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This report is a summary of the Graça Machel Trust's
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AFRICAN YOUTH AND WOMEN KEY IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF THE AFRICA WE WANT

Since 2010, the Graça Machel Trust has built networks that we hope will transform the structures which impact the lives of Africa's women and children from one of marginalization and discrimination to one that reflects their human dignity and valuable contributions to society. We believe that providing a solid foundation for Africa's youth and unleashing the economic power of African women are key ingredients to the development of the African continent as a whole.

In this 2017 annual report we take stock of the strides that the Trust has made in the evolution of our networks into movements that will strengthen and support Africa's women, children and young leaders. We have worked to sharpen our technical tools and leveraged our knowledge and experience to design and implement better policies and programmes in the 20 countries where we operate to advance financial inclusion and female entrepreneurship. We also highlight our contributions to access to learning, sound health and leadership opportunities for young people.

In an effort to understand and address challenges women face in their business pursuits, groundbreaking research was conducted in both East and West Africa this year. In March 2017, we launched a 'Growth Barriers Faced by Women Entrepreneurs in East Africa' report and also began a 3-country research project funded by

the International Development Research Centre in Cameroon and Senegal. The launch of our research has allowed us to uncover gaps in the market that hold women back financially and socially and retard our progress as a continent. These obstacles have informed the ground work we have laid this year for the creation of a gender lens investment vehicle: conceived by African women, for African women.

As is evident throughout this annual report, our approach to women's empowerment is to establish and strengthen country-based networks that drive the economic advancement of women and increase the participation and visibility of women in key sectors of society. We are building a movement starting at the country level and cascading upwards to the sub regional and continental level. Through our networks we have the reach to shape development agendas on multiple levels - national, regional, sub regional, continental and global. Operating at these distinct yet complementary spaces, 2017 saw concrete steps taken in the building an Africa-wide movement which equips women as empowered change agents who will drive social and economic transformation on the continent.

It is in this spirit that we convened our inaugural Women Advancing Africa Forum in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in August 2017, where we



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brought together over 300 influential women leaders to shape a common agenda that is enabling us to collectively change our economic and social landscape. Our Forum created a space in which thought leaders, activists and captains of industry convened, connected and catalyzed around ideas that could "redesign" decision-making tables in society for the economic liberation of the continent and its women. We emerged from the Forum with strategically identified actions - our Big Ideas - that participants and their networks are mobilizing around to break down structural barriers that hold women back from enjoying their rights as full citizens.

In addition to the advancement of women, the Trust has been focusing on the importance of child nutrition and education as strategic imperatives as well. We are aware that beyond good nutrition, the environment in which a child is born, nurtured and develops has a direct bearing on a child's education, health and employment outcomes.

Our strategy hinges on empowering children and adolescents by ensuring that girls receive a strong educational foundation and stay in school, have

the knowledge and life-skills to make informed decisions about their bodies and their options in life, are rescued from the debilitating effects of harmful traditional practices and continue to see their basic human rights defended and protected.

As an example of an innovative model of education, in Tanzania's Mara region, we are working at giving children access to education through designing and implementing a programme to bring out-of-school girls and boys back into the formal education system. Nearly 10,000 have been enrolled in 2017 alone with our target of rescuing 20,000 children almost in sight. We hope to expand this multi-faceted model to other districts in Tanzania and beyond the region in the next three years.

It is our hope that as you go through the pages of this 2017 Annual Report you will be inspired to join us in our journey to ensure African women and young people are healthy, uplifted and well equipped to become productive citizens of a prosperous Africa.

*Graça Machel,
Founder, the Graça Machel Trust*



TRANSLATING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC VISION OF INCLUSIVITY AND EQUITY

The world is constantly tackling the challenges of equity and inclusivity.

As an integral part of every economy, the sustainable growth and development of a nation is only possible when women are considered equal partners and are equipped with the knowledge and appropriate skills to fight for their right to equity and inclusivity.

The Graça Machel Trust works hard to empower women with the skills and confidence necessary to participate meaningfully in the economy, create a healthy lifestyle for themselves and their families, and become the agents of wealth creation and prosperity.

In this annual report, you will read how our Children's Rights, Nutrition and Women's Economic Advancement programmes are all setting a direct path towards gender equality, poverty eradication, and inclusive economic growth.

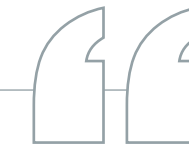
As an extension of our cause in improving the economic status of women, we are pleased to report that our networks are initiating

programmes which are alleviating the suffering of the financially vulnerable, underprivileged, and deprived segments of society, to enable them to live a financially self-sustained life.

Moreover, the networks are becoming a true manifestation of our vision and advancing the cause of early child development, girls' education, adolescent health, and well-being, ending child marriage and nutrition advocacy.

WOMEN NETWORKS

The Trust's Women's networks, the Network for African Business Women, African Women in Agribusiness Network, New Faces New Voices, Women in Media Network, Graça Machel Scholarship Programme, and our new Women in Trade and Women in Energy & Extractives Networks aim at building women's movements to grow a critical mass of women business leaders; influence governments, regulators, the private sector, civil society and development partners. In 2017, we scaled up our enterprise development programme, Women Creating Wealth, to reach more than **300 women across 3 countries** (Malawi Tanzania, Zambia). Our Women in Media



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Network set up the **first ever chapter in Cote d'Ivoire** comprising ten journalists. We also launched the Changing the Narrative report on the **portrayal of women in media in Kenya** at the Women Advancing Africa forum in 2017. The Trust **selected four new scholars for the Graça Machel Scholarship Programme** in 2017, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to **one hundred**. We successfully registered AWAB Malawi and are working with over 1500 farmers in Malawi and Zambia to grow 20 women-owned seed companies to strengthen food security and nutrition in their agribusiness ventures.

NUTRITION ADVOCACY

We all know that good nutrition is the foundation of good health. Healthy eating can help people achieve and maintain a healthy weight and prevent the onset of chronic diseases. On the other hand, poor nutrition is connected to a variety of health problems, with stunting being one of the most prevalent on the continent.

Cognisant that childhood malnutrition remains a major public health challenge across the

continent, through our advocacy initiatives, we are working to strongly nudge governments to make nutrition central to development. Our **Nutrition Programme** continued its work to build the capacity of the national Civil Society Alliance in partnership with PANITA in 2017. During the year PANITA was awarded the first prize for 'Fostering learning and innovation in nutrition' through the SUN Movement.

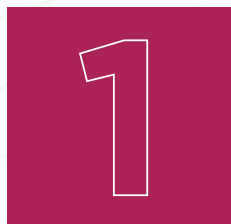
EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY

Together, we all need to strive for equity and inclusivity. Today, social values are degrading because women and girls are not treated equally and afforded a level playing field. This outlook has to change.

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*Nomsa Daniels
Chief Executive Officer*





ABOUT THE GRAÇA MACHEL TRUST

The Graça Machel Trust (the Trust) was established in 2010 and builds and strengthens networks to transform the lives of women and children across Africa. We thrive to ensure that women and children remain at the top of Africa's development agenda through collaborating and working with other like-minded communities across Africa. We amplify women's movements, promote women's contributions and leadership in the economic, social, and political development of Africa and strive to eliminate gender gaps that deepen inequalities in society. We also uphold and protect children's rights and dignity by pursuing a vision for the African child that seeks to develop children to their fullest potential through advocating for governments to commit to investing in nutrition, access to education, and health facilities.



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Our vision, mission and values enable us to effectively deliver on our purpose of transforming the lives of women and children across Africa.



OUR VISION

Nurturing caring societies that value social justice, promote and protect the rights of women and children.

OUR MISSION

Amplify women's movements, influence governance and promote women's contributions and leadership in the economic, social, political development of Africa; and advocate for the protection of children's rights and dignity.

OUR VALUES

Integrity

we demonstrate the highest levels of personal and organisational integrity in all areas of our work. We remain permanently guided by the principle of good conduct, responsible behaviour and high integrity in our interactions with partners and collaborators.

Courage

we exercise disciplined risks in our resolve to bring positive change in the lives of women and children across the region and globally. We are prepared to take calculated risks, stand by the decisions we make, challenge ourselves to think outside the box, and deliver innovative programmes.

Accountability

we value accountability in all that we do. We are accountable to those we serve and as well as those who support our work and give us resources, including our funding partners, friends and collaborators.

