



PeaceWomen Across the Globe
FRIEDENSFRAUEN WELTWEIT
نساء من أجل السلام عبر العالم
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 2013

PORTRAIT

Sharon Bhagwan Rolls

Media activist and
PeaceWoman from Fiji,
Women of Distinction
Award Winner 2014.



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“Our media efforts may not always claim the national headlines, just as our peace vigils are not a passive but deliberate silence, which is very much a component of non-violence. It is in such silence that the seeds of action are sown. We believe that when women come together for peace, our message can resound throughout the nation and throughout the world.”

“What to do when we don’t like the world as it is?”

This question was posed by the late psychoanalyst Ruth Cohn. Indeed – what should we do? The world is a long way from being how it should be – for example, free from violence and governed by open-minded politicians. On the contrary: wars, arms, underhandedness and environmental disasters are damaging the world. I recently spoke with young people in Palestine. Imprisoned in their own country, they no longer see any prospects for the future. Peace is a long way off.

As I write this text, Ukraine is disintegrating. In South Sudan, women, children and men are being killed because access to power and thus to enormous oil wealth is more important than human lives. In Nigeria, girls are violently kidnapped and robbed of all their rights. Killings in Syria, DR Congo, Iraq and Afghanistan hardly even make the headlines now. In Egypt, violent conflicts are destroying hopes of the rule of law and politics that respect human rights.

Many civil society organizations are endeavoring in a variety of ways to alleviate the misery of war, to strengthen human rights, particularly those of women, to initiate peace processes, and to make it possible for people to live without fear and terror. Given

the current 414 armed conflicts, these endeavors seem like only a drop in the ocean in this disturbing world.

But giving up is not an option! This is also the motto of PeaceWomen Across the Globe. In cooperation with PeaceWomen from the regions and partner organizations, we hold dialogue forums in Egypt, offer training courses for women peace mediators and negotiators, present our exhibitions, tackle violence against women in Indonesia, Latin America and Switzerland, build on the global network and raise funds for these activities.

It is a matter of supporting courageous PeaceWomen and taking responsibility – not just for one’s own surroundings, but also for the world.

We are grateful to our supporters for sharing this responsibility.



