



WorldYWCA

LEADING CHANGE, TOGETHER



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IMPACT REPORT

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LEADING
CHANGE IN
A CHANGING
WORLD

In 2024 and 2025, the world shifted in ways that carried profound consequences for women, young women and girls. Across the globe, hundreds of thousands of YWCA leaders have supported one another through conflict, crisis and uncertainty, bearing witness to injustice, standing in solidarity, and strengthening the collective resilience of the movement. We are experiencing the highest number of active conflicts since 1946, and 676 million women and girls live within 50km of deadly conflict, the highest number recorded since the 1990s ([UN Women](#)). At the same time, progress remains fragile: the proportion of women and girls living in extreme poverty has stalled at around 10%, with more than [351 million](#) expected to remain in extreme poverty by 2030. This is the context in which our movement continues to act. YWCA community and global leaders have been witness to such realities before.

Shaped by more than 170 years of leadership by and for women and young women, the World YWCA is a global movement with presence in over 100 countries and rooted in thousands of local communities.

Since 2015, the movement has impacted more than 73.7 million people, including 33.9 million young women, through work that advances transformative leadership, supports sexual and reproductive health and rights, challenges violence against women and girls, and promotes peace with justice and security.

Yes, women’s rights movements have changed the world, laws have been written, services established, and barriers broken, but progress has not always translated into justice. Millions of women and girls are still navigating systems built to hold them back, and at the current pace, it will take more than 120 years to close the global gender gap ([World Economic Forum](#)). The challenge lies in where power sits and in the limited investment reaching those who are already leading change.



“As we mark the midpoint of our progress toward Goal 2035, we are proud to share the profound accomplishments of the YWCA collective.”

Casey Harden,
CEO/General Secretary



This moment calls for clarity of purpose and scale of ambition. For the World YWCA movement, that ambition is captured in Goal 2035:

By 2035, 100 million young women and girls will transform power structures to create justice, gender equality, and a world without violence and war; leading a sustainable YWCA movement, inclusive of all women.

Adopted by the World YWCA in 2015, this bold, transformative goal affirms our foundational belief in centering young women and girls, establishes a clear objective for the sustainability of our movement, and directly reflects our commitment to the future.

This report reflects the key developments that shaped the World YWCA's journey across the two years of 2024 and 2025. It captures significant milestones made possible by strong partnerships with YWCA leaders, faith-based and humanism-

driven allies, and women's rights and youth organisations in alignment with our [Strategic Framework 2024-2027](#). We gratefully acknowledge the vital contributions and unwavering commitment of YWCA leaders and entities worldwide, our partners and generous donors, and we look forward to continued collaboration as we work toward our shared goals.



"We believe that our core and collective strength as a women's rights movement, firmly grounded in communities and driven by our ecumenical values and commitment to justice and human rights frameworks, will continue to sustain our hope, pride, and legacy as we work toward our bold vision for the future."

Mira Rizeq,
President

Read on to learn more about how YWCA boldly puts organisational vision into practice, what's next for World YWCA, and how you can be part of it.

TURNING LEADERSHIP INTO IMPACT

The World YWCA drives transformative leadership by and for young women and girls. In 2024 and 2025, we worked to build inclusive, accountable, and women's rights-based ecosystems that dismantle power structures and accelerate progress toward Goal 2035 and the Sustainable Development Goals. The World YWCA is committed to progressive, community-based leadership, particularly through

initiatives led by and for young women with support from intergenerational leaders. Across regions and contexts, young women are stepping into leadership roles, shaping agendas, and driving solutions to the challenges they face in their communities. The role of the movement is to create the conditions for that leadership to emerge, grow, and sustain itself over time.





RiseUp! Asia Pacific

RiseUp! Young Women's Leadership and Advocacy Initiative is a flagship leadership initiative and innovation hub supported by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) that is currently implemented in eight countries in the Asia and Pacific regions. Through sustained leadership development, participants are building confidence and actively shaping solutions to the most critical issues in their communities. RiseUp! Asia Pacific has engaged hard-to-reach communities, including diverse indigenous and ethnic groups, young women facing religious and caste discrimination, and deaf young women.