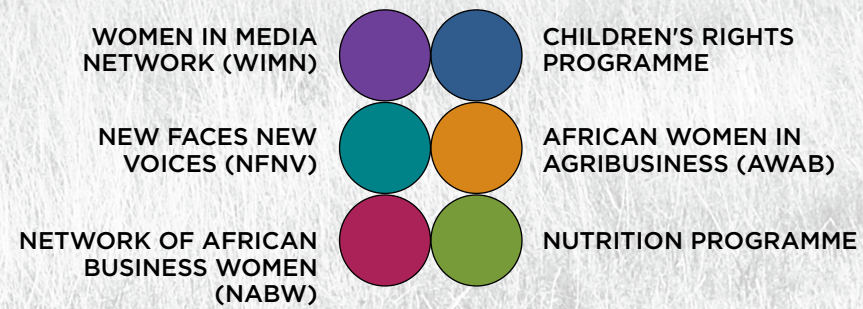
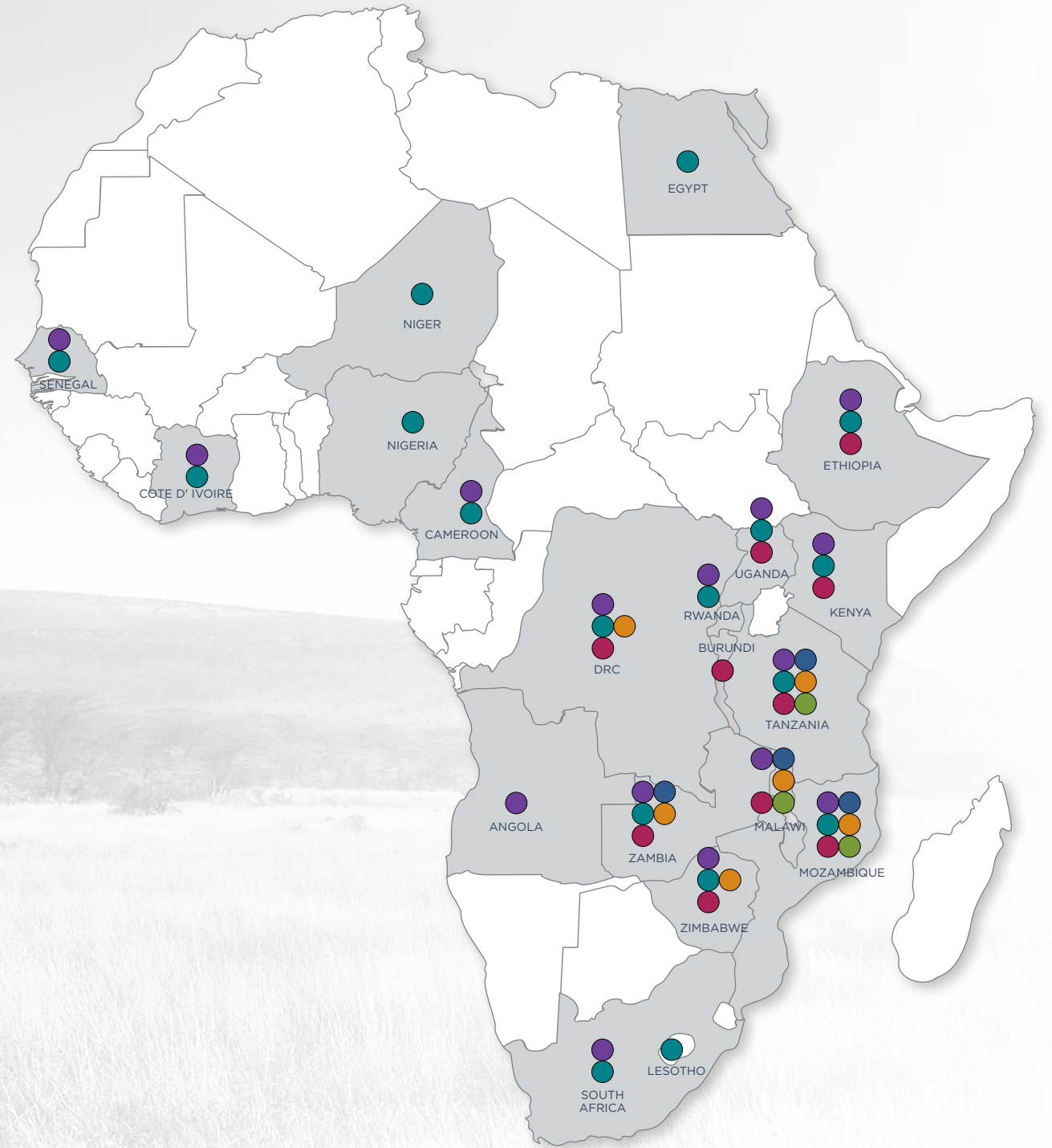
Excellence

we set ourselves ambitious goals and targets, and consistently strive to deliver excellence in our work. Our ambition is driven by a desire to deliver



OUR PRESENCE IN AFRICA

The Graça Machel Trust works across the continent in East, Southern, Central and West Africa. Through our networks, our geographic footprint touches twenty countries, the majority of which are categorised as low human development countries by the UNDP's Human Development Index. Five of these countries - Nigeria, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Kenya - account for almost half of the entire African population making them critical to target for their sheer size alone.



OUR APPROACH

The Trust finds creative ways to draw attention to critical issues. We mobilise and establish networks that can unleash economic and social change for Africa's women and children so that they can live dignified and productive lives. Our focus is helping to change the trajectory of the lives of Africa's women and children from one of extreme poverty and discrimination to one that restores their human dignity and self-worth.

Women's sustained participation in the development of their countries is crucial for the growth of the African continent. Equally vital are actions taken by countries to provide a solid and equitable foundation for the optimal development of girls and boys. For lasting change to happen,

we believe that advocacy efforts for women and children's rights have to be further consolidated through and with the support of networks.

We have created a unique model centred around building movements to drive economic and social change. In this way we are able to capacitate, harness, showcase, and ultimately amplify the capacious work and achievements of groups, associations, networks and partners who are engaged and affecting the many issues that we focus on. The way of working with and building networks has enabled us to develop a model that links country, national, regional, continental and global advocacy efforts and programmes.

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HOW WE EFFECT CHANGE

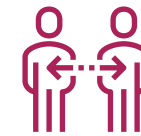
We **CONVENE** meetings, conferences and round-table discussions to encourage dialogue with different stakeholders that don't always come together to develop a more holistic and integrated way of solving problems



We **CREATE** new networks where gaps exist in sectors that are critical for Africa's development



We **ENGAGE** with governments, regulators and policy makers together with network partners to remove structural barriers and policies that are harmful to women and children



We **CONCEIVE** and implement projects that can test a multidisciplinary approach to problem-solving in ways that allow new ideas and innovate models to take hold



We **STRENGTHEN** the internal capacity of networks and civil society organisations to encourage them to work together to tackle common issues



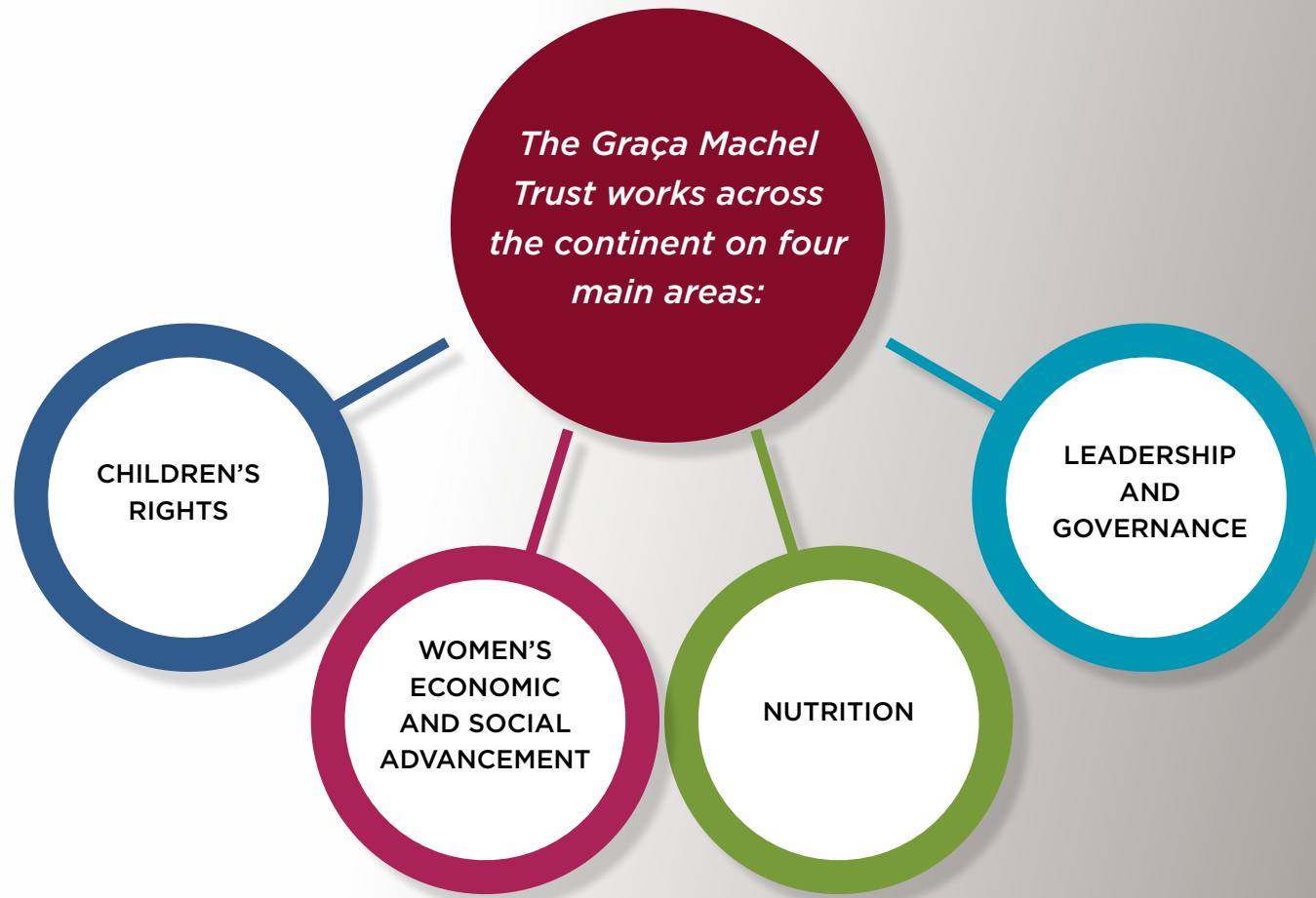
We **CONDUCT RESEARCH**, collect data and disseminate knowledge on behalf of our networks to influence policymakers to make evidence-based interventions



We **CONNECT** what is happening at global level with our work at a regional and national level.



