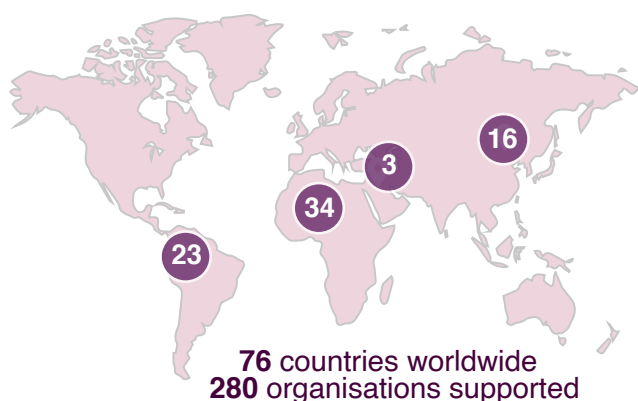


The LFS I was a unique programme that supported women's rights organisations, movements and networks in the Global South by funding them directly and shifting decision-making power to them. LFS I supported their efforts to bring about gender-responsive policy changes based on women's rights and gender equality by providing them with the required funds to:

- Build their capacity;
- Undertake innovative initiatives;
- Promote advocacy; and
- Help build strategic partnerships across regional and global alliances to reinforce South-South learning and contribute to progress on shared goals related to women's rights and intersectional gender equality.

Geographical scope



€42
million

Implemented by 4 funds



Main results achieved

- 67% supported grassroots and/or small size local organisations, especially women's organisations representing communities enduring intersectional discrimination (e.g. indigenous, afro-descendant, LGBTQI, persons with disabilities, rural, migrant communities)
- 305 grants allocated across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East
- Approximately 363 positive changes reported at the macro level, including 215 changes in policies/laws (national, regional or local), 37 in values and norms, 85 in actions and 26 in reports on women's rights and gender equality
- More than 600 organisations reported having enhanced their political participation
- 70% of organisations engaged in the external evaluation demonstrate stronger organisation capacity
- 89% of grantees demonstrate that the results of LFS I can be sustained in the future

Some best practices/added value

- The provision of capacity building funds has been essential for efficiency and sustainability
- One-to-one support or mentorship has helped to strengthen the capacity of particularly small grassroots organisations
- Exchange programmes have enhanced linkages and working relationships among grantees
- Promoting networks across women's rights organisations with similar thematic objectives is important to create solidarity and protection mechanisms in times of crisis
- Sharing practices on effective advocacy and lobbying, or proposal writing, have been good areas through which cooperation has been enhanced among women's right organisations