

# POWER UP!

# Annual Report

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

<b>AAAS</b>	Ahmi Amchya Arogya Sathi
<b>CRTD.A.</b>	Collective for Research & Training on Development.Action.
<b>DAMJ</b>	The Tunisian Association for Equality and Justice
<b>FEA</b>	Feminist Economic Alternatives
<b>FEJ</b>	Feminist Economic Justice
<b>FFP</b>	Feminist Foreign Policy
<b>FMB</b>	Feminist Movement Building
<b>FMBS</b>	Feminist Movement Builders School
<b>FMEL</b>	Feminist Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
<b>FPE</b>	Feminist Popular Education
<b>FPK</b>	Forum Pemangku Kepentingan or City/District-level Stakeholders Forum
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>JASS SNA</b>	JASS Southern Africa
<b>LBQ</b>	Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer womxn
<b>LBQTI+</b>	Lesbian, bisexual, queer, trans*, intersex and other sexual and gender identities and expressions
<b>LRS</b>	Labour Research Service
<b>MTR</b>	Mid-term review
<b>MUVA</b>	Female Economic Empowerment in Mozambique
<b>NGO</b>	Non-governmental Organisation
<b>OBOL</b>	Our Bodies, Our Lives
<b>OPHENTA</b>	Associação Moçambicana da Mulher e Apoio a Rapariga
<b>ToT</b>	Training of Trainers
<b>VFH</b>	Voluntary Food Handlers
<b>WHRD</b>	Womxn Human Rights Defender
<b>Womxn</b>	‘womxn’ includes young womxn, non-binary, intersex, and trans people because they, like women, face gender-based discrimination and oppression by the patriarchal system
<b>WRO</b>	Womxn’s Rights Organisation



# Introduction

Power Up! (PU!) is a consortium of three womxn's rights organisations: Just Associates (JASS), a feminist movement strengthening organisation rooted in the Global South; Yayasan Pemberdayaan Perempuan Kepala Keluarga (PEKKA), a national womxn-headed family empowerment network in Indonesia; and Gender at Work (G@W), an international feminist knowledge network. Power Up! engages with womxn, womxn's rights organisations (WROs) and LBQTI+ groups, particularly those that represent constituencies that have been structurally excluded in their communities and in social movements (HIV+ womxn, sex workers, womxn workers, and rural and Indigenous womxn).

PU! works through its consortium members and partners in 17 countries across five geographic regions: Eastern Africa (Kenya, Uganda); Central and West Africa (Benin, Rwanda); Southern Africa (Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe); North Africa/Middle East (Lebanon, Occupied Palestine Territories, Tunisia); Southeast and South Asia (Cambodia, Myanmar, India, Indonesia); and Mesoamerica (Guatemala, Honduras).

In 2023 the PU! consortium carried out a Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the programme, aiming to highlight results achieved and lessons learned between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2023 with a view to strengthen promising approaches during the second half of implementation. Since the MTR covered results through the first half of 2023, validation of the Theory of Change, an update on risks and learning agenda, this PU! annual report showcases results that were not included in the MTR, however drawing relevant threads between activities and results to ensure coherence. The report is organised around our three pathways of change, emphasising the interconnected nature of womxn's experiences across our strategic agendas: Bodies, Voice and Resources to reflect our 2023 journey as Power Up! while highlighting our shared accomplishments and lessons learned.



# Context 2023: At a Glance

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## Bodies

There has been a deeply concerning escalation in violence against womxn and girls, surpassing even the alarming levels experienced during the pandemic. This rise stems from a mix of economic instability, political uncertainty, and harmful messaging about womxn's bodies and associated oppressive roles, with social media amplifying these narratives. The crisis is tangible: the [numbers of forcibly displaced people](#) continue to grow, with increased risk for womxn in particular. In Malawi, womxn in displacement camps risk enduring sexual abuse for basic necessities, while increased surveillance of shelters in Tunisia puts womxn further at risk.

LGBTQI+ communities are facing a surge in organised backlash, backed by state power. In [Kenya](#), [Lebanon](#), Myanmar, [Uganda](#), Tunisia and Zimbabwe they have been forced to rapidly organise to protect their rights. This backlash has manifested in violence, hate speech, and regressive change to law and policies – as seen in the [murders of queer activists in Kenya](#) and the horrific implementation of the death penalty for homosexuality in [Uganda](#).

Additionally, a well-funded, globally networked, religious fundamentalist movement advances an [anti-gender agenda](#). This harms womxn globally, especially in South and Southeast Asia, where their bodies are used as sites of religious control, while state messaging promoting an "ideal woman" restricts their participation in public life in countries like Cambodia, [India](#), Indonesia, and [Myanmar](#). As a result, the safety of activists is severely compromised, and the work to shift harmful social norms becomes increasingly difficult, with feminist groups often framed as "Western-funded" to discredit their efforts.

## Voices

Authoritarianism and militarisation are surging in countries like Cambodia, Guatemala, Myanmar, Tunisia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe, severely restricting the space for civil society activism. In this increasingly repressive climate, womxn's rights and LBQTI+ activists find themselves self-censoring and toning down their work to avoid violence from authorities. In the Mesoamerican region, Indigenous womxn play a key role in defending not only land and territory rights, but also civic space; in [Guatemala](#) they have been at the forefront of resistance against authoritarian government ever since the recent attempt to steal the 2023 elections.

The fear of government reprisal is leading to a troubling normalisation of self-censorship, which undermines the work and well-being of activists. States are increasingly using legal measures to suppress dissent. India, for example, [limits foreign funding to NGOs](#), while a proposed law in Mozambique and Tunisia threatens the fundamental right to freedom of association for civil society groups. Palestinian womxn's rights activists also face restrictions due to donor countries' anti-terrorist laws. In 2023, Benin, Zimbabwe, and Cambodia held legislative elections, and state legislative elections were held in India (including in the states of Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan where Power Up! works), while local elections took place in Mozambique, as well as general elections in Cambodia, Zimbabwe, and Guatemala. Meanwhile, for Indonesia, 2023 was a political year to prepare for presidential and legislative elections in February 2024. An atmosphere of state control and political instability creates an environment where long-term planning and consistent activism are not only challenging but carry immense risk.