As of August 2025, the program had directly engaged over 5,100 young women leaders, trained more than 800 Master Trainers, and reached 57 communities. RiseUp! has indirectly engaged over 15,000 young women through advocacy campaigns and learning shared in community safe spaces led by young women leaders after receiving RiseUp! training.

"World YWCA's approach to localisation and inclusion continues to exceed expectations. The partner has invested in feminist translation, linguistic accessibility, disability inclusive design, and leadership pathways for marginalised groups, including Indigenous young women, young women with disabilities, Deaf communities, stateless populations, and those affected by displacement and conflict. This has expanded reach to populations typically excluded from leadership and advocacy programming while maintaining safe and ethical engagement standards."

Alison McLachlan,
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
Government of Australia

The RiseUp! Initiative extends beyond the Asia Pacific. The leadership initiative allows entities throughout the YWCA movement to nurture leadership in their community, region or nation, and for World YWCA to be in direct relationship with young women leaders.

"I became more confident and found my voice. This connection made me realise that we are part of a larger movement, and it encouraged me to keep fighting for women's rights."

Arrapan, RiseUp!

Young Woman Leader
from Thailand





Young Women for Awareness, Agency, Advocacy & Accountability

Supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, YW4A is dedicated to defending and expanding the fulfilment of young women's rights to dignity, bodily integrity and equal participation in decision-making, through the implementation of gender-just policies and laws in Egypt, Kenya, Palestine, and South Sudan.

Over 5 years, YW4A reached 13,714 young women who increasingly exercised leadership and gained strategic and tactical advocacy skills through training reinforced by sustained practice spaces and mentorship.

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"Through YW4A, I learned how to say no to what I did not believe in. I learned that expressing my opinion freely is not a privilege; it is a right."

Basmala, Kerdasa
Giza Governorate, Egypt



THE POWER OF YOUNG WOMEN

MY name is Marina. I was in fourth grade, living in my extended family's home. My parents come from a strict Upper Egyptian (Sa'idi) background. One day, my grandmother handed me a knife and said, *"Take this upstairs to your room. We're going to slaughter a chicken."* As a child, I was excited, imagining we would have chicken for dinner. I had no idea they meant me instead of the bird.

Upstairs, my grandmother, my uncle's wife, and a traditional birth attendant held me down. I was terrified. I tried to run, but they caught me and performed female genital cutting on me while I was fully conscious, without any anaesthesia.

Afterwards, they carried me to my mother. I could not stand or move from the pain. Even now, when I hear about female genital mutilation or try to speak about what happened to me, I remember everything. As a child, I used to ask, "What happened to the piece you removed from me? Where did you take it?" They laughed and turned it into a joke. I grew up without answers.

Years later, I joined the YW4A training. That was when I finally understood what had happened to me, and why.

When someone suggested that I should have my own daughter cut, I refused. In front of my husband and others, I said, "I

will never let this happen to her. It breaks my heart seeing her cry even when she takes an injection. Do you really want me to watch her endure the pain I endured?"

Later, a close relative asked me to accompany her to have her daughter cut. I stopped her. I told her clearly, *"Do not do this. If you go through with it, I will report both you and the doctor."*

I explained the harm caused by female genital mutilation. In the end, she did not go through with it.

In that moment, I knew something had changed. I had made a decision, spoken clearly, and acted. What was done to me without my consent would not be repeated through me.

That is where my power is.

Marina

Sa'idi (Upper Egypt)



GLOBAL YOUTH MOBILIZATION

Global Youth Mobilization (GYM) 2.0

Global Youth Mobilization (GYM) is an initiative of the Big Six Youth Organisations (including the World YWCA) — a network of the world's largest youth organisations powered by millions of volunteers across more than 170 countries. In partnership with the European Union Youth Empowerment Fund, GYM 2.0 provides accessible, low-barrier funding that places resources directly in the hands of young people, enabling them to turn ideas into action without the complex application processes that often exclude grassroots initiatives.

In 2024-25, 20 youth-led projects were funded, with more than 11,000 direct beneficiaries. Through GYM 2.0, young people are leading grassroots solutions

that strengthen leadership, economic resilience, gender equality, and community action across diverse local contexts. The projects were implemented in Albania, Angola, Burkina Faso, DRC, Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Philippines, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Signature Tools Expansion Initiative in Bolivia & Haiti

With the support of Bread for the World, World YWCA is strengthening member associations in Bolivia and Haiti through capacity building and the contextual application of World YWCA Signature Tools. This work is helping deepen locally led leadership, strengthen organisational resilience, and adapt proven feminist methodologies to respond to the realities and priorities of each context.

