

FINAL REPORT

THAT'S MINE!

WOMEN LEAD THE
TRANSITION TO
SUSTAINABLE MINING
IN SOUTH AFRICA



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A woman wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, a red and black patterned skirt, and a white headwrap with a black and red patterned band is walking towards the camera. She is carrying a large, light-colored plastic water container in her right hand. She is standing in front of a building with a corrugated metal roof and walls. The background shows some trees and a clear sky.

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INTRODUCTION

The impact of the THAT'S MINE! programme

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your invaluable financial support of the THAT'S MINE! programme, which allowed us to strengthen our work alongside women from mining-affected communities in South Africa. This programme has been a crucial step in improving their lives and strengthening their voices, made possible by the generosity and leadership of the National Postcode Lottery (NPL).

With your support, we strengthened WAMUA, the movement of women affected by mining in South Africa. Built broad public support in the Netherlands. And created lasting impact in the lives of women from mining-affected communities. This was more than just a project – it became a movement for change.

Our key ask remains clear: putting women's voices at the centre of decision-making is essential for achieving a sustainable and just transition in the extractives sector. These women bear the brunt of the industries' exploitation but are also the key to change through their knowledge, strength, and resilience. Empowering them goes beyond addressing immediate industry impacts – it is about reshaping the political system towards equality and well-being over corporate profits.

NPL's support allowed us to move from awareness-raising to action. It provided a platform to advocate for meaningful change and helped us reach a wide Dutch public with our FAIRBIKE campaign. Successfully raising awareness and engaging key stakeholders, including the e-bike industry, sparking critical reflections and conversations on responsible critical mineral supply chains.

This work remains essential. While the energy transition is vital for our planet, it must also be just for women and communities in the Global South. The ongoing exploitation of mining-affected communities around the world underscores the need for systemic change. Thanks to partners like NPL, we have been able to amplify women's voices and bring international attention to this urgent issue.

As we move forward, we remain committed to this mission and hopeful for continued collaboration toward a more just and equitable world.

A heartfelt thank you for your essential and much needed support.
Warm regards,

Laura Klokke
Director a.i. ActionAid Netherlands



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A woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses and a blue patterned top, is shouting and holding a protest sign. The sign is white with red, green, and black text. The background is a blurred green forest. The image is framed by a decorative border with teal, orange, and red geometric shapes and a pattern of small black squares.

THAT'S MINE!

