For example: Association Bangr Nooma in Burkina Faso

Since 1998, TERRE DES FEMMES has been supporting the Association Bangr Nooma (ABN) in its fight against female genital mutilation (FGM) and violence against girls and women. The work of the organization is based on two main pillars: Educational work with awareness-raising campaigns, and the Centre for protection against violence (CAECF).

The educational work in the fight against FGM is carried out with the holistic method of community organizing: the ABN involves the entire community of a district or village, including village leaders, religious leaders, village elders and (former) circumcisers. After a village decides to end FGM, a follow-up committee is appointed. Through their work ABN has been able to reach more than one million people since 1998 and saved more than 35,000 girls from FGM. Thanks to ABN’s efforts, every year about 15 FGM affected girls and women can receive medical emergency interventions.

The women’s shelter CAECF, which was opened in 2015, is funded by TERRE DES FEMMES and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Per month between 10–15 girls and women find shelter, targeted help, as well as psychological and legal support as needed.

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A training graduate in tailoring has successfully set up her own business with the support of our partner organization MIRIAM in Nicaragua.

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TERRE DES FEMMES is a German non-profit women’s rights organization. **Since 1981 we are committed towards strengthening the human rights of women worldwide.** Our aim is to raise public awareness by campaigning, advocacy and lobby work, networking and development cooperation. We seek to prevent and abolish female genital mutilation, forced and early marriage, domestic and sexualized violence, violence in the name of honour, human trafficking and prostitution.

**Our partners abroad are local women’s rights organizations which initiate and implement self-help projects for women and girls.** They advocate for the abolition of harmful traditional practices and challenge values which lead to the discrimination and violation of human rights. All our partner organizations work towards societies in which women and girls can lead a free, safe, and self-determined life without violence.

In our work we focus on public relations, fundraising and the acquisition of public grants in Germany to support our courageous colleagues abroad. **The cooperation with our partner organizations is at eyelevel.** Transparency, regular reports and yearly visits are important for us, thus securing the sustainability and impact of our cooperation projects.

**Cameroonian girls with their school reports. A scholarship program of our partner AAFMHL helps them to attend school and prevents early marriage.**

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**Our Partner Organizations**

1. **NICARAGUA**
   - **MIRIAM**
   - Counselling for women affected by violence

2. **SIERRA LEONE**
   - **AIM**
   - Fight against female genital mutilation

3. **MALI**
   - **APDF**
   - Shelters for women affected by violence

4. **BURKINA FASO**
   - **BANGR NOOMA**
   - Fight against female genital mutilation

5. **CAMEROON**
   - **AAFMHL**
   - Empowerment through education

6. **BULGARIA**
   - **FLORIKA**
   - Fight against prostitution and trafficking in women

7. **TURKEY**
   - **YAKA-KOOP**
   - Fight against early/forced marriage and honour killings

8. **ISRAEL/PALESTINE**
   - **LAKIA**
   - Empowerment through education

9. **AFGHANISTAN**
   - **SHAHRAK**
   - Empowerment through education

10. **INDIA**
    - **BHUMIKA**
    - Counselling for women affected by violence