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WOMEN'S REGIONAL NETWORK  
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## WHEN SISTERS GATHER

Sisters gather,  
sisters who are strangers,  
in the hope of finding themselves  
in each other.

Sisters gather,  
and stories are exchanged,  
mumbling, halting, then gushing  
like a torrent unstoppable...  
stories in spate.

Sisters gather,  
sceptical about sorority,  
defensive about their anxiety,  
urgently in need of hope  
and each other.  
Will you be the one to heed my need?

Sisters gather,  
having forgotten nothing  
about the last dozen times they  
squabbled, fought, argued—  
the Cold Wars that thaw  
with the first tickle of laughter  
and the first trickle of tears.



Sisters gather,  
to grieve over other sisters,  
spent, lost, felled,  
and to lament the silence over their fate.  
When you are cut, I bleed,  
they tell each other.

Sisters gather,  
and promise each other  
that they will not forget.  
Not the ones who disappeared.  
Not the ones who died.  
Not the abandonment or violence.  
Not each other.

Sisters gather  
over the baby's crib,  
gushing, cooing and remembering  
why they are here.  
This baby, and all the others, deserve better  
than we have got.

Sisters gather  
to partake of food, wine, love and empathy,  
to celebrate each other,  
generously, and in solidarity.  
When sisters gather,  
they change the world.

# Introduction

The Core Purpose of WRN is to amplify the voices of unheard and marginalized women and together address the interlinked issues of peace and security, justice and governance and growing militarization in South Asia.

## **The Women's Regional Network**

Founded in 2011, WRN is expanding, growing more diverse and advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda in South Asia. Our work on insecurity and conflict from 2011-2016 brought us to the question of forced displacement. Across the region—across the world—people are moving in large numbers within and beyond borders, unwelcome wherever they go.

The last two rounds of WRN's qualitative research documenting the voices of women in remote and often conflicted regions of the three countries in our Network shows that no matter what forces you to leave your home and source of livelihood—ethnic violence, conflict over land acquisition, environmental degradation—forced displacement results in impoverishment and degradation of basic rights. The Network members became increasingly alarmed that migration policies and practices by sovereign states and international humanitarian organizations failed to recognize the unique and desperate needs of women and their children.

## **The South Asia Summit on Forced Displacement: Why Gender Matters**

In 2018, the members took the questions and the priorities of the women whose lives we document in our Community Conversations to a broader and more impactful constituency. We devoted our

limited financial and human resources to a convening in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in partnership with International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP), in late January, 2019 with 55 selected delegates from 15 countries representing a cross-section of UN Agencies, INGO's, grassroots organizations and academics engaged in responding to this humanitarian crisis. The South Asia Summit on Forced Displacement: Why Gender Matters was our effort to bring policy makers and practitioners together to focus on the need for a regional protocol on migration that embraced gender equality. The latter part of 2018 was devoted to the planning of this convening. The Network members led extensive consultations on a draft Statement of Principles and Call for Action to be debated and adopted at the Summit.

In 2018 we not only expanded our vision and mission across South and South East Asia but also to East Africa where our Network is now modeled by leading peace activists in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Women peace activists seek solidarity globally to not only strengthen our collective voice but to facilitate the creation of common policy frameworks. We collaborate to ensure our rights and demands are not invisible and to build a foundation, for those who follow us, of a stronger, more feminist vision of the world.



Pakistan Core Group Member and Researcher, Saima Jasman, conducting WRN's Community Conversation in Punjab, Pakistan.



India Community Conversation in Madhya Pradesh with women at the forefront of the resistance movements.



WRN Researcher, Barin Sultani Haymon, and Afghanistan Country Coordinator, Fatema Kohistani, conducting conversations with women in Dasht-e Qala Camp in Takhar Province, Afghanistan.

## WRN's Activities

### Third Round of Community Conversations

WRN successfully conducted its third round of Community Conversations (CCs) and released those reports in multiple locations across South Asia. Building upon WRN's earlier work focusing on issues of forced migration and displacement, WRN again confronted the situation of continuous and relentless production of forcibly displaced women and their dependent children. Massive migration is not only a by-product of violent conflict and predatory development but also a major strategy of armed groups and development practices. In particular, the invisibilisation of IDPs is a collective regional experience.