OUR FOCUS AREAS



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OUR WORK AND IMPACT

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROGRAMME

MARA OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The **Mara Out of School Programme** was launched in 2016 in partnership with Educate A Child, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government and the Mara Alliance. The Mara Region of Tanzania has one of the highest rates of child marriages, teenage pregnancies, female genital mutilation (FGM) and school dropout rates in the country. Despite having a free primary education policy, it is estimated 60,000 children are out-of-school.

Area of operation: Tanzania



ENROLLING 9,359 CHILDREN BACK INTO SCHOOL

In 2017, the total number of children enrolled since programme inception is 9,359 out-of-school children in the first five of nine Local Government Authorities (LGAs) of the Mara Region. Of these, 5,881 are boys and 3,478 are girls. The children were divided into two age groups: the 7 - 13 years and 14 - 17 years. The aim of the project is to identify, enrol, and transition 20,000 out-of-school children between the ages of 7 and 17 years into the formal education system.

The Mara region is divided into nine local government authorities (LGAs) and contains 824 primary schools. The project is reviving a complementary basic education intervention - Complementary Basic Education in Tanzania (COBET), which was piloted by the government of Tanzania and UNICEF in the late 1990s. COBET provides out-of-school children with an opportunity to enrol in an accelerated learning programme where they learn through a specially designed curriculum



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

By December 2017 the programme had:

- ✓ Enrolled 9,359 out of school children
- ✓ Established 217 COBET centres
- ✓ Disbursed 24,877 COBET learning and facilitation kits
- ✓ Identified and profiled 16,871 of out-of-school children since the beginning of the project (10,221 boys, and 6,650 girls).
- ✓ Trained 400 teachers and paraprofessionals
- ✓ Trained Mara Alliance partners who will help us reach our target of enrolling 20,000 out of school children by the end of 2018.

that enables them to catch up with their peers and eventually be integrated into mainstream education.

The project uses qualified teachers and paraprofessionals to teach the learners at COBET centres. To date, the project has established approximately 217 COBET centres in five LGAs, with an average of 50 children per centre. Each COBET centre is supervised by a primary school and is located at or within the vicinity of the school.





CASE STUDY

EDUCATION AS A MEANS TO ESCAPE FORCED MARRIAGE

Deborah Keng'anya, Keisangura village in Tarime, Tanzania



Deborah Keng'anya is one of the beneficiaries of the Mara Project. The 15-year-old girl currently attends Complementary Basic Education in Tanzania (COBET) classes at Keisangura Primary School Centre, located a few kilometres away from her village of Keisangura. She was enrolled in 2017.

The project seeks to reintegrate 20,000 out of school children aged 7-17 into basic education system through COBET programme which is popularly known as MEMKWA in Kiswahili. She was forced out of school because her family wanted her to get married. For Deborah, frequent pressure of being forced into early marriage is one of the greatest challenges she and her female peers face.

"I am telling them not to give me off to marriage at this time and give chance to continue with Memkwa so that I can learn to read and write but they are still disturbing me to get married so that my brother can get cows to use as dowry to marry", Deborah narrates.

Living in a remote village of Tarime District in Tanzania's Mara Region, Deborah Keng'anya sees the Mara Out -Of School Children Project as not only an opportunity to enable her to get an education but also to save her from being forced into marriage.

"My mother passed away many years ago. I live with my elder brother who is married and I face a number of problems but I am grateful for this project."

It is hoped that Deborah will be integrated into the mainstream education system by 2019. Deborah says she would love to become a teacher if she is given an opportunity to complete her education.

THE CHILD RIGHTS COMPLAINTS MECHANISM PROJECT

The Child Rights Complaints Mechanism Project was established in partnership with Save The Children International Regional Multi Country Programming Unit (RMCPU). It is a three-year project to identify good practices and gaps in the utilisation of the complaints procedures of The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) by children, civil society organisations (CSOs) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs). The Committee deals with any violations of children's rights.

Area of operation: East and Southern Africa



IDENTIFYING GOOD PRACTICES TO UTILISE THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The project identified good practice and gaps in the utilisation of the complaints procedure to determine why few complaints have thus far been submitted to the Committee. It also assessed

if the guidelines and materials available on the complaints procedure were user and child friendly and how this directly and indirectly impacted on the submission of complaints to the Committee.

IN 2017 THE TRUST:

- **Commissioned a study** to assess why the complaints mechanism was not being effectively utilised. This will come up with recommendations to improve the process of submitting complaints to the Committee.
- **Established a Reference Group** consisting of CSOs and NHRIs at the ACERWC Experience Sharing forum in Port Louis, Mauritius in September 2017. Preliminary findings from the study were shared with the group in December during the ACERWC 31st session in Khartoum Sudan, when a second draft of

- the study was completed. The final study report will be completed and shared with the Reference Group in 2018.
- **Commenced a mapping and literature** review of existing capacity building materials that have been developed on the use of the complaints mechanism over the last decade in east and southern Africa. The findings of the exercise will inform the project stakeholders of existing capacity building materials and help to design new materials that are more child friendly.



THE REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEW-BORN, CHILD, ADOLESCENT HEALTH PLUS+ NUTRITION (RMNCAH + N) PROGRAMME



The Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child, Adolescent Health plus+ Nutrition (RMNCAH + N) Programme started in 2015 in partnership with Maikhanda, Health Promotion of Tanzania and FDC, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). The programme aims to increase political and financial commitment by key public and private sector leaders to achieve sustainable development goal (SDG) 3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Area of operation:

Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia

SETTING UP SOCIAL PACTS¹ IN THREE COUNTRIES

In 2017, we identified three lead implementing partners namely: Maikhanda (Malawi), Health Promotion of Tanzania (Tanzania) and Foundation for Community development (FDC) (Mozambique). A different approach is being used in Zambia and will be implemented in 2018.

Social pacts were then developed to domesticate health-related drive programme implementation. The social pacts focus on four key areas: health infrastructure, health financing, nutrition, and social accountability.

OUR PROGRESS SO FAR:

Maikhanda set up a Social Pact in Malawi committed to advocating for and advancing the improved health and well-being of women and girls. Maikhanda in partnership with other local NGOs in Malawi then organised the International

Youth Day in Lilongwe themed: "Youth Building Peace: Role of the youth in health, population, environment and entrepreneurship." The first lady of Malawi - who is the project champion - gave the keynote speech.

¹ Accountability forum comprising of academia, private sector, government, and civil society organisations to push a common purpose or goal.

YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

INVESTING IN YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Trust also began a Youth Mentorship Programme in 2017, through its partnership with the African Youth and Adolescent Youth (Afriyan). The programme mentors young champions in health advocacy in the Reproductive Maternal New-born Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH). Eight youth advocates were

identified from our four focus countries. Their role is to catalyse social transformation in their communities and countries through youth-led advocacy on issues affecting RMNCAH. The youth advocates were placed under the guardianship of the lead implementers in their countries.

OUR PROGRESS SO FAR:

- Our youth advocates developed key messages for a campaign: "The Power of Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030." It raised awareness on the challenges girls face.
- The Youth advocates hosted a side event during the Women Advancing Africa Forum in August, 2017 with Mrs Machel as the guest speaker. The event reflected on the efforts by Africa to harness the demographic dividend through investment in Sexual Reproductive

- Health and Rights (SRHR) of adolescents and youth, particularly girls.
- In Malawi, youth advocate Christine Chilimba, an active member of the Girls not Brides Campaign, was invited to several discussions as a panellist or presenter. In Mozambique, our advocates presented a petition to the Minister of Youth at the National Girls Conference in 2017, to accelerate initiatives to end child marriages.





NUTRITION PROGRAMME

NUTRITION ADVOCACY

The Graça Machel Trust engages in nutrition advocacy at a country, regional, and global level to elevate it as a development priority in Africa and help to end hunger and stunting, achieve food security, improve health and promote sustainable agriculture.

Our nutrition advocacy programmes are implemented through our CSO alliance networks in three key countries -- Malawi, Mozambique and

Tanzania. Furthermore, in partnership with the East and Southern Africa Civil Society Network (ESA CSN), we are also working in Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, South Sudan, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to establish a regional nutrition network. At a continental level, we work closely with the African Leaders for Nutrition (ALN) initiative, which is hosted by the African Development Bank.



ADDRESSING AFRICA'S NUTRITION CHALLENGES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Improving nutrition and building resilience to the shocks and vulnerabilities that keep communities teetering on the edge of extreme poverty is critical to the goal of ending malnutrition and stunting.

Coordinated planning and programming of effective nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions across multiple sectors is vital.

