

**WOMIN SOLIDARITY EXCHANGES
AUGUST – DECEMBER 2014**

ACTIVITY REPORT

29 January 2015

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO					
Women & Economic Justice (FEJE)	\$ 3930 / Received \$ / Spent \$	Need to build solidarity and a mechanism for the women to monitor mining activity ongoing Need to engage City of Likasi authorities on women's issues due to mining	25 women from 5 villages in Katanga Province (centre of mining)	Training workshop held in Likasi in Katanga Province 20-22 October 2014 Photos are available After training will strengthen the synergy through training group leaders, publication activities in newsletter.	
GHANA					
Ecumenical Association for Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development (ECASARD)	\$ 3649 Received \$ / Spent \$	Addressing water pollution from mining Women will learn or improve negotiation and lobbying and advocacy skills as tools to stop water pollution.	Visit to Tenga – 30 women from 10 groups		

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KENYA					
Coast Rights Forum	(\$4000) Received \$3748 Spent \$3761 Over spend \$14	To get support from leaders women must win their hearts by getting organized as groups. Biggest challenge is in the organizing. Unless women understand the strength in organizing they will continue to suffer because they will remain weak to their aggressors. To maintain/claim their dignity, women must start alternative means of survival i.e. start small business, collective savings and credit. Most problems across the mining communities are similar. There exists economic potential in the mining sector but women must be organized, knowledgeable and trained.	-1 260.56	17-19 December 2014 Seven villages in Kasighau sub-district conducted workshop and field visits. The women groups/communities representatives were democratically selected to exchange visit/reflection workshop and are accountable to report back to their groups what transpired.	Form and sustain women mining groups in the seven villages in Kasighau. Registration of groups with department of social services. Formation of Taita Taveta women's network whose membership is from the groups/CBOs. Sensitization of women on their rights and other human rights. Empowerment of women both socially and economically. Education on cultural and Attitude change. Exchange visits within and outside among the participating groups. Solidarity support petitions through media campaigns including social media. Joint planning for mass action especially in notorious areas i.e. Kambe, Kasighau Marereni. CRF facilitates the formation of strong women networks both at counties and national levels.

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NIGERIA					
ERA / Kebetkache	(\$6000) Received \$5990.00 Spent \$5798.68 Carried over \$191.32	Patriarchy is very much present in virtually every Nigerian community and women, besides fighting the forces behind negative extractive activities, also have to fight hard to surmount gender discrimination which tends to make them voiceless, irrelevant and perpetually schemed out of the process of consultation and general contribution towards justice and sustainable development in the communities and society at large.	58 participants -- 8 NGO staff, about 20 visiting women, about 30 persons from various communities	12 September 2014 – shared experiences of the negative impacts of extractive activities and plans to form a national solidarity movement. Exchange of ideas to strengthen negotiating power and leadership skills especially given the better advocacy experience of women from the Niger Delta who have stood up against patriarchy and oil multinationals in ensuring their voices are heard clearly in the quest for environmental justice in the highly degraded region. Establish a critical mass, a strong front of active, vibrant group of women from mining communities across Nigeria to counter emerging threats.	It was generally successful and it will be good if the tempo is sustained especially in mining communities where a lot of extractive activities are being planned in the coming years but very little civil society presence much less women’s mobilization. The women were all resolved to keep up with the new solidarity movement in order to ensure equity and stronger voices for the women folks who are usually the biggest victims. One of the steps taken to keep down costs was that almost all the women shared hotel rooms.
SIERRA LEONE					
Women In Mining & Extractives Forum + & Network Movement for	Received \$3985 Spent \$3988 Over	When exchange visit is followed by a workshop targeting the same participants, it does not only create a forum but widen their knowledge and perception	A total of fifty-five women	Training workshop 4-5 November 2014. Photos supplied. Exchange learning visits between Koidu and Lunsar, Tongo Field	