The WRN Team in Afghanistan travelled to the provinces of Takhar and Kunduz to document the human security of women caught in situations of protracted displacement. In Pakistan, the WRN Team focused on the extremely sensitive but vital issue of displaced women belonging to minority communities from different parts of all four provinces of Pakistan, mostly from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa who are now settled in Punjab. In India, WRN conducted Community Conversations in Madhya Pradesh with women who are at the forefront of resistance movements against numerous cycles of displacement due to predatory development projects. Since issues of militarisation,



Launch of the India Community Conversations at the India International Center in Delhi.



Pakistan Report launch in Lahore with Researcher, Saima Jasman, center and Rukhshanda Naz, WRN Board Member, right.



India Core Group Members and speakers at the India Launch in Delhi.

extremism, conflict and peacebuilding continue to be WRN's mandate in Kashmir, WRN, through its Community Conversations, documented the multiple forms of resistance and women's agency in Indian-administered-Kashmir.

The Community Conversations field-work demonstrates extraordinary bravery, unyielding commitment to amplifying the voices of marginalized women, and evidence of what can be accomplished by women, for women, with the support of sisters-in-peace across the region.

**Community Conversations Launches:**

- The Afghan CC was launched both in Kabul, Afghanistan and London, United Kingdom. In Kabul,

the launch was attended by the CEO H.E Dr. Abdullah Abdullah and in London it was hosted by Baroness Hodgson of the UK House of Lords and attended by several members of the UK Parliament.

- The Pakistan CC was launched in Islamabad and Lahore, where prominent members from civil society attended the launches.
- The India CCs were launched in New Delhi to garner mainstream attention to these often marginalised issues. Both the launches were attended by civil society members, academics, activists and some embassy representatives.

The CC launches in all three countries were covered by the media.



WRN Afghanistan Team and panelists at the Zan TV studio.



Participants of the Pakistan report launch in Lahore.



Abha Bhaiya, WRN India Board Member, conducting FGD with community members in Srinagar, Kashmir.

### WRN's Inaugural On-line Course on WPS

WRN engaged with 24 young members of the civil society across Afghanistan, Pakistan and India through this course. Over a duration of six months, the course discussed the pillars of Women Peace and Security – Prevention, Protection, Participation, Relief and Recovery. Seventeen resource persons drawn both from the WRN members and externally, eminent activists from Nigeria, Yugoslavia, Uganda in addition to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India participated in the course as lecturers.

### WRN's Outreach Programmes

WRN in Afghanistan organised two roundtables on women's political participation (with special reference to the elections). The panelists included government officials, Civil Society Organizations, High Peace Council Members, Members of Parliament, WRN Board and Core Members and female candidates for the 2018 election. The aim was to encourage women to register to become eligible voters. Through a broadcast on the well-known TV Channel,

Zan, the discussions also conveyed women's role in the political process and women's capacity to help build a sustainable peace in Afghanistan.

WRN Afghanistan also played an active role during the 16 Days of Activism through mural paintings in public places such as the external wall of the Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Mines and Petroleum and Attorney General's office. Other activities included analytical reading of the Elimination of Violence Against Women Law at Tabish University and a social media campaign. The aim was to eliminate violence against women and motivate the youth to be more mindful about such instances.

WRN in India reached out through talks and training sessions, primarily to youth, to sensitize and build the capacity of peace constituencies beyond activist circles. WRN is using this program to create awareness about the gendered experience of conflict and insecurity, as well as a gender-just peace. WRN, through its members, has been taking this outreach



WRN Board meeting in Colombo with leading Sri Lankan women activists in May 2018.



Initial meeting of the East Africa Women's Regional Network in Uganda with Chelsea Soderholm, WRN COO.

program to different locations such as educational institutes and think-tanks. WRN India members also presented the Women, Peace and Security concerns to various seminars including The Institute for Social Studies and Heinrich Boll Stiftung. WRN India also organised book-club discussions as a part of this outreach programme, creating a safe space for the youth to discuss issues related to gender, justice and peace.

### **WRN's Roundtable in Sri Lanka**

WRN organised a roundtable discussion on Women, Peace and Security in Colombo, Sri Lanka in May 2018. The roundtable had two objectives: to bring together women activists and leaders engaged in peace work in Sri Lanka with those from Afghanistan, Pakistan and India for a discussion on the critical peace issues of the day; and to introduce WRN to Sri Lankan women leaders and discuss the potential and interest of those present in joining our network and working together regionally.

