



PeaceWomen Across the Globe  
FRIEDENSFRAUEN WELTWEIT  
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Femmes de Paix Autour du Monde  
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ピースウーマン—国境を越え平和をつくる女たち  
全球和平妇女

# Annual Report 2012

PORTRAIT

**Sima Samar**

Laureate of the Right  
Livelihood Award 2012 and  
PWAG coordinator  
in Afghanistan



*It is fascinating to see young girls or boys who have lost their families during the former Soviet Union occupation or the civil war periods and had no one to look after them, coming to me and saying: “Mother, (...) I want to follow your path in upholding human rights and continuing my journey working towards well being and a peaceful life for my war-hit people.”*

# The network is our strength

PeaceWomen Across the Globe remained true to its aims once again in 2012. Our organization uses the network of the 1000 PeaceWomen by supporting projects in regions where women are threatened by violence and where their rights are abused. We take our lead from the women's own experiences and work with them to further develop the methods they use. For example, the first dialogue forum took place in Egypt in November 2012. A new feature of this event was that PeaceWomen from Sri Lanka, Sudan, Mexico, and Uganda shared their experience of peace negotiations, conflict resolution, and democratization processes in their own regions during the discussions with Egyptian women. It was encouraging to hear that many women can bring about change and that there are solutions to violence, a lack of rights, and marginalization, even if such progress often only comes about slowly.

The network is our strength. Many PeaceWomen are happy to share their expertise in other regions by providing guidance on specific projects. The same topics come up again and again: women's rights; tackling violence against women; and women's participation in regional, national, and international peace negotia-

tions, as called for by UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security. The wide range of expertise held by the women is vital and ensures that other women do not have to keep reinventing the "peace wheel".

It sometimes seems to me as if the world is standing still. Women in conflict regions continue to experience the same betrayals. I have learned that we need to be patient when it comes to peace. A PeaceWoman recently summed up the situation: "It's like this: It seems to be impossible to establish peace and human rights within a single lifetime."

That's what reality looks like! And so I would like to thank all of you who make it possible for us to continue supporting women's peacebuilding activities, either by making donations to our association or by doing voluntary work on our behalf.



## NETWORK

# The worldwide commitment



Coordinator



Temporary Coordinator



Member of the  
International Board



Coordinator and Member of  
the International Board



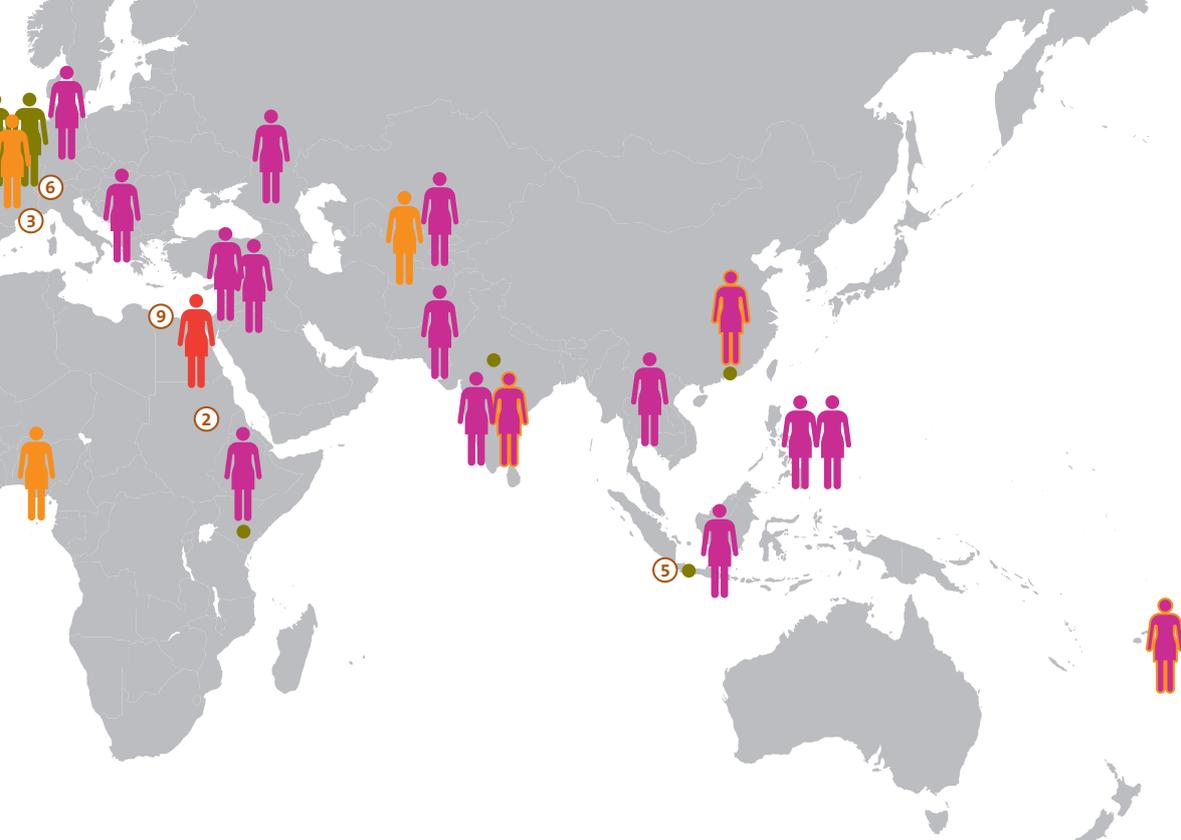
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Regional office

