. These gatherings have proven very effective at building a network of like-minded organisations who have gone on to share ideas, resources and invite each other to relevant trainings and advocacy engagements. These collaborations have already led to concrete changes and actions such as one grantee partner learning from another to increase access to safe abortion by engaging with self-managed abortion for the first time and a group of organisations joining together to apply for a new grant as a consortium.

In June, all SAAF grantee partners were invited to an online 'virtual gathering' with interpretation in English, French and Spanish. 54 participants from 36 organisations attended and the discussion was focused on how to combat abortion stigma across different contexts as this had come up as a topic of interest in the Global Gathering in 2023.

We also held two smaller virtual gatherings for a specific sub-group of grantee partners later in the year to discuss specific topics related to safe abortion care.



Meeting of SAAF grantee partners in Uganda.



Webinars and online discussion group

SAAF hosted four webinars for grantee partners in 2024, available in our three working languages. Two focused on support for organisations wishing to further develop their external communications output, and two were targeted conversations for organisations working on supporting abortions beyond the first trimester of pregnancy. Having closed online spaces for discussion on abortion related topics allows us to have trusting and open conversations and to exchange knowledge and resources.

"It was great to have webinars with the other grantee partners... capacity building regarding social media and positive language on abortion is really important and we can always update ourselves."

SAAF grantee partner

SAAF's private online 'Workplace' discussion group now has 395 members. With automatic translation and a rich 'Knowledge Library' containing key resources, this has been a vital way for SAAF grantee partners around the world to stay in touch with each other and share best practices. In 2025 SAAF will be moving to a new platform and will invite all existing members as well as the new cohort of grantee partners to join the discussion.



395
members of
the SAAF online
discussion group.



Meeting hosted by Tusitukirewamu Group, Uganda.

Conferences

In 2024, five organisations were supported by SAAF to attend conferences relevant to their work on abortion – including [FIAPAC](#) and the [ARJC](#).

Where multiple grantee partners will be attending a conference, the SAAF team will always try to arrange a meet-up, for example, at the Abortion and Reproductive Justice Conference (ARJC) in February we coordinated a gathering of 20 grantee partners, along with SAAF staff and board

members. This was a great opportunity for people to meet each other in an informal environment.

SAAF staff members spoke on three panels to share insights on our approach to funding – at the Global Safe Abortion Dialogue, ARJC and on a webinar hosted by Inroads. SAAF sits on advisory groups for both [‘Feminist Opportunities Now’](#) and the [International Centre for Women’s Vital programme](#).

“This conference was a unique experience for me as it was the first one I attended where the focus was almost entirely on abortion...It was inspiring to witness so many global advocates coming together, united in their commitment to abortion rights, creating a powerful sense of solidarity.”

SAAF grantee partner



Joy from 3W who was supported to attend the Reproductive Health Network Kenya conference.

Technical allyship

SAAF's technical allyship work is designed to ensure that the fund can act as a convener of expertise for organisations working on abortion rights and access. We conduct needs assessments every reporting period, gathering requests from grantee partners as well as identifying needs through the staff team. Over three years of targeted development initiatives, we have seen capacity gaps reduce by 62%, with a total of 73 grantee partners benefiting from the interventions.

In 2024, two new opportunities reached eight grantee partners in total – an online 'Planning for Advocacy' course, and a digital security training for selected organisations in Latin America.

To better understand how our capacity-building efforts are helping grantee partners, we began in-depth interviews in September 2024. These interviews look at the long-term impact of our support, beyond just post-training feedback. Grantee partners shared useful stories showing how SAAF's support has made a difference. This will help us improve and make sure future efforts meet their changing needs.

"The (training) was very significant for us because it made us know how to talk about abortion in a way that is more receptive and avoids backlash from the community. It brought us to a place where we could do safe abortion advocacy in a very strategic way. And this training has helped us secure new funding...how we did the proposal was really flowing."

SAAF grantee partner interviewed by SAAF



Education session hosted by Visible Impact, Nepal.



62%
reduction in
capacity gaps.

External communications

Through our external communications work SAAF aims not only to raise the public profile of the Fund itself, but also to share the important work of our grantee partners with a global audience. We provide tailored support to grantee partners depending on their needs, including providing links to journalists and training and support on communications, media and branding.

In 2024, SAAF published 16 blogposts – 12 written by our grantee partners about their work on abortion. All blogposts are shared on our website in our three working languages. The content has attracted interest from journalists and is often re-shared by key partners in the sector, bringing the work of grantee partners to an international audience. SAAF blogs

were also on the sites of partners such as [IPPF](#), [SRHM](#), and [Girls Globe](#).