Credit: Labour Research Service

## Resources

The pandemic's economic fallout continues, with womxn bearing the brunt. Workforce participation gaps in Africa and the Middle East are wider than pre-pandemic levels, and womxn remain overrepresented in informal and care sectors. Many Power Up! countries grapple with economic downturns and inflation. Mozambique's conflict-driven economic crisis deepens, while Tunisia faces rising food costs due to the war in Ukraine. These hardships affect activists as well: South Africa and Zimbabwe's power and water issues hinder civil society work. Pandemic-related income loss pushes womxn and their families towards extreme poverty and hunger.

Environmental degradation further complicates the situation. [Declining forest resources](#) and shifting property rights marginalise womxn in India, while [climate-induced disasters](#) increase vulnerability in Indonesia. Cyclones in Malawi divert resources from long-term advocacy to immediate relief.

This highlights the complex and fluid environment faced by Power Up! where external factors constantly challenge programme implementation. Activists must adopt adaptable strategies with safety measures to navigate both slow-moving trends and sudden crises.

## Palestine

Israel's genocidal assault on Gaza in response to the Hamas' attack of October 7, 2023, has [exposed a deepening global divide between countries in the Global North and Global Majority](#) and has challenged, if not eroded, the international rules-based order. The audacious impunity with which Israel has carried out its offensive and the failure of the international community to bring about a permanent ceasefire starkly exemplifies deeply entrenched biases (racism) in institutions of international governance against the voices and lives of those predominantly from the Global Majority World.

According to the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories (occupied since 1967), [Gaza has been destroyed](#). Over seven months, Israel has killed over 42,510 Palestinians; about 60% of whom are women and children; [these statistics](#) include the targeted killing of 137 journalists, 356 medical personnel, and 42 civil defence personnel. More than double that number remain under the rubble or have been injured. Seventy percent of residential areas have been devastated, all universities have been demolished, nearly three-quarters of all hospitals have been destroyed. Eighty percent of the population has been displaced. Israel, through an imposed siege on the Gaza Strip, has engineered a man-made famine and created conditions of deadly disease outbreaks. The impact of the genocide on Palestinian women has been beyond catastrophic. More than a million women lack access to sexual and reproductive health services; and more than 180 women per day are forced to give birth in inhumane, degrading and dangerous conditions.



# Summary of Results

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Spanning a wide range of contexts and regions, and working with and alongside various stakeholders, our 2023 journey revealed key areas of convergence that underpin the Consortium's commitment to feminist principles and guide our collective efforts towards an equitable future for people and the planet. Through capacity building, fostering of alliances, cross-movement learning, agenda-setting & strategic advocacy, challenging narratives through strategic communications, and exploring just economic alternatives, PU! continued to build, organise and mobilise, and transform power:

1. **Queer Organising and Learning:** PU! deepened its work with LBQTI+ movements and activists with a strong focus in Africa, in the face of the exponential increase of anti-LBQTI+ sentiments across the region. This work represented a steep learning curve for PU! as legislation and the political climate surrounding LGBTQI+ rights in many of the PU! countries shifted negatively, requiring us to remain flexible in implementation whilst responding to both safety and well-being needs of partners. This year we built power by strategising together and individually for LBQTI+ engagement in Africa; reflecting on the meaning of pan-African solidarity, and by opening spaces for critical shared political analysis, learning and healing.
2. **Alliances and Transnational Solidarity:** Strategic alliances amplify impact and serve as catalysts for organising and mobilising power, allowing those most deeply affected by injustice to lead the development of agendas and strategies for systemic change, while raising in solidarity with other struggles across borders and movements. 2023 allowed us to continue nurturing existing alliances and build new cross-movement alliances with LBQTI+ and gender non-diverse movement actors.

We also created opportunities and moments of trans-national dialogue through learning exchanges, in-person partner meetings and exploring power analysis through the lenses of racial justice. PU! members supported urgent actions/calls for solidarity in response to human rights violations, especially of marginalised womxn and LBQTI+ bodies.

3. **Strategic advocacy and Just economic alternatives:** 2023 electoral moments in different PU! Countries proved that long term movement strengthening is invaluable as it enabled fast mobilisation of people to surface collective demands, raise their voices and further build movement formations. We also dived in what it means to bring about deep-rooted structural transformation, and what is our strategic offer as a consortium to economic justice movements in challenging neoliberal economics, and centering care for both people and planet.

As a consortium, we have exceeded all targets (targets and achievements are presented in Table 1). This is attributable to the demand to expand the reach of our work in order to sustain movements, collectives, and alliances in the face of the multiple challenges of their contexts. PU! surpassed its targets of building capacities of womxn (WRG049ny/4.1.1 b), young people (WRG049ny/4.1.1 a), LGBTQI+ womxn/groups (WRG049ny/4.1.1 c and WRG047/4.2.2) and WROs (WRG047/4.2.1) through its various trainings and Feminist Popular Education (FPE) processes on feminist leadership, financial literacy and economic justice, climate justice and advocacy support among other strategies. This momentum has been built over the past three years, and has allowed us to solidify our work and support womxn's mobilisations in times of crisis and/or opportunity. This especially reflects in the high number of solidarity/urgent actions supported by PU! (WRG045/5.3.1), and the number of actions by womxn supported by PU! (SCS041/6.1.1).



These achievements are reflective of our movement building approach, which focuses on long term capacity strengthening and political accompaniment of womxn’s rights organisations, collectives and Womxn Human Rights Defenders. Similar to last year, we see a wide range of outputs across partners and countries. This responds mainly to each consortium member’s unique focus and interventions taking place at all levels of impact - local, national and global. Specifically, JASS and G@W have implemented more activities than planned based on the evolving work with LBQTI+ partners in response to the rise of anti-rights and authoritarian governments, and/or the introduction of anti-rights bills/policies. At the end of 2022 PEKKA added capacity building activities in the economic sector (the Paradigta Academy Entrepreneurship Class). Therefore, in 2023 there was a surge in participants who experienced leadership capacity building, increased confidence, political skills and consciousness as a result of PU! interventions (4.1.1b)

We observed that we set our targets conservatively for a number of indicators (4.1.1a and 4.1.1.b, 4.1.1.c, 6.3.1) which further explains the significant variance, however unexpected results were also documented. For instance, womxn in Malawi created diverse economic initiatives as a way to address the lack of state response in meeting basic needs when climate induced disasters hit. Based on the achievements of last year and the progress of implementation, we will revisit our targets for 2024 and adjust accordingly, if needed.

Table 1. Targets and actuals for 2023 based on output indicators.