### The most important events

- ① September 2011 to June 2012: The exhibition **“1000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe”** travels through Guatemala and El Salvador organized by the Swiss Embassy and accompanied by different PeaceWomen
- ② 8–10 January in Khartoum, Sudan: **Strategic Planning Workshop of the “Sudan Women’s Platform for Peace”**
- ③ 12–17 March in Marseille, France: **Opening of the exhibition “safe water. with women!”**
- ④ 12 April in Bogotá, Colombia: **Forum on “Women, Peace and Security”**
- ⑤ 7–8 May in Jakarta, Indonesia: **Women’s Survivor Learning Forum**



## PWAG IN SHORT

PeaceWomen Across the Globe (PWAG) is the successor organization of the worldwide campaign “1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005”. These 1000 women rallying for peace all over the world unfortunately did not receive the prize. Instead, a global network of women experts with an enormous knowledge in peace building resulted from the initiative and united in the organization PeaceWomen Across the Globe. PWAG is governed by an International Board and coordinated by the International Secretariat in Bern (Switzerland) which cooperates with a team of around 20 regional coordinators. Six regional offices support the cooperation on the ground. PWAG advocates for women’s integration and active participation as real stakeholders at all levels of activities that contribute to increasing human security and ending violence against women.

- ⑥ 17 August in Bern, Switzerland: **Annual meeting of the International Board and first General Assembly for members**
- ⑦ October in Buenos Aires, Argentina: **Training course on domestic violence and women’s rights**
- ⑧ November in São Paulo, Brazil: **Final session of the workshop series on the new sensitization method on violence against women with book and film launch**
- ⑨ 23/24 November in Alexandria, Egypt: **Dialogue Forum “Women and Democratic Change”**
- ⑩ 27 November in Panama City, Panama: **Training course on “UNSCR 1325 and the Current International Context, and Women’s Rights”**



## PROJECTS

# Tackling violence against women

PWAG has set up projects in Argentina, Brazil, and Indonesia to address the points of intersection between violations of human rights, women's influence on peace processes, and promoting a culture of peace. The cross-regional project launched in 2011 addresses the issue of violence against women as the greatest obstacle to the implementation of the demands of UN Security Council Resolution 1325<sup>1</sup> on women, peace, and security.

In a seminar for Bolivian government officials, the **Latin America regional office** showed how UNSCR 1325 could be implemented. The aim was to enhance the officials' capacity to protect women against violence through the knowledge that they acquired at the seminar.

