

## For example: ABN 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 other violence against girls and women. ABN's work is based on two main pillars: **Educational work** with awareness-raising campaigns, and the operation of a women's shelter, the **Centre for protection against violence** (CAECF). The CAECF offers emergency accommodation, psychological and legal assistance as well as other needed support to girls and women affected by violence.

In their educational work against FGM, ABN involves the entire community of a district or village, including religious leaders, village leaders and elders, and (former) circumcisers. After a village decides to end FGM, a committee is appointed to protect girls and women from FGM in the future. Meanwhile these committees have been set up in over 900 villages. **Since 1998, ABN has been able to reach more than one million people and saved more than 33,000 girls** from FGM. Thanks to ABN's efforts, about 15 girls and women affected by FGM receive curative emergency surgeries every year.

Up to 15 girls and women per month find help at the women's shelter CAECF, which was opened in 2015.



» Awareness campaign to end FGM in Burkina Faso



» Our partner organization BHUMIKA in India trains government officials like police officers and judges on how to deal with cases of gender-based violence

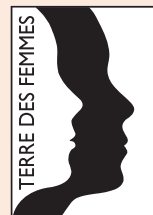
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## Fighting for women's rights worldwide



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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## International Cooperation

TERRE DES FEMMES is a German non-profit women's rights organization. **Since 1981, we are committed to strengthening the human rights of women worldwide.**

Our aim is to raise public awareness by campaigning, lobby work, networking and development cooperation. We seek to prevent and abolish female genital mutilation, forced and early marriage, domestic and sexualized violence, educational deprivation, 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 free, safe, and self-determined lives without violence.

In our work we focus on public relations, fundraising and the acquisition of public grants 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. Due to growing anti-feminist movements worldwide, we plan to support threatened women's rights activists and feminist initiatives as of 2021, in addition.



>> Our Afghan partner organization Neswan offers literacy courses for women in the Shahrak women's center

## 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 AFGHANISTAN

#### SHAHRAK

empowerment through education

### 7 INDIA

#### BHUMIKA

counselling for women affected by violence