As well as delivering two webinars to support grantee partners with communications strategy and social media (presented by **TICAH** – Kenya and **Balance** – Mexico), we also developed a guide on [supporting abortion storytellers](#) which was well received by grantees.

In 2024 SAAF added a new set of 47 illustrations to our existing bank of images which is accessible to all grantees. These images were developed in line with grantees' specific requests regarding diversity of gender, age, and ethnicity. The illustrations provide a free resource for producing visual content on reproductive health which is [inclusive and non-stigmatising](#).



Example of one of the new SAAF illustrations being used by KELIN in Kenya.

"We used SAAF illustrations as a photo wall for an SRH youth festival, it was great, girls and boys took pictures with the wall and it cost us nothing!"

SAAF grantee partner

Grantee partner stories

SAAF undertook interviews with two grantee partner organisations during visits in 2024. We were able to gather stories and photos to capture the work of both **Tamtang Foundation** in Thailand and **Centro Internacional Para Saúde Reprodutiva (ICRH-M)** in Mozambique. All [grantee partner interviews](#) can be viewed on our website.

Centro Internacional Para Saúde Reprodutiva (ICRH-M)

Mozambique



“Before we did this work we received patients with complications from unsafe abortions. They arrived here, sometimes with sepsis, and we couldn’t always save their lives. But now we don’t see these situations. Because as soon as women know they don’t want to be pregnant, they know they can go to a health centre.”

Sara – Maternal and Child Health Nurse trained by ICRH-M



“This work on safe abortion has been a great success. We must continue opening up space, giving women opportunities to make their own decisions about their lives and bodies. It’s an open window of opportunity, the chance for people to dream, to be free.”

Natacha – Programme Manager at ICRH-M

Tamtang Foundation

Thailand



"It was important that we were at the centre of this campaign to change the law, as people who've actually had abortions. They always invite politicians and doctors, but where are the women and people who have and need abortions and their voices? The media need to see us more. Abortion is our issue."

Nisa - Hotline Coordinator for Tamtang



"Tamtang has brought abortion rights into the spotlight in different ways...I'm proud that we let women know that they can have an abortion and be OK, that they will not be alone in making that decision."

Chompoo - Tamtang Coordinator

Voices of SAAF grantee partners



Georgia has introduced dangerous new restrictions to abortion access

Real People Real Vision, Georgia

"The Ministry of Health in Georgia introduced new restrictions to accessing abortion care in the country. This surprising move was not made in consultation with any health experts and has already led to a number of challenges for those seeking abortion services...

We work with communities who are already underserved when it comes to abortion care. They will be most at risk from these additional barriers... We are actively engaged in advocacy to remove these punitive requirements."



Female sex workers speak up for abortion rights in Uganda

Alliance of Women Advocating for Change (AWAC), Uganda

"As a feminist network of grassroots Female Sex Worker led groups, we know that sex workers are disproportionately affected by unsafe abortion...

Looking ahead, remaining hopeful and dreaming big, we envision a Uganda where abortion is recognised as a constitutional right."



Improving abortion services in Kyrgyzstan

Family Planning Alliance, Kyrgyzstan

"We conducted a pilot study of telemedicine with fellow SAAF grantee partner Reproductive Health Training Center of the Republic of Moldova (RHTC). The results were very positive. Out of 100 women who received abortion through telemedicine in Bishkek and Osh, 95 women said they prefer telemedicine to in-clinic visits. 99% said they would recommend the service to others...

We are pleased to see that with the introduction of telemedicine abortion the country is advancing reproductive health and overcoming barriers to essential services."

The SAAF board



Members of the SAAF board meeting up in October 2024.

Génesis Luigi (Co-Chair)

Position on the board: Activist

Mamello Makhele (Co-Chair)

Position on the board: Medical professional

Kelly Blanchard

Position on the board: Representative of an international organisation working on abortion

Marevic Parcon

Position on the board: Representative of an international organisation working on abortion

Camilla Holst Salvesen

Position on the board: Donor representative
(Camilla stepped down from this seat in 2024)

Eugenia López Uribe

Position on the board: Representative of the host organisation (IPPF)