In Colombia, PeaceWoman Ana Teresa Bernal organized a forum on UNSCR 1325 in the specific context of her country's conflict with the support of the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation in Bogotá. This provided an opportunity to dis-

<sup>1</sup>Resolution 1325 was adopted by the UN Security Council on October 31, 2000. It calls for the protection of women's rights and the inclusion of women in all phases of conflict transformation and the establishment of long-term peace.

*“First, women become victims, then survivors, and then we rise to become counselors, and role models for other women.”*

A PeaceWoman from Indonesia

cuss compensation for victims of conflict and ways of integrating women more closely into peace processes.

In Panama, PWAG organized a seminar aimed at publicizing the demands of UNSCR 1325 in cooperation with a local development organization for women and the help of two PeaceWomen.

The **Brazil regional office** developed a sensitization method that links violence against women to reproductive health, relations between women and men, and gender justice. In 2012, the Brazil coordinator presented this method at the World Conference on Women’s Shelters in Washington D.C. and held workshops on the topic in various parts of Brazil. The aim was to anchor the new sensitization method in government institutions and NGOs. Around 155 people attended the workshops in 2012. Some 15 per cent of the participants were men.

In cooperation with PeaceWomen and human rights institutions, the **Indonesia coordinator** organized a women’s survivor learning forum in Jakarta. The focus was on establishing links between female survivors of violence and on encouraging young women to get involved in peacebuilding. Networks of survivors and young women were set up as a result. These groups now organize events together. In order to improve event coordination, the organizations leading on these projects are planning to set up an umbrella organization.

The forum also put the topic of violence against women on the political agenda. A meeting was arranged with the Jakarta government to discuss how women’s safety on public transport could be improved. And at a public debate held during the run-up to the election for a new governor of Jakarta, the candidates discussed how to deal with victims of violence.

## EGYPT

# Dialogue forums to promote democratization processes

**One of the big surprises of the Egyptian revolution was that women participated as equals to men in the demonstrations on Tahrir Square. However, women were almost completely excluded from the subsequent democratization processes. The PWAG project that came about at the request of local women's organizations tackles this issue. The idea is to hold dialogue forums where women will be able to identify the main reasons preventing them from participating in political and social change and to find ways of addressing this problem.**

Following intensive preparation by PWAG's International Secretariat, a local coordinator, and a steering committee comprised of Egyptian women's organizations, the first dialogue forum took place in Alexandria on 23 and 24 November 2012. It was attended by 140 women and men from various regions and different sectors of society, as well as by female and male

government representatives. The presence of six PeaceWomen from Palestine, Sudan, Sri Lanka, England, Uganda, and Mexico, who shared their expertise with the Egyptian women, played an important role in the forum's success.

The report on the forum was published in English and Arabic and included expertise from other conflict-transformation situations and democratization processes, as well as a list of recommendations.

Three main insights are important for the future of the project. Firstly, the majority of women need more knowledge and skills in order to assert their rights. Secondly, state institutions and traditional family structures often block women's participation in democratization processes. And thirdly, the dialogue forums must be held in the regions in order to achieve integrative and effective results. PWAG plans to implement regional forums in Aswan and Luxor by the end of 2013.