Leadership Cohort 2025

The World YWCA Leadership Cohort 2025–2026 launched in November 2025, bringing together three young women leaders from Nigeria, New Zealand and the US for a six-month leadership and professional development experience. The cohort, organised with the generous support of the World Service Council, focused on applying the Feminist Consultation Methodology (FCM) to research the long-term impact and evolution of past Leadership Cohorts, engaging alumnae across generations to gather insights and recommendations for the future of the programme. Alongside this shared research project, cohort members also contributed to strategic fundraising initiatives linked to movement sustainability.



"From our corner of the World YWCA movement, our message to other young women is this: don't wait to be 'ready' or to be handed a microphone."

Your lived experience is expertise, and it belongs in rooms where strategies, budgets and laws are shaped."

*Lushema Thebe & Olayinka Gladys
2024-25 Leadership Cohort participants*

SHIFTING POWER AND TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS: WORLD YWCA'S SUITE OF SIGNATURE TOOLS

Since 2021, the World YWCA has been intentional about ensuring that every tool developed in support of Goal 2035 is created alongside practitioners, community leaders, activists, and YWCA members. Rather than simply drawing on their expertise, we work together to co-create and continuously refine each resource, grounding every tool in the lived experience and collective wisdom of the global movement.

As a result, the World YWCA Signature Tools are community-led, open-source resources built to transform power structures. These tools are designed to

equip women, young women and allies to lead movements, reshape systems and build sustainable futures.

In 2024 and 2025, we expanded the application, adoption, translation and engagement into YWCA systems change with the signature tools across multiple regions and contexts, ensuring accessibility and localisation through translation and training capacity.

All of the tools are available in English, French and Spanish, with some translated to 20+ languages, including sign language through the support of RiseUp!

Our Spaces, Power Spaces: Safe Space Guide

Launched in 2022

- A guide for creating supportive environments where women and girls can feel empowered to discuss issues, build leadership skills and access resources in spaces grounded in safety, protection, accountability and trust
- Since its launch, this guide has reached more than 100,000 women and young women in over 30 countries and has been translated to 15+ languages.

We Rise, We Lead: Feminist Consultation Methodology

Launched in 2022

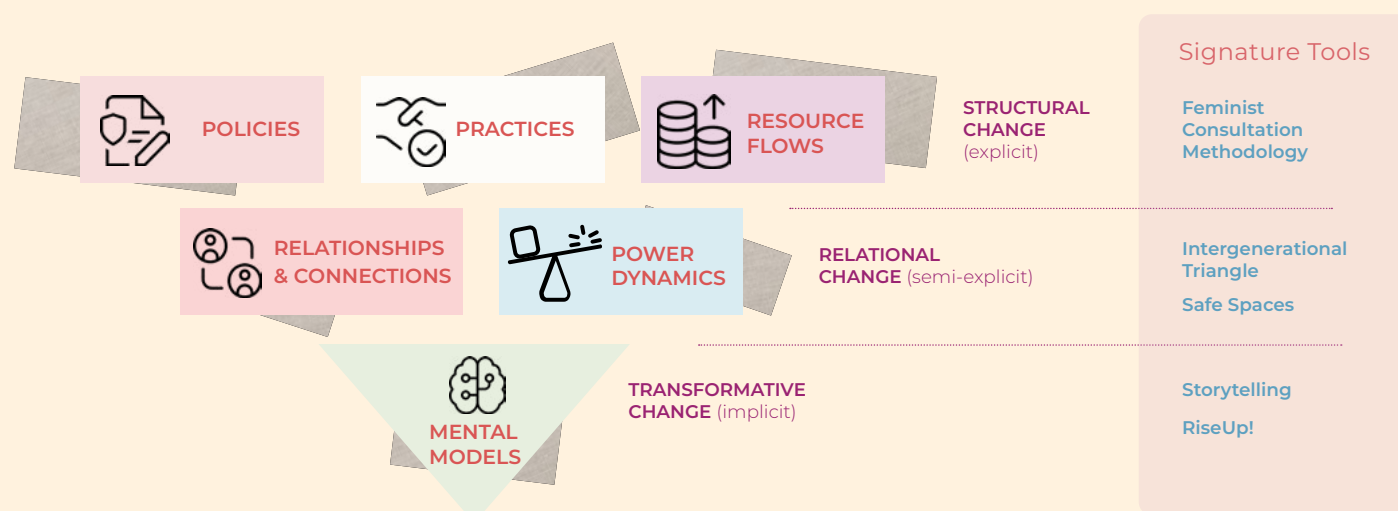
A diverse, democratic, and decolonised research approach that centres girls and women in all their intersecting identities and ensures research is led by and for the communities it affects.