MFA Basket Indicator	Output No.	Indicator	Target 2023	Actuals 2023
WRG049y	4.1.1a	# womxn (youth) who report increased confidence, political skills and consciousness as a result of PU! interventions	151	908
WRG049ny	4.1.1b	# womxn (non-youth) who report increased confidence, political skills and consciousness as a result of PU! interventions	1274	2,384
WRG049ny	4.1.1c	# LBQTI+ womxn who report increased confidence, political skills and consciousness as a result of PU! interventions	135	259
WRG047	4.2.1	# of WROs' (political and technical capacities) strengthened by PU!	44	64
WRG047	4.2.2	# of LBQTI+ groups (political and technical capacities) strengthened by PU!	16	16
WRG047	5.1.1	# of new/diverse alliances created by PU!	42	43
WRG045	5.3.1	# solidarity/urgent actions supported by PU!	16	27
SCS041	6.1.1	# of actions by womxn supported by PU!	63	124
WRG045	6.3.1	# of economic initiatives developed by womxn's collectives/groups as a result of PU! interventions	63	227





**908**

womxn (youth) who report increased confidence, political skills and consciousness as a result of PU! Interventions

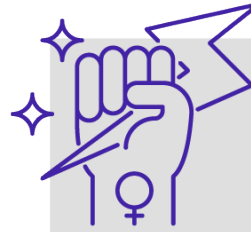
(WRG049y / 4.1.1a)



**259**

LBQTI+ womxn who report increased confidence, political skills and consciousness as a result of PU! interventions

(WRG049ny / 4.1.1c)



**64**

WROs (political and technical capacities) strengthened by PU!

(WRG047 / 4.2.1)



**16**

LBQTI+ groups (political and technical capacities) strengthened by PU!

(WRG047 / 4.2.2)



**2,348**

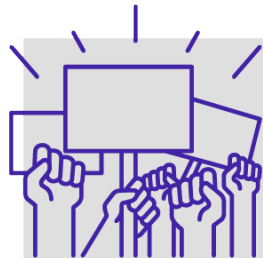
womxn (non-youth) who report increased confidence, political skills and consciousness as a result of PU! interventions. (WRG049ny / 4.1.1b)



**43**

new/diverse alliances created by PU!

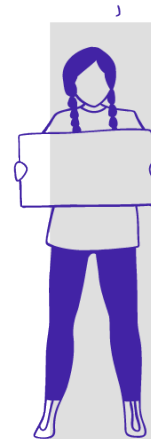
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solidarity/urgent actions supported by PU!

(WRG045 / 5.3.1)



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actions by womxn supported by PU!!

(SCS041 / 6.1.1)



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economic initiatives developed by womxn's collectives/groups as a result of PU! interventions

(WRG045 / 6.3.1)





## Results by Pathways of Change

Power Up! works for a just, equitable and sustainable world in which all womxn are free to express themselves, are free from violence, have access to and control of economic resources and have voice and power in the decisions that affect them in all aspects of their lives. Power Up!'s agendas, pathways of change and strategies are interconnected and adaptable, as power dynamics are often addressed across multiple levels. Strategies can be combined in various ways to drive change across all pathways and strategic agendas, and activities can contribute to more than one change pathway and/or strategic agenda, while incorporating *cross-cutting themes of youth and climate*.

### Building Power

**Feminist Movement Building** as undertaken by PU!, lies in strengthening the individual and collective leadership of womxn and WROs, particularly those who are targets of violence, discrimination and repression. In 2023, JASS' efforts towards **building the leadership and capacities of womxn** spanned from facilitating conflict transformation trainings to land defenders in Guatemala and Honduras through the Alquimia School, to supporting womxn from the Gender Responsive University Alliance in Indonesia to raise awareness and demand gender responsiveness of Islamic universities, while sustained the political accompaniment of the 8,000+ members of the Our Bodies, Our Lives (OBOL) womxn's movement. This political accompaniment enabled 839 womxn from 6 different districts in Malawi to strengthen political analysis which furthered their capacities to advocate for their rights to health, land and safety at local, district and national levels (WRG049ny/4.1.1 b).

PEKKA's deep embeddedness at the local level provides a unique position to build the capacities and leadership of womxn at the grassroots. In 2023, through its *BISA KITA programmes*<sup>1</sup> PEKKA provided training in finance management and *sustainable livelihoods* to 1977 womxn and 813 young people (WRG049ny/4.1.1 b), while the Akademi Paradigta Changemaker programme engaged 813 *young people* aged 9- 16 on civic responsibility of working collaboratively towards sustainable social change. After the training, attendees undertook social action projects, like building literacy on environmental justice to aid the development of their village. Womxn who attended emerged as leaders at the community level in environmental, political, social, and economic issues; spoke at public forums while some even succeeded in securing public positions at the local level, a powerful feat under the PU! voices strategic agenda (WRG049y / 4.1.1a).

Gender at Work's support to partners continued to strengthen the individual and collective leadership capacities of more than 500 womxn<sup>2</sup> across 8 countries and across all PU! Strategic agendas: bodies, voices and resources. In Lebanon, CRTD.A. supported womxn's in increasing their participation and representation in politics and decision-making at the local level by training 18 women from CSOs and womxn's groups from across the country, in view of the municipal elections in 2023 (later postponed). The training enabled women to form important connections, expanding their personal and political networks and provided them with opportunities to lead, design and implement micro-projects responding to community needs and contexts (See 6.1.1). In India, through advanced leadership training, AAAS continued to work with women in increasing their political awareness and knowledge in relation to individual and community forestry rights; out of this training 340 women from four different states were equipped with greater confidence to engage directly with Forest Departments. While women have been able to negotiate successful relationships with Forest Departments in some states, in others women continue to run up against gender

<sup>1</sup> PEKKA's capacity building programme.

<sup>2</sup> This number represents the womxn that we supported in 2023, in addition to those that we've worked and supported in the previous years.



bias in state agencies, limiting the recognition of their rights and their roles in forest governance. However, where women's roles have gained recognition, they have been able to negotiate their priorities in forest governance and foreground their traditional knowledge in ecological decision making.

Despite PU! gains in terms of individual and collective leadership and capacity building, 2023 proved to be a challenging year for LBQTI+ activism and organising, with legal setbacks and a rise in intolerance and attacks towards LBQTI+ bodies at national and community levels. In the face of this critical situation -terrifyingly tangible in the African context- PU! **deepened its work with LBQTI+ communities and organisations** as a priority (WRG049ny/4.1.1 c).