Rawan Raad

Position on the board: Youth advocate



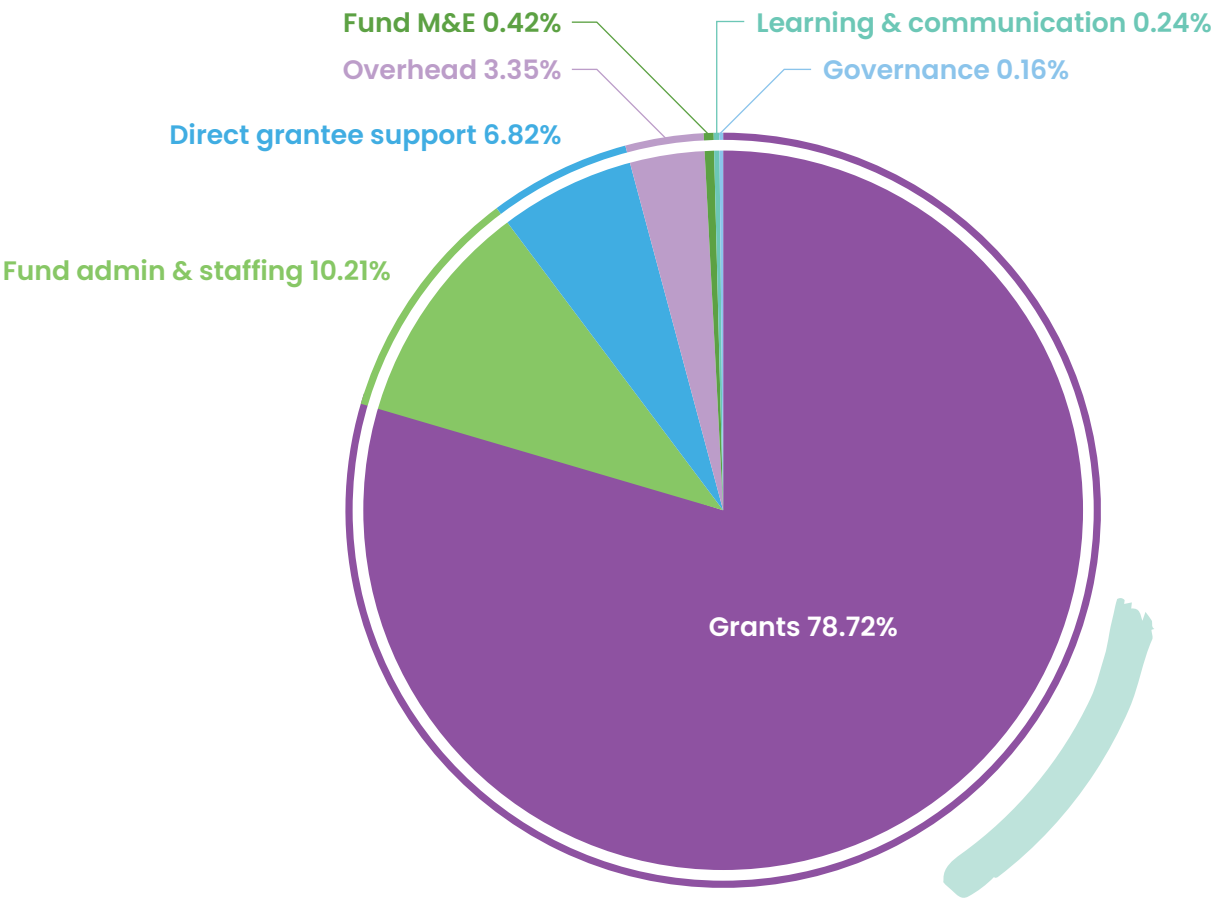
"Being on SAAF's Board is undoubtedly one of the most interesting experiences of my professional life. Being part of a diverse, international team, whose main objective is to ensure that organisations doing important work on the ground and putting women and pregnant people at the centre receive funding is more crucial than ever. It is exciting to learn about their strategies to resist and contribute to making this possible. Every time I have the good fortune to meet a SAAF grantee, I am reminded that we are on the right side of history."

Eugenia López Uribe – SAAF board member

SAAF financial information

SAAF’s total expenditure in 2024 was \$5,741,362 USD. Most of this expenditure (79%) was direct funding to grantee partner organisations. In 2024 the fund was supported by the governments of the Netherlands, Norway, and the UK.

Total Expenditure	5,741,362	%
Grants	4,519,583	78.72%
Fund admin and staffing	586,239	10.21%
Direct grantee support	391,319	6.82%
Overhead	192,329	3.35%
Fund M&E	23,927	0.42%
Learning & communication	13,721	0.24%
Governance	9,081	0.16%



Map of grantee partners

The map below shows all organisations which received funds from SAAF between January and December 2024. This is a total of 83 organisations in partnership with SAAF.