Since its launch, the FCM guide has reached more than 30,000 women and young women.

"We used FCM not only to gather data but to build leadership. It helped young women define what peace and security mean to them, while equipping host organisations to reflect on their own strategies and power dynamics." Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, PWMN Coordinator (Fiji)

In 2025, World YWCA launched a compendium of Case Studies of how FCM has been used in Asia-Pacific regions under the RiseUp! Leadership Initiative as a research based, qualitative documentation of use across different organisations, platforms and countries.

SIX CONDITIONS of SYSTEMS CHANGE



Nanako Tojo from YWCA Japan credited the World YWCA's Storytelling Guide for helping her prepare and confidently share her story in a CSW 68 panel discussion.

MAIYA SCHOOL

Maiya School: Empowering Adolescent Rohingya Girls through Feminist Research in Humanitarian Settings

In 2022, Maiya School in Bangladesh launched a participatory research project using the FCM to explore healthcare access for adolescent Rohingya girls - one of the most underserved groups in the humanitarian response. By centering girls' lived experiences and prioritising oral storytelling, the methodology aligned with Rohingya cultural norms, building

trust, safety, and authenticity. The girls' role as researchers deepened their civic engagement in a context where the Rohingya are denied formal citizenship and political participation. For Maiya schools' adolescent girls, the FCM became a means to the journey of building leadership for systemic change, embodying the World YWCA's vision of feminist transformation in action.

"The research became a way for girls to claim space, not just in the community, but in the broader conversation about rights and dignity."

*Philippa,
Maiya Staff Member*



RiseUp! Young Women's Transformative Leadership Guide

Launched in 2022

- A transformative leadership curriculum that equips young women with the knowledge, skills, confidence and networks to lead change in their communities and advance solutions to the issues that matter most to them.
- Since its launch, RiseUp! has engaged 75,000 young women across 20 countries and more than 120 local communities. It has been translated to 20+ languages, including sign language.
- "RiseUp! is a dynamic group that teaches young women about their rights, how powerful we are, and how we can be the leaders of our own communities." Ara De La O Ortiz, Southern Arizona, USA



The Intergenerational Triangle: A Guide to Shared Leadership

Launched in 2025

An evidence-based tool, co-created with One Future Collective, that offers a practical model for breaking down age-based hierarchies and fostering inclusive leadership through mutual learning and redistribution of power across generations.

The tool was launched in 2025, in partnership with the Government of Australia. Today, it is being pilot tested under multiple partnerships, including Christian Aid, Bread for the World and Norwegian Church Aid. In 2025, World YWCA launched this co-created tool and shared it across the ecumenical, youth and women's rights spaces by hosting 12 formal and informal sessions in total.

Blooming Wildflowers: Storytelling Guide

Launched in 2024

- Empowers individuals to harness the power of storytelling for social activism, turning lived experience into public legitimacy and agenda setting.
- Since its launch, the guide has reached more than 30,000 women and young women.



RAISING OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE

Over the past two years, World YWCA has used its global platform to take clear, public positions in response to escalating crises and injustice. This has included speaking out on the genocide in Gaza and Palestine, as well as on conflicts and humanitarian crises in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon, Haiti and beyond. We have also raised our voice against democratic backsliding, attacks on labour rights and the persistent global crisis of gender-based violence. These positions are grounded in the lived realities of our members and partners and in our responsibility as a global movement to act in solidarity.