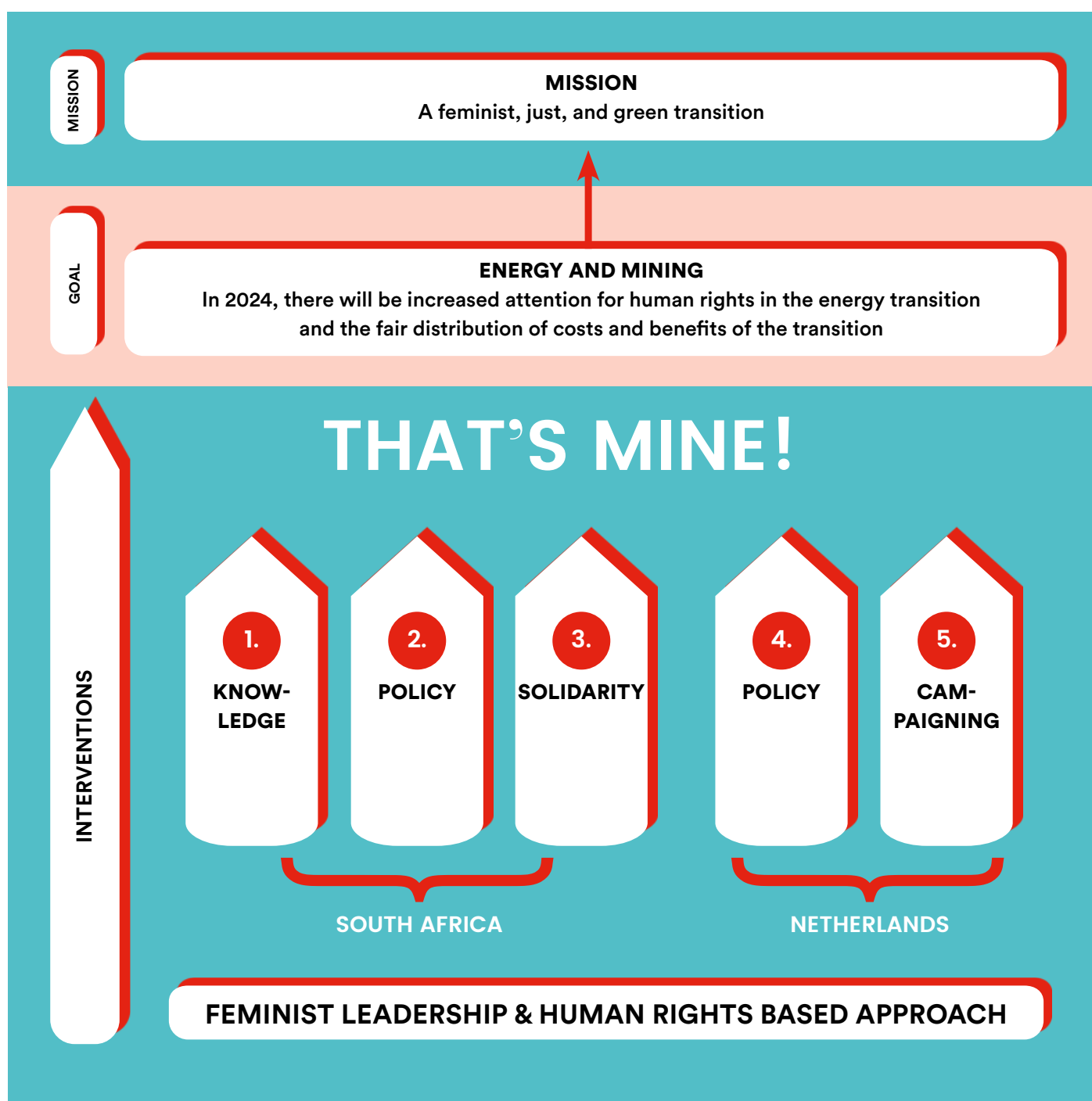
PROJECT OVERVIEW

THEORY OF CHANGE

THAT'S MINE! envisioned a feminist, just, and green transition where women fully participate in decision-making and policy in the mining sector. In South Africa, the empowerment of women in mining-affected communities is crucial. By working on **knowledge** strengthening, **policy** influencing, and **solidarity** and movement building, we drove lasting change by protecting and promoting human rights and advocating for mining-affected communities to equally profit from the energy transition. Only by addressing structural issues on multiple levels we can create lasting and positive change. Therefore, in the Netherlands and internationally, we used **campaigning** and influencing **policy** to push for gender-sensitive, binding regulations that hold companies accountable for fair and sustainable mineral supply chains. Together, this would lead to a world in which the voices of women affected by mining are recognised, supported, and their fundamental rights are respected and realised.



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HIGHLIGHTS THAT'S MINE!

September 2022:

In-person Kick-off of THAT'S MINE! programme in South Africa with ActionAid and WAMUA/MACUA.



December 2022:

National Campaign launch in South Africa aimed at improved legislation around mining and Free, Prior and Informed Consent for affected communities.



May 2023:

Launch of the FAIRBIKE campaign in the Netherlands with research report and pop-up store.



May 2023:

The board of the National Postcode Lottery visits the THAT'S MINE! programme in South Africa together with ActionAid and WAMUA/MACUA.



June 2023:

Regional exchange "The UN Binding Treaty Indaba, a policy dialogue bringing together 150 community members and partners from 8 African countries.



October 2023:

Speaker tour with five representatives from WAMUA/MACUA to Geneva and the Netherlands to call attention to the gendered impacts of mining.



February 2024:

WAMUA/MACUA organised first-ever Marginalised and Affected Communities (MAC) Summit.



May 2024:

Two panel sessions with ActionAid and WAMUA during the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains.



June 2024:

European legislation adopted to hold businesses, such as mining companies accountable for human rights violations.



June 2024:

Toxic Cycling Protest with YAMUA, the youth wing of the movement.



July 2024:

Multi-stakeholder FAIRBIKE event with 30 representatives of the e-bike industry at Shimano in Eindhoven (Netherlands).



September 2024:

WAMUA launched its report "Beneath the Surface" on Gender-Based Violence in mining affected communities.



October 2024:

Launch of the podcast series Radio MACUA on a Just Transition in South-Africa.



November 2024:

The research report "Hyped Hydrogen: Hidden Harm" was published getting media and political attention.



December 2024:

Three-day closing workshop "Taking Stock of THAT'S MINE!" with 50 leaders from WAMUA.



TARGETS AND RESULTS

SOUTH AFRICA KNOWLEDGE

11 In 11 communities, women and men are trained to conduct participatory research (social audits) on the (gendered) impacts of mining.

300 women and men are empowered to claim their rights.

15 During 15 trainings and workshops, **300** women and men are trained with increased knowledge of existing policies and legislation.

15 WAMUA branches complete women's rights programme.

900 women's circles organised on feminist principles and women leadership in the movement.

45 local events and activities on gender-differentiated impacts of mining and GBV with **2250** community members.

POLICY

2 During 2 national policy dialogues agendas of policymakers are influenced for improvements of policies and guidelines in a gender-sensitive way.

6 provincial policy roundtable discussions to connect policy makers with affected women.

1 national policy dialogues with stakeholders on gender inequality in the mining sector.

1 exchange visit between women affected by mining.

RESULTS

14 social audits

815 community members

106 policy trainings & workshops with **2322** community members

12 WAMUA branches

307 women's circles (see lessons learned)

127 activities and events with **3155** community members

2 national policy dialogues with **500** community members

6 provincial roundtables with **485** community members

1 national policy dialogue with **150** community members

1 exchange visit

SOLIDARITY

2 provincial exchanges among **120** WAMUA members to build and strengthen solidarity.