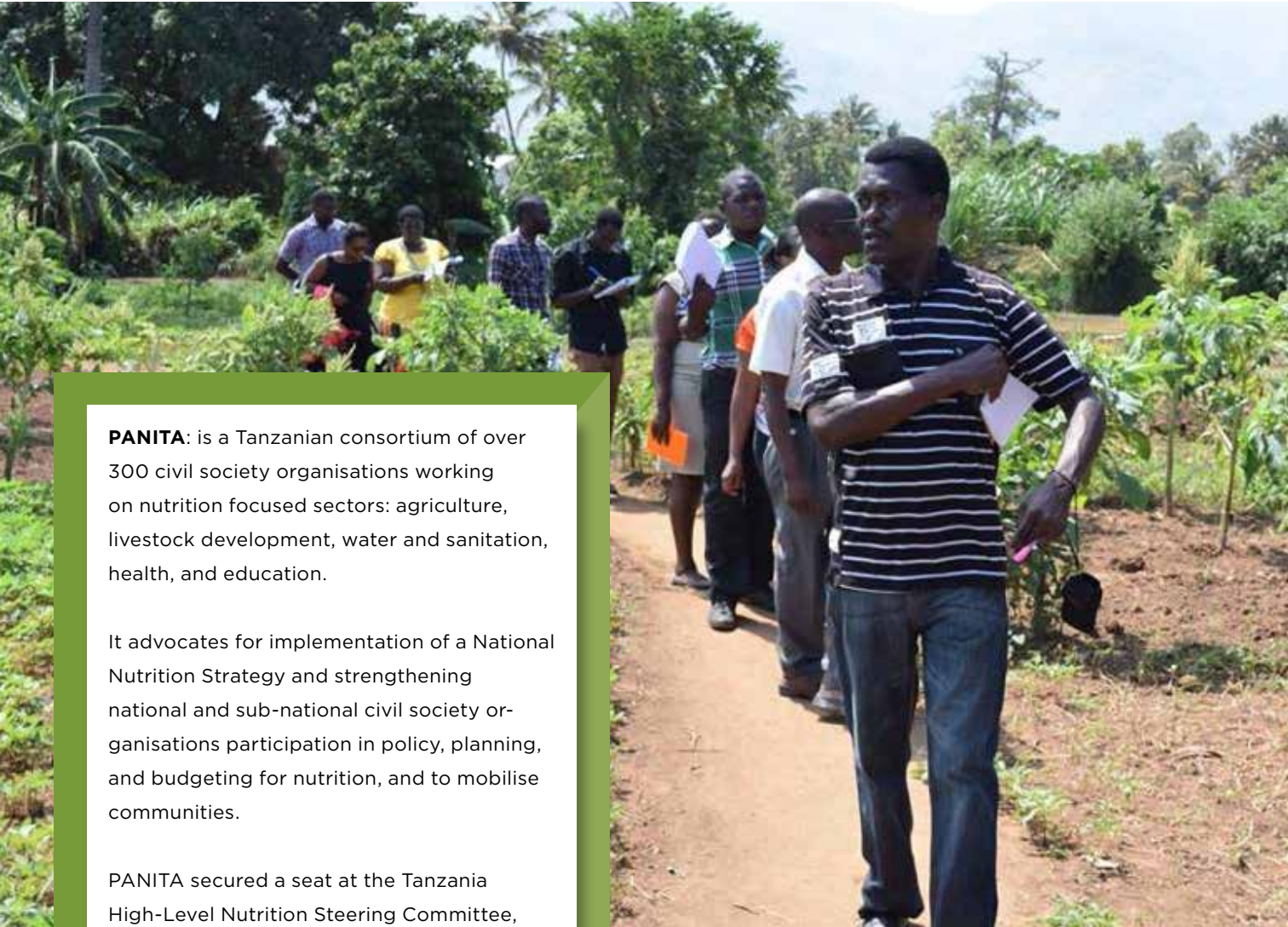
While some governments have recorded progress on reducing stunting and undernutrition, there is a need to strengthen the capacity of different sectors

to integrate nutrition in the planning and implementation of their respective development programmes.

A key indicator of a government's commitment to nutrition is the amount of resources it allocates to nutrition, and how much of the country's budget goes to nutrition related programmes.

Our Nutrition advocacy programme continued to work with partners to try and address these challenges. Below are some key highlights from engagements in 2017.





PANITA: is a Tanzanian consortium of over 300 civil society organisations working on nutrition focused sectors: agriculture, livestock development, water and sanitation, health, and education.

It advocates for implementation of a National Nutrition Strategy and strengthening national and sub-national civil society organisations participation in policy, planning, and budgeting for nutrition, and to mobilise communities.

PANITA secured a seat at the Tanzania High-Level Nutrition Steering Committee, overseeing the Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) movement.

PARTNERING WITH PANITA TO BUILD NUTRITION CAPACITY IN TANZANIA

In 2017, the Trust's nutrition advocacy programme continued its work to build the capacity of the national Civil Society Alliances (CSAs) in partnership with Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA). We facilitated access to training and support to prioritising PANITA's communications effectiveness with key stakeholders. As a result of our partnership, we have contributed to **amplifying PANITA's voice, beyond the borders of Tanzania**, particularly amongst international donors.

PANITA RECORDS SUCCESS

PANITA was awarded the first prize for "Fostering learning and innovation in nutrition" through the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement. Prizes were awarded to three innovative plans developed by SUN Civil Society Alliances as part of the SUN Civil Society Learning Route in Rwanda last year. PANITA claimed the first prize for 'Accountable District Nutrition Steering Committees for Scaling Up Nutrition in Tanzania'.

As a result of the Learning Route Exchange, each Alliance submitted an 'Innovation Plan'. Amongst all the plans submitted, PANITA received their award for demonstrating a coordinated approach to working together within their networks.



ENGAGEMENT TO FORMALISE A JOINT REGIONAL APPROACH TO NUTRITION

The Trust hosted a meeting for national CSAs from nine countries¹ in partnership with CARE International's Southern Africa office and the secretariat of the global Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Society Nutrition Network (SUN CSN). Key outcomes of the regional meetings included: the need to create a regional nutritional platform with harmonized information and capacity to influence policy; increase CSA capacity to conduct nutrition advocacy, and create a stronger and sustainable engagement from the region to the national level for better government accountability on nutrition investment.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF REGIONAL PARTNERS THROUGH BUDGET ADVOCACY AND ANALYSIS TRAINING

Together with CARE International and the SUN Civil Society Network we held a four-day budget advocacy and analysis training in Lilongwe, Malawi. The objective was to equip the participants with skills to effectively influence public sector budgeting in favour of the nutrition agenda in their respective countries. The training provided hands on experience to Civil Society Network

representatives within the regional Nutrition Alliance Network on how to analyse public sector budgets. It drew participants from eight African countries that are part of the regional nutrition network namely: Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

PARTNERING WITH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME TO LAUNCH THE GLOBAL NUTRITION REPORT

With the World Food Programme Southern Africa Regional Bureau, we hosted the Southern Africa Launch of the Global Nutrition Report (GNR) 2017, 'Nourishing the SDGs' in Johannesburg. The event, chaired by the Trust's Nutrition Manager, Rachel Toku-Appiah, was part of the global aim to amplify the GNR findings for SADC countries, and inspire action to make good nutrition a daily reality for all. Our founder, Mrs Machel, called for advocacy at the highest level, from presidents, ministers of health, education, and agriculture. We will leverage the report outcomes to call for progress and hold decision-makers and implementers accountable. The event was broadcast live on Facebook, enabling a broad audience from several countries to participate.

¹ The nine countries include Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe,



PARTICIPATING IN KEY ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS TO PUSH THE NUTRITION AGENDA

In 2017, the Trust participated in a number of advocacy engagements in order to end the nutrition challenges on the continent. These are “*Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index for Africa*,” and the “*Foundation for Community Development policy brief launch*”

HUNGER AND NUTRITION COMMITMENT INDEX FOR AFRICA

Together with our key funder, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other stakeholders, we participated in the launch of the ‘Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index for Africa’ (HANCI-Africa).

The Index ranks 45 African governments on their political commitment to tackling hunger and undernutrition. The key objective is to enable civil society to put pressure on governments and international policy makers to do better; and encourage governments to evaluate their own efforts and prioritise appropriate action.

Additionally, the Index aims to measure a country’s efforts to deliver on the AU Malabo Declaration commitments made in 2014 and other international commitments. We believe that this is one of the most important follow-up

actions emanating from the Trust’s SADC regional meeting of national civil society nutrition networks, which was held in June 2016.

FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY BRIEF LAUNCH

In partnership with the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition and the Foundation for Community Development in Mozambique, we hosted a policy brief launch and high-level panel discussion. Mrs Machel emphasized that the focus needs to shift from feeding to nourishing people, by harnessing the power of the private sector, as well as encouraging and enabling all consumers to access better diets.

This included policy actions to support enhanced consumer behaviour for high-quality diets, as well as evidence-based recommendations on how food systems can be shaped to help consumers make healthy diet choices. We also focused on how the Global Panel’s work can inform Mozambique’s strategic approach to combating malnutrition in all its forms, by looking at the food systems required to achieve healthy diets for all. The Trust invited CSA representatives from Malawi and Tanzania to participate and share their country experiences.