Key statements in 2024:

Sept 2024: [The YWCA Lebanon and World YWCA Statement on the Attacks on the People of Lebanon](#)

Oct 2024: [World YWCA Action Alert Regarding the Escalation in the Middle East](#)

Nov 2024: [YWCA Haiti and World YWCA Statement on the Crisis in Haiti](#)

[World YWCA – YWCA Palestine: Statement on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](#)

Dec 2024: [YWCA Korea and World YWCA Statement on Support for Democracy in South Korea](#)

Key statements in 2025:

Feb 2025: [YWCA DRC and World YWCA Call For Action Toward Peace in The Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

May 2025: [World YWCA Calls for Urgent Global Solidarity to Denounce and Act Against Human Suffering in Gaza](#)

[World YWCA Statement of Support of YWCA Aotearoa New Zealand on Dismantling of Pay Equity Legislation](#)

July 2025: [World YWCA Statement of Support of YWCA USA on the United States One Beautiful Bill Act \(H.R. 1\)](#)

Oct 2025: [Systemic Gaslighting Obscures Genocide: World YWCA Calls for Urgent Accountability](#)

[World YWCA Statement of Support of YWCA Korea Call for Solidarity for the Victims of Japanese Military “Comfort Women”](#)

[Week Without Violence 2025 Statement](#)

Nov 2025: [World YWCA and YWCA Palestine Joint Statement on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](#)



Our advocacy extends into global decision-making spaces, including the Commission on the Status of Women and the Human Rights Council, where we bring forward the priorities, evidence, and demands of women and young women from our movement. Our role is not only to be present, but to ensure these voices are heard and taken seriously in shaping global agendas.

In 2025, we developed a new **Advocacy Roadmap**, shaped by input from across the movement (to be released in 2026). It strengthens how we respond to emerging crises, connect grassroots realities to global advocacy, and act with greater clarity and coordination. The roadmap focuses our advocacy and voice where

it can add the greatest value, drawing on the lived experience and expertise of YWCAs worldwide, while also identifying opportunities to stand alongside and amplify the work of peer movements and partners.

We are also investing in future leadership. The **World YWCA Young Advocates programme**, supported by Norwegian Church Aid and Y Global, brought together young women and gender-diverse youth from around the world to strengthen their advocacy skills, leadership, and collective power. Over six months, participants developed advocacy messages, stakeholder maps, campaigns and personal advocacy narratives while building a genuine global community of advocates

grounded in feminist leadership and peer support. What emerged was more than a training programme: participants left with stronger confidence, deeper clarity in their activism, and a shared commitment to driving change in their communities.

“[The Young Advocates Programme] was enlightening, it helped me break out of my shell and regain my purpose once again.” Elaf Amin, programme participant

At the same time, initiatives like **#BulletAndDove Listening Spaces** created global platforms for women and young people affected by conflict, particularly in Palestine, to share firsthand experiences, challenge erasure, and shape public understanding of issues ranging from education and displacement to cultural identity and survival. Through multilingual panels and global participation, these conversations connected lived realities on the ground with international advocacy and solidarity efforts.

Across all of this work, one thing is consistent: **our advocacy is shaped by our members and driven by the realities they face.** In a time of increasing division and silence, World YWCA continues to stand with communities, speak with clarity, and advocate for justice, dignity, and peace.

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FORWARD, TOGETHER: GROWING THE WORLD YWCA COMMUNITY

In 2025, World YWCA took an important step in strengthening its global connections through the renewal of the **World Service Council (WSC)** and the introduction of the **World YWCA Community**.

For more than a century, the World Service Council has sustained the movement through the commitment of women (primarily in the United States) who supported its work through leadership, advocacy and philanthropy. Their contribution has been central to the growth and continuity of the World YWCA. In October 2025, this legacy was extended to reflect the movement as it exists today: global, interconnected and spanning generations. The WSC is now opening to a

wider international community, welcoming women and supporters from across countries who have been part of the YWCA story in different ways.

This evolution creates space for those who remain connected to the movement: alumnae, former staff and volunteers, partners and supporters to stay engaged and contribute to its future. The emerging **World YWCA Community** brings these connections together, strengthening a shared sense of purpose and belonging.

Alongside this, a Swiss-based **Foundation for the Global YWCA Movement** is being established to support the community and enable long-term investment in the movement's priorities.

This is an open invitation to reconnect, stay involved and help shape what comes next.