2 National Conferences bringing together 200 community members

2 policy papers developed by WAMUA/MACUA.

1 campaign launched to increase public pressure on the government and mines.

RESULTS

4 provincial exchanges with **180** community members

3 National Conferences with **260** community members

2 policy papers

1 national campaign

THE NETHERLANDS POLICY

2 audiovisual products developed in order to increase policymakers' knowledge.

2 research reports to influence the agendas of Dutch policymakers to take steps to implement gender-sensitive binding measures to hold companies accountable.

5 workshops organised to increase (Dutch) policymakers' knowledge

1 speaker tours organised around the negotiations of a UN binding treaty on business and human rights.

2 audiovisual products

2 research reports

9 workshops

1 speaker tour

CAMPAIGNING

4000 supporters in the Netherlands mobilised to put pressure on the Dutch government to implement gender-sensitive binding measures.

3000 supporters (see lessons learned)
4 multi-stakeholder events with e-bike industry



**LOOKING
BACK ON
THAT'S MINE**

OVERALL PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE:

A just and inclusive energy transition pivots on women's full participation in the mining sector, wherein women's agency is not only recognised but supported and women's fundamental rights are respected and realised in South Africa.

Sub Objective 1:

Women in communities affected by mining in South Africa (particularly manganese) know their rights, exercise them and demand their full participation in the decision-making within the mining sector in South Africa.

- **Pillar 1:** Knowledge
- **Pillar 2:** Policy
- **Pillar 3:** Solidarity

Sub Objective 2:

The Dutch government undertakes steps to realise gender-aware binding measures that hold companies responsible and ensure fair and sustainable manganese supply chains as part of a feminist, just and green transition.

- **Pillar 4:** Policy influencing
- **Pillar 5:** Campaigning



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PILLAR 1: KNOWLEDGE

Women in communities affected by mining across South Africa, particularly manganese, are empowered to know their rights and can exercise these to challenge power from a household to state level, insisting on their full participation in decision-making within the sector.

Through the THAT'S MINE! programme, women and men in South African mining-affected communities gained a strong understanding of their rights and the legal frameworks governing the extractive sector. Over 800 community members participated in 14 social audit trajectories, learning about mining's impacts. More than 5,000 attended 200+ workshops, gaining insights into legal frameworks, gender-differentiated mining impacts, and gender-based violence (GBV). While most targets were exceeded, hosting 900 WAMUA circles proved challenging due to logistical issues, leadership changes, and patriarchal norms. To ensure quality and impact, 307 circles were held, successfully raising awareness, fostering solidarity, and generating meaningful outcomes.



Increasing knowledge on widespread gender-based violence faced by women affected by mining

In September 2024, WAMUA launched the groundbreaking report, *Women's Struggles and Resilience to Violence in Mining-Affected Communities: Beneath the Surface*. The report, based on Feminist Participatory Action Research and Leadership, strengthened the knowledge and capacities of WAMUA members, through training, their active participation in defining the research agenda and engagement in data collection.

The report raised awareness of the widespread gender-based and obstetric violence faced by women in mining communities, exposing how economic exclusion and inadequate healthcare exacerbate their struggles. Based on a survey of over 1,800 women across 14 communities, the research revealed shocking statistics: of all respondents 62% experienced domestic violence and 52% did not report GBV due to fear and lack of support.

WAMUA's call to action was clear — governments and mining corporations must take responsibility, and civil society must push for change. By exposing these injustices, the report became a powerful tool for advocacy, urging urgent reforms to protect the safety, dignity and rights of women in mining-affected communities.

PILLAR 2: POLICY

Policymakers are influenced to improve and implement existing policies and guidelines in a gender-aware way and companies comply with this as a result of the advocacy by women impacted by mining in South Africa.

Women affected by mining in South Africa have successfully influenced policymakers to adopt gender-sensitive policies and increase corporate accountability. Through two national and six provincial policy dialogues, involving 1,000 community members, the programme helped push amendments to the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act and advocate for an Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Policy, ensuring community

voices are central. Locally, women in Ngwaabe used social audits to expose mining-related consultation gaps, while in KwaZulu-Natal, women litigated against Tendele Mine for neglecting affected families. Furthermore, the national conference and exchange visit strengthened advocacy for including community voices in the UN Binding Treaty negotiations in the African region. These efforts drive feminist, just, and inclusive policies.



Regional policy exchange on a Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights

THAT'S MINE! played a crucial role in advancing community, CSO and government engagement towards a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights in the African region. In June 2023, the regional UN Binding Treaty Indaba was hosted in South Africa.

150 community members and CSOs from across Africa from 15 different countries came together to exchange, share their experiences and advocate for community perspectives in the UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights. Their voices highlighted the need to centre affected communities in the UN Binding Treaty negotiations.