### **WRN as a Model in East Africa**

In May 2018, WRN invited two women leaders from Uganda and Kenya to join our Board meeting in Sri Lanka to engage in mutual learning and sharing of lessons learned. Earlier in February 2018, WRN COO Chelsea Soderholm had a preliminary meeting with six women peacebuilders from different East African countries, introducing WRN's work in South Asia. Ruth Ocheing of Uganda and Joy Mbaabu of Kenya plan on modeling WRN in Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda to address the need for a durable peace in East Africa. The Women's Regional

Network provided the start-up funds for the launch of their initial meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. WRN staff helped with the development of an action plan, budget and an overview document on WRN as a model.

### **Participation of the WRN in Rights Con, Canada**

WRN attended its first conference on human rights in the digital age, RightsCon, in May, 2018 in Toronto, Canada. Over 2000 techies, coders, hackers-for-good, human rights defenders, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders from 115 countries discussed the interlinkages between the digital world and human rights activism.

### **Advocacy meetings**

WRN has been active in advocacy meetings across the region. In Afghanistan, WRN met with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the First Lady, the President, the Second Vice-President, members of the Parliament, and the High Peace Council Secretariat to discuss the significant contributions women are willing to provide to build a sustainable peace in Afghanistan.

In Pakistan, WRN held meetings with embassies, government departments and think-tanks to discuss concerns related to women, peace and security in the country.

In India, the WRN Core Members, through their various engagements, have been raising issues of gender-justice, peace, security and governance in different civil society forums.

# Regional Media Engagement and Coverage

WRN received great media coverage for the launch of its reports in the three countries and has engaged well with the media through 2018.

## Afghanistan:

Afghanistan CC Launch was covered by and broadcasted on Yak (1) TV.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWvmVWgBEX0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWvmVWgBEX0)

Fatema Kohistani, WRN Country Coordinator, discussed the CC Report on Maiwand TV of Afghanistan.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZ6oxi2fxeU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZ6oxi2fxeU)

The CC author wrote a blog for the Independent regarding field work of CC.

[www.independent.co.uk/voices/taliban-afghanistan-latest-womens-human-rights-un-hcr-ashraf-ghani-kabul-asia-a8380396.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/taliban-afghanistan-latest-womens-human-rights-un-hcr-ashraf-ghani-kabul-asia-a8380396.html)

## Pakistan:

The Pakistan CC Launch was extensively covered by BBC Urdu, and also by the print and online media such as The Nation, and The News.

Links of the widespread media coverage of WRN Pakistan Report Launch:

<https://youtu.be/pJyF5c9oKU4>

[www.bbc.com/urdu/pakistan-45356287](http://www.bbc.com/urdu/pakistan-45356287)

[www.bbc.com/urdu/pakistan-45351691](http://www.bbc.com/urdu/pakistan-45351691)

[www.thenews.com.pk/print/362340-plight-of-internally-displaced-persons-highlighted](http://www.thenews.com.pk/print/362340-plight-of-internally-displaced-persons-highlighted)

[www.thenews.com.pk/print/380198-framework-for-idp-women-stressed?fbclid=IwAR0t9eG3rBhoJObQ24t2P16Eejq9OpA2g-3zLSLkrwyE0HYIY3MEshuAZcqI](http://www.thenews.com.pk/print/380198-framework-for-idp-women-stressed?fbclid=IwAR0t9eG3rBhoJObQ24t2P16Eejq9OpA2g-3zLSLkrwyE0HYIY3MEshuAZcqI)

[https://nation.com.pk/18-Oct-2018/report-on-internally-displaced-women-from-punjab-publicised?fbclid=IwAR025Q6sS7sO\\_YhawQhHAMWZC60OVZt9hkYVew-je2dqViKNoviB5vRg30E](https://nation.com.pk/18-Oct-2018/report-on-internally-displaced-women-from-punjab-publicised?fbclid=IwAR025Q6sS7sO_YhawQhHAMWZC60OVZt9hkYVew-je2dqViKNoviB5vRg30E)

## India:

WRN India Team has been writing on issues of gender justice and peace. Some of the articles written by WRN India members and the country coordinator can be found here:

Saumya Uma writes on how the revamped Manodhairya scheme of the Maharashtra government, providing compensation to victims of sexual and acid violence on women, fails to overcome the farcical view held by Indian law and legal mechanisms; and the subsequent treatment meted out to victims of heinous gender-based crimes continue to be poor: <https://thewire.in/gender/why-maharashtras-man-odhairya-scheme-is-a-monumental-farce>