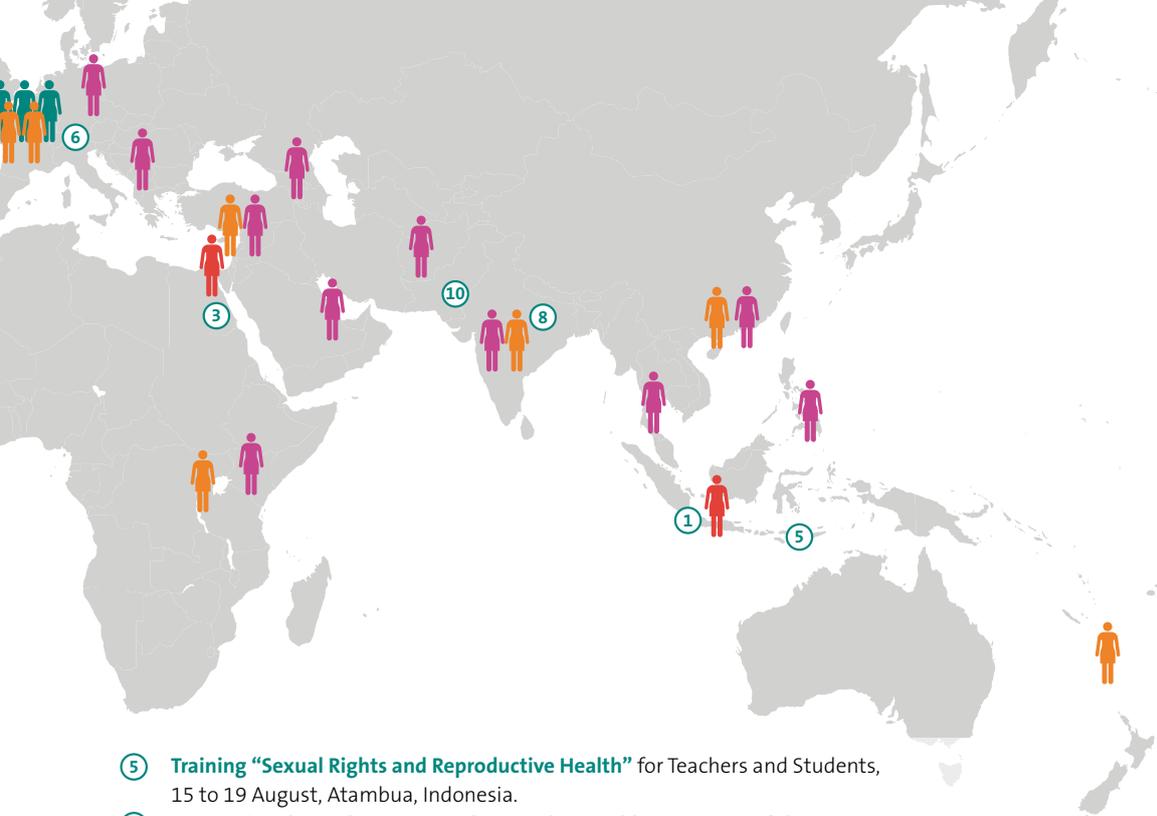
NETWORK

Our commitment



Some activities of the network 2013

- ① **Seminar “Gender, Feminism and Post Conflict in Media”**, University Pelita Harapan, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- ② **Workshops and Public Panels “Women Trafficking and Sexual Violence”**, 11/12 April in Florianópolis, 9/10 May in Foz do Iguacu and 6/7 June in Rio Branco (combined with the International Project Meeting “Violence Against Women”), Brazil.
- ③ **Assessment Trip and Meetings with Women Rights Organizations for Dialogue Forums**, 10 – 16 May in Aswan, Cairo and Luxor, Egypt.
- ④ **Intercultural Summer Workshop for Kids on Sustainable Development**, 15 July to 9 August, Ahuacuotzingo, Mexico.



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.

- ⑤ **Training “Sexual Rights and Reproductive Health”** for Teachers and Students, 15 to 19 August, Atambua, Indonesia.
- ⑥ **International Board Meeting and General Assembly, Screening of the Documentary produced by PWAG Indonesia “Black Umbrella”**, 28 to 31 August in Bern, Switzerland.
- ⑦ **Expert Panel and Art Exhibition “International Day Against Human Trafficking”**, 24 September in La Plata, Argentina.
- ⑧ **Women Peace Mediators Course**, 18 September to 8 October, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ⑨ **International Panel “Women Weaving Paths and Destinies for the World Community”**, 23/24 October in Morelos, Mexico.
- ⑩ **Youth Forum “Diversity is Beautiful: Respect Differences and Celebrate Commonalities“**, 10 December in Islamabad, Pakistan.

PROMOTING PARTICIPATION

Strengthening women peace mediators



Women are mostly under-represented in formal peace processes, although they have enormous resources and a wealth of experience. Our peace mediation course taps into precisely this point.

PWAG held the first gender-sensitive mediation course in Nepal from September 18 to October 8, 2013. Our Indian partner organization Sangat and the Tewa Center in Kathmandu, which is run by PeaceWoman Rita Thapa, were involved in organizing and holding the training. The course was aimed at women based in Asia who have experience of peace processes and are active on various intervention levels.

Training in gender-sensitive conflict management was a recurring topic during the course. The women were made aware that definitions

of gender are about the distribution of power and that gender roles are constructed by society and can be changed. Using real-life conflict situations and role playing, the participants learned that successful mediators must be able to identify gender stereotypes and to initiate a process of social change. Thanks to the diversity of the trainers, the participants had the chance to deal with very different aspects of conflict managements, including traditional conflict-resolution approaches from Africa, public-speaking exercises, and art as a means of expressing hidden emotions.

The participants rated the course as highly successful. They praised its relevance to real life and the many opportunities it gave for participation. We are building on this and planning further peace mediation courses in other parts of the world.

A participant from Pakistan shares her experiences with the group. The many ways to contribute to the course were much appreciated.

