



The African Women's  
Development and  
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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Wishing you a joyous Festive season From the  
FEMNET team*



## OUR 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



## FEMNET Members!

Buckle up, because 2024 has been a buzzing year for us—think busy bees with megaphones! We've been on a mission to amplify women's voices, spark policy changes, and equip champions of gender equality right across Africa.

### Here's the sweet scoop on what we've stirred up this year:

A Pan-African Reach- In just 12 short months, we connected, supported and worked with women and girls from 38 countries spanning all 5 African sub-regions and the 6th region Diaspora –our hive of influence has truly gone continental!

We have helped pollinate the African feminist ecosystem with USD 1,083,184 in Flexible Feminist Funds to 21 Women's Rights Organizations in the continent.

We directly supported, collectively co-created, co-conspired and strategised with over 480 Women's Rights Organizations and Civil Society Organizations with the tools, playbooks and partnerships needed to advance gender equality and women's rights. And we didn't stop there: more than 250 women and girls received capacity strengthening in our thematic areas of

**Transformative Women's Leadership, Economic Justice and Rights, Advancing Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Ending Violence Against Women and Girls, Climate Justice and Natural Resource Governance and Advancing Leadership of Girls and Young Women.**

African Narratives on Climate Change (for journalists)

- Gender-Responsive Budgeting to advance SRHR
- SRHR Advocacy for Male Allies and Healthcare Providers
- Advocacy on Age-Appropriate Comprehensive Sexuality Education
  - Advocacy on Mali's Law 052
  - Data-Driven Advocacy
- Capacity Strengthening for Women Elected Leaders
  - Inclusive Financing for Women's Leadership
  - Media Training on Special Drawing Rights





Our flagship [African Feminist Macro Economics Academy \(AFMA\)](#) deep dived into Feminist perspectives on Financing for Development and graduated **49 feminist activists** adding new voices to the chorus demanding fair, inclusive economies an alumni ready with the [Audacity to Disrupt](#).



The continent was abuzz with **Beijing+ 30 Review** – [Uniting in Solidarity, Safeguarding our Gains, Amplifying our Voices](#) we facilitated **5 sub-regional consultations** and **4 regional in -person consultations** in **Ghana, Mozambique, Kenya and Cameroon** while also hosting **5 youth consultations**. In total, these processes directly reached **1,328 participants** ensuring diverse voices—especially those of young people—directly shaping policy recommendations, regional priorities, and advocacy strategies for a more equitable and gender-just future in Africa.

At **Africa Disrupt CSW68**, we rallied **139 women and girls** to advocate for policies that don't just preserve past wins but propel us even further toward gender equality. Their demands are now on the radar for **CSW69**—watch this space



We took front-row seats at the big tables, we didn't just shout from the sidelines; we joined the front lines! Over **280 women and girls** engaged in key advocacy spaces—**AU Summits, the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Reproductive Health Conferences, the Human Rights Council, CoP 29, CSW 69, IAFFE Annual Conference, the Summit of the Future, the High-Level Political Forum**—making sure the needs and dreams of African women and girls took center stage.



**Africa Young Girls Festival** was bigger than ever!, with more than **80 Girls and Young women** from more than **45 countries** in Arica convening to reflect, connect and strategies to build a future of gender equality.



We celebrated policy wins, both big and small! From the local to the regional level, we backed Women's Rights Organizations pushing for transformative policies. In Kisumu County, Kenya, we helped shape a Technical Vocational Education Training Policy that's set to keep girls and young women thriving in vocational training.





We established a 15-member **youth sounding board** in Kenya to guide European Union in Kenya programming—because who better to know what young people need than young people themselves? We championed the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health (RMCAH) Siaya Bill, laying the groundwork for healthier futures.

The **Climate Summit at COP 29** in Baku was a sharp sting, we stood with global activists holding the line and denying the #nodeal, see our blog [here](#)




We rolled out a whole hive of **knowledge products**, including:

- Comparative Desktop Analysis on women's political interventions (Kenya, Tanzania, DRC)
  - Policy Briefs to sharpen advocacy
  - A media toolkit for women in political leadership
- A Feminist Transformative Leadership Policy and Advocacy Manual
- A deep dive on Advancing Inclusive Economic Recoveries in Africa through SDRs

We take this moment to acknowledge that 2024 was one of the years with the worst stings, geopolitically we stand in solidarity with the hundreds and thousands displaced sisters and families in war-torn Sudan, in the Sahel, DRC, Cameroon, Mozambique and Ethiopia our prayers are with you- we need peace, justice and an end to these wars now than ever!

Despite the stings of 2024, we end it celebrating yet another African Female President of Namibia and Deputy President of Ghana. Our mantra continues **#WomenMustLead!**

These are just the highlights! We have not even buzzed about our impact at AWID a few weeks ago. Neither have we told you about the upcoming FEMNET Programming Conference and General Assembly and the governance changes we anticipate in May 2025.



Keep an eye out in 2025 for the full report—no spoilers, but it’s going to be legendary.

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As we wrap up 2024, we wish you all a restorative break filled with joy, sisterhood, and well-deserved downtime. We’ll be offline from **23rd December 2024 to 7th January 2025**, recharging our feminist superpowers. Until then, celebrate, relax, and get ready for more collective wins in the new year!

