



...entendimiento de la...  
...Cualquier persona que...  
...de manera justa, digna y por la vida...  
...Justicia y equidad con seguridad defensora...  
...y manteniendo la fe de la tierra y los pueblos...  
...Dedicó este premio a todos los...  
...a los niños, a los jóvenes, a los...  
...y a los... a los... por la defensa...  
...de los... naturales...

Annual Report

2017



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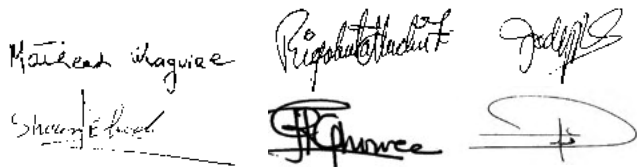
# Message from the Laureates

2017 was a year of resistance. Though it began on a low note for many, women across the globe responded by taking to the streets for the Women's March.

After deep reflection we found even stronger resolve to work harder than ever with our sisters and movements around the world to resist. It was this that inspired the theme of our 2017 conference, A Global Feminist Resistance: the Evolution and Revolution—Adapting to Survive Thrive! We only had to look at the bold grassroots women activists gathering around us in Germany to know that collective action and strong feminist movements will always be the way forward. We saw this in Berlin, where we went to conduct media training for talented women activists working in Syria. We saw this on our #WomenLandPeace fact-finding delegation to Honduras and Guatemala, where we were awed by the bravery of women land and human rights defenders carrying out their work despite threats against their lives. And we saw this in our 2017 Sister-to-Sister participants — all passionate young women, eager to catalyze change in their communities and beyond.

Across the globe this year, women once again rose up to challenge and subvert misogyny, climate destruction and violence with resilience, creativity, and collective action. This was a year of significant losses and tremendous gains, of struggle and of hope — always in the pursuit of peace, justice & equality.

In peace,



Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchú Tum,  
Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi, Leymah Gbowee,  
Tawakkol Karman

# 2017

## Highlights at a Glance



### Women's Movement Building

The year began in resistance as the Nobel Women's Initiative staff and laureates joined millions of women worldwide in taking to the streets for **the Women's March to stand against misogyny and fascism**.

In May, the Nobel Women's Initiative hosted our **6th biennial conference** in Germany for 50 women activists from across movements and around the world — A Global Feminist Resistance: The evolution & revolution — ~~Adapting to survive~~ thrive!

### Women's Voices in the Media

In September we hosted a screening of **Skylight Pictures' film, 500 Years: Life in Resistance** — the third in the trilogy of films about Guatemala's epic story of resistance.

In October/November Nobel peace laureates Tawakkol Karman, Shirin Ebadi, Jody Williams, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum **led our Women, Land & Peace delegation to Honduras and Guatemala** to learn from and support the struggles of women land defenders in those countries.

### Women's Influence Over Public Policy

In April, **Nobel laureate Leymah Gbowee and Iraqi activist Yanar Mohammed met with Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau** to advocate for increased funding to grassroots women's organizations and movements who are making bold change.

Nobel Women's Initiative and The MATCH International Women's Fund advocated for the Canadian government to ensure funding goes directly to women's organizations and movements at the grassroots level. In June, **the Canadian government announced its Feminist International Assistance Policy**, pledging \$150 million to women's organizations in the Global South — one of the single largest investments of its kind to date from any country, and a historic moment.

Nobel Women's Initiative and the MATCH International Women's Fund **hosted Dr. Musimbe Kanyoro and Theo Sowa** in July for a week of government and civil society meetings. They discussed using women's funds as an effective and efficient way to provide meaningful funding for women's movements globally.

In November we **celebrated the 25th anniversary of Rigoberta Menchú Tum's Nobel Peace Prize** in Guatemala.

Nobel Women's Initiative **profiled 16 extraordinary women activists online for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** — game-changers who boldly take risks to build a world of peace, justice & equality.

In December the **Nobel Women's Initiative delivered media trainings** in Berlin to women activists from Syria.

### Young Women's Power and Leadership

**Alia Soliman, Atong Amos Agook Juac, and Yah Parwon joined us in Ottawa for our Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program**, a six-week leadership residency program run by Nobel Women's Initiative.

Nobel Women's Initiative **welcomed 6 volunteer activists and interns** to help move our work forward this year.



The voice of women can never be buried.  
It is the voice of freedom. It will be heard.”

Tawakkol Karman



**MAIREAD MAGUIRE**  
(Northern Ireland, 1976)

“We need to admit that we have not yet seriously tried peace and nonviolence as an alternative to war.”



