

EMERGE 2.0 PROGRAMME

2024-2025 Cohort

| | Organisation | About | Participants |
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| 1. | Media Matters for Women, Sierra Leone | MMW is a female-led NGO working in the isolated, forgotten rural areas of Sierra Leone where poverty is persistent. We aim to reduce barriers that prevent women from understanding and acting on their human rights through 5 project areas: 1) access to information, 2) sexual and gender-based violence prevention, 3) sexual and reproductive health rights, 4) strengthening rural communities, and 5) women’s financial empowerment. The fundamental problem we address is gender inequality. This manifests itself in many ways—through rampant gender-based violence, poor access to quality healthcare, harmful traditional and cultural norms, and a lack of knowledge and understanding of rights. MMW strategies weave together women’s leadership development, activism, gender awareness, and intersectional organizing to ensure that women, feminist perspectives, and agendas link to broader social justice movements. | Florence Sesay Alinah O Kallan |
| 2. | Solidarite Feminine Pour La Paix Et Le Developpement Integral (SOFEPADI), DR Congo | SOFEPADI is a national women lead organization based in the DR Congo, which works for the promotion and defense of human rights and the specific rights of women and children. Created in 2000, SOFEPADI has more than 20 years of experience in implementing programs that take into account the promotion of gender, equality and inclusion within communities. | Sandrine Lusamba |
| 3. | Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation (GKEPF), South Africa | The Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation (GKEPF) is a registered non-profit organization that was established in 2016 in direct response to the alarming increase in the number of rhinos killed by poachers in the Greater Kruger, an area which encompasses more than 2.5 million hectares of unfenced wilderness and is home to the largest wild rhino population in the world. GKEPF has become integrally involved in facilitating effective communication, aligning approaches and anti-poaching strategies, facilitation of co-ordination and co-operation addressing the relentless onslaught on rhinos in the region, in addition to developing and supporting broader wildlife crime mitigation strategies, including data management, operational support to members, social engagement, ranger support and training and research for the benefit of conservation in the Greater Kruger region and South Africa | Sharon Hausmann |

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| 4. | UHAI, Kenya | UHAI – the East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative (UHAI EASHRI) is Africa’s first indigenous activist fund supporting human rights of sexual and gender minorities and sex workers. We fund activists organising in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, and further supports Pan-African organising across the continent. Over the 14 years of its existence, UHAI has funded critical court challenges that overturned repressive laws, resourced pioneering community-led initiatives, and supported documentation, advocacy and organising by sexual and gender minorities and sex workers in the region. We have also partnered with and funded Pan-African organisations and networks allied to our movements. We support movements through providing grants, capacity support, facilitating convening spaces and thought leadership. | Mukami Burete Esmael Omar N |
| 5. | Farm Orphan Support Trust (FOST), Zimbabwe | OST is a community based no governmental organisation that was registered as a Private Voluntary Organization (PVO 3/97) founded as a response that focused on community-based care and support for children affected by HIV and AIDS. FOST has been acknowledged as being one of the first organizations globally to advocate and implement programmes for OVC rooted in the community with a primary focus on farming communities. The FOST logo is a Mutamba tree, an indigenous fruit tree that grows everywhere in the country, even in dry, arid and infertile places. Culturally, this tree belongs to everyone and may not be chopped down. In the same way, the FOST programming is rooted in the community, is culturally sensitive and acknowledges that children who are orphaned belong to everyone. Consequently, FOST endeavours to ensure protective measures are in place to care for the most vulnerable children by building on existing community structures. The programme is based on the belief that orphaned children have the best opportunity for development within a family setting, without sibling separation, in an environment that is familiar. | Blessing Kumbirai Mutama Patricia Rumbidzai Chingandu |
| 6. | Childline, Zimbabwe | Childline Zimbabwe is a registered Private Voluntary Organisation (PVO 7/2001) that provides a free 24-hour telephone and online reporting and support platforms for children and young people in Zimbabwe. Childline’s vision is for a realization of: ‘A Zimbabwe that is passionate about the protection of children.’ This is achieved through the organisation’s mission: ‘To champion and promote the protection of children in Zimbabwe through the provision of safe, confidential reporting and support mechanisms.’ | Ratidzai Moyo Progress Nangati |