UN Binding Treaty Community dialogues across South Africa strengthened the capacity of mining-affected communities, ensuring grassroots voices influenced the process. Communities and CSOs built new coalitions to push for inclusive and ambitious negotiations strengthening their advocacy towards African States. Governments became more receptive, engaging with communities and CSOs to shape national positions. Leading to a clear call to ensure a strong and feminist legally binding instrument on corporate accountability for human rights that centres the voice of affected communities.

PILLAR 3: SOLIDARITY

Women Affected by Mining United in Action (WAMUA) is strengthened as a social movement building its membership and mass community civic organisation, advancing gender equality in the mining and extractive sector and ensuring that struggles are connected across geographies.

The programme has strengthened WAMUA as a movement, fostering solidarity across communities and advancing gender equality. Through provincial exchanges, national conferences, and policy advocacy, WAMUA, MACUA, and YAMUA have deepened collaboration, strengthened grassroots activism, and driven meaningful policy change.

Several provincial exchanges with 180 WAMUA activists enhanced understanding of GBV and set collective goals. At the national conference, 180 activists tackled key issues like artisanal mining, environmental rights, gender equality and community participation. Additionally, two policy papers were drafted on MPRDA amendments and GBV concerns. A national campaign launch in South Africa, based on grassroots dialogues, is now pushing for stronger mining legislation and the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) for affected communities. These collective efforts ensured that mining-affected communities, particularly women, strengthened their movement and formed a front in shaping the extractive sector.



A resilient movement of Marginalised and Affected Communities

A lasting impact of THAT'S MINE! is the empowerment of women from marginalised and mining-affected communities. Through collective learning spaces, strategic engagements, and shared struggles, women have been able to exchange experiences, build confidence in asserting their rights, and support one another in navigating the challenges posed by the extractive sector. This has cultivated a new generation of women leaders, who will continue to advocate for gender equality, human rights, and corporate accountability, ensuring lasting change. Solidarity and connections built through provincial exchanges and national conferences have strengthened the movement, enhancing collaboration between communities.

These efforts culminated in the first-ever Marginalised and Affected Communities Summit in February 2024 organised by WAMUA/MACUA. A platform where 180 members of mining-affected communities, especially women and non-binary activists, were able to voice their concerns and strategize for greater accountability in the mining sector. The summit strengthened grassroots activism, built lasting networks, and sparked continued efforts for more structured engagement with policymakers, marking a significant step toward systemic change in extractive governance.



THE NETHERLANDS

PILLAR 4: POLICY INFLUENCING

Dutch policymakers are influenced to take steps to implement gender-sensitive binding measures that hold companies responsible and ensure fair and sustainable manganese supply chains as part of a feminist, just and green transition in accordance with the voices and evidence of women in communities affected by mining.

Advocacy efforts during the programme including lobby meetings and policy workshops have contributed to key policy shifts toward gender-

sensitive, binding measures that hold companies accountable, including the adoption of EU human rights due diligence legislation and recognition of the need to recognise gender issues in the National Minerals strategy. The launch of the Hyped Hydrogen: Hidden Harm research report highlighted the negative impact of green hydrogen projects in South Africa, sparking media coverage, public events and parliamentary debate. At the international level, our continued efforts to push for a strong UN Binding Treaty has led to more budget and intensification of negotiations from 2025 onward. Through this programme, our expertise in women's rights and mining continued to grow and was valued by governments in roundtable discussions at the OECD Minerals Forum with ActionAid and WAMUA.



Amplifying the voices of women affected by mining in Geneva and the Netherlands

In October 2023, a powerful speaker tour brought the voices of women affected by mining into international policy spaces in Geneva and the Netherlands. Five representatives from WAMUA/MACUA and ActionAid travelled to advocate for corporate accountability and a just energy transition, ensuring that the experiences of women in mining-affected communities were heard.

The tour began in Geneva at UN negotiations for a Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights, where delegates spoke to policymakers and addressed the Human Rights Council. Their advocacy resulted in 17 UN Member States endorsing stronger gender provisions in the treaty. In the Netherlands, the delegation engaged in public events and policy roundtables and visited communities affected by Tata Steel, sharing experiences on corporate harm and accountability. They also participated in the Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy conference organized by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where WAMUA highlighted mining's impact on communities and emphasized the need for a feminist approach to trade and investment.

PILLAR 5: CAMPAIGNING

Supporters in the Netherlands are mobilised to build movements that exert public pressure on the Dutch government to implement gender-sensitive binding measures that hold companies accountable and ensure fair and sustainable mineral supply chains as part of a feminist, just and green transition.

The programme mobilised public support in the Netherlands for gender-sensitive binding measures, pushing policymakers to adopt legislation holding companies accountable for human rights and environmental impacts in supply chains. Research on

e-bike suppliers and content featuring South African women affected by mining fuelled the FAIRBIKE campaign, raising awareness of the negative impacts mining has in the energy transition. With a petition, media coverage, and influencers, over 3,000 signatures urged government and industry action. After legislation passed in 2024, efforts shifted to multi-stakeholder engagement, strengthening companies' awareness and capacity on gender-responsive due diligence through four industry events, including at the ImpactFair and Shimano. These events were organised in parallel and in solidarity with a protest cycling tour in South Africa.