Latin America and the Caribbean

- Regional**
Consortio Latinoamericano Contra el Aborto Inseguro (CLACAI)
- Mexico**
Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud
Diversidades, Redes de Apoyo para Mujeres y Opciones Neutrogenericas de Acompañamiento (DIRAMONA)
Centro Las Libres de Información en Salud Sexual Región Centro A.C.
Red de Mujeres y Hombres por una Opinión Pública con Perspectiva de Género en Campeche (REDMYH)
- Haiti**
NÈGÈS MAWON
- Jamaica**
Women's Empowerment for Change (We-Change)
- Guatemala**
Colectivo Joven (COPIJ)
- El Salvador/Dominican Republic**
Asociación de Mujeres Ixchel por la Transformación Social y Cultural (IXCHEL)
- Nicaragua**
Anonymous organisation
- Colombia**
Fundación Si Mujer
- Ecuador**
Fundación Servicios para un desarrollo alternativo del sur (SENDAS) and Las Comadres
- Peru**
Anonymous Organisation
- Bolivia**
Manodiversa
- Paraguay**
Unión de Profesionales para la Educación y Calidad en Servicios en Salud Sexual y Reproductiva (UPECSAR)
- Argentina**
Socorristas en Red- Feministas que Abortamos
Fundación para estudio e investigación de la Mujer (FEIM)
- Brazil**
Anís - Institute of Bioethics Bloco A
Instituto Patrícia Galvão - Mídia e Direitos DPAC Fronteira

North Africa and the Middle East

- Burkina Faso**
Organisation pour de Nouvelles Initiatives en Développement et Santé (ONIDS)
- Benin**
College National des Gynécologues Obstétriciens du Bénin (CNGOB)
Jeunes Volontaires pour la Santé (JVS)
- Guinea**
Today's Women International Network (TWIN)
- Sierra Leone**
Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Organization (WHRRO)
- Liberia**
Community Healthcare Initiative (CHI)
- Ghana**
MABIA-Ghana
- Sao Tome & Principe**
Santomense Association for Family Promotion (ASPF)
- Nigeria**
Generation For Environmental Education and Enhanced Renewal (GREENER)
International Centre for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development (CENPAD)
Women Friendly Initiative
Generation Initiative for Women and Youth Network (GIWYN)
- Congo (Brazzaville)**
Association SOS Femmes du Congo
- Congo (DRC)**
Si Jeunesse Savait
Initiative des Jeunes Filles en Action (IJEFA)
SOS Femme Enfant en Catastrophe (SOSFEC)

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Rwanda**
Women Rise for Change (WRC)
- Zambia**
Copper Rose Zambia
- South Africa**
Abortion Support South Africa (ASSA)
- Zimbabwe**
Women's Action Group (WAG)
Institute for Young Women Development and Health Law and Policy Consortium (ZISAFE)
- Burundi**
Réseau SOS femmes en Détresse (SOSFED)
- Madagascar**
Anonymous organisation
- Malawi**
Centre for Solutions Journalism (CSJ News)
- Mozambique**
Centro Internacional para Saúde Reprodutiva (ICRH-M)
- Tanzania**
Clear Vision for Change (CIVISCE)
- Uganda**
Association of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Uganda (AOGU)
St. Augustine Community Health Centre (SACH)
The Community Health Rights Network (COHERINET)
Tusitukirewamu Group

Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- Regional**
Regional Training Center
- Georgia**
Union of PLHIV in Georgia "Real People Real Vision"
- Tajikistan**
Tajik Family Planning Alliance
- Kyrgyzstan**
Kyrgyz Family Planning Alliance
- Moldova**
Reproductive Health Training Centre (RHTC)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Sarajevo Open Centre
- Turkey**
Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways (WWHR)
- Lebanon**
Anonymous Organisation
- Iraq**
Nujeen for Family Democratizing Organization (NFDO)

Asia and the Pacific

- Bangladesh**
Bangladesh Women's Health Coalition (BWHC)
Socio-Economic Resilience Advancement Committee Bangladesh (SERAC-Bangladesh)
- Nepal**
Visible Impact
- Thailand**
Tamtang Group
- Cambodia**
Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia (RHAC)
- Philippines**
Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)
- India**
The YP Foundation
Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action (CREA)
- Indonesia**
Jakarta Feminist Anonymous organisation



COHERINET public march for safe abortion, Uganda

“SAAF remains our most reliable and dependable supporter in our abortion services provision journey. Continuing their support to us is without doubt a lifeline and of great value for our continuous delivery in the abortion space for the health of our women and girls.”

SAAF grantee partner

SAAF is hosted by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), 4 Newhams Row London SE1 3UZ United Kingdom

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