Padmini Ghosh and Diksha Poddar (WRN Associate Member) writes on how reporting of conflict also thrives on notions of masculinity (see page 11):

[www.park.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Peace-Journalist-Apr2018-web.pdf](http://www.park.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Peace-Journalist-Apr2018-web.pdf)

Swarna Rajagopalan writes how violence against women rises in militarised zones:

[www.thecitizen.in/index.php/en/NewsDetail/index/7/12986/The-Peace-Counter](http://www.thecitizen.in/index.php/en/NewsDetail/index/7/12986/The-Peace-Counter)

Rita Manchada explores the implications of women's radicalization in Pakistan drawing on the Insan Foundation Trust's recent report 'The Role of Women in Pakistan's Peace and Security':

[www.catchnews.com/international-news/myth-misogyny-or-assistants-to-terror-pakistan-s-Radicalised-women-92537.html](http://www.catchnews.com/international-news/myth-misogyny-or-assistants-to-terror-pakistan-s-Radicalised-women-92537.html)

The WRN India CC Launch was also covered by two of the prominent new agencies — PTI and ANI. Additionally, the online media and print media like The WIRE, First Post, Business Standard, Deccan Herald and Outlook also featured articles about the MP CC Launch and the issues that it raised.

# New Collaborations: The Reason for Success

The Women's Regional Network is not the only Network in South Asia. Other active networks serve specific and vital roles in bridging the divisions in the region by enhancing dialogue and people-to-people diplomacy.

The Women's Regional Network: Afghanistan, Pakistan and India is, however, unique in providing solidarity among leading women feminists who know their values are often unacceptable in the mainstream political or social structures in each of their respective countries.

WRN was founded on the premise that the member's collective effort would add value to their work in their own organizations or professions by creating a strong feminist and inclusive partnership across borders they often cannot cross. The Network identifies common concerns and issues facing women in the three countries. The combined research on those issues gives power to our findings and recommendations. We document the actual voices of women from the sites of conflict. Their issues, their needs and their words inform our policy recommendations and our advocacy. That is what makes our Network unique.

This work is enhanced by the collaborations we form across the globe with others who also want to amplify marginalized women's voices. In 2018, we formed a vital and successful partnership with the International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP), based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They partnered with WRN in hosting a South Asia Summit on Forced Displacement: Why Gender Matters in early 2019. The trust and camaraderie formed with WRN members and the staff of IWRAP-AP was exceptional — considering we had never met each other! Our common mission for women around the world led to an atmosphere of dependability and commitment to our respective tasks to ensure a successful Summit.

That Summit led to many other key partnerships. We worked with Smash Strategies, a consulting firm based in Washington, DC. Stephenie Foster and Susan Markam worked diligently with our Network members and key stakeholders to ensure the Summit was a success by drafting, after numerous consultations, a Statement of Principles and a Call for Action for women forcibly displaced from their homes and their livelihoods.

This effort was enhanced by the skills of Manoj Mathew whose firm, Greg Matters, based in Delhi, India, provided communications and marketing efforts leading up to and during the Summit. Manoj's team has been a collaborative partner for WRN since 2012 and provided essential public relations efforts to ensure our research reports and advocacy initiatives are shared widely.

Our research work in 2018 in Afghanistan on IDPs, was challenging and risky for Barin Haymon Sultani, WRN Lead Researcher, and Fatema Khostani, WRN Country Coordinator, but ultimately successful due to our partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council. The NRC not only helped with access to women in Kunduz and Takhar Provinces but also assisted with the launch of our report in both Kabul and London, England and served as expert advisors on the hosting of the Summit in Kuala Lumpur.

Our work in the Kashmir/Jammu region of India is enhanced by our engagements and interactions with our friends at the University of Kashmir in Srinagar, and the Kashmir Times newspaper. WRN India also worked closely with the Anti-Chutka Nuclear Power Plant movement, a grassroots indigenous peoples' movement for its work in Madhya Pradesh.



WRN Board Members at the Sri Lanka meeting with scarves donated by Ann Lederer incorporating the flags of the four countries in the Network with the word "Peace" in seven languages.

## Donors

Our generous donors who share our vision of women working within and beyond borders to amplify the voices of unheard marginalized women, make everything we do possible.

This vital partnership between our donors and the members and staff of the Women's Regional Network allows us to work together to address the interlinked issues of peace and security, justice and governance and growing militarization in South Asia. The support of the donors below is deeply appreciated by us all.