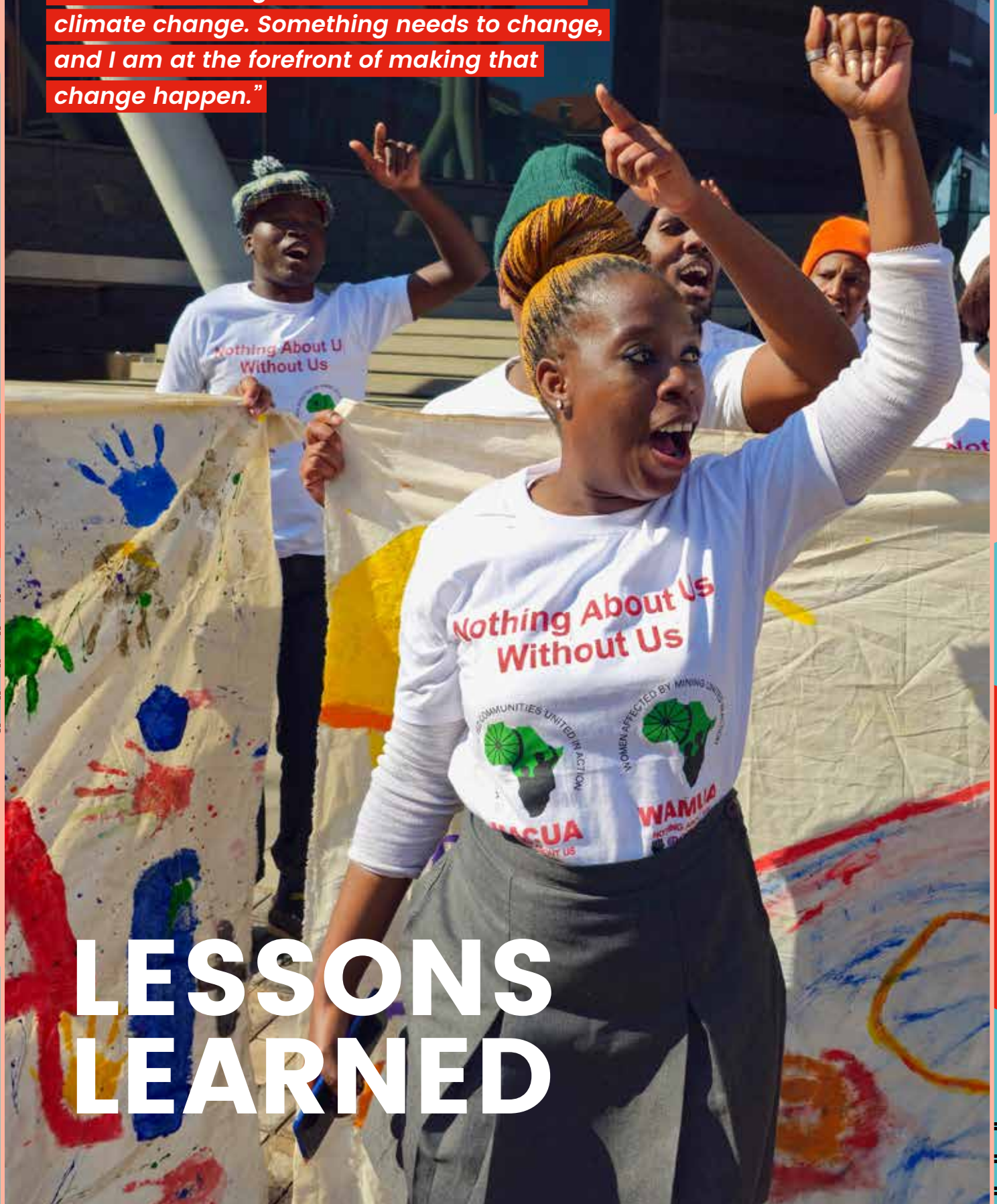
FAIRBIKE – The e-bike that does not exist (yet)

In 2023, we launched the **FAIRBIKE** campaign to highlight the human and environmental costs of mining for e-bike and electric car batteries. To drive awareness and push for legislation, we launched the FAIRBIKE campaign with a pop-up store in Amsterdam, a social media campaign supported by influencers, and a report analysing Dutch e-bike brands' due diligence practices. Visitors even came in hoping to buy a truly fair e-bike – one that doesn't yet exist. However, the over 3,000 people who signed our petition have enabled us to put more pressure on e-bike brands and policymakers to make responsible and sustainable batteries a reality!

Building on this momentum, we shifted to industry engagement. In 2024, we organised the FAIRBIKE roundtable in 2024, bringing together 30 industry representatives, including Bosch, Shimano, Decathlon and Pon. The discussion raised awareness of supply chain abuses and reinforced the need for companies to conduct human rights due diligence. With continued engagement and a step-by-step approach, we are pushing for a fairer and sustainable battery industry - one that prioritises both people and the planet.