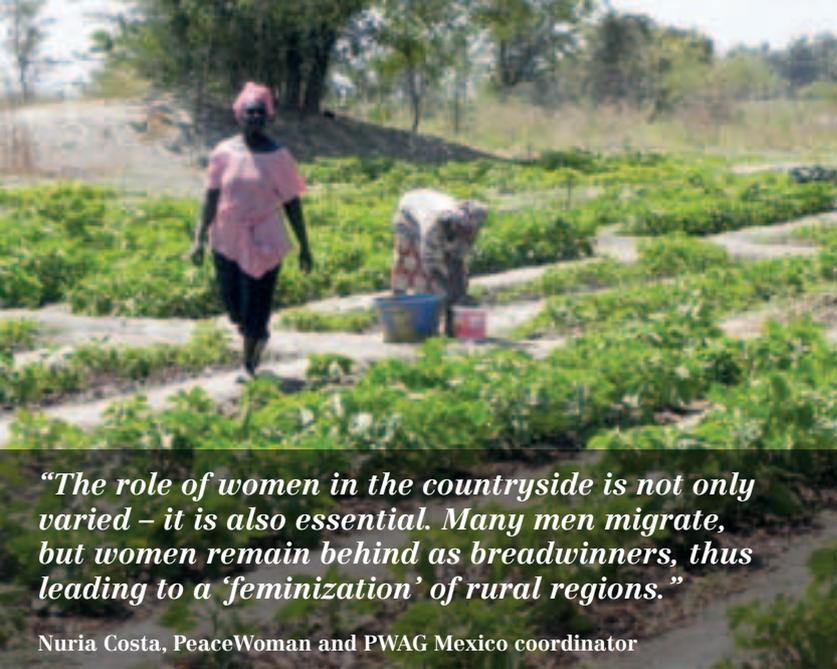
# Women are building peace



**Sudanese women have been actively working to establish peace for as long as there has been conflict in the region. However, recurrent violence and gender-specific discrimination prevent women from sharing their knowledge and needs in political decision-making and peace processes.**

In 2011, PWAG started a project aimed at supporting Peace-Women from Sudan and South Sudan by establishing links between them and improving their resources. One outcome of a seminar organized shortly after the division of Sudan was that PeaceWomen set up the platform “Sudanese Women Are Building Peace” with the aim of improving the skills of women who help to consolidate peace. The platform held a workshop in Khartoum in January 2012 in order to explore its own strengths and weaknesses and to draw up concrete tasks.

As part of a comprehensive understanding of peace that includes the objectives of social justice and the safeguarding of livelihoods, selected members of the group were given micro-credits for rural community projects. Four of the six projects to receive support had been successfully carried out by the end of October 2012. It was not possible to work on the other two projects, including the project in Darfur, because of the unstable security situation.



# Women show how to safeguard the food supply

*“The role of women in the countryside is not only varied – it is also essential. Many men migrate, but women remain behind as breadwinners, thus leading to a ‘feminization’ of rural regions.”*

Nuria Costa, PeaceWoman and PWAG Mexico coordinator

The scarcer natural resources become and the less equally they are distributed, the greater their potential to cause conflicts. In order to prevent or mitigate such conflicts, PWAG is providing guidance on projects in China and Mexico aimed at safeguarding livelihoods and using natural resources sustainably. PeaceWomen are also involved in ecological projects in Germany, Colombia, and Sudan.

In 2012, our **China coordinator** co-organized the second South-South Forum on Sustainability in Chongqing. The topics addressed ranged from food security to nuclear energy. Over ten PeaceWomen took part in the discussions. The coor-

dinator also organized the “Rural Women Traditional Handcrafts and Healthy Eating Project” which aimed at supporting rural women to give lectures at events and in universities and at supporting volunteers to go to the village to document the women’s stories and their traditional culture.

Our **Mexico coordinator** focuses on food sovereignty, working with rural women whom she brings together with farmers from all over the world. She launched projects such as women’s banks and ecological villages. She also arranged a visit by a German-Colombian sustainability delegation to a women’s cooperative in San Gil, Colombia.

## Review and outlook

There were staffing and structural changes in the International Secretariat during 2012. A new position of director was created, and the experienced fundraiser **Meike Sahling** was appointed to this role. Our project officer **Tanja Mirabile** took charge of the dialogue forums in Egypt and the mediation training that is being held in Nepal in 2013. **Shazia Islamshah** was hired as a second project officer with responsibility for the peace platform in Sudan, as well as for projects that address violence against women and the implementation of UNSCR 1325. **Cordula Reimann** had a temporary contract as a program advisor. Our former project assistant **Maaret Jokela** took on responsibility for press and PR in 2012. The communications expert **Lisa Salza** was appointed to this second newly created position in 2013. **Kathrin Meier** and **Susanne Gfeller** supported the International Secretariat as interns in 2012.

Two longstanding employees left PWAG during the reporting year: **Maren Haartje** had a major impact on all parts of our organization since the foundation of 1000 Peace Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 and ensured our financial survival. **Anna Haller** worked on projects for three years. We would like to thank both women for their hard work and their support for this wonderful idea of a global network of PeaceWomen.

