

empower women



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"I want to give back, I love being able to share whatever I know."

— Virinie Nizigama, marking International Women's Day



"Being a midwife is to be a woman who gives life to another woman who is giving life."

— Indigenous midwives





5 GENDER EQUALITY



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Making a difference in South Sudan ▲

Amidst continued fighting, extreme drought and famine, Rebecca Deng is determined to make an impact in her native South Sudan. Last year she established the Winnipeg Women's Resource Centre in Bor, with the help of PWRDF's Connections program, as well as two Winnipeg churches: the Emmanuel Mission and St. Matthew's Anglican whose space it shares. The centre has made a world of difference to the 200 women and children who attend daily classes in math and literacy. Women are learning to sew, and important life skills such as HIV and AIDS prevention, personal hygiene, water purification and livestock management. Women also receive counselling which has promoted psychological healing from the devastating war. They are learning about female empowerment and how they can resolve conflicts peacefully.



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When women lead, everyone wins ▲

Partner: IXMUCANE

Ixmucane is a women's organization established in 1993 in Peten, Guatemala formed by women returning home from refugee camps in the bordering Mexican communities after the civil war. The 300 members, women 18 and older, pay annual dues of \$2, do community work, elect a board and have staff. Skills and knowledge development, networking, lobbying and advocacy in relation to rights, leadership training, income generation and life improvement are priorities for the organization. This empowerment has led to greater gender balance in their communities with men gaining better understanding of the roles played by mothers and fathers within the family. Decision making is key and though it takes longer as all members count, IXMUCANE is a community looking for effective results, not quick ones.



"I am grateful to God that I am alive," said Kilaza. "I feel happy and healthy. If I would not be the beneficiary of this dairy goat program, I would have died. Many have died, but I am glad I have been alive to see this change."

Zainabu Kilaza, goat recipient-World of Gifts

Micro-Finance Program ▲

Partner: CCM Pemba, Cooperative of Credit of Women, Mozambique

PWRDF's micro-finance program extends small loans to very poor women for self-employment projects that generate income. The loans have enabled women to develop their entrepreneurship skills by building and expanding existing businesses and becoming self-employed. In Pemba town, Mozambique, through partner CCM Pemba, PWRDF has provided the opportunity for 392 women who are living under the poverty line to access micro-financing for their small businesses. The loans have allowed women to start or run businesses ranging from restaurants, convenience stores, food stands, catering, hairdressing and more. Not only are women benefitting- so are their families and communities.