Intended added value: the Women Peace Mediators Network (WPMN)

The establishment of a network among the participants was promoted during the mediation course itself. This led to the creation of a network of women peace mediators that currently works mainly in individual countries, but which has also developed an encouraging dynamism of its own. The four Pakistani participants organized a youth forum on December 10 that focused on peace and gender. In turn, this led to the establishment of the Youth Peace Network Pakistan. One of the first projects carried out by the group under the supervision of its mentors from the Women Peace Mediators Network was the production of a documentary film on different views of everyday life and violent situations, particularly those affecting women.

Dialogue forums: a promising approach to foster participation

Working with local women's organizations, in 2011 PWAG identified dialogue as a possible method for promoting women's participation in the political transformation processes in Egypt. By definition, dialogue-based processes are participatory. They reveal conflicts on key topics and have the potential to promote mutual understanding. In a fragmented society, such as that in Egypt, where people rarely have contact with those who think differently to them, dialogue can be a way to recognize common ground rather than to reinforce images of the enemy. As this process is based on the joint development of solutions, the chances of reaching consensus are real.

In 2012, PWAG organized the first large-group dialogue forum, which was attended by 140 people, in Alexandria. One of the recommendations resulting from this forum was to include the regional provinces in the process. To this end, our director Meike Sahling and our project manager Tanja Mirabile travelled to Cairo, Luxor and Aswan in May 2013 to meet the steering committee and potential partners for organizing regional dialogue forums. Due to the instable security situation during the year under review, the first regional dialogue forum only took place in March 2014 in Luxor.

The careful use of resources preserves peace

Promoting the blue economy, exchange between cities and the countryside, and young people as supporters of a responsible approach to natural resources – our coordinators in China and Mexico conduct a wide range of activities, thus helping to prevent resource conflicts and to preserve peace.

In April and May, a delegation from PWAG presented its projects on sustainable development and food sovereignty at the world congress of the Blue Economy movement, which calls for sustainability for everyone – not just for those who can afford “green”, that is, organic products – and focuses on regional recycling of waste, using nature as a role model. The PWAG women are now applying the knowledge about the Blue Economy that they acquired at the congress in their own projects in Mexico, Colombia, China and Germany. They were par-

ticularly impressed by the example of El Hierro, the smallest Canary Island, which obtains all of its electricity from renewable energies and is also a role model in other aspects of sustainability.

Nuria Costa, PeaceWoman and project coordinator in **Mexico**, organized workshops and forums on the sustainable use of natural resources and on conflict prevention. Her focus was on the contribution made by women and on the potential found in traditional, community-based lifestyles for living in harmony with nature. The aim of her traditional summer courses, Verano Intercultural, is that the young generation will preserve its ancestors’ knowledge and campaign for sustainable development. It is very important to Nuria to include knowledge from other cultures. In 2013, she invited the story preserver Tang Li-fang from Taiwan to the summer course.



Tang Li-fang from Taiwan showing Mexican children how they can easily make soap out of orange peel.

She showed the young people how much useful knowledge can be found in books and stories.

In the project team in **China**, which is led by our International Board member Kin Chi Lau, the focus was also on rural traditions and how to preserve them. The team promoted exchange and mutual support between cities and the countryside by holding lectures at traditional festivals and universities, as well as by selling art and agricultural produce at stands in Beijing. The end of the year saw the publication of the book “Peace Rooted in Ecology, Livelihood and Cultures: An Action Research with Chinese PeaceWomen”, which documents the work of eleven PeaceWomen.

“Working with the Blue Economy, you see that nature itself has the most sustainable solutions for protecting the environment and safeguarding the food supply.”

Feedback on the international forum, Women and Sustainability, in Mexico

“safe water. with women!” Our third exhibition

It has become a PWAG tradition to design traveling exhibitions to make women’s peace work visible. The exhibition “safe water. with women!” portrays female experts who have developed regional strategies for the sustainable use of water. In September 2013, the exhibition moved to the University of Bern, where it was shown as part of the event, The Right to Water – A Cornerstone of Sustainable Development, at which the Canadian PeaceWoman Maude Barlow was a guest speaker. The exhibition subsequently moved to Frankfurt, where it was displayed by the World Day of Prayer International Committee in December 2013 and January 2014 at a seminar to prepare its campaign, Egypt 2014: Streams in the Desert.