Based on extensive consultations with 13 feminist and human rights experts, Gender at Work developed a **strategic framework for LBQ engagement** in Africa, which highlighted the particularities, priorities and challenges of LBQTI+ organising and mobilising in West, Central and North Africa. The strategic framework was key in identifying and initiating partnerships with 7 LBQ organisations in Benin, Mozambique, Rwanda and Tunisia. In 2023, partners focused primarily on strategic planning, organisational capacity strengthening, as well as the convening of safe spaces for LBQ women to reflect together and build community, heal, and to access training opportunities as well as social and mental health services. In Mozambique, Por Elas collaborated with MUVA, a women's rights organisation, on a participatory action research study to understand the specific economic needs and challenges of the LBQ community in Maputo and Nampula. In addition to filling a crucial data gap on LBQ women, the research gave visibility to an often overlooked and silenced community and contributed with vital knowledge to inform the formulation of more gender-inclusive policies and programmes to support LBQ women's economic empowerment.

Towards the end of the year, the forum *Creating a Network of Solidarity for Change*, organised by Gender at Work and held in Pretoria, South Africa, brought together LBQ partners, for the first time, to meet, share and exchange on the specific challenges faced by LBQ and gender non-conforming women in their country contexts; and the ways in which they are responding to such challenges. LBQ partners also benefited from the perspectives and experiences of six representatives of South Africa based organisations, including government and media, working in the LGBTQTI rights and organising space. The Forum spotlighted strategic entry points for engagement and advocacy in national and regional spaces for the rights of LBQ and gender diverse persons, and sparked reflections on potential collaborations for cross-regional LBQ organising (WRG047/5.1.1).

As part of PU! approach to **strengthening organisational capacities of WROs**, JASS conducted a Feminist Movement Builders School (FMBS) in Nairobi with 52+ participants from 20 LBQTI+ organisations from 5 countries in Southern and East Africa. The FMBS centred power analysis and strategy discussions aiming to build Pan African cross movement solidarity. School participants also gained insights on collective safety and protection strategies -that challenge those focused on individuals-, and acknowledged the need to tackle hidden power more directly while building transformative power more consciously. Out of this process, JASS solidified partnerships for the next three years with 12 LBQTI+ organisations from Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Malawi as part of its political accompaniment work in Southern and East Africa (WRG049ny/4.1.1 c).





Credit: Damj

## Queer University: Collective Organising, Solidarity and Resilience in Tunisia

In the face of increasing discrimination and violence directed towards the LGBTQ+ community in Tunisia, Damj, a leading LGBTQ+ rights organisation and Gender at Work partner, took a courageous stand and organised the nation's first-ever Queer University. This groundbreaking forum brought together over 70 LGBTQ+ Tunisians, including African transgender asylum seekers for five days of learning and connection.

Through lectures, panels, and trainings, Queer University fuelled intellectual debate on vital issues like queer narratives, feminism, and intersectionality. Several prominent human rights defenders, feminists and activists were engaged in the forum, including a South African human rights expert, whose participation was sponsored by Gender at Work and who shared lessons from South Africa's path to LGBTQ+ equality. Queer University also provided a much-needed safe space, cultivating community, solidarity, and a renewed sense of purpose for LGBTQ+ activists.

Queer University was an historic and important first step towards giving greater form and structure to LGBTQ+ activism and movement building in Tunisia, while kickstarting the development of a unified agenda to respond to the multi-faceted and intersectional challenges of the LGBTQ+ community. Further, Damj aims to integrate LGBTQ+ rights into Tunisia's larger struggle for equality, dignity, and a more inclusive democracy and to ensure a role for the LGBTQ+ movement in shaping the country's future.

## Pan African solidarity in the face of attacks on LGBTQI

Susana, Director of an LGBTQI organisation in East Africa, was struggling with the setbacks and exhaustion facing LGBTQI+ activism in Africa. Through JASS' FMBS, the activist found renewed energy, strategic clarity, and a strong sense of solidarity with LGBTQI+ activists across East and Southern Africa.



“That space helped to learn how to approach issues [with fellow activists], and allow people to make their feelings known, or even my feelings known. Sometimes we hold grudges that don't even exist. Yes. And now we need to allow ourselves within the movement to be able to work together to fight outside.”

The [Heart-Mind-Body approach](#) incorporated into the FMBS provided a much-needed opportunity for activists to address trauma and strengthen collective care strategies essential for the sustainability of their movements, and furthermore created a transformative opportunity for Susana and other participants to address conflicts with fellow activists.

Spaces like the FMB enable activists to not just politically connect, but also to navigate internal tensions, an aspect that becomes crucial for ensuring the movement's long-term sustainability. After the School, Susana brought JASS' power framework back to her organisation, using it to inform their strategic plan and focus efforts on dismantling oppressive power structures; JASS' partnership with the LGBTQI organization in East Africa has provided them with financial support to train other seven LBQ organisations in advocacy, which has amplified the impact of their own work.

As PU! consortium we recognise that the risks LGBTQI+ people and activists face are one of the expressions of the structural violence distilled from patriarchy and colonialism, and our commitment is to continue supporting our LGBTQI+ partners for the long haul across the regions we work on. 2023 proved that in the face of the most challenging situations the creation and sustaining of safe spaces for collective care and protection, facilitating tools for strategic planning, analysis and political awareness raising, and providing access to social and mental health services are the pathway to build the basis for resisting the escalating anti-rights environment.

## Mobilising and Organising Power

Power Up! **works to forge new alliances and strengthen existing ones, aiming to create safer conditions for activists and WROs to advance their own agendas. We also support solidarity actions and strategies** that amplify womxn's voices and demands, fostering connections across movements and borders to mobilising joint action.

In 2023 PU! focused on creating conditions for catalysing and sustaining transnational alliance building. In August JASS partnered with the Feminist Centre for Racial Justice (SOAS University of London) to bolster transnational alliances centred in racial justice, bringing together 15 prominent social movement activists from across South and Central America working at the intersection of feminist, queer, Black and indigenous struggles. During a week-long FMBS, we provided a space for participants to deepen their political analysis of movements, while unlocking the potential of solidarity building strategies. This collaborative initiative allowed for the development of a new JASS curriculum, exploring racism and power through anti-capitalist and feminist lens. (WRG049ny/4.1.1 b).