**Join the World YWCA
Community**

BUILDING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

In 2024 and 2025, the World YWCA expanded and deepened our ecosystem of partnerships to amplify young women's leadership, advance strategic advocacy, and strengthen resource mobilisation. The World YWCA's value-based approach continues to attract long-standing partners and new allies across faith-based, women's rights, and youth-led networks who prioritise ethics, accountability, intersectionality, and inclusion.

Our collaborations with ecumenical partners enable us to advance our work at the intersection of faith, humanism, and gender justice. Together, we are strengthening feminist leadership within faith spaces and contributing to coordinated global advocacy on issues affecting women and young women worldwide.

"ACT Alliance values its partnership with World YWCA as a powerful expression of faith-rooted commitment to gender justice. World YWCA brings authentic community leadership and grassroots realities into global advocacy spaces, showing that faith and feminism can be shared pathways toward dignity, equality and justice."

*Rudelmar Bueno de Faria,
General Secretary, ACT Alliance*

Our partnership with the Big Six Youth Organisations has been instrumental to our work on youth engagement. GYM 2.0, run by young people and for young people, showcases a model that directly supports youth in decision making. In 2025, an exciting partnership was announced between the Big Six and the UN Youth Office, positioning World YWCA and the Big Six as key partners in advancing global youth leadership.

GYM 2.0: By Young People, For Young People

- Simple, accessible funding with low barriers to entry
- Funding decisions led by young people themselves
- 20 youth-led projects reaching more than 11,000 people across Africa, Asia and Europe

These partnerships reflect the World YWCA's role as a connector across movements, sectors, and generations, bringing together grassroots leadership, global advocacy, faith actors and youth-led networks to drive collective action and influence.



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STRENGTHENING OUR GLOBAL MOVEMENT

The World YWCA is the connective tissue supporting YWCAs around the world and positioning the global movement for long-term operational resilience and growth. Our strength lies in the diverse, global network of YWCA leaders committed to tackling intersecting injustices and empowering the most vital, underrepresented voices to thrive and lead.

Top Areas of Focus



Young Women & Girls Leadership



Sexual and Gender Based Violence



Mental, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.



Climate Justice



Volunteerism/ Community Service

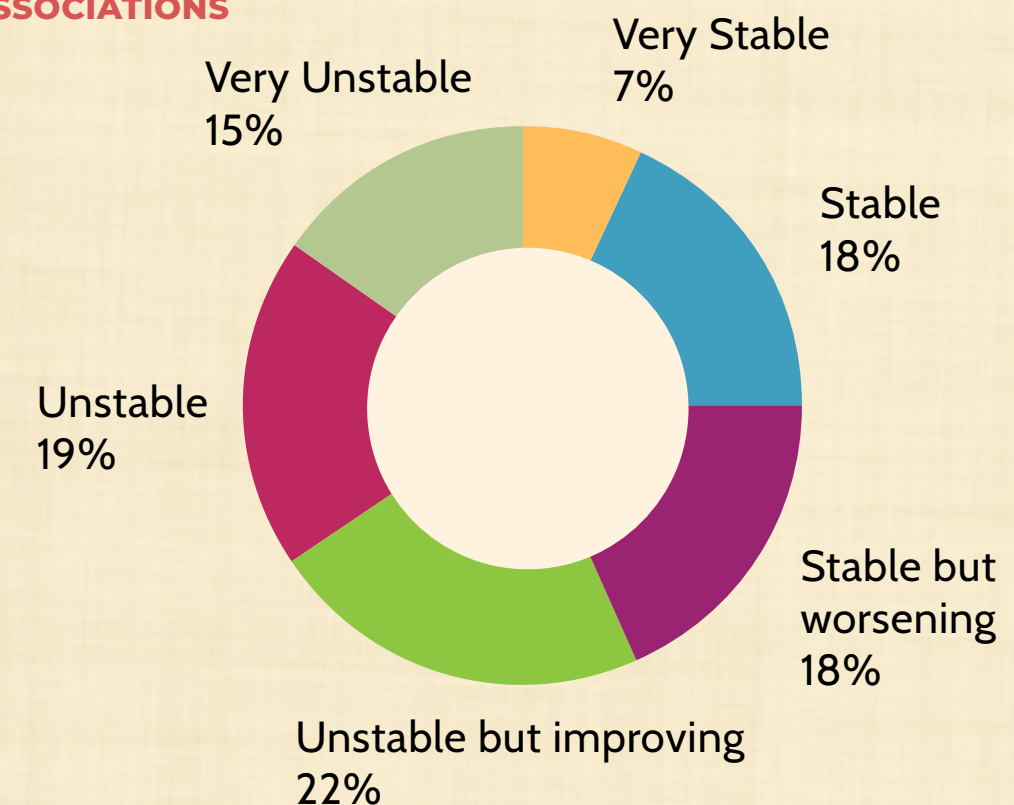
Across civil society, the global funding base is becoming increasingly volatile, even as the demand for services and advocacy continues to rise. In 2022–23, less than 1% of official development assistance with a gender equality objective reached women's rights organisations, the lowest share ever recorded. At the same time, nearly two-thirds of women's rights organisations report that they would be forced to close within six months if funding were interrupted, underscoring the fragility of our ecosystem.