Qedusizi Masina:

"I joined WAMUA, because I want to be a voice for my community. Our youth are the future; we must work together to find a solution for climate change. Something needs to change, and I am at the forefront of making that change happen."



LESSONS LEARNED

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FLEXIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING

At the programme's start, the additional €80,000 for THAT'S MINE! was set aside as flexible funding, proving crucial for unforeseen challenges. This facilitated quick responses and provided additional support beyond what was planned for. For example, in response to rising criminalisation of mining-affected communities the fund provided for community mobilisation and support. The fund also supported extra activities, allowed for exploring new tools and methods, and facilitated the MAC Summit preparations. Additionally, it funded a three-day "Taking Stock of THAT'S MINE!" workshop with 50 WAMUA leaders, fostering reflection, sustainability planning, and future strategies. This led to exceeding expected results in South Africa. This flexibility ensured impactful responses, strengthened mobilisation, and expanded the programme's reach.

BALANCING GROWTH AND INTERNAL CAPACITIES AND DYNAMICS

As WAMUA grows, leadership debates and patriarchal norms have challenged unity, sometimes fragmenting efforts. Limited political knowledge prevented members' in-depth responses to systemic injustices. To address this, the programme prioritised political education and scaled down its goal from 900 to 300 circles for deeper discussions and impact. Despite challenges, efforts to build a strong feminist culture have sparked reflections on power dynamics and movement-building, ensuring adaptability and resilience in WAMUA's growth.

ADAPTING STRATEGIES TO A DEVELOPING POLITICAL CONTEXTS

When THAT'S MINE! launched in 2022, the Dutch political climate allowed for bold campaigning, driving public pressure for corporate accountability. This led to the successful FAIRBIKE campaign and a push for responsible business legislation. After the 2023 elections, an extreme-right cabinet required strategy shifts, leading to multi-stakeholder engagement with the e-bike and battery industry on human rights due diligence. Meanwhile, South Africa's political landscape allowed for more outspoken action. Though narratives diverged, partners still met shared goals. The flexibility of THAT'S MINE! enabled strategic adaptation to evolving political contexts in both the Netherlands and South Africa.

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Mpho Nkawana from Merafong:

“The women’s circle is a platform to build political education of women in the movement. It has embedded very strong feminist ideals in me. To be honest, WAMUA has been my political home. I now not only have a rooted understanding of what women face but also the tools to assist women to mobilise and challenge power.”

A photograph of a woman with braided hair, wearing a green top and a rainbow-colored scarf, speaking at a wooden podium. A microphone is positioned in front of her. The background is dark.

SUSTAINABILITY

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THAT'S MINE! was designed to pave the way for women in mining-affected communities to continue their activism and claim their space in decision-making to ensure their full participation in processes towards systemic change. The programme built upon the longstanding work and track record of WAMUA/MACUA and ActionAid allowing it to strengthen and grow the impact of our collective efforts. This has led to lasting effects beyond implementation:

KNOWLEDGE: EMPOWERED AND INFORMED WOMEN LEADERS

The programme empowered women to advocate for their rights and communities. By equipping marginalised women in mining-affected communities with legal knowledge and tools, new leaders emerged who will continue to advocate for gender equality, human rights, and corporate accountability. This is reinforced by building a strong evidence-base during the programme through 14 social audits and research on gender-based violence and green hydrogen. This knowledge provides a solid foundation for further strategising, advocacy, and action.

SOLIDARITY: A STRENGTHENED AND RESILIENT MOVEMENT

The solidarity built through exchanges, women's circles, and conferences strengthens WAMUA, MACUA, and YAMUA as a united movement. By deepening collaboration among mining-affected communities, the programme enhanced collective action. It fostered a new generation of leaders to sustain the movement. The lasting networks and alliances formed will drive further change, making the movement more resilient and effective in the long run.

SHIFTING SOCIETAL ATTITUDES AND NORMS

By raising awareness of mining's gendered impacts and fostering a feminist culture at the community level, the programme contributed to important shifts in attitudes within communities. As more people, especially women, challenge gender norms and fight GBV, this supports broader cultural change. Communities begin to reject the normalisation of violence and advocate for more inclusive, respectful relationships.

INSTITUTIONAL AND CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

The research and advocacy efforts of the programme have placed greater pressure on mining companies and government institutions to be more accountable for mining impacts. The adoption of EU legislation poses an opportunity for stronger enforcement towards mining companies. As WAMUA/MACUA and its allies continue to push for corporate responsibility, mining companies may be compelled to adopt more responsible practices and address negative impacts on women and communities.

The programme's impact is lasting, but sustained funding remains a challenge. Without resources to support coordination, travel and convenings, momentum in organising, advocacy, and fostering networks and alliances may slow down. At the same time, a new generation of leaders built through the programme ensures long-term commitment to the movement, driving creative solutions even in times of limited resources.

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Maureen Seshoka from Mokopane:

"I have personally experienced the relentless injustices of mining companies and corrupt leadership. As a feminist activist, I refuse to stand idly in the face of such blatant injustices. That is precisely why I joined WAMUA—to unite with and amplify the voices of women from different mining-affected communities."