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### **\$20,000 to \$30,000**

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### **\$2,000-\$10,000**

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# WRN's Milestones

## 2010

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Patricia Cooper conducts a listening tour to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India, with large and small groups of women from civil society organizations. Women unanimously agree a network would add value to their work; agree to focus on corruption and extremism as they impact women's security.

## 2011

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Launch of Network in Nepal with four representatives from each country, plus international delegates. Network members add "militarization of aid and development" to their mission. Agree to document the experiences of women in remote and conflicted regions of each country.

## 2012

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Governing structure established with a Steering Committee from the region.

## 2013

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- Completed Community Conversations in all three countries.
- Convened a Regional Consultation meeting for 75 stakeholders at the International Center in Delhi, India.
- Released India Community Conversations Report.

## 2014

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- Released Community Conversation Reports:
  - Pakistan Report in Quetta
  - Afghanistan Report in Kabul
- Regional Overview, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.
- Conducted a 4-day Advocacy Tour in Washington D.C.
- Steering Committee agreed to study a South Asia Women's Human Rights Tribunal.
- Held 1st Tribunal Preparatory Meeting in Nepal. Agreed to focus on Women IDP's fleeing conflict.
- Established the S.A. Women's Emergency Fund for WHRDs.

## 2015

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- Invited to attend, speak, present papers and/or workshops at:
  - U.S. Naval War College in Rhode Island, USA
  - WILPF's Women's Power to Stop War Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands
  - Defying Extremism Regional Dialogue in Sarajevo, Balkands
  - Asia Pacific Regional Consultation on UNSCR 1325, Nepal
- Registered WRN in the Hague and established a new governing structure.

## 2016

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- Held 2nd Tribunal Preparatory Meeting in Sri Lanka.
- Released Tribunal Scoping Study Report, Community Conversations Reports and Regional Overview.
- Presented workshop at the AWID conference in Salvador, Brazil.
- Launched WRN Tribunal Scoping Study Report at USIP in September.

## 2017

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- Community Conversations Launch tour in India, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.
- Launched Women, Peace and Security Online Course.
- Conducted organizational consulting with a group of activists and peace-builders in the Americas.
- Invited to attend, speak, present, and/or consult at:
  - UN General Assembly Preparatory Process for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
  - The Carter Center, Atlanta, USA
  - Halifax International Security Forum
- Renewed Canadian National Action Plan on 1325.
- Re-established Country Coordinators staff in offices across the region.

## 2018

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- Completed 3rd round of Community Conversations and the launch tour in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.
- WRN's roundtable in Sri Lanka with women peace and justice activists from Sri Lanka and the region.
- Initial conversations about WRN being modelled in East Africa.
- WRN Founder-Director Patricia Cooper honoured with the 2018 Humanitarian Award from the Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.
- WRN team started conceptualising the South Asia Regional Summit on Forced Displacements: Why Gender Matters, held in early 2019 in Kuala Lumpur.



WRN thanks Chelsea Soderholm who served first as WRN Regional Coordinator and then as the Chief Operating Officer between September 2013 and August 2018. Chelsea's commitment and contributions were invaluable in taking WRN's research and advocacy forward to a wider audience in South Asia and globally. Her amazing energy ensured every detail was addressed. As WRN grew she was a mentor, source of encouragement and always an inspiration to the Country Coordinators. WRN wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