## A Brave Space for Harnessing Power

Claudia is a queer Latin American activist from Costa Rica and one of the founders of a student's collective that works towards demanding that her university spaces are free of violence and discrimination. She participated in the Racial Justice Feminist Movement Building School, organised collaboratively by JASS and the Feminist Centre for Racial Justice. Together with her, other fourteen racial justice activists from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the Dominican Republic attended the School.

Her participation in the JASS Feminist Movement Builders' School on Racial Justice ignited a profound change. The school provided a brave space where she connected with activists across Latin America who shared similar experiences of intersectional discrimination. Through diverse popular education methodologies, Claudia explored the injustices faced by different communities and deconstructed the complex workings of power in the region. This journey of shared political analysis and deep reflection fostered a sense of transnational solidarity. Inspired and re-energised, Claudia gained new tools and frameworks to understand the impact of colonialism, anti-blackness, and the ways in which oppressive powers divide movements. This will aid Claudia to bring a more inclusive and intersectional approach to her own activism, ensuring that the feminist movement she is part of actively challenges the systems of oppression that structurally excludes so many.



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The school opened my eyes to other possibilities. The fact that in the school there were trans, non-binary, black, and Indigenous people from different parts of Latin America, made me see the differences that exist in each context, but more importantly the similarities, making me feel that I am not alone. It gave me hope in the feminist struggles, it made me feel more motivated, stronger, something that I was missing too much at that time in my life. Until now, this has had a huge impact on myself, as well as on the collectives in which I work, because really the activists who are recharged, empowered and energised are indispensable for continuing the struggle.”

**Sustaining alliances for the long term** is one of the most impactful organising strategies for feminist transformation. This is the case of the IxPop collective, whom with JASS political accompaniment strived last year to strengthen its engagement with allies, resulting in a stronger feminist Indigenous collective, increased public presence (and that of its member organisations), deepened collective reflection on their rights as Indigenous women, and strengthened regional organising. Pushing the CEDAW Recommendation 39 has served as a mechanism to build Indigenous women’s collective organising and mobilising power. As a collective, IxPop is now better prepared to coordinate a stronger alliance to defend Indigenous women’s rights in Guatemala and in the Mesoamerican region, even in the context of political turmoil that has threatened to roll back these rights (WRG047/4.2.1).

**By supporting feminist solidarity actions** (WRG045/5.3.1) PU! aims to visibilise shared struggles across borders and movements, key strategy for mobilising power. In India, AAAS, Gender at Work’s partner, supported diverse solidarity actions with Netri women leader’s groups, who continued to address issues of gender discrimination and oppression including violence against women, child marriage, and support other women and families of victims in seeking justice. In Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand women continue to demand attention from political representatives from local to parliamentary levels to address women's rights in forests. In this context AAAS also convened meetings with the concerned Ministry, the Women’s Commission, and with multilateral agencies to advocate for a gender integrated approach to forest governance.

PU! proactively supported partners in rapidly shifting environments by joining campaigns and initiatives that **strengthened alliances through solidarity action**. With the passing of the anti-homosexuality laws in Uganda, many of our partners, allies and other civil society organisations joined forces to protest this horrific legislation in Pretoria and Cape Town.

JASS supported its partner, Triangle Project, to take the lead in organising a picket. A memorandum was handed over at the UN offices in Pretoria, while in Cape Town a memorandum was delivered to Parliament calling for their urgent action and speaking out on the horrific anti-homosexuality bill (WRG045/5.3.1.). In South Africa, the housing crisis in Greater Johannesburg gained urgency following the Marshalltown fire, which tragically claimed lives due to neglected building conditions. As a response, JASS and other allies participated in a public meeting that was organised by SERI, leading to mobilisation and intersectional analysis that connected the housing crisis to broader issues like *climate justice and land rights* (SCS041 / 6.1.1). PEKKA members joined the Women's Democracy Forum alongside 54 Indonesian WROs as a solidarity demonstration with the broader women's movement in Indonesia to voice their opposition to violations of democratic principles. This forum, held five days before the election, aimed to safeguard democracy and uphold the constitution. Women activists condemned the President's perceived lack of neutrality, fearing it could damage democracy, divide the nation, and fuel nepotism, and urged the President to prevent abuse of power during the upcoming elections.

As strong alliances are an indispensable basis for activists and organisations to carry on their work, **collective safety and protection** in all dimensions (heart - mind -body), as well as in physical and virtual spaces is a paramount strategy, mainly in contexts at risk. Through the Doria Feminist Fund, Gender at Work provided support to two women’s groups in Palestine. The Al Manar Society for Culture and Creativity created safe spaces for the provision of psychological support, including building awareness on how to access legal help, for 40 *young, refugee womxn* particularly those vulnerable to Israeli arrests, home raids, and harassment. The Palestine Before project’s ongoing work is focused on creating a “live” archive/oral recorded history of conversations about Palestine and documenting the collective struggle and resistance of the Palestinian people, especially that of the last generation of Palestinian womxn, including in Gaza, who witnessed the promise of national liberation before 1948 (WRG045/5.3.1).



During the 2023 ASEAN Summit in Indonesia, PU! through JASS ensured the safety of Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) from Myanmar so they could share their on-ground experiences without fear of backlash. The WHRDs were also introduced by PU! to other groups/networks engaged in ASEAN advocacy that would aid them to amplify Myanmar stories within the region.

## Transforming Power

Power Up! amplifies the **demands and transformative solutions led by grassroots womxn and LBQTI+ people**. We prioritise global solidarity, strategic communications, and publications to advocate and influence policy, reshape public debates, and make power holders accountable to dismantle discriminatory social attitudes and narratives, promoting positive behavioural change that transform social norms and values that hinder womxn from comprehensively accessing their rights.

By strengthening womxn's participation, voice and leadership, we aim to push for a shift in power dynamics to ensure womxn are not silenced in the diverse political spaces where decisions that affect them are made. **Strategic advocacy** and long term movement building are PU! strategies with the potential to shift who is part of the conversation in moments of political crisis or opportunities, while centering the demands of those who advocate for policies and changes that serve all people. In the Guatemalan context for instance, womxn voters took to the streets to demand the legitimately elected president to take office when the current government was trying to conduct a coup d'etat. In Zimbabwe, mobilisation efforts across districts revealed a common theme: state failure to meet *women's basic needs for water, electricity, shelter* and protection from increasing levels of gender-based violence. Despite concerns about the election process not having been fair, womxn harnessed the moment to voice their demands to elected officials, sparking ongoing advocacy for their priorities (WRG049ny/4.1.1 b).