CURBING VIOLENCE

Local action, interregional learning

The transsexual woman Talita Oliveira told her own story at a sensitization workshop in Brazil to help people gain a better understanding of the dangers of human trafficking.



In tackling violence against women, PWAG takes an interregional learning approach. The regional offices in Brazil, Indonesia and Argentina regularly share their experiences with one another, with an annual meeting as the highlight of this collaboration. In 2013, this meeting took place in Rio Branco in northern Brazil.

PWAG's coordinator in **Indonesia**, Caroline Monteiro, uses literary and film material to encourage young people to tackle violence against women and to stand up for sexual and reproductive rights. She does not only use existing material, but also produces her own texts and films. In 2013, she was mainly active in the post-conflict regions of Atambua (West Timor) and Aceh, where she works with schools and women's peace networks. The formal educational system provides hardly any information on reproductive health and sexual rights. This motivated our team in Indonesia to hold workshops to sensitize teachers and students on these issues. These workshops showed that students are better informed and less constrained by cultural norms than their teachers are.

The previous year, Vera Vieira, PWAG's coordinator in **Brazil**, presented the sensitization method, A Feminist Popular Education for Women and Men, on the national and international level. This method addresses trafficking in women and sexual violence. The series of workshops continued in 2013, reaching 200 people in leadership positions in NGOs and academia, as well as young people and survivors of violence. Their demands were the same everywhere: women and men should question gender roles and tackle the issue of violence together. Furthermore, women must be better represented at the highest decision-making level. Vera Vieira's work on the problems of trafficking in women – which

Raising visibility in Switzerland

PWAG also tackles violence against women in Switzerland. In 2013, we supported the first and global campaign, One Billion Rising. The International Secretariat set up the Swiss campaign page on Facebook and organized a dance flash mob in Bern on the action day, February 14. PWAG also took part in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence campaign, a series of activities that takes place each year between November 25 and December 10. We showed a film, followed by a panel discussion, on how women in Colombia are affected by conflict violence and how they are working for sustainable peace.

Our two newsletters also focused on the topic of violence. In the March edition, we reported on the prevention of violence, while in November we wrote about the women's rights convention CEDAW.

affects Brazil as both a country of origin and a target country – attracted a great deal of media coverage, thus reaching millions of people. She also published a brochure that can be used as training material in future activities.

PWAG’s coordinator in Argentina, María Julia Moreyra, is responsible for **Latin America and the Caribbean**. Her activities in tackling violence against women took her to Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico in 2013. She used the exhibition “1000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe” to make PeaceWomen’s impact more visible and also helped to strengthen the PWAG network through her work with local organizations. One highlight was the conference on UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security in San José, Costa Rica, on September 13. PWAG organized this conference in cooperation with the Costa Rican National Women’s Institute (INAMU). The then President of Costa Rica, Laura Chinchilla, and PeaceWoman Elizabeth Odio Benito attended the event. After the conference, María Julia Moreyra held a workshop on “Do no harm” in which she shared with local NGOs her knowledge on conflict analysis. At the end of October, our coordinator attended a train-the-trainer workshop organized by the Argentinian Ministry of Justice. This workshop has enabled her to train authorities, civil institutions and victims in the fields of gender mainstreaming and trafficking in women for the purpose of sexual exploitation.



Female activists of all ages attended the event on women, peace and security in Costa Rica.

“It’s fundamental to speak about gender stereotypes on television, since this medium is still the most powerful mass communication vehicle.”

Vera Vieira, PWAG coordinator in Brazil, after her TV interview on violence against women.

Team and board news

2013 was a year of getting to know each other for the team in Bern under PWAG's new director, **Meike Sahling**. In project work, **Shazia Islamshah** was responsible for the field of violence against women (until the end of August), while **Tanja Mirabile** coordinated the dialogue forums and the peace mediation course. **Maaret Jokela** was responsible for communications until the end of April. Her successor, **Lisa Salza**, took over in May. Our interns, **Claudia Blaser**, **Annina Gonzenbach** and **Kathrin Wartmann**, provided excellent support.

There were several changes in communications. The newsletter was redesigned, and we set up a Facebook page whose number of followers almost tripled within a year. At the end of the year, we opened a blog that provides a platform for reports by female peace activists. We were awarded Zewo certification in November, a seal of approval which ensures donors that their donation will be used responsibly.