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CASE STUDY

WOMEN OF RONDO TAKE A RADICAL STAND AGAINST MALNUTRITION



Most often in Africa, the smaller the village and the more remote it is, the more it is synonymous with poverty and malnutrition. This is not the case with the small village of Rondo in south eastern Tanzania where six women in the community have simply refused to watch their children die or suffer from stunting due to malnutrition, by educating their community to adopt a healthy eating life-style. They walk up to seven kilometres conducting door-to-door calls on families or giving talks at health centres where women usually congregate. These women are undertaking these life changing activities in addition to their demanding daily chores which include tilling the land, fetching firewood, preparing food for their families and taking care of their children.

Scholastica Nguli, who is the founder of the Rondo Women’s Development Organisation, has been leading the women.

She says: “This idea began after joining the Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA) where our organization was invited to a capacity building meeting organized by PANITA in 2013. The emphasis of that meeting was on maternal and young children feeding practices. At the end of the session, PANITA called upon participants of the meeting to cascade that knowledge to the community in their respective locations.”

“Lack of awareness on breastfeeding issues was one of the factors behind the huge burden of child malnutrition in Rondo ward, that’s why we decided to spread knowledge through visiting health facilities, households and by holding public meetings.”

The women of Rondo are a reminder that fighting malnutrition in most parts of the country can be done by anyone. According to the Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey 2015-16, 34% of children under the age of five are short for their age (stunted), a sign of chronic malnutrition. Stunting has severe consequences on the physical and brain development of a child and affects the economy due to loss of productivity. According to the World Bank, for every dollar invested in ending malnutrition in Africa, ten dollars can be earned in return.

The women of Rondo have become an example of doing what is right at a time when most communities wait for governments to fight malnutrition alone. Often, many countries visualise malnutrition as too big a problem and think there is nothing they can do to change it. Yet the action by Rondo women demonstrates that there are solutions within the reach of individuals and communities to end malnutrition.



WOMEN'S RIGHTS PROGRAMME

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

The Trust brings together new and existing networks of women, representing a range of sectors. The networks support women in their efforts to drive, influence and shape socio-economic policies in their various countries, as they work to make a tangible impact on Africa's development.

Working with partners, the Trust provides institutional and technical support to the networks to build a mass of highly qualified, active women who become effective voices and change agents in areas where they are currently underrepresented. Our current networks include:



“Africa’s continued journey towards full economic and social prosperity will only be achieved when women take the lead in setting the continent’s development agenda and have equal opportunities to participate at all levels in society”

NETWORK OF AFRICAN WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS
WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS NETWORK

Network of African Business Women (NABW)
 Area of operation:
 Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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NEW FACES NEW VOICES
WOMEN IN FINANCE NETWORK

Women in Finance Network-New Faces New Voices (NFNV)
 Area of operation:
 Botswana, Cameroon, DRC, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

WOMEN IN MEDIA NETWORK

Women-In-Media Network (WIMN)
 Area of operation:
 Angola, Cameroon, Cot D'Ivoire, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia,

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Graça Machel Scholarship Programme (GMS)
 Area of operations:
 Southern Africa



NETWORK OF
AFRICAN BUSINESS WOMEN
WOMEN IN BUSINESS
NETWORK

The Network of African Business Women (NABW) provides women with opportunities to freely and effectively participate in the economic development of their countries through the establishment of sustainable business ventures. Through training, mentorship and capacity building, the Network supports business women's associations and business women generating a much-needed upsurge of growth-oriented African women entrepreneurs.

**REACHING 300 WOMEN THROUGH
OUR WOMEN CREATING WEALTH PROGRAM
TO CHAMPION WOMEN'S
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT**

In 2017, we scaled up the Women Creating Wealth (WCW) program from 30 entrepreneurs (2016 pilot) to 300 beneficiaries in Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia. WCW is a flagship program under Network of African Business Women.

The WCW enterprise development programme aims to train 1,000 women entrepreneurs in ten countries by 2020 to grow their businesses and become business leaders. WCW's goal is to inspire and influence growth-oriented business

women to graduate from income generation to wealth creation. The programme offers them the tools and a supportive, empowering space to make the necessary changes for their businesses to grow.

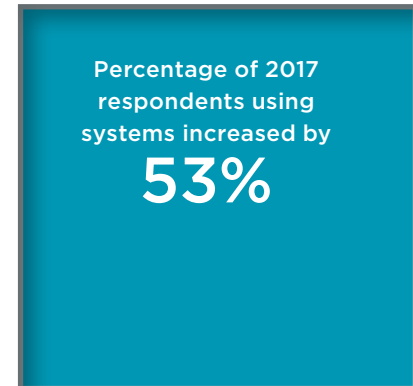
The programme involves a six-day entrepreneurial competency training from Empretec, followed by a 10-month Accountability, Inspiration and Mastery (AIM) mentorship and coaching after-care programme.



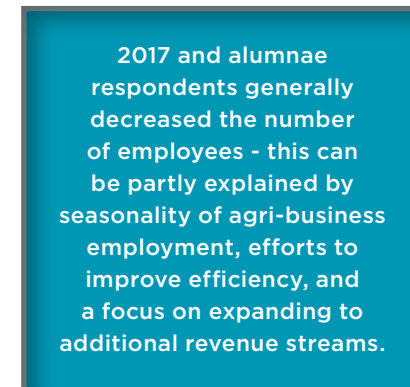
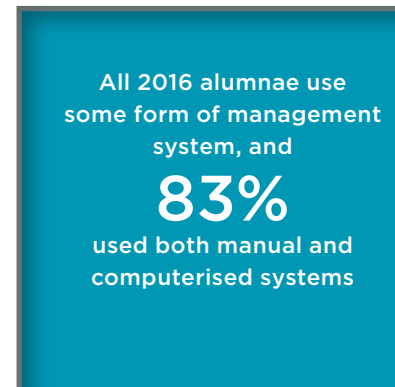
The Women Creating Wealth programme changed my life forever
Caroline Gul



**IMPACT OF THE WCW ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
ON THE ENTREPRENEURS' BUSINESSES**



**Strong trend of implementing financial and human resource
management systems and using electronic systems**



NETWORK OF
AFRICAN WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS
WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS
NETWORK

The African Women in Agribusiness Network (AWAB) addresses challenges in food security and identifies opportunities for women in the agricultural sector. The network advocates for initiatives that enhance women's competitiveness in local and global markets. AWAB also seeks to foster market linkages for women, connecting them to opportunities in the agri-business sector.

STRENGTHENING WOMEN-OWNED SEED COMPANIES AND SMALL HOLDER FARMERS

Through a grant from the Department for International Development (DFID) Climate Smart Agricultural Programme to support the Africa Food Basket Project (AFBP), we targeted 20 women-owned seed companies and 2,000 smallholder farmers to produce drought-resistant, nutrition dense seed. The AFBP is a flagship programme for the AWAB which supports the efforts of dynamic agribusiness women who drive scalable business models to address food security in Southern Africa.

The AFBP pilot, centred on strengthening women-owned seed companies, to propel them into becoming key players in the legume seed and grain value chains. This programme was piloted

in Malawi and Zambia to support women entrepreneurs who can drive inclusive agribusiness models to address the food security challenges in the region.

Implementation of the pilot projects was successful and a number of key milestones registered, including the **legal registration of the AWAB Malawi Chapter, training of seed company owners and training Agro dealers on how to access markets.** Below is a brief on these successes:

Malawi Chapter registration proved critical to the effective management of the project and its elected steering committee, leading to the project receiving additional funding from Vuna to

support a further 500 farmers in Zambia and 1,000 in Malawi for the 2017/18 season.

The Trust **trained seed company** owners to complete business plans and develop key standard operating procedures (SOPs) for their organisations. The formalisation of these business processes was a key ingredient in the strengthening the internal operation of seed companies.

VUNA, the social-franchise model owned by AWAB Malawi **established 12 community level agro-dealers.** They were trained in Zambia and Malawi on seed and stock management, as well as record keeping. For efficiency, the agro-dealer shops are located in rural areas so that their customers, rural farming households, have easy access.



HIGHLIGHTS

- **The pilot project engaged over 1,800 farmers in Malawi and Zambia;**
- **After planting 445 hectares of legume seed in the 2016/17 seasons, a total of 1,853 hectares of seed was planted for the 2017/18 season, with a projected yield of 2923 metric tonnes;**
- **14 seed companies, from both Malawi and Zambia, participated in the Empretec entrepreneurship training as part of the WCW programme;**
- **12 agro-dealer shops were opened in Malawi thus far;**
- **Participants attended the SADC Seed Technical Committee meeting and the 4th Global Climate Smart Agriculture Conference hosted by NEPAD**
- **In 2017, The Trust and AWAB Malawi partnered with the Civil Society Agriculture Network (CISANET) and CARE to raise concerns about the seed policy in Malawi.**

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Graça Machel Trust Scholarship Programme seeks to increase the visibility and influence of a new generation of highly qualified women. It is a joint initiative between the Canon Collins Trust and the Graça Machel Trust and provides an opportunity for women in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and related subjects.

LAUNCHING A CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR OUR ALUMNAE

The Graça Machel Scholarship Programme provides post-graduate scholarships to develop professional women who bring gender diversity in non-traditional sectors. The scholarship programme prioritises **post-graduate degrees** in sectors where women are underrepresented. However, we recognise that education alone is not a sufficient guarantee that women will make it to the top.

In 2017, the Trust launched a new **Leadership and Career Development Programme** for our alumnae. The five-day initiative was facilitated by Experttech and focused on leadership skills. The programme targeted Graça Machel Scholarship Programme alumnae who graduated over the 12 years the scholarship programme has been running.