In May 2023, over 100 Indonesian women activists, scholars, and academics held a three day agenda setting process towards the 2024 general elections (SCS041/ 6.1.1). As a result, a 10-point agenda was developed to influence candidates' commitments. This non-partisan tool became a focal point to grassroots organising, as womxn further mobilised their communities around these demands. They ensured that local leaders were acutely aware of womxn's issues and needs across the country. PEKKA and JASS Southeast Asia collaborated on an online discussion focused on strategies to advance the womxn's agenda within the electoral process. As a result of this agenda setting work, womxn with whom PEKKA works, more than ever before, took on both formal and informal leadership roles at the village and district levels.

In addition to electoral influencing moments, PU! undertook varied **strategic advocacy actions at global, regional, national and local levels**. At the regional level in South East Asia, PEKKA hosted a side event at the [ASEAN People's Forum](#) titled "Women's Group Experiences in Building Economic Independence". This hybrid event welcomed 50 in-person attendees from Southeast Asian NGOs, alongside 100 PEKKA community members joining online (SCS041 / 6.1.1). The event shared the experiences of grassroots women across ASEAN countries who have formed successful business groups based on cooperative principles, working towards a more **just economic system**.

As its understanding of **feminist economic alternatives** evolves, LRS has strategically positioned the labour struggles of voluntary food handlers within the broader framework of the care sector in South Africa. Support for the ongoing advocacy work of domestic worker unions led to an increase in the National Minimum wage, marking a step closer to ensuring decent work for domestic workers, including voluntary food handlers (SCS041 / 6.1.1).





“The UIF process is depressing enough and then I am being ridiculed and treated like a nuisance when I try to get my UIF. This makes me very angry. The school community is making a joke out of our poverty. We are so desperate now and the people who are supposed to be helping us treat us like outcasts. Each time I visit the school I feel angry and I don’t sleep because the staff humiliate us so much to a point where we feel like invalids.”



Credit: Labour Research Service

## Securing rights and access to Unemployment Insurance Fund

In South Africa, voluntary food handlers, whose government contracts had ended in 2023, organised an advocacy effort to claim their Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) benefits, which they were having difficulty in accessing. Access to UIF benefits would provide a temporary yet critical income safety net while they sought other work opportunities. VFHs launched a campaign targeting community media, schools and the labour department to voice their dissatisfaction with the UIF process and to demand their benefits. They used WhatsApp groups to build solidarity and a shared purpose. VFH also met with and negotiated with the Department of Labour as well as worked with school principals to ensure the filing of the appropriate UIF paperwork with the Department of Education. LRS, Gender at Work’s partner, supported the voluntary food handlers’ UIF campaign by creating spaces for discussion and awareness through informational newsletters, disseminating educational messages, and documentary video [Access Denied: A woman worker’s struggle for social protection](#).

As a result of the campaign, all VFHs were able to successfully claim their UIF payments. This was an important win for it demonstrated VFHs growing confidence and power to safeguard their rights and to affect change in their lives. The UIF campaign also saw a level of self-organisation among VFH that opens the possibility of a broader, national mobilisation of workers involved in the National School Nutrition Programme.





In 2023 PU! set in motion its strategic communications expertise as a tool to amplify the rights defence work of womxn on the ground. With the aim of raising awareness of their struggles, whilst lifting messages that counter violent narratives and lift up womxn’s organising transformational potential, we harnessed the opportunity and momentum of the "[16 Days of Activism Campaign against Gender-Based Violence](#)" as a platform to amplify the voices of grassroots womxn from the Global South. PEKKA advanced its ongoing work to promote awareness and implementation of the 2021 Sexual Violence Crimes Act in Indonesia. Through collaboration with Forum Pemangku Kepentingan (FPK), PEKKA actively participated in the campaign, focusing on encouraging 22 municipal and district-level governments to sign banners in support of eliminating violence against women and children. Additionally, PEKKA partnered with FPK to advocate for a public statement from local governments, emphasising that violence against women and children is a crime requiring a united front for its eradication.

In Lebanon, Gender at Work’s partner CRTD.A. designed and launched the "[Voices of Women](#)" a digital **advocacy campaign**, in collaboration with Not2A Feminist Lab. CRTD.A.’s campaign profiled womxn in politics and featured the voices and views of local womxn activists. It reached 210,548 people via Facebook and 638,104 via Instagram (SCS041 / 6.1.1). As a result of the campaign, CRTD.A. successfully developed new partnerships with CSOs and WROs, fostered connections with peer organisations, and expanded its outreach into new areas regionally.

For JASS, [16 Days of Activism campaign](#) unpacked what it means to invest in prevention, response and ending ALL forms of violence against womxn. JASS social media campaign surfaced how power operates through social, economic and political systems and structures to perpetrate systemic and structural violence against womxn and LBQTI+ people. Across our regions, we spotlighted solidarity across borders and collective power, feminist leadership, and solidarity building (WRG047/ 5.1.1), reaching 1000+ accounts with over 11,000+ impressions with an average 14% engagement rate in Twitter.



## Strengthening Women's Economy for a More Prosperous Life

Motivated by the poverty and struggles of women in her Indonesian village, Haerun Nubuah decided to use her community's waste as a way to improve lives and set-up a Waste Bank in 2020 which not only helped cleanse the environment but also allowed people to earn money from their waste, reducing their reliance on moneylenders. A biogas project was subsequently born from her observation of unused cow dung and turning it into clean cooking fuel for the community. Activities like PEKKA's BISA KITA capacity building, taught her valuable waste management practices, inspiring her many initiatives. Post the COVID-19 pandemic, she realised that farmers were struggling to sell their crops. In response, she formed women's groups to process crops which found a market at Pekka Mart, a local cooperative store. Haerun's extensive experience of leading a local cooperative, managing a successful waste bank, and organising Pekka Production Groups earned her recognition as a valuable resource which led to her participation in a side event at the ASEAN Civil Society Conference.

Haerun is currently the Chairperson of a cooperative with 675 women heads of households and is one of the administrators of the National Pekka Cooperative. Haerun's work is a shining example of a different kind of economy – one built by women and for women. This change is essential for broader contribution to the environment and discussion about global climate justice. Haerun's work is a feminist economic alternative to the current global neoliberal economic system based on exploitation and exclusion, especially of the majority of women in the world. It is, therefore, essential to create local economies that are inclusive, sustainable, and transformative. It focuses on local resources, protects the environment, and challenges the global systems that often leave women behind.