Despite this stark global context, we believe in the strength and resilience of the World YWCA movement, and we know that, by working together, we can achieve our goals. We are currently halfway toward our ambitious Goal 2035 and halfway through implementing our Strategic Framework 2024–2027. At this critical juncture, we are focused on building capacity within the movement, engaging young women leaders, and amplifying the movement's voice on a global scale.

Our work to strengthen the World YWCA movement in 2024–25 included:

- Improving the World YWCA staffing structure to support our advocacy, communications, fundraising, impact and engagement and capacity strengthening efforts.
- Modelling strong governance, leadership, transparency and mutual accountability for member associations and partners.
- Working to better understand the financial vitality, fundraising needs and programmatic focus of our member associations to assess how our collective action and tools can best support their work.
- Concentrating our fundraising efforts as we work to attract individual and institutional donors.

FINANCIAL VITALITY OF ASSOCIATIONS



Nearly a quarter of the movement sees financial improvement, while only a small minority sit at the extremes (very stable or very unstable).

FINANCING THE FUTURE

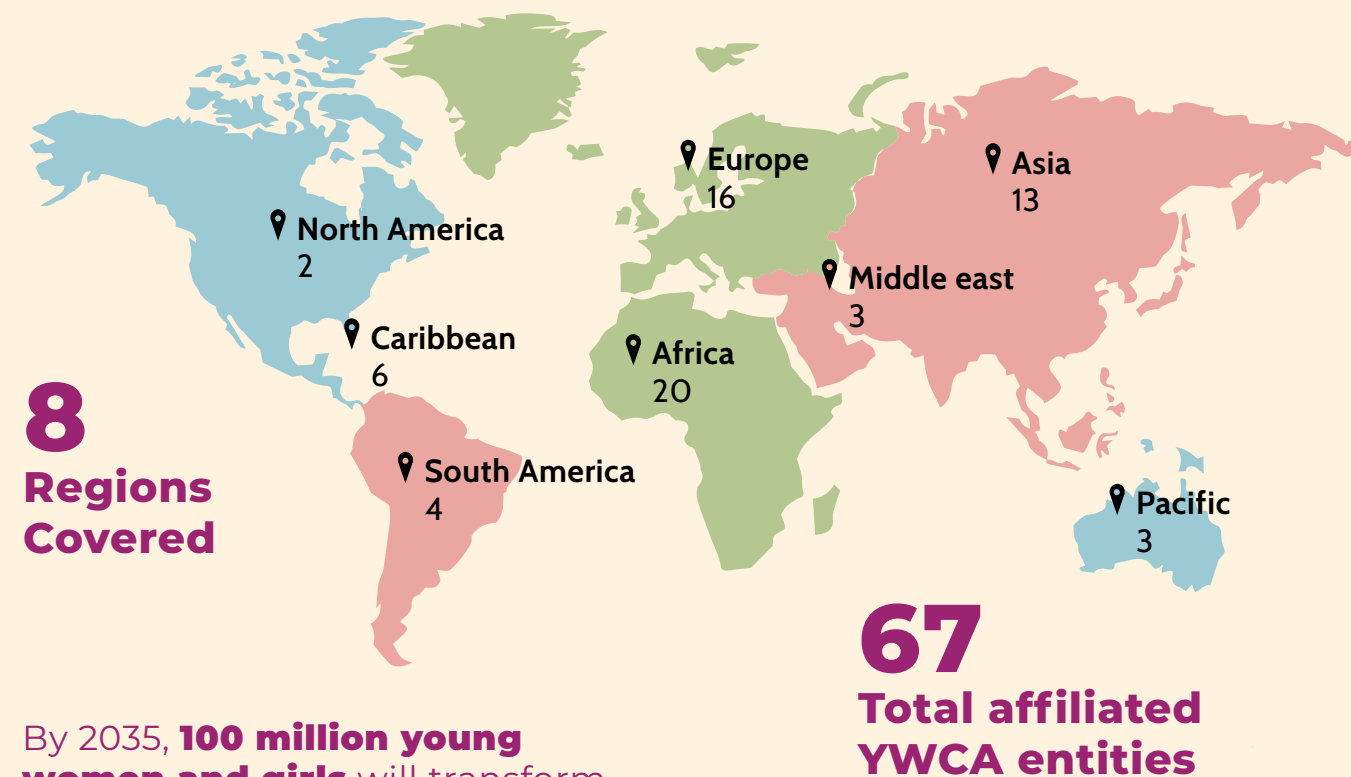
Globally, institutional resources have become more concentrated and politically exposed in recent years, and private philanthropy has not yet filled the gap left by shrinking public funding. In 2025, the multi-year YW4A programme ended following years of significant impact across the movement, reinforcing the urgency of securing new partnerships and long-term investment to continue advancing this work with and for young women globally.