PeaceWomen Across the Globe thanks all private donors and institutions that supported us with financial contributions in 2012. We express our gratitude to the following institutions in particular.

- Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
- Bread for the World – Church Development Service
- Lottery Fund Canton Bern
- Foundations: Corymbo, Fondation Assistance, Valüna, Volkart Vision

We are also very grateful to all those who support our work on a voluntary basis, namely the members of the International Board and the regional coordinators who have provided their services; the committed women and men who give us a helping hand in the organization of events and projects. Very special thanks go to our exhibition team Eva Gillis and Lasse Andersson for their great creative work and their untiring efforts for PeaceWomen Across the Globe.

# Statement of Operations

Income	2012	2011
<b>Payments from Public Institutions</b>	<b>396 624.44</b>	<b>459 260.11</b>
Switzerland	210 540.00	285 253.55
Germany	186 084.44	174 006.56
<b>Donations from Foundations, Organizations and Institutions</b>	<b>298 821.55</b>	<b>310 378.48</b>
Switzerland	237 000.00	310 378.48
Worldwide	61 821.55	0.00
<b>Donations from Churches</b>	<b>6 790.85</b>	<b>6 568.20</b>
<b>Donations from Individuals and Enterprises</b>	<b>25 894.10</b>	<b>44 596.30</b>
Switzerland	25 894.10	32 077.50
Worldwide	0.00	12 518.80
<b>Various (Books, Exhibitions)</b>	<b>7 288.96</b>	<b>9 724.25</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>735 419.90</b>	<b>830 527.34</b>

Expenditure	2012	2011
<b>Project Expenditures</b>		<b>409 625.02</b>
Salaries	162 315.52	61 510.82
Overhead	17 200.83	242.15
Material Cost	300 050.15	274 055.33
Project Contributions Various Projects	31 836.37	73 816.72
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>234 917.15</b>	<b>237 277.68</b>
Salaries International Secretariat	299 073.85	245 863.88
Permanent Personnel	257 782.35	188 149.40
Temporary Personnel	41 291.50	57 714.48
Social Insurance Contribution	51 101.75	40 925.40
Other Personnel Costs	10 741.55	4 088.40
Project-Bound Personnel Costs	-126 000.00	-53 600.00
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>52 133.40</b>	<b>64 443.27</b>
Rent and Infrastructure	23 860.97	25 870.50
Support Services	15 057.70	12 698.80
Running Costs	6 269.05	6 587.26
Communication	10 654.33	9 581.75
Financial Expenses	2 746.35	9 704.96
Rebooking of Operating Expenses onto Projects	-6 455.00	
<b>Association Costs</b>	<b>20 348.81</b>	<b>18 754.31</b>
International Board	15 157.31	13 913.65
Association	1 865.10	3 946.26
Audit	3 326.40	894.40
<b>Fund</b>	<b>11 632.31</b>	
Withdrawal	-55 669.46	0.00
Deposit	44 037.15	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>807 169.92</b>	<b>730 100.00</b>
<b>Annual Profit / Loss</b>	<b>-71 750.02</b>	<b>100 427.06</b>

# Balance

	2012	2011
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Liquid Assets</b>	<b>267 947.90</b>	<b>387 915.11</b>
<b>Outstanding Accounts</b>	<b>27 449.41</b>	<b>29 738.50</b>
<b>Accounts Paid in Advance</b>	<b>840.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>296 239.31</b>	<b>417 655.61</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Short-term Liabilities</b>	<b>79 609.01</b>	<b>137 234.04</b>
Various Accounts Payable	21 791.21	29 269.60
Prepayment German Church Development Service	57 817.80	7 964.44
Prepayment Valüna Foundation	0.00	100 000.00
<b>Accounts Received in Advance</b>	<b>6 620.40</b>	<b>6 700.00</b>
<b>Fund Capital</b>	<b>141 097.76</b>	<b>133 059.42</b>
Sudan Project	106 000.12	61 962.97
Egypt Project	15 426.99	71 096.45
Egypt Project Regional Fora	19 670.65	
<b>Equity</b>	<b>68 912.14</b>	<b>140 662.15</b>
Accumulated Retained Earnings	140 662.15	40 235.09
Annual Profit/Loss	-71 750.02	100 427.06
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>296 239.31</b>	<b>417 655.61</b>