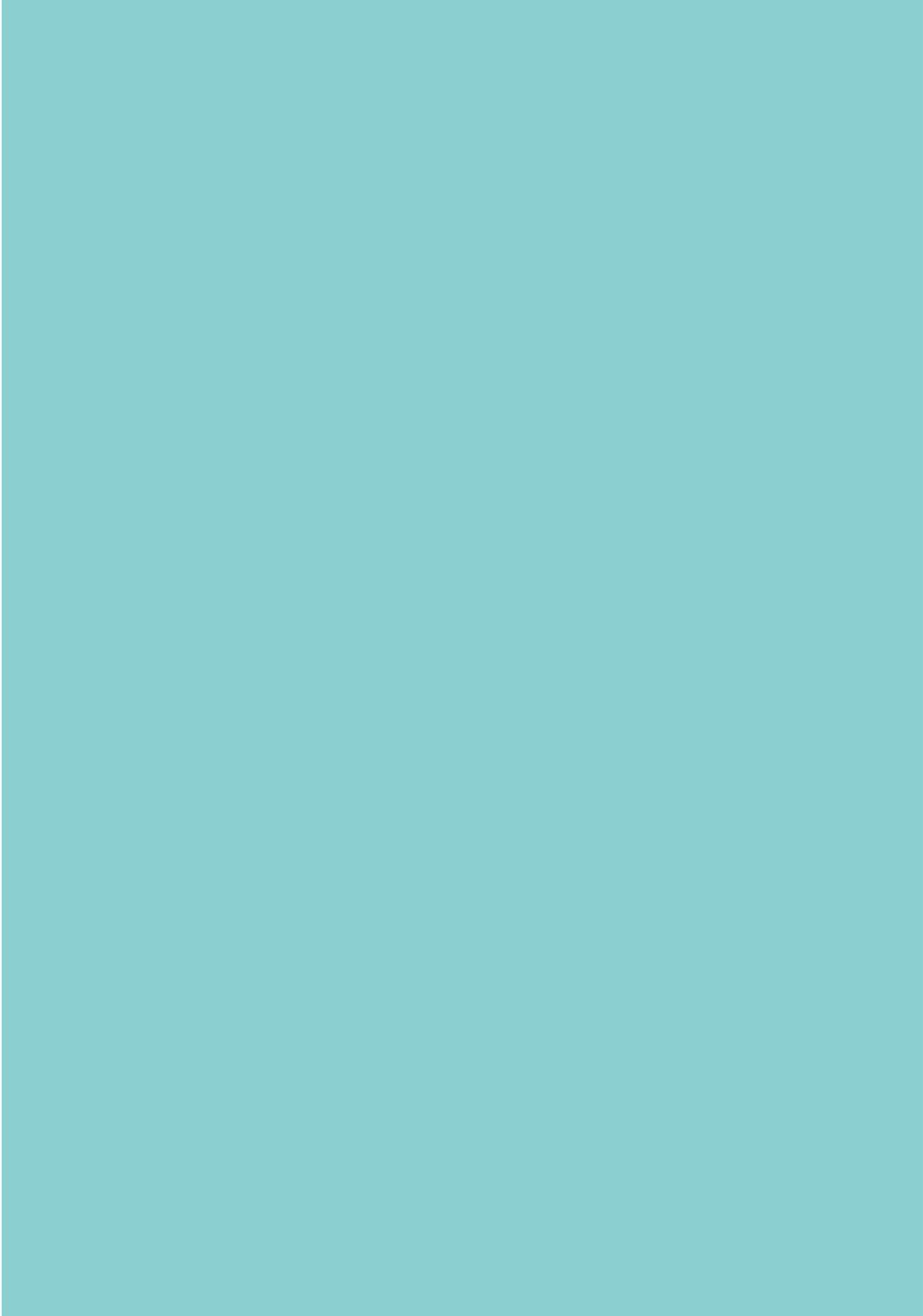


Patricia Cooper, WRN's founder and dedicated human rights activist, is honored with the 2018 Humanitarian Award from the Korbel School of International Studies, alongside former U.S. Secretaries of State John Kerry and Madeleine Albright. This award is recognition for all that Patricia and the WRN team has worked for and accomplished in the past nine years.

# Financials

Colorado Nonprofit Development Center  
Statement of Financial Position  
WMN - Women's Regional Network  
As of 12/31/2018

	Balance	Prior Year
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash		
Operating Cash	124,147.60	125,180.88
Total Cash	124,147.60	125,180.88
Other Current Assets		
Contributions Receivable 2	0.00	847.14
Contributions Receivable 1	100,000.00	220,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	100,000.00	220,847.14
Total Current Assets	224,147.60	346,028.02
Total ASSETS	224,147.60	346,028.02
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	3,485.13	2,565.59
Accounts Payable - Other	0.00	34.86
Project Fee Payable	0.00	22,084.71
Total LIABILITIES	3,485.13	24,685.16
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Beginning Net Assets		
Project Unrestricted	205,367.86	85,624.60
Temporary Restricted	115,975.00	3,109.00
Total Beginning Net Assets	321,342.86	88,733.60
Year To Date Change In Net Assets		
Project Unrestricted	(134,705.39)	119,743.26
Temporary Restricted	34,025.00	112,866.00
Total Year To Date Change In Net Assets	(100,680.39)	232,609.26
Total NET ASSETS	220,662.47	321,342.86
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	224,147.60	346,028.02





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