We received sad news from our team in Argentina: **Mónica Vázquez**, co-coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, died of cancer on July 15. We are extremely saddened by this loss, both professionally and personally.

We welcomed **Alejandra Miller Restrepo** from Colombia as a new member of our International Board in 2013. Alejandra is an experienced peace and women's rights activist and represents the Latin American continent.

PeaceWomen Across the Globe received financial support from the following institutions in 2013:

- The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Human Security Division, which provided core funding, as well as for the women peace mediators course in Nepal
- Bread for the World – Protestant Development Service, Germany
- World Day of Prayer Committee, Germany

We would also like to thank private individuals and the parishes for their donations.

In addition, we are indebted to our coordinators and regional representatives, most of whom work for us on a voluntary basis strengthening PWAG's network in the 20 global regions. Volunteers also provided support during events.

Many thanks for all your support!

Statement of Operations

Income	2013	2012
Payments from Public Institutions	468 141.00	396 624.44
Switzerland	269 311.30	210 540.00
Germany	198 829.70	186 084.44
Donations from Foundations, Organizations and Institutions	5 000.00	298 821.55
Switzerland	5 000.00	237 000.00
Worldwide	0.00	61 821.55
Donations from Churches	1 700.00	6 790.85
Donations from Individuals and Enterprises	44 615.75	25 894.10
Various (Books, Exhibitions)	9 090.04	7 288.96
Total Income	528 546.79	735 419.90

Expenditure	2013	2012
Project Expenditures	424 604.25	511 402.87
Salaries	148 394.83	162 315.52
Overhead	4 350.44	17 200.83
Material Cost	271 858.98	300 050.15
Project Contributions Various Projects	0.00	31 836.37
Personnel Costs	179 535.97	234 917.15
Salaries International Secretariat	257 699.84	299 073.85
Permanent Personnel	233 872.10	257 782.35
Temporary Personnel	23 827.74	41 291.50
Social Insurance Contribution	41 923.05	51 101.75
Other Personnel Costs	1 593.60	10 741.55
Project-Bound Personnel Costs	-121 680.52	-126 000.00
Operating Costs	57 801.61	52 133.40
Rent and Infrastructure	22 669.50	23 860.97
Support Services	8 210.40	15 057.70
Running Costs	9 040.04	6 269.05
Communication	21 146.84	10 654.33
Financial Expenses	-265.17	2 746.35
Rebooking of Operating Expenses onto Projects	-3 000.00	-6 455.00
Association Costs	22 851.10	20 348.81
International Board	20 539.25	15 157.31
Association	259.85	1 865.10
Audit	2 052.00	3 326.40
Fund	-9 246.43	-11 632.31
Withdrawal	-15 426.99	-55 669.46
Deposit	6 180.56	44 037.15
Total Expenditures	675 546.50	807 169.92
Annual Profit / Loss	-146 999.71	-71 750.02

Balance

	2013	2012
Assets		
Liquid Assets	141 029.41	267 947.90
Outstanding Accounts	36 018.50	27 449.41
Accounts Paid in Advance	38 938.55	840.00
Fixed Assets	2.00	2.00
Total Assets	215 988.46	296 239.31
Liabilities		
Short-term Liabilities	137 439.70	79 609.01
Various Accounts Payable	67 572.45	21 791.21
Prepayment Bread for the World	69 867.25	57 817.80
Long-term Liabilities	15 000.00	0.00
Accounts Received in Advance	9 785.00	6 620.40
Fund Capital	131 851.33	141 097.76
Sudan Project	106 000.12	106 000.12
Egypt Project	0.00	15 426.99
Egypt Project Regional Fora	25 851.21	19 670.65
Equity	-78 087.57	68 912.14
Accumulated Retained Earnings	68 912.14	140 662.15
Annual Profit/Loss	-146 999.71	-71 750.02
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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. PWAG recorded a deficit of CHF 146,999.71 in 2013, mainly because its collaboration with two large foundations ended after several years.

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



Cover and back page: Sharing knowledge, experience and happiness: the participants of PWAG's first peace meditation course had a lot of fun together while learning.

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