

## How do we organise ourselves?

We organise into working committees to implement the annual action plan agreed on by all women leaders. This plan is implemented with the co-operation of different key local actors and social organisations.

The various committees are:

- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Political Incidence and Strengthening
- Communication
- Gender-based Violence
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Economic and Political Participation

## Who are we?

- **61 women leaders** who promote activities within their territories.
- **11 countries:** Ivory Coast, Spain, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal and Uganda.
- **244 Key agents** that support the Network's activities.
- **41 Social organisations** working for women's rights, that collaborate with the Network's activities.
- United by four languages: Spanish, French, English and Portuguese.

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## What is Nawey?

The Network of Young African and Spanish Women for Empowerment, **Nawey Network**, is made up of young women under 36 years who collaborate actively with African and Spanish NGOs and/or social organisations working to promote women's rights and empowerment.

## What is our origin?

The Network was established following the first course on "Leadership and Empowerment of Young Women" in 2008, funded by UNIFEM, the Institute for Women and AECID, where the idea to further develop a new type of relationship between young women in Africa and Spain was born.

The *"Meeting of Young Women from Spain and Africa. Empowerment and New Challenges"*, which took place in February 2009, with funding from AECID and support of Fundación MUJERES, allowed for the recognition of young women as analysts of their own realities. The commitment and will to participate and exchange ideas to define and develop joint strategies for optimising the available resources were expressed in that meeting.

*"Young Women, Empowerment and Development in sub-Saharan Africa"*, funded by AECID with the support of Fundación MUJERES, took shape in response to those needs. This project seeks to foster the potential of young women and involve them in development processes as active agents of change in sub-Saharan Africa.

## Why?

To promote gender equality in development programs and position young women as key agents of change.

## What do we aspire to become?

We seek to become the reference network for citizens, organisations, governments, institutions and other stakeholders for matters related to empowerment, leadership and women's rights, making the participation of young women in the development of their territories visible and effective.

## What do we want to achieve?

- To promote and implement political incidence strategies for mainstreaming gender in development, with particular emphasis on the participation of young women as key agents.
- To promote the empowerment of young women in Africa and Spain at individual, collective and political level to strengthen and enhance their presence and participation in the development of their regions and communities.
- To strengthen NAWHEY members' leadership as agents of development.
- To strengthen NAWHEY member organisations.

## Our commitment?

We, the members of this Network, express our interest in strengthening ties and promoting partnerships and synergies to achieve greater impact on our development actions and prevent further feminisation of poverty.

## Why Nawey?

- Mainstream gender in development.
- Strengthen the promotion of women's empowerment in development projects.
- Position young women as key agents in promoting their views and ensure its inclusion in the political agenda.

## What do we do?

- We conduct political incidence work at local, national and international level in defence of sexual and reproductive health and rights, against gender-based violence and for women's economic and political participation.
  - We implement strategies to promote women's empowerment through development projects, providing support to our member's social organisations.
  - We promote the personal empowerment of young women through positioning and training.
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