2005 – 2019
IMPACT REPORT

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40,000 women + girls have directly benefitted from our grantees' work across multiple issue areas.

**SINCE 2005**

we've helped direct

$1.7M+

to benefit

40K+

women and girls around the world


95 grants to

90 organizations in

35 countries around the world

**AKILI DADA**


Akili Dada's mission is to transform girls and young women from underprivileged backgrounds into leaders in their communities. Spark members not only raised funds for Akili Dada, they also helped with a number of pro bono projects, including setting up an accounting system and helping draft a proposal that resulted in a $500,000 grant from Google. This is how we spark change!
Spark's support helped ARTE launch their Global Women Heroes Project, which provided a response to the injustice that communities of color in New York City face under the crippling effects of mass incarceration and gender inequality. For their inaugural project, ARTE worked with both incarcerated young women at Rikers and high school students at the Maxine Greene High School for Imaginative Inquiry to create a public mural in West Harlem. As one student, Celeste, shared, “[The project] is something that actually allows you to escape from the chaos of the world. With ARTE and with the mural that we just worked on, it sends a really big message to a lot of people, not just females, but males, even teenagers, young adults about who is really trying to help us out in the world.”

The Mosintuwu Institute’s Garbage Bank helps women create marketable bags, wallets, and other goods out of trash. This not only gives the women economic opportunities, but also empowers them to speak up in local politics as they advocate for improved waste practices. Spark’s grant and pro bono support helped the women attend trainings to improve their designs. Having an international funder also gave the program validation within the local community.
When I was still working in the private sector, I was finding success in my career but feeling thoroughly unfulfilled. I was introduced to a Spark by a friend who was also a member and it changed my life. My involvement in Spark inspired me to commit to women's empowerment full time. Without my Spark experience, I don't think I would have taken the risk of moving to Austin site unseen to help Wendy Davis jumpstart her nonprofit Deeds Not Words, committed to galvanizing the power of young women to disrupt the status quo through organizing, policy-making, and voting. Since leaving in 2018, I've continued to advocate for gender equity through politics and now serve on Austin’s Human Rights Commission. Thanks to Spark I've learned that it's worth it to push for the empowerment of women, as you'll help inspire new changemakers in the process – like Spark did for me!
MEMBER IMPACT

JAMIE ALLISON

Spark was really foundational for me. My experience with Spark taught me firsthand what it means to run a nonprofit organization. I became a better foundation Program Officer and grantmaker, because I could sympathize, empathize, and strategize with nonprofits that were sometimes going through similar challenges as we were at Spark. It also enabled me to serve on other Boards. And, I now use those same skills to lead an organization. As Executive Director at a foundation, I am the main contact with the trustees. Spark was my crash course in how to interact with Board Members, how to read and use bylaws, and how to understand the segregation of duties between Board and staff. Now, that's my job every day.

KENDRA HYETT

Spark empowered me to know I deserved “a seat at the table.” When I returned to the Midwest where I grew up, I never would have thought to search out giving circle opportunities, intimidated by the process and assuming they were for more influential and “important” women than myself. Thanks to Spark, I have been able to connect with the incredible work of the Chicago Foundation for Women through their local giving circles, and have learned so much about the communities I grew up in. I know this will not be the last time I go for something previously intimidating thanks to my Spark experiences!
OUR GRANTEEES

2019
Neges Kreyol, Haiti

2018
Tanma Federation, Malaysia
Human Rights Common Platform, Armenia
Alipato Project, Berkeley, CA
Frailty Myths, Oakland, CA
Aspire, Egypt
Fearless Collective, South Asia
Earthspring International Outreach, Nigeria

2017
Women Advocacy Project, Zimbabwe
Roatan Peer Health Exchange, Honduras
LONA, San Francisco, CA
NexGene Girls, San Francisco, CA
Azaadi, India
Mosintuwu Institute, Indonesia
New Women New Yorkers, New York, NY
Art & Resistance Through Education (ARTE), New York, NY

2016
Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Taskforce (SWEAT), South Africa
Kyusa, Uganda
Ruraq Maki, Peru
Willpowered Woman, San Francisco, CA
AnnieCannons, San Francisco, CA
Resources and Outreach for Liberia, Liberia
The Doula Project, New York, NY
African Youth Alliance Group, Cameroon

2015
Rural Women Center for Education and Development, Cameroon
Red Dot Foundation (Safecity), India
The BuSSy Project, Egypt
Mfariji Africa, Kenya
Essie Justice Group, Oakland, CA
BLK Projek, New York, NY
The Ara Trust, India
Let Us Stay Alive Program, Rwanda
Women LEAD Nepal, Nepal
CARE, Nepal
Global Fund for Women, Nepal
MADRE, Nepal
IDEX, Nepal

2014
Vicony's Global Success World, Cameroon
The Alternative Bridge to Community Development (AB2CD), Philippines
Advocates for Sustainable Health, Nigeria
Community Women’s Enterprise, Uganda
Youth Leadership Empowerment and Achievement Program (Y-LEAP), Oakland, CA
Project Window, New York, NY
Young Feminists Movement, Pakistan
Guerreiras Project, Brazil

2013
Japan Multicultural Relief Fund, Japan
Roots of Health, Philippines
Uganda Women's Water Initiative, Uganda
Women LEAD Nepal, Nepal
Turning Point for Women and Families, New York, NY
Oasis for Girls, San Francisco, CA
OUR GRANTEES

2012
Akili Dada, Kenya
Asylum Access, Tanzania
Estrategia, Peru
The Komera Project, Rwanda
Impulse, India
MADRE, Guatemala
Pentok Institute, China
Sweet Dreams Sewing Cooperative, San Francisco, CA
Young Women of Color HIV/AIDS Coalition, New York, NY

2011
Akili Dada, Kenya
Chuacruz Weaving Cooperative, Guatemala

2010
Haiti Relief Fund, Haiti
Akili Dada, Kenya
WOZA Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
Young Women's Freedom Center, San Francisco, CA
Freedom House, San Francisco, CA

2009
Maitri, San Francisco, CA
Center for Young Women's Development, San Francisco, CA
Women to Women, Congo

2008
Center for Young Women's Development, San Francisco, CA
Blue Planet Project, Various

2007
Abuhujumutima Association, Rwanda
Oasis for Girls, San Francisco, CA
The Makana Project, Jordan
CAMFED, Tanzania & Zimbabwe
Afghan Institute of Learning, Afghanistan
The Vietnam Scholarship Fund, Vietnam
Cordoray, Peru
Unknown, San Francisco, CA

New Women New Yorkers

Oasis for Girls

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