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“The experience as a speaker was extraordinary, one that I women. I could share my story not only with the communities in Indonesia but also in ASEAN countries. I, a divorcee, poor with low self-esteem, now can share my experiences with the world.”

Strengthening womxn's organising strategies around economic issues, like access to and control of resources, savings groups, cooperatives, land ownership, amongst others, is how PU! seeks to expand economic analysis and initiatives from a feminist perspective, while transforming the material reality in which womxn live. In 2023, PU! supported women's rights, *economic and climate* justice organisations and actors to raise political awareness and strengthen the leadership of womxn participating in economic justice initiatives. In Honduras, the final module of Alquimia School culminated in a unique Economic Justice Fair. Through panel discussions and a product fair, participants exchanged experiences and approaches related to economic justice initiatives and alternatives. The learnings gained from this fair have become invaluable for JASS Mesoamerica in deepening the understanding of economic justice, and furthered the development of an economic justice strategy that keeps feminist approaches at the core.

In Mozambique, Gender at Work partnered with OPHENTA, a grassroots feminist organisation, to create the Female Solidarity Economy Fair within the male-dominated Nampula public market (WRG04/6.3.1). The fair aimed to connect women traders and micro-business owners to market spaces and other resources. One of the critical aspects of the Fair was to bring women together in conversation on gender relations and the linkages between the productive and reproductive spheres and women's economic rights. While participation was lower than expected, the event successfully fostered collaboration among women traders. Eight women co-rented stores in a new shopping centre. Given that many of the women rely on trade/micro-businesses as a secondary source of income, OPHENTA has reoriented its support to the creation of a virtual collaborative store where women traders can showcase and sell their products.

To stimulate critical debate and reflections on womxn's experiences, knowledge, perspectives, and needs in Mozambique, Gender at Work developed three critical **knowledge products on economic justice:**

1. A short documentary, [Critical Voices on Women's Economic Empowerment](#), features womxn's reflections from different parts of the country on questions related to women's economic empowerment in different contexts, including in post-disaster and conflict-affected settings.
2. An **Experimental Course on Feminist Economics**, co-developed with women's human rights activists and feminist organisations, that demystifies economic knowledge, socialises feminist economic thought, and deconstructs knowledge hierarchies that marginalise women's voices, experiences, and economic needs.
3. Knowing and Doing Economics, a curated on-line space for sharing training, and co-constructing feminist economic thinking.

PU! also enabled womxn and grassroots organisations to lead sustainable economic change efforts. In Lebanon, CRTD.A., supported women leaders with small sub-grants, enabling them to take transformative action to develop two community projects to influence the upcoming municipal elections. The first micro-project installed a solar system to *address electricity and water shortages* at the Baalishmay Public School, which not only improved hygiene conditions but also the learning environment for the students. In the second initiative, women partnered with students and agricultural scientists to rehabilitate the Choueifat Public Secondary School Garden creating an educational resource. Despite the postponement of elections, these projects enabled womxn to demonstrate their leadership, agency and capacities within their communities, earning them greater visibility and legitimacy to parlay into the next elections (6.1.1/ SCS041).



PU! tackled *food security* and sustainability head-on through PEKKA's work, who launched a gardening movement, planting diverse vegetables and fruits in both individual and communal gardens. These gardens, established on both personal land and village grounds with government support, aimed to mitigate rising food costs. Beyond combating prices, the focus on internal consumption ensured PEKKA households had access to fresh produce. PEKKA's resourcefulness was further shown through the creation of 29 new Waste Banks, adding to their existing waste management network. Their waste-free movement promotes the upcycling of waste materials into handicrafts, showcased at city/district innovation exhibitions. Additionally, PEKKA *empowered youth* by establishing Forades (Village Children's Forums), official platforms where young people can directly advocate to village governments for budget allocation towards youth empowerment and environmental sustainability programmes (SCS041 /6.1.1).

PEKKA continued to advance its **economic justice movement strengthening** in Indonesia by developing 128 **initiatives for women's economic collectives**. PEKKA significantly strengthened existing PEKKA Simpin (saving and loan) groups and witnessed a remarkable expansion of PEKKA marts/grocery stores and production units. This growth included the impressive establishment of 16 new marts and 111 new production sites. These units produce a diverse range of goods, from processed snacks and cleaning supplies to herbal medicine and eco-bricks. In Lembata Regency, East Nusa Tenggara province, the PEKKA community manages mangrove conservation alongside developing mangrove-based food products. The success of initiatives launched in 2021-2022 inspired this growth, motivating even those who had not participated in the BISA KITA class. This demonstrates the ripple effect of PEKKA's work – fostering success stories that empower others to improve the economic wellbeing of both PEKKA members, their wider communities while centering *environmental justice* (WRG04/6.3.1).

## Harnessing the Collective Power of PU!: Joint Consortium Work

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Working as a consortium has proven invaluable to PU! member organisations. In its third year, the harnessed collective power yielded tangible results. By combining diverse expertise, resources, and reach, the consortium amplifies the impact of individual members, demonstrating that the whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts.

Beyond the individual highlights, significant collaborations were jointly designed and executed by all PU! Members across its pathways of change and three strategic agendas; bodies, voices and resources. These efforts, facilitated by both online discussions and in-person strategy sessions, further showcase the unique strengths of the consortium approach (other examples of joint work are highlighted in the next section 'Review of Strategic Partnership').

In 2022, PU! conducted a global mapping and literature review of Feminist Economic Alternatives (FEAs), including approaches that consortium members and our partners are already advancing. Research findings were used to further develop our collective analysis of FEAs, exploring how economies work (or not) for different womxn; and create learning spaces to discuss 'solutions' within the Consortium as well as with our partners. In 2023 we made a critical decision to recalibrate our approach to FEAs. This recalibration necessitated a revisiting of our joint strategy and the contributions we, as Power Up! consortium, want to bring to the economic justice movements. In doing so, we have shifted our framing from 'Feminist Economic Alternatives', to 'Feminist Economic Justice' to visibilise what we criticise about the hegemonic economic system, and calling out the false solutions since 'alternatives' may not always be fair or just, nor necessarily bring economic transformation centred in the people and the planet.