FINANCIAL REPORT

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This chapter analyses how the €1,000,000 budget for the THAT'S MINE programme was strategically allocated across three implementing partners to achieve powerful results. By linking expenditures to outputs and outcomes, this analysis highlights the cost-efficiency, flexibility, and long-term value of the programme's investments. It also reflects on how funding enabled both immediate impact – through community mobilisation, activities and exchanges – and laid the groundwork for sustainable change led by empowered women and mining-affected communities – through capacity strengthening, policy influencing, and research.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW THAT'S MINE!

IN EUROS

	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL COST	BUDGET
ActionAid South Africa	34.239	76.193	72.121	182.553	183.000
Staff costs	9.655	19.310	19.310	48.275	52.500
Operations	1.436	2.865	6.525	10.826	11.000
Activities	23.148	54.018	46.285	123.451	119.500
WAMUA/MACUA	125.596	91.285	80.459	297.340	297.000
Staff costs	24.661	37.218	4.635	66.514	69.000
Operations	5.639	9.852	5.148	20.639	18.000
Activities	95.296	44.215	70.676	210.187	210.000
ActionAid Netherlands	131.842	202.186	105.901	439.929	440.000
Staff costs	49.638	76.466	23.855	149.959	150.000
Operations	6.784	6.784	6.784	20.351	20.000
Activities	75.420	118.937	75.262	269.619	270.000
Extra budget NPL	2.539	8.099	69.433	80.071	80.000
Activities South Africa	2.539	-	48.800	51.339	-
Activities Netherlands	-	8.099	20.633	28.732	-
TOTAL	294.216	377.764	327.914	999.893	1.000.000

* In total an amount of € 999,893 was spent. The € 107 underspend was attributed to South African partners for ongoing activities.

SPENDING BREAKDOWN AND FINANCIAL RESULTS



1. ActionAid South Africa – €182,553

Budget Reflection: High programmatic return for a modest budget—underspending in early years adjusted with increased delivery in 2023–2024. Together with WAMUA/MACUA this supported a massive scale-up of planned activities.

• Activities (€123,451):

- Funded 2 national policy dialogues, 6 provincial roundtables, and 1 national policy dialogue on gender inequality.
- Supported 1 regional exchange visit.
- Launched 1 national campaign.
- Executed 14 social audits together with WAMUA/MACUA.

• Staff & Operations (€59,101):

- Covered coordination, advocacy activities, and logistical support for events and training

2. WAMUA/MACUA – € 348,680 including extra budget

Budget Reflection: Highest return on investment due to exceeding set targets as WAMUA/MACUA delivered the programme's backbone of community mobilisation, women leadership and feminist movement building. The investment led to long-term and sustainable local leadership and movement resilience.

• Activities (€210,187 + extra € 51,339):

- Supported 12 WAMUA branches in completing rights training and 307 women's circles.
- Executed 14 social audits together with ActionAid South Africa.
- Funded 4 provincial exchanges, 3 national conferences, and 2 policy papers enabling movement building.
- Organised 106 policy workshops and trainings and 127 activities on gender-specific impacts of mining.

• Staff & Operations (€87,153):

- Covered coordination, community facilitation, grassroots mobilising across multiple regions, and logistical support for events and training.

3. ActionAid Netherlands – €468,661 including extra budget

Budget Reflection: This portion reflects a dual role: managing the global coordination and delivering on Dutch and international awareness raising and policy influencing. The higher cost mirrors local context, staffing, advocacy presence, and communications needed to influence EU policy and engage the Dutch public.

Approximately 90,000 euros of the activity costs of ActionAid Netherlands was used for supporting joint activities between ActionAid Netherlands and our South African partners, such as South African partners participating in advocacy in the Netherlands, France and Geneva, community-led field research in South Africa and the production of audiovisuals and podcasts in South Africa.

This funding enabled both immediate impact—through community mobilisation, activities and exchanges – and laid the groundwork for sustainable change led by women and mining-affected communities – though capacity strengthening, policy influencing, and research.

- **Activities (€269,619 + extra budget €28,732):**

- Produced 2 audiovisual products, 2 research reports, and a UN speaker tour
- Held 9 policy workshops and launched a successful national campaign with over 3,000 supporters

- **Staff & operations (€170,310):**

- Ensured project management, policy advocacy, and coordination with partners

4. Extra Flexible Budget – €80,000

Budget Reflection: Crucial for flexibility in adapting to real-time needs and expanding successful interventions. Allowed the programme to maintain quality and momentum. See allocation reflected above.

Impact of the investment

- South African partners overdelivered in nearly every target area due to increased investment and extra budget for local activities, training, and advocacy engagements.
- WAMUA/MACUA's work was essential in mobilization and movement building among women and mining-affected communities in South Africa, directly contributing to a new generation of women leaders and a strong movement.
- ActionAid Netherlands focused on Dutch and international advocacy efforts, research, and building awareness and public pressure, particularly on corporate accountability.
- The flexible funding was essential to obtain the exceeding results, expand activities, respond to emerging matters and ensure quality delivery across both regions.