The leadership programme sought to build the capacity of alumnae to deal with gender biases,

gain greater resilience and motivation to lead. A total of **15 participants** completed the intervention. Programme elements included **personal and professional competencies development** and aftercare support through coaching.

During the training we also learnt that women's preferences and motivations for achieving high-level positions varied. Our focus on leadership is therefore not solely about making it to the top, but, at the very least, we wish for women to reach their desires and potential as they define and own their success.

Participants responded well to the programme and reviews showed that the sessions were impactful. Following the training, participants were provided with coaching to help them master the skills learnt.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE BENEFITING FROM THE PROGRAMME, these include

7
SASOL SCHOLARS FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND

3
MBA SCHOLARS AT THE AFRICAN LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY

WE ENROLLED

3
 new scholars to study petroleum engineering, electrical engineering, environmental studies, and development finance

One of our scholars completed her PhD in Botany from the University of KwaZulu-Natal



NEW FACES NEW VOICES
WOMEN IN FINANCE NETWORK

New Faces New Voices (NFNV) advocates for women’s access to finance and financial services. The network aims to bridge the funding gap in financing women-owned businesses in Africa and to lobby for policy and legislative changes that impede women’s financial access. The overall objective of the network is to advance the financial inclusion of women by bringing more women into the formal financial system.

PUSHING FORWARD THE FINANCIAL INCLUSION POLICY AGENDA

The Women in Finance Network (WIFN) facilitates the inclusion of women in the formal financial system to access a broad array of financial services and capital. In line with our objectives to transform the financial sector to better serve the needs of women we undertook the following activities:

ENGAGEMENT IN HIGH LEVEL ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

We worked with central banks as well as financial services providers around the continent, to make evidence-based policy recommendations to regulators and financial institutions enabling them to develop gender sensitive financial inclusion strategies.

We promoted the collection of gender-disaggregated data to better understand how women engage with financial services and the challenges they face. Through this data, financial institutions are able to track women’s access to savings and credit, their repayment trends, and other key information that they can use to become more gender sensitive in their policies and procedures.

COMMISSIONING WOMEN’S FINANCIAL INCLUSION STUDY IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

We commenced the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) funded study in Francophone countries: Cameroon, Senegal and the Democratic Republic of Congo. A multi-country, multi-lingual, inter-disciplinary team of experts was commissioned for a period of two years to conduct the research project and understand gender differences in financial inclusion and explore limitations and challenges women face in accessing formal financial services due to regulatory, legal, economic, and social barriers.

Over 1000 women are participating in the study. The findings will enable us to shape interventions to improve financial inclusion for Francophone women on the continent. This research also seeks to unpack the opportunities that exist in the financial sector, and what each country can do to expand and deepen financial service provision, to both men and women in different income levels and geographies.



WOMEN IN FINANCE NETWORK (WIFN) - NEW FACES NEW VOICES (NFNV) HAS THREE KEY OBJECTIVES

1

Increase women’s access to finance and financial services as consumers, entrepreneurs and investors;



2

Strengthen the skills and capacity of women to access finance;



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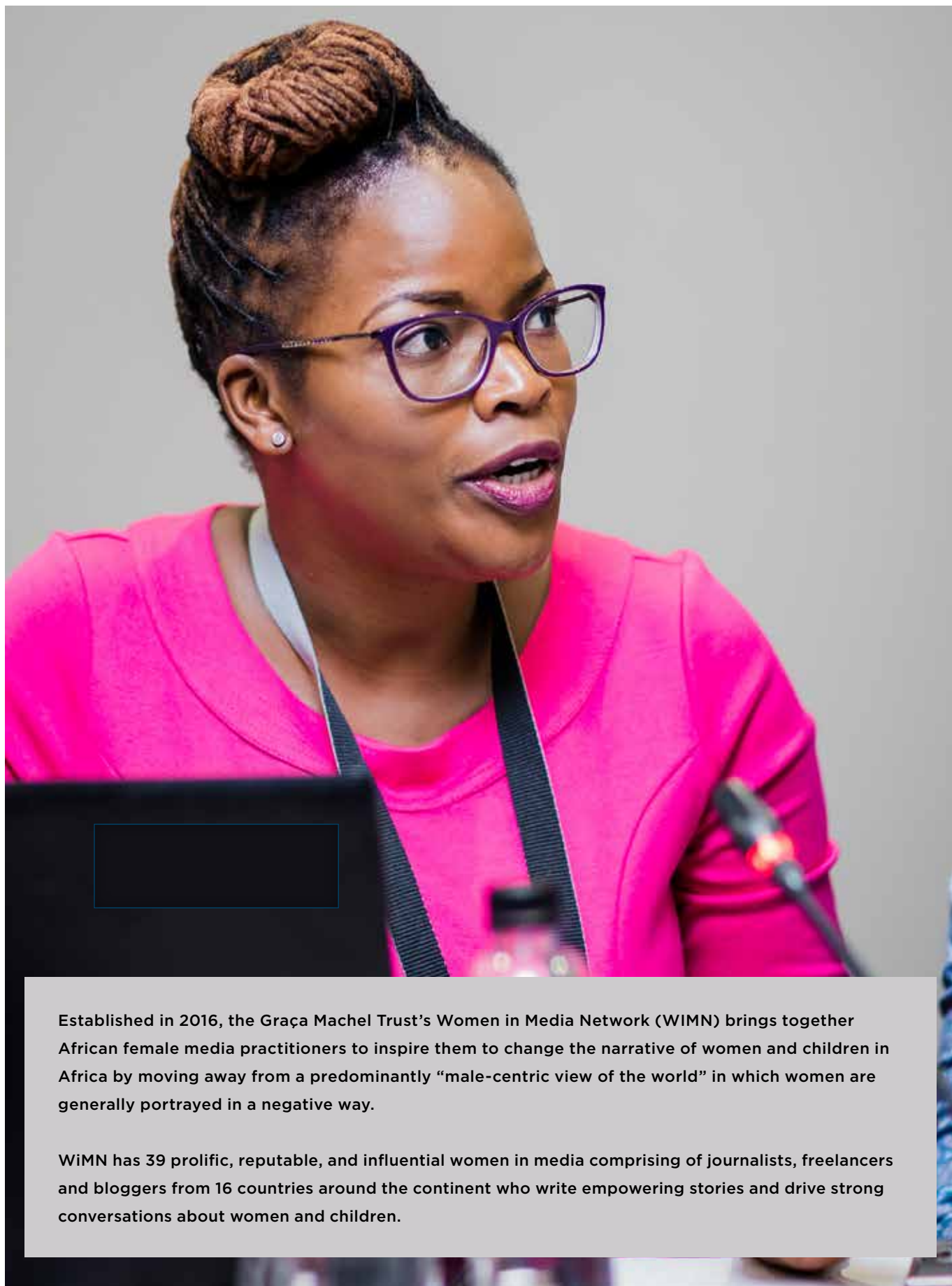
Grow the number and visibility of African women in leadership and decision-making positions in the financial sector.



HIGHLIGHTS

- **The WIFN in Kenya undertook research on board diversity, informing key stakeholders about gender gaps at Board level, and the challenges women face in accessing Board positions. Secondly, a survey to Explore Growth Barriers faced by Female Entrepreneurs in East Africa was published in March which focuses on the financial and non-financial barriers women face in growing their businesses;**
- **The NFNV Uganda has trained a total of 340,000 women in Financial Literacy since inception. In 2017 these efforts were recognised and they were awarded a UN Women grant to create a Credit Reference Bureau to address the limited support for women when entering credit arrangements with financial institutions.**
- **NFNV Nigeria expanded its work on women in cross border trade.**
- **The annual Women’s Network Conference in Maputo honoured three Chapter Directors for their work in 2017. These are Aisha Aminu (Nigeria), Theopista Ntale (Uganda), Andia Chakava (Kenya).**





Established in 2016, the Graça Machel Trust's Women in Media Network (WIMN) brings together African female media practitioners to inspire them to change the narrative of women and children in Africa by moving away from a predominantly "male-centric view of the world" in which women are generally portrayed in a negative way.

WIMN has 39 prolific, reputable, and influential women in media comprising of journalists, freelancers and bloggers from 16 countries around the continent who write empowering stories and drive strong conversations about women and children.

WOMEN IN MEDIA NETWORK

The Women in Media Network (WIMN) is the latest pan-African network established by the Trust. It comprises a network of African women journalists who individually and collectively use their influence and voice to help shape and disseminate empowering storylines about Africa's women and children.

CHANGING THE PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN THE MEDIA

Our focus was on three core areas critical to advancing the role of women in media in Africa, namely research, enhancing skills and expertise through training, strengthening and building the WIMN network and publishing platform as well as boosting content sharing through AllAfrica.com.

LAUNCHING THE "CHANGING THE NARRATIVE REPORT"

We launched the Changing the Narrative report on the portrayal of women in media in Kenya at the Women Advancing Africa forum in August based on research done by WIMN member Valentine Njoroge. The study showed that 21 percent of Kenyans associated women's issues with beauty and fashion. Few women's stories were about politics, religion, sports were being covered including gender-based violence, which is prevalent in most African countries. Women journalists played an influential role in exposing the injustices against women such as women assaulted in public transport for allegedly not dressing well.