In 2024–2025, World YWCA worked to strengthen the movement's financial resilience in response to a rapidly shifting funding landscape. This included renewing the World Service Council and taking initial steps towards establishing a new Foundation for the YWCA Community to rebuild long-term relationships with alumnae and supporters and strengthen major and legacy giving; rebuilding

donor relationships across the full spectrum, from grassroots supporters to institutional and major donors; and developing funding approaches focused not only on programme delivery, but also on strengthening the institutional backbone and long-term sustainability of the movement. At the same time, the Secretariat expanded outreach to foundations and strategic partners while continuing internal reflection on organisational priorities, cost structures, and sustainable growth.

We were thrilled to secure a Platinum Seal of Transparency on the Candid/Guiestar platform in 2025. This distinction demonstrates to donors, stakeholders, and partners that the World YWCA Secretariat is responsibly managing financial operations and setting a strong example for our member associations. For a detailed financial statement, please write to us at worldoffice@worldywca.org.

YWCA AROUND THE WORLD: 2025 GLOBAL PRESENCE



By 2035, **100 million young women and girls** will transform power structures to create justice, gender equality, and a world without violence and war; leading a sustainable YWCA movement, inclusive of all women.



"We stand in a place of financial strength, thanks to the expert care and focus of our team, our strong partnerships and generous donors and the deep commitment of the YWCA sisterhood. Collectively, we demonstrate the power to sustain this global movement, and we invite new partners and funders to join us in working toward our bold vision."

Tina Herrera,
World YWCA Treasurer



GRATITUDE AND GROWTH

The World YWCA’s strength is driven by our dedicated board members, exceptional team, values-aligned partners, hardworking volunteers and generous donors. Your engagement, active participation, and meaningful support in 2024–2025 empowered women leaders, built systems change, advanced strategic advocacy and strengthened the World YWCA movement. We are deeply grateful for everything you do.



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A Legacy That Lives On

In 2025, the World YWCA received a generous legacy gift honouring the life and work of [Mary Ann Lundy](#) (1932–2025), a pioneering faith leader, feminist theologian and lifelong advocate for gender justice. Throughout her life, Mary Ann championed women’s leadership in faith communities, helped build global ecumenical movements for equality and dedicated herself to advancing peace and justice. Her final gift to the World YWCA reflects a lifelong belief in the power of women to transform communities and shape a more just world. Mary Ann’s legacy reminds us that supporting the next generation of leaders is not only an investment in today’s work, but in the future of the movement itself.



“Mary Ann lived her faith through action and with definitive and incorrigible courage and conviction. She lived as though a more just world was inevitable.”
Casey Harden,
CEO/General Secretary, World YWCA

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Your generous contributions fuel transformative leadership, weave the movement together, and support solidarity in action. Our donors not only resource the World YWCA movement; you shape the conditions that will allow the movement to thrive long into the future.

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