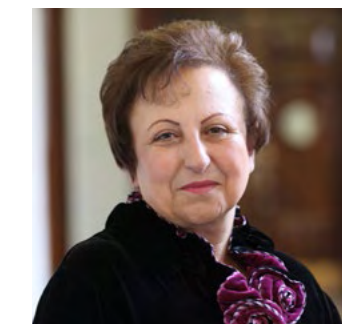
**RIGOBERTA MENCHÚ TUM**  
(Guatemala, 1992)

“We are making a difference. We are leaving footprints. It is the collective that leaves memories over time.”



**JODY WILLIAMS**  
(USA, 1997)

“We refuse to bow to the backlash against women’s rights.”



**SHIRIN EBADI**  
(Iran, 2003)

“When you bring your children to protests you show the patriarchy that you can be a good mother AND a fierce fighter.”



**LEYMAH GBOWEE**  
(Liberia, 2011)

“Grassroots women are the ones keeping communities together, sustaining peace. For them, this is not a day job—their lives depend on it.”



**TAWAKKOL KARMAN**  
(Yemen, 2011)

“Wherever we go in the world, women are at the forefront of those resisting against injustice.”

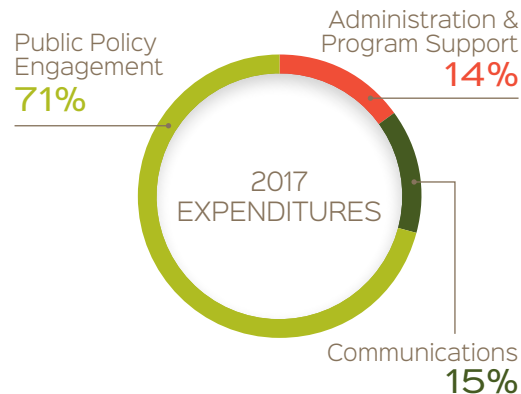
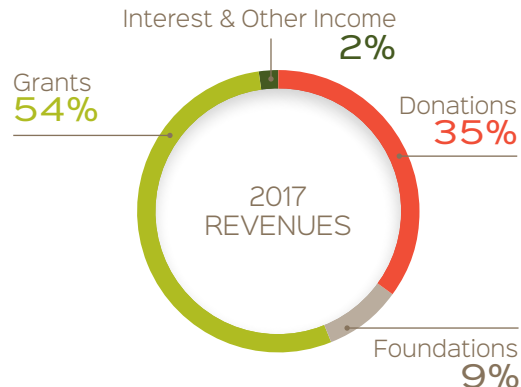


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# Financial summary

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 322,027	\$ 717,357
Accounts Receivable	226,174	185,742
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits	1,290	3,088
	<b>\$ 549,491</b>	<b>\$ 906,187</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 52,221	\$ 25,061
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	1,903	249,446
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS BEGINNING	631,680	503,415
Net Revenue (Expenditures)	(136,313)	128,265
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS ENDING	<b>495,367</b>	<b>631,680</b>
	<b>\$ 549,491</b>	<b>\$ 906,187</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</b>		
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 494,928	\$ 618,149
Foundations	120,000	110,000
Grants	756,502	439,250
In Kind Contributions	-	-
Interest & Other Income	33,503	-
	<b>1,404,933</b>	<b>1,167,399</b>
EXPENDITURES		
Administration & Program Support	210,939	200,782
Communications	238,934	223,909
Public Policy Engagement	1,091,373	614,443
	<b>1,541,246</b>	<b>1,039,134</b>
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	<b>\$ (136,313)</b>	<b>\$ 128,265</b>



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# Supporting our work for peace

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🌿 Jody Williams

🌿 Leymah Gbowee

🌿 Rigoberta Menchú Tum

🌿 Shirin Ebadi

🌿 Tawakkol Karman

🌿 Mairead Maguire

And many more generous individuals.



We are with all women who are seeking justice, equality, human rights. If we struggle for the rights of women then everyone's rights improve.

Jody Williams



# Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program

This year we brought three brilliant young women activists to Ottawa for the 2017 Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program. The women came from Egypt, South Sudan, and Liberia. These young women use creative and innovative approaches to promote peace, justice & equality in their communities.

## Alia Soliman, Egypt

Alia Soliman is the Head of Marketing and Communications for HarrassMap, an organization that is engaging Egyptian society to create an environment that does not tolerate sexual harassment. Alia is working to create space for women and girls in Egypt to make choices about their lives, bodies and futures.

## Atong Amos Agook Juac, South Sudan

Atong Amos Agook is the Executive Director of the Aliab Rural Development Agency (ARUDA) in Juba, South Sudan. Atong provides leadership to the organization, and has designed programs to provide training in trauma counselling, entrepreneurial skills, advocacy, and awareness of issues of gender-based violence for women.

## Yah Parwon, Liberia

Yah Parwon is the Advocacy Officer with medica Liberia (mL), a women's rights organization providing psychosocial, health and legal services for survivors of sexual gender-based violence. Yah uses advocacy as a tool to engage national and local leaders to influence the development and implementation of women's rights laws and policies.

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