# Comment

The PWAG's annual financial statement was revised by the independent auditors BDO Visura and complies with the Swiss law and the PWAG statutes. The annual financial statement was executed in accordance to the Swiss GAAP FER 21 and is quoted in Swiss francs. In 2012, PWAG showed a deficit of 71,750.02 CHF. This is attributed to fluctuating payments from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Human Security Division, within the framework of the core financial contribution for PWAG. In addition, as a result of a stronger focus on project work, salary costs for project management increased.

The Report of the Auditor is available at the International Secretariat in Bern and on our website.

# Making peace work visible

**PWAG makes use of unconventional reporting and creative PR activities to meet its aims of inspiring dedicated women and informing the global community about the impressive work carried out by PeaceWomen.**

**Traveling exhibitions** are a key tool in our sensitization work. In 2012, PWAG organized its third exhibition “safe water. with women!” in cooperation with the international organizations Women for Water Partnership and Green Cross International. The exhibition portrays ten female water experts who have developed strategies for improving access to water and conserving it in the long term, thus preventing or mitigating resource conflicts in their region. The exhibition was shown for the first time at the World Water Forum, which took place in Marseille from 12 to 17 March 2012.

The Swiss Embassy in Guatemala presented “1000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe” in ten different locations between

September 2011 and June 2012. Designed in 2005, this exhibition portrays the PeaceWomen who were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize that year. Local PeaceWomen attended many of the exhibitions in Guatemala. The embassy was overwhelmed by the success of the exhibition, which showed that women’s movements in the region had received new impetus and that the voices of the PeaceWomen had become more audible. The embassy said that this was particularly important in inland regions because discrimination against women and the violence associated with it are very common in these areas. In Argentina and Guatemala, the exhibition complemented other activities to sensitize the police and military to violence against women. PWAG also used “1000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe”, as well as the 2010 exhibition “No Women – No Peace” in its project work. These visual instruments highlight the organization’s understanding of peace (see pages 6 – 10).



*“But there is also good news – encouraging stories about women and men who succeed in their endeavours to make the world a better place.”*

Ute Scheub, PWAG coordinator for Western Europe

**Awards and documentation** also play an important role in making peace work more visible. PWAG co-funds the website Visionews, which reports on good examples of peacebuilding and was awarded the 2012 Alternative Media Prize. In 2012, PWAG’s coordinator for Western Europe, Ute Scheub, co-published a book called “Gute Nachrichten” (“Good News”), a compilation of reports published on Visionews, with the Heinrich Böll Foundation. An updated version of this book will be available in English from November 2013.

The Spanish translation of the book, “1000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe”, means that many people in Spanish-speaking countries are now able to read about the experiences of the PeaceWomen.

The coordination office in Brazil published a book and produced a film to document the method that it developed in 2011 and 2012 to sensitize people to violence against women (see page 7). The book and film are called “Mulheres e homens trabalhando pela paz e contra a violência doméstica” (“Women and Men Working for Peace and against Domestic Violence.”)

At the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, the Dutch cultural center Erasmus Huis awarded a prize to the Indonesian film, “Payung Hitam” (“Black Umbrella”), which portrays two women affected by violence. The film was produced as part of a current PWAG project (see page 7).

PeaceWomen from Egypt, Belarus, Chile, Germany, Ecuador, Guatemala, Colombia, and Switzerland received awards for their outstanding services to peacebuilding during the reporting year. The Right Livelihood Award, which is often referred to as the “Alternative Nobel Prize”, was awarded to the PWAG coordinator, Sima Samar from Afghanistan (see page 2).

Ugandan PeaceWomen Stella Sabiiti (cover picture on the right) and other participants of the Dialogue Forum in Egypt never lose their smile in spite of the bumpy road to peace.

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