EMPOWERING MEMBERS THROUGH TRAINING

WIMN developed a training portal in 2017. The training programmes are available to WIMN members only, although partial access to

leadership courses has been given to members within the GMT women networks. Training has resulted in members mentoring and training other journalists in their countries.

WIMN board chair, Bronwyn Nielsen and past board member Ferial Hafajee, participated in a panel discussion on the challenges women journalists face as they climb the professional ladder. This was part of a personal and professional mastery training course aimed at helping members develop their leadership skills. The panel was held at the 2017 annual meeting of the WIMN in Johannesburg. About 50 people that included WIMN and GMT staff benefitted from this training.

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE THROUGH SHARING STORIES

Members contributed 50 news articles on the WIMN publishing platform on AllAfrica.com between 2016 and 2017 with some receiving international recognition. A key aspect of this work is the voice and visibility the news articles contribute to critical developmental issues related to the advancement of women and children in Africa. In Senegal, Jaly Badiane's article on the genital mutilation of a nine-year-old girl led to her creating a forum for other victims to voice their concerns.





“ Journalists should focus on women in source selection, whether they are experts or ordinary sources ”

INCREASING OUR REACH THROUGH STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK

A number of initiatives were undertaken to increase the visibility of the Network. Firstly, we successfully set-up the first WIMN Chapter in Côte d'Ivoire comprising ten journalists. Secondly, about 30 WIMN members attended key strategic global and regional events such as the launch of the Global and Regional Nutrition Reports, the Women Advancing Africa forum, World Association of Newspapers Media Congress and Bloomberg Africa Media Innovators Conference. Our Kenya member, Renee Ngamau has mobilised close to 300 journalists in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda to advance discourse on gender equity in African newsrooms.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Realised a collective reach of 1,2 billion on online and social media as WIMN;
- Renee Ngamau of Kenya, Selma Inocência of Mozambique as well as Eleanor Manyi, of Cameroon won WIMN awards at the Graça Machel Trust Women Networks awards ceremony.





CASE STUDY



CAROLINE GUL SHARES EXPERIENCES ON WOMEN CREATING WEALTH PROGRAMME

Caroline Gul is the Managing Director of R&R Associates, a Communications, Public Relations, Advertising and Events Management company based in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. Over the past seven years, her company has served organisations in the private sector, government, and non-profit organisations. She has vast experience in communications and public relations.

Through this exposure, Caroline saw a business opportunity to do public relations work. Though the transition to business within the same field was easy, it was difficult for her to get her business organised.

Caroline joined the Graça Machel Trust's second cohort of the Women Creating Wealth enterprise development programme in Tanzania in 2017. She credits the six-day training offered by Empretec, complemented by the 10 months AIM aftercare monthly workshop, as having changed her forever.

From the Empretec Business Creation Exercise given in the WCW programme Caroline turned her hobby of making yoghurt into a business, Carol's Yoghurt. She also started a social enterprise, the Tanzania Women Cow Loan Project.

"The idea of having a Corporate Social Investment (CSR) component was important to me as this was my chance to do it effectively," she says. Her idea is to source the milk for the yoghurt and for

other products such as drinking milk, butter, and cheese, from women. The project loans dairy cows to women who will thereafter sell the milk to the business.

Her passion to grow her newly found inclusive business model got her selected to attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) in 2017 as a Graça Machel Trust delegate. There she pitched her business idea at a side event and was selected as one of the winners. Caroline says attending WEF "was like a dream... The experience gave me so much courage and confidence."

WHAT SHE LEARNT FROM THE PROGRAMME:

Caroline recognised through the programme the value in sharing her story and letting other women learn and be encouraged to reach their dreams and to find courage, as she did. She also learnt to be more assertive – as a result her clients listen to her more. Another key lesson was around ensuring that her pricing doesn't undervalue her work.

Having completed the programme, Caroline is a strong member of the Trust's Network of African Business Women in Tanzania. Caroline is also using her position and her experience to mentor and encourage women to take centre stage in the economy by offering free consultancy to new start-ups. Her PR business employs young people and uses a lot of women-owned companies as suppliers to her business.



CASE STUDY

SETTING BOUNDARIES IN THE WORKPLACE: HELEN LUNGU, ZAMBIA

Helen Lungu is a beneficiary of our leadership development programme designed to develop the leadership abilities and inspire the career growth of women who have benefitted from a Graça Machel scholarship so that they continue to realise their potential.

Helen started out as one of the youngest in the legal team at the Bank of Zambia and her career growth can be attributed to her work ethic, and the master's in law qualification she received as a Graça Machel Scholar.

For Helen, leadership is about remaining authentic and true to herself. She is open minded and leads by example and believes that by doing that, she creates an environment for her team to thrive and find their brilliance.

Her great social skills also mean she makes it fun for her team to work with her, while maintaining the seriousness of applying and interpreting the law for the bank. She maintains that this is a formula that works for her and has managed to keep hers as one of the best-performing departments in the bank.

As a woman in a male-dominated environment, an invaluable lesson for Helen has been the ability to say "No" and to know the things that are important to her and that make her happy.



She has been clear about work-life-balancing. She spent time defining her own boundaries and what is important to her. This often means declining social and after-hours networking events.

Helen also believes that women have a unique opportunity in leadership to exercise choices that men do not have.

Helen admires women whose life and career trajectories have changed and been driven by themselves, to allow them to pursue their different interests and attend to their differing priorities in life.





CASE STUDY



HOW TAMALA CHIMWAKA GREW A SUCCESSFUL SEED COMPANY IN MALAWI

Tamala Chimwaka owns the Master Seed Company in Malawi. She has worked as a seed inspector for Women in Agribusiness Southern Africa (WASA) since 2014.

It is through WASA and working closely with the Trust's African Women in Agribusiness (AWAB) leaders in Malawi that she became interested in seed production and owning her own company.

In her first year at WASA, she began growing beans as she had learnt the 'tricks of the trade' from other women and her mother, who is also a farmer.

Her participation in the African Food Basket Project has developed her entrepreneurial and managerial capacities.

She is aware of the challenges women entrepreneurs face in accessing technology and machinery and accessing markets. She believes that being a new company, Master Seed would not have been able to contract and provide seed to the 100 farmers they work with, without the support of the project. Through this intervention, she believes her company will be profitable and that the farmers will be able to sustain themselves from the returns of the business. Not only will they have an income, but they will have nutritious food available from the soya they produce.

Tamala is an inspiration to her community, whom she has been working with since her early days in farming.

She believes her company will be profitable and that the farmers will be able to sustain themselves from the returns of the business. Not only will they have an income, but they will have nutritious food available from the soya they produce.



The Trust has four Flagship Initiatives that cut across all our five programmes. These are the

- Women Advancing Africa (WAA) Forum
- Graça Machel Trust Networks Annual Conference.
- Research and Publications

LAUNCHING THE WOMEN ADVANCING AFRICA FORUM

In 2017, the Trust launched the Women Advancing Africa (WAA) Forum. The forum aims to convene, connect and catalyse women across the African continent. The WAA forum gathered 300 African women activists, influencers and leaders from across the continent, with the inaugural forum held in Tanzania from August xx-xx. The forum was aimed at creating an inter-generational and inter-sectoral movement to build on solidarity, share expertise, and drive collective action among African women.

The WAA forum was convened around six critical tracks and three core pillars that are pivotal to women's economic and social development in Africa. The three pillars were Financial Inclusion, Market Access, and Social Change. Related to this, the six tracks that facilitated discussions during the WAA Forum were agribusiness; energy, extractives and infrastructure; services and trade; financial inclusion; technology and changing the narrative. The WAA forum resulted in the birth of several Big Ideas from each track championed by the participants and drove a call to action for persons, networks and organisations. The Trust has adopted several of the Big Ideas.



WOMEN
ADVANCING
AFRICA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Honoured stalwarts, women who came before us and inspired us and hosted intergenerational dialogues with them to share lessons on the liberation struggles in Africa that can serve the second liberation agenda;
- Set the tone for the Second Liberation – an inclusive feminist advocacy agenda that aims to “redesign the table” where decisions are made;
- Built a database of Africa’s foremost female thought-leaders, influencers, entrepreneurs and innovations to drive the WAA agenda;
- Recognised African women’s pain from dehumanising practices and gender-based violence, including the need to restore women’s bodies, minds, spirit and dignity;
- Fostered Smart Partnerships with the private sector and government, revitalising the impetus to solve the complex challenge of achieving inclusive development;
- Showcased women’s creativity and enormous potential that exists to drive innovations and inclusive business models in Africa’s growth and development;
- Unveiled Ground-Breaking Research on the status of the female economy and case studies on best practices for empowering women to make more informed policy interventions at national and regional levels.



“ Through Women Advancing Africa we want to enable women to take centre stage in the economic advancement of Africa. We want women to claim their right to sit at the table where the decisions are made and to shape the policies, plans and strategies for our futures and those of the generations to come. ”

Graça Machel



SETTING THE TONE TO GROW THE IMPACT OF OUR NETWORKS

The Trust's four-day Annual Networks Conference was held in Maputo in November 2017. It had 65 delegates representing all of the Trust's five Networks. Key themes discussed included network strengthening, movement building, and working together as a cohesive unit at country level.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In keeping with the theme of moving forward, the conference made resolutions to grow the impact of the networks, by developing Plans of Action for 2018. Network strengthening was also addressed;
- In partnership with UN Women and the African Development Bank (ADB), the conference

also featured a full day of capacity building interventions for network members. UN Women delivered advocacy training and the African Development Bank facilitated training on the African Mining Legislation Atlas. Members were equipped to identify advocacy issues, plan an advocacy strategy, and execute targeted campaigns;

- A Networks' steering committee was set up where all country networks are represented. Country teams were encouraged to host roundtables with partners to explore synergies and opportunities for collaboration; and
- The Trust's Gender Lens Investment Fund received pledges from the conference delegates totalling \$125,000.