In addition to our strategy recalibration, we identified three arenas of work where we see our FEJ contributions to the womxn and partners we work with, and more broadly, to the economic justice movement:

1. **Support:** financial resources, capacity building, and strengthening existing initiatives;
2. **Spaces for learning and collective strategizing:** advocacy platforms and spaces to collectively unpack the different elements of FEJs locating our work within them and to recover womxn ancestral economic (and ecological) knowledges and practices often rejected by mainstream economics; and
3. **Tools:** knowledge products for learning, interrogating the hegemonic economic system, critical awareness raising, and advocacy towards feminist, non-capitalist, non-patriarchal economies.

As part of the arenas of joint consortium work we have prioritised the creation of tools to raise political awareness and strengthen womxn’s leadership and participation in Economic Justice Movements, or their intersections. Our goal is to ensure that we remain at the forefront of movement contributions in terms of critical thinking, learning, and organising. To achieve this, a dedicated Working Group (WG) was established to uphold the political underpinnings and lead the consortium’s joint work on FEJs (6.3.1).

1. **Gender at Work and PEKKA Learning Exchange:** Gender at Work and PEKKA convened a virtual learning exchange with OPHENTA. Through this exchange, PEKKA discussed its cooperative economy approach with women-headed households while OPHENTA shared the feminist methodologies and approaches it uses to build awareness about gender inequalities and the value of women’s work in the private and public spheres. The exchange provided valuable insights into the potential of women’s trade experiences across various contexts, including virtual

platforms, and highlighted the importance of creating value around women’s products. It also highlighted the importance of creating strategic connections across transnational agendas. A second, in-person exchange in Indonesia is planned for September 2024 to further strengthen the OPHENTA-PEKKA collaboration and to enhance knowledge on feminist consciousness raising and cross-regional movement building for women’s economic autonomy and resilience.



Graphic artist: Nzilani Simu



2. **PU! Communications Strategy:** Led by the Communications Working Group, a comprehensive communications strategy, setting out the PU! positioning statement, brand story, target audiences, optimal social platforms, core messages, and mechanisms to measure impact, was developed. The culmination of this effort can be seen on the refreshed PU! website, now fully aligned with the new strategic vision and the design and successful roll-out of the **"Looking Up to the South"** campaign, which was launched from August to September 2023, showcasing PU!'s achievements and impactful stories.

This campaign aimed to shift how feminist organising is understood across Global South countries with a call to hold space for womxn and gender diverse persons living in the Global-South, recognising their ongoing innovations in overcoming systemic oppression. The campaign also highlighted how these communities mobilise to protect their rights, resources, and safety. It garnered 12,000 impressions on LinkedIn; 10,000+ impressions on Twitter and reached 7,500 people on Instagram, 64.7% of whom represented a new audience.

## Review of Strategic Partnership

To strengthen our engagement and joint learning with the Dutch MFA, PU! actively participated in various activities and fora organised by the MFA in 2023. Among these are strategic partnerships gatherings, annual Dutch Ambassadors' Speed Date session, the third-party monitoring (TPM) and data quality assessments in Lebanon, Palestine and Kenya. Further, together with Partos and CMI! consortium, PU! conducted a session with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on Feminist MEL (FMEL) to highlight the value and principles underpinning this approach in shifting gendered and colonial power dynamics. By sharing FMEL methodologies and good practices we jointly explored opportunities for integrating FMEL in the successor SCS policy framework.

## Our priorities for 2024

Our key priorities for joint work in 2024 include the development of a FEJ resource toolkit that will be used to raise political awareness and strengthen womxn's leadership and participation in the Economic Justice Movement, including its intersections with climate/ecological justice. As a consortium we are also exploring a strategic engagement with EDGE Funders Alliance as an opportunity to educate funders on FEJ and to influence how FEJ is supported by the philanthropic community. Additionally, we will continue to convene learning sessions with PEKKA, JASS Mesoamerica and Gender at Work's partner in Mozambique, OPENTHA, on FEJ approaches and strategies. These activities will culminate in a global learning event in 2025.

In support of our movement building work, JASS and Gender at Work will hold a series of conversations with our LBQTI+ partners to support joint learning, promote cross-regional solidarity and develop a common advocacy/action agenda. Our support to LBQTI+ groups will focus as well on organising around collective safety and protection as a strategic priority for Africa, given the rising backlash and violence against LBQTI+ people. Lastly, we will roll-out the second edition of the Looking Up to the South campaign where we will engage our local partners as our main audiences.



## Engaging with the Dutch MFA and embassies

Using evidence and learnings from our MTR, we will continue to engage and advocate with the Dutch MFA on:

1. the need to provide long term and sustained funding for feminist movement-building work;
2. the importance of embedding safety and crisis management in programming; and
3. the value-add of our feminist approaches to encourage a shift away from traditional and disempowering approaches, including FMEL.

We will also continue to engage with the MFA and Dutch embassies on feminist economic justice knowledge exchange (FEJs) and safety and security of womxn human rights defenders; two areas where PU! members have a strong track record and have developed knowledge products. Currently, we are engaging with Dutch embassies in Lebanon and Uganda for the MTRs of the current policy framework.

After this session PU! actively contributed in the preparation of [FMEL guidelines document](#), which included a set of recommendations on FMEL for the MFA's consideration in the next policy framework. The report was shared with the MFA and other strategic partners and alliances worldwide.

As part of our contributions to global solidarity and feminist convenings, PU! participated in the **Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) conference** held in the Netherlands Nov 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The conference aimed to contribute to shaping the Dutch FFP and to influence the next policy framework by providing more comprehensive and intersectional resourcing for feminist movements globally. Following the conference, PU! organised a meeting with Power of Women feminist strategic partnerships, FemPAWER, AWESOME and YWCA alliances to share insights on the FFP conference and learnings from our respective MTR experiences. Key commitments include continued support to feminist solidarity actions; and to connect and learn from each other especially on understanding and keeping abreast of the (shifting) Dutch political context and on how to jointly influence the next policy framework. Additionally, we joined forces with other feminist strategic partnerships funded by the Dutch MFA to share our political analysis and jointly influence the next Dutch policy framework on strengthening civil society.

Given the urgency of mobilizing and organizing in the face of staggering violence, loss and human rights violations as genocide is committed, we issued a [statement](#) together with Count Me In! and AWESOME consortiums, as feminist alliances, calling for a ceasefire and an end to the dehumanisation and a free Palestine.



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