SMART SPENDING, STRONG OUTCOMES

The THAT'S MINE! programme successfully translated financial investment into long-term community empowerment, institutional change, and social transformation. It exceeded or met nearly all targets. The funding was invested wisely, focusing funds where the greatest and most sustainable impact could be achieved. Through this investment we built lasting capacity through strengthening knowledge, solidarity, and corporate accountability. While there are financial challenges toward the future, THAT'S MINE laid the groundwork to drive systemic change



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LOOKING AT THE FUTURE: RENEWED COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

As ActionAid Netherlands navigates challenges from shifting political landscapes and cuts in development funding, we remain committed to creating a just world with a fair economy and sustainable environment. The need for our work, especially in addressing gender inequalities, has never been greater. We are committed to adapt to effectively meet these evolving needs and challenges.



The end of the Fair Green and Global programme funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2025 means ActionAid Netherlands cannot continue in its current form. This uncertainty has led to a necessary but difficult reorganisation—not a retreat, but a transformation. Our goal is to ensure we continue to make impact, even within a more constrained operational structure.

Moving forward, we will remain focused on fundraising, policy influencing, and programme coordination prioritising our feminist principles, women's rights, and responsible supply chains. A smaller and efficient organisation will allow us to be more agile and responsive to global challenges.

The pressure on civil society funding is a global trend. Our partners in South Africa, WAMUA/MACUA and ActionAid South Africa, face similar funding uncertainties. While we remain committed to our partnerships, we are, for now, unable to continue funded programming.

By January 2026, ActionAid Netherlands will evolve into a more agile organisation while staying true to its mission. We are hopeful this restructuring will lead to new funding and partnership opportunities, ensuring we can continue to champion women's rights and systemic change.

Despite the challenges ahead, we are confident that our focus on a just transition, women's empowerment, and a fair economy will allow us to remain a force for change.

We would love to keep you informed about our work and progress. If you would like to learn more about our transformation plans, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We hope to partner with you again in the future. We recognize that funders like the National Postcode Lottery are both rare and invaluable, especially in times like these.

**The need for our
work, especially
in addressing
gender
inequalities,
has never been
greater.**

ABOUT ACTIONAID NETHERLANDS



Patricia Ntsoaki Rabanye from Merafong:

“Within MACUA, I found WAMUA—a beacon of empowerment for women like myself.

WAMUA recognises the strength and potential within us, fostering an environment where women can thrive and lead fearlessly.”

About ActionAid Netherlands

ActionAid Netherlands is a women's rights organization committed to a just world with a fair economy and a sustainable environment. With our inclusive approach, alongside women in the Global South, we work toward a strong position for women worldwide.



TIME FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

Women are most affected by exploitation and crises such as climate change and wars. Especially in the Global South, women face sexual violence, limited access to education, poor working conditions, and a lack of equal rights. Yet, despite it all, it is women who stand up against injustice. They seize opportunities, know what is needed, and raise their voices. They are the leaders toward a fair and sustainable world—for themselves, for us, for everyone.

STRONGER TOGETHER

We work with women in more than 70 countries. They take the lead, because they know what's happening and what is needed. We support their work with resources, training, and advice. We also campaign, advocate for better laws and regulations, and push for corporate accountability. Together, we fight for real solutions. All forms of injustice are interconnected. So rather than looking at problems in isolation, we see the bigger picture and tackle the root causes.

WHAT WE DO WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Women's rights are human rights. Our world is only just when women are treated equally. That is why women are at the heart of everything we do. We fight for economic security, a healthy environment, bodily autonomy, and decision-making power for women. We mobilize women and their communities, campaign to raise awareness of systemic exploitation, and lobby for inclusive legislation and policies around women's rights.

FAIR ECONOMY

Women are hit hardest by the world's unequal distribution of wealth and the unchecked power of corporations. ActionAid advocates for a world where well-being is prioritized over profit. We raise awareness about corporate exploitation. We advocate towards companies, governments, and investors to ensure corporate accountability. We also provide education, legal support, and training for the women at the heart of these issues. Together, we create change at local, regional and global level.

A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Corporate pollution worsens the effects of the climate crisis. Fertile land and clean water are diminishing, while the price of food and resources is rising. Women in the Global South feel these effects most severely. ActionAid holds polluters accountable—they are the ones who must pay for a just transition to sustainable energy and agriculture. We lobby for sustainability policies and regulation, organize female farmer's unions, and train women for leadership roles during climate disasters.

Side-by-side with women from the Global South we work toward a just world with a fair economy and a sustainable environment.

The image features three women of African descent standing in front of a background with a repeating pattern of small black rectangles on a light orange surface. A large, solid red triangle is positioned behind the women, pointing upwards. All three women have their right fists raised in a gesture of solidarity or protest. The woman on the left is wearing a white shirt and a purple and white striped shawl. The woman in the center is wearing a green and brown patterned dress. The woman on the right is wearing a leopard print headscarf and a shawl with red, white, and black stripes.

This was more than just a project –
it became a movement for change.

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