CHAMPIONING THOUGHT LEADERSHIP THROUGH RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

2017 was an exciting year in which we launched 2 key publications.

First, our **Survey to Explore Growth Barriers Faced by Female Entrepreneurs in East Africa Report** was launched on International Women's Day, 8th of March 2017. The report is the result of a study conducted to establish the financial and non-financial growth barriers female entrepreneurs face that hinder growth from micro and small enterprises to medium and large businesses. The report showed the importance for financial institutions to establish gendered norms and behaviour patterns among entrepreneurs and work closely with male and female staff to create customized solutions.

Secondly, our **Women Creating Wealth initiative published its first book** on African women's

entrepreneurship, in August 2017. We partnered with She Inspired Her to profile 58 entrepreneurs from all corners of the continent, most of whom are members of our Businesswomen's Networks. The book features women across sectors who have excelled in their chosen areas.

PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH NETWORKS MOVEMENT

The Trust partnered with the Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS) to conceptualise, with twenty-seven organisations working in the youth leadership sector, and harness their willingness to collaborate to establish a pan African Youth movement. The Trust and MINDS hosted a two-day workshop in Johannesburg where **15 organisations** came together to conceptualise the Youth Movement.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING:

- Recognising the 15 organisations present had direct reach to 1,143,590 youth and indirect access to 29,799,100 youth. This showed the power which even a few organisations have.
- Selection of participating organisations based on their youth focused scope of work, use of technology or innovative means to reach a large population of young people, and their ability to work locally, regionally and internationally.
- The workshop highlighted the need to support non-profit organisations working in this sector to be more effective in supporting issues of concern to youth.
- Acknowledging the need to create a mechanism to connect youth leaders across organisations, countries, and language barriers. Key suggestions included establishing a digital platform where content and messages can be hosted, accessible to all movement partners.
- The need for a pan-African youth-led event to start deeper conversations with youth networks across Africa was agreed upon.
- A steering committee was established to provide strategic support and guidance on how to take this work forward.



TAKING THE TRUST'S WORK TO A GLOBAL LEVEL

In 2017, Mrs. Machel amplified the voice and impact of the Trust's work at a community, national, regional, and global level. She leveraged her participation within influential political, civil society, and corporate spaces to draw attention to factors marginalizing women and children; and pushed for a more coordinated and human-centred approach to solving Africa's complex challenges. A few highlights of her advocacy work over the course of the year are highlighted here:

- Mrs. Machel led a site visit to the Mara Out of School Children Project in Tanzania in March 2017 where she met with government, civil society and corporate stakeholders to advance education opportunities for children in the Mara Region.
- Mrs. Machel spearheaded a Trust mission to Zambia in June 2017 focusing on ending child marriage and promoting improved health outcomes for children and adolescents.
- Alongside President Mary Robinson, Mrs. Machel advocated for Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC) in Tanzania in July 2017 as part of a high-level advocacy mission with The Elders. The mission included visits to a rural health clinic with the Minister of Health, advocacy meetings with local and international NGOs and donor organizations, as well as a meeting with the Vice President to encourage the adoption of UHC.
- Mrs. Machel played a driving role in shaping the Elders #WalkTogether Campaign celebrating the Elders 10 Year Anniversary and the

legacy of Nelson Mandela at 100 Years. Kicking off in Cape Town in July 2017, the yearlong campaign has sparked courageous conversations and collective action around the world to celebrate and encourage work towards peace, justice, health and equality.

- Mrs. Machel participated in the 72nd Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 72) convened at UN Headquarters in New York City in September 2017 which centered on, 'Focusing on People: Striving for Peace and a Decent Life for All on a Sustainable Planet'. A number of events took place in parallel to the opening of the 72nd session of the UNGA which Mrs. Machel attended and lent her important voice.
- In her capacity as Chair of the PMNCH Board Mrs. Machel gave remarks at the PMNCH Independent Accountability Report Launch. Mrs. Machel contributed to the implementation of the SDGs as a panelist for the SDG advocated High-Level meeting. In addition, Mrs. Machel was also present at Education Commission Meeting convened by former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Goalkeepers hosted by the Gates Foundation, and End Malaria Council Meeting.

2017 was a productive year where Mrs Machel elevated the agenda of women and children's issues at a national, sub regional, continental and global level, and looks forward to continuing her advocacy efforts in 2018.

The Trust's work and activities consolidate and build on the passions and work of our founder, **Mrs. Graça Machel**. Mrs. Machel is a renowned international advocate for women's and children's rights and has been a social and political activist for many decades. Through her unflinching commitment to Africa's development, she powerfully advances the following causes



“Our lives will only have a meaning if each one of us can confidently say that I was able to bring 5, 10, 15 and 20 women along with me. What I am saying is, do not climb alone”





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LOOKING AHEAD

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

In 2018 we plan to reach our target of enrolling 20,000 out- of- school children. We will sustain our model of working with the community and traditional leaders to transition these children into the formal education system.

The Child Rights Complaints Mechanism Project will focus on developing and adopting reader and child friendly capacity building materials for NHRIs and children, to improve the utilisation of the complaints mechanism established by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and its impact. All materials will be translated to reach the Lusophone and Francophone countries.

To address the challenges and ensure that country plans align with the Sustainable Development Goals, the RMNCH+N project will continue to strengthen social pacts and amplify in-country voices. This will improve the capacity of Social Pacts in Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania to better coordinate advocacy efforts for effective RMNCAH+N programming, thus ensuring the sustainability of the project.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

With the support from the Ford Foundation, the Women and Economic Social Advancement aims to strengthen networks in six countries: Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe by legally registering all networks, supporting the development of fundraising strategies, implementing joint network activities and will develop toolkits to build the capacity of the networks in governance.

We also plan to establish a new Network of Women in Energy, Extractives and Infrastructure and a new programme for Women in Cross Border Trade. In addition, we will expand the Women Creating Wealth programme into three countries to reach an additional 300 women. By remaining focused on building leadership capacity and competency amongst all the Trust's networks, we will roll-out an online foundational leadership-training programme for all network members.

AFRICA YOUTH NETWORK MOVEMENT

The Trust and MINDS will continue working with the steering committee to grow this movement. We will host the first ever Pan-African youth networks summit which will convene youth-led networks to strategize on common priorities and what activities to undertake as a collective.

WOMEN IN MEDIA NETWORK

We will continue to support and promote female journalists use of the WIMN digital publishing platform to increase the number of women's voices in the media and the focus on women's social, political and economic advancement. We will continue our work to advocate for gender policies to be incorporated in editorial policies. Women Advancing Africa

In the coming year, we will establish working groups to operationalise the WAA Big Ideas and obtain resources to set up the network of Women in Energy, Extractives and Infrastructure. We will also conduct research and develop advocacy strategies in preferential procurement, financial inclusion, trade, and women's land rights with the aim of championing a fully-fledged advocacy initiative that will be undertaken jointly by the Trust and its networks to link into our second bi-annual forum in 2019.

NUTRITION ADVOCACY

Nutrition advocacy efforts will be deepened through the provision of additional support in our focus countries to enhance the role of national CSAs at the sub-national levels and regionally. We will work closely with African Leaders for Nutrition initiative, in line with our agenda to expand our focus countries from three to six, adding Ghana, Namibia, and Uganda. At a global level, we will continue our partnerships with the global SUN movement, the International Coalition on Advocacy for Nutrition and the Global Nutrition Report to influence the investments for implementation of evidence-based nutrition interventions and improving the tools for advocacy.

NEW FACES NEW VOICES

The IDRC research on financial inclusion will be concluded and kick-off a dissemination, communications, and advocacy strategy in both francophone countries. Recommendations will be used to organize peer learning sessions with key decision-makers in finance with a goal of keeping financial inclusion high on government agendas.

“ Through their collective action, women are instrumental in building a stronger and more vibrant and equitable future for all Africans. ”

Graça Machel, Founder, Graça Machel Trust



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HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

Our Board is committed to ensuring and maintaining the high standard of governance within the Trust. Furthermore, it endorses the highest standards of business integrity and professionalism to ensure that the activities within the Trust are managed ethically and responsibly to ensure value for all stakeholders.

The Trust's management team, under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, retains overall responsibility for the implementation of strategic imperatives and the effective functioning of operational matters.

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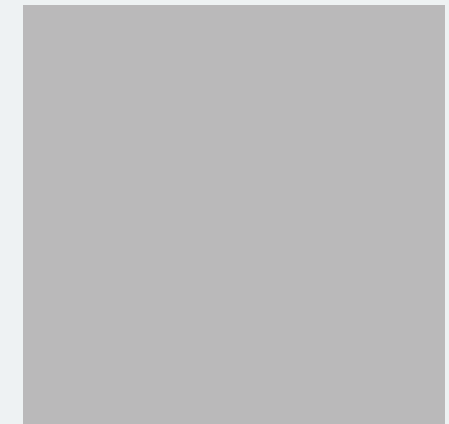
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