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Justice and Development (NMJD)	spent \$3	regarding issues that affect them in their communities. Bringing together women separately to meetings increases the chances of achieving better discussions on women's concerns and aspirations. When activities target the actual people affected by the issue, it arouses their interests and willingness to learn. When women are given the opportunity and the enabling environment established can push them to make a difference in their communities.		and Feregbeya and training in Koidu. Site visit was cancelled because of the health emergency that does not allow people to assemble in groups.	
TANZANIA					
Haki Madini	\$3967 Received Euro 2984.61 Spent Euro 2878.20	High levels of patriarchy still exist. Many young girls forced into marriage due to few options. Compensation from mining companies is paid over to men and does not reach or benefit women in	Ten women from each of three regions for an exchange visit in North Mara.	Powerpoint from meeting is available. 11 – 15 November, 2014. Women from three mining regions visited North Mara for three days and undertook field trips to different sites.	Women miners formed a coalition through a network for women miners' movement to use as a national platform to push forward women's agenda in one voice, four leaders identified. Hawa Kiranga, Miriam James, Neema Mafuru Anna Julius. To work under facilitation of UMAWA and

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	Carried over Euro 106.41	communities. Loss of land to mining activities means loss of livelihoods which are mainly women's responsibility to provide food. Women in North Mara are in constant struggles for issues concerning corruption, land disputes and killings, but they tend to fight as individuals. Struggles must be organised. Programmes, human rights watchers and activists overlook the gendered nature of the violations in the area. Systems responsible for protection of women and girls in the area have failed.		Increased knowledge and skills amongst women miners	HakiMadini organizations. HakiMadini will arrange for Tanzanian women miners forum next year (2015) to enable them meet their peers, iconic and professional women such as members of parliament, lawyers etc, hold deep discussions, exchange expertise with their peers from all parts of the country and reach resolutions of their issues to be advocated to the government. HakiMadini will hold ongoing women leadership training courses that will involve women from North Mara and Buhemba.
UGANDA					
NAPE - National Association of Professional Environ-Mentalists	\$4012 Received		30 participants in salt mining area	Workshop 4 December 2014 Linked to current PAR work. Photos are available.	The salt mining affected women group through their chairperson committed to meeting in 2nd week December 2014 to make more reflections on possible livelihood alternatives.

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	Spent			Strategy of addressing issues, starting with most pressing issues and indicating the leader in each. A small committee will be formed to spearhead implementation of some of the strategies in liaison with the project coordinator at NAPE.	The salt affected women agreed to start making mats, baskets, local trays and table mats as alternatives to salt group. The oil affected women representatives to convene meeting in their localities and share aspects discussed during the exchange visit with the rest of the women and reflect more on possible livelihood alternatives.
ZAMBIA					
Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ) & Rural Women Assembly (RWA) ZAMBIA	\$8631 Received \$ Spent \$	Some community members have lost their lives because sulphur has in some cases been released without notification, scientific evidence to prove its health effect should be conducted. Communities believe that if the water pollution is stopped the river water will be fresh again. Communities need to work with the environmental management agency and government to address the situation. Need capacity building	109 people attended workshops in three districts	Photos are available. Workshops took place 11 – 13 November 2014.	Mining, agriculture and environmental management laws must be harmonized so that they can speak to each other to avoid overlaps. An advocacy community committee to be formed to feed information to village committees. Medical services required to attend to illness caused by pollution. The community wants the investment to care for the people. They want government to stop KCM mine from polluting the river. The community to establish a network who will join hands to advocate for clean water and to stop KCM from polluting.

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		on environmental issues caused by mining. Sulphur dioxide released in the air has to be regulated; community user friendly gargets to measure pollution capacity need to be avail to the community members to ensure evidence based information. The community has strong grassroots level structures that are functioning and well co-ordinated.			
ZIMBABWE					
Women & Land Zimbabwe (Thandiwe Chidavarume) & Centre for Natural Resource Governance (Tafadzwa Kuvheya) & Chiadzwa Community	(\$6000) Received \$5935 Spent \$5935	Organize to build movements Improve critical thinking on problem solving by learning from other women's experiences Learn ways to improve knowledge on the dynamics of the impacts that women are faced with	Chiadzwa – Penhalonga – Bubi-	Articulate the challenges have faced as a result of mineral extraction and ensure contributions are brought out. building up the capacity and confidence of women in mining communities to play an active role in mitigating the impacts of mineral extraction.	

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Development Trust					