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| 7. | Agriculture Partnerships Trust (APT), Zimbabwe | Zimbabwean development organisation specializing in rural economic development through a market systems approach. | Michael Dawes Rodney Mushongachware |
| 8. | Fonds XOESE pour les Femmes Francophones (XOESE), Togo | XOESE is a Feminist Foundation of public utility whose aim is to financially and technically support the implementation of initiatives by women's organizations in French-speaking countries, based in Lomé, Togo. XOESE was created on September 1, 2015 and became operational in November 2018. To date, XOESE reinvests its resources in more than 15 countries around the world, including: Benin, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Chad and Togo. We work with over 250 women groups in those countries. | Massan d' Almeida Ayawovi Meyrson Quenum |
| 9. | Regional Partnership for Coastal and Marine Conservation (PRCM), Senegal | The Regional Partnership for Coastal and Marine Conservation (PRCM) is a coalition of actors working on West African coastal issues, covering seven countries: Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Conakry, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. Their mission is to promote the conservation of the marine and coastal zone in West Africa. PRCM aims to create a healthy and productive marine environment for the well-being of West African populations. They collaborate with partners, including governments, international organizations, universities, and NGOs, to address climate change, biodiversity, and anthropogenic threats in the region. Additionally, PRCM provides an online information portal called WebGIS, offering data on fisheries, marine protected areas, and more to guide conservation efforts | Kebe Mohamadou Moustapha (Senegal) Cyrille Bertrand Mbangue (Cameroun) |
| 10. | Agroecology Fund (Remote) | Pooled fund to support agroecological solutions around the globe. | Tabara Ndiaye (Senegal) Bethule Nyamambi (Zimbabwe) |
| 11. | Family Support Trust (FST), Zimbabwe | Family Support Trust is a Zimbabwean non-governmental organization that runs projects that prevent and response to violence against children and sexual and gender-based violence. The organization runs 6 survivor friendly clinics that provide medical and psychosocial support to women and girls who have been abused. It also carries outreach activities that are meant to prevent sexual and gender-based violence in the communities. The organization was the first and pioneer organization to focus on the | Tamburai Muchinguri Lucia Machipisa |

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| | | provision of medical and psychosocial support to sexually abused children in Zimbabwe in 1997, | |
| 12. | Hen Mpoano, Ghana | <p>Hen Mpoano is a not-for-profit organization legally registered in Ghana since 2013 and based in Takoradi in the Western Region. Between 2009 to 2013, the organization existed and operated as Coastal Resources Center- Ghana, with affiliation to the Coastal Resources Center of the University of Rhode Island, USA. During this period, Hen Mpoano led the implementation of the USAID-funded Integrated Coastal and Fisheries Governance (ICFG) Initiative for the Western Region of Ghana. Upon closure of the ICFG project, Hen Mpoano became a registered organization with a mission towards continuing many of the initiatives related to coastal and marine governance begun under the project.</p> <p>We envision a world where inclusive and integrated management of coastal and marine ecosystems generate long-term benefits to nature and people.</p> <p>Our Mission is to provide technical, policy and extension support to actors in government, private sector and civil society through capacity building, research, networking and project development in fisheries and coastal ecosystem governance.</p> | Koffi Agbogah Kuusana Peter C |
| 13. | Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC), Namibia | <p>Before Namibia's independence, IRDNC collaborated with community leaders to combat poaching, successfully curbing the decline of black rhinos and desert-adapted elephants. After independence, IRDNC's community-based natural resource management approach resonated with the new government, influencing national conservation legislation. The 1996 Nature Conservation Amendment Act granted communities limited rights to manage natural resources and establish conservancies. In the mid, 1990s IRDNC expanded its support from a single communal conservancy to 46 established and 10 emerging conservancies across the Zambezi and Kunene regions, covering 5.3 million hectares. Kunene is the most remote and rugged area.</p> <p>IRDNC's approach is based on three pillars: natural resource management, enterprise development, and strong local governance. This approach seeks to secure a long-term habitat for wildlife outside national parks and reduce pressure on these areas.</p> <p>Furthermore, IRDNC aims to enhance the lives of rural people by integrating wildlife and other natural resources into Namibia's communal areas' socio-economy.</p> | John Kenena Kasaona Basilia Andoroone Shivute |
| 14. | Amani Girls Organisation, Tanzania | AGO is a non-governmental organization registered in Tanzania with the registration number (00NGO/R1/00249) and working toward gender equality since 2004. AGO envisions the sustainable evolution of resilient, safe, equitable, and healthy | Revocatus Joseph Sono |

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| | | communities in a just and inclusive Tanzania. AGO works to build the protective and productive resources of children, youth, and families to enable their active participation in the community and national development. With a strong focus on fostering community development through promoting gender equality, we prioritize women and girls across all of our programming. Our work engages broader stakeholders, particularly boys and men, in efforts to create more equitable and favorable conditions for all. | Elizabeth Thomas Dossa |
| 15. | Bethany Project, Zimbabwe | Bethany Project (PVO 2/98) was registered with the Government of Zimbabwe in 1998 as a non-profit organization. It was established, as a response to orphan hood emanating from the HIV and AIDS pandemic. It now focuses on child and youth programming, working to improve lives of those 24 years and below in Mberengwa and Zvishavane District in the Midlands Province of Zimbabwe. According to its 2022 to 2026 Strategic Plan the strategic pillars that guide its programming are: Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights; Sexual and Gender Based Violence; Social and Economic Empowerment; Food Security; Community Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening. | Rebecca Gumbo Tatenda Rukanda |
| 16. | Associação Kwaedza Simukai Manica (AKSM), Mozambique | The Kwaedza Simukai Manica Association (AKSM) is a national non-governmental organization devoted to improving the conditions of life of the poorest rural families through empowerment and advocacy in the areas of education, livelihoods and community development in rural areas of Mozambique. The AKSM began its work in Manica district in 1993 when it was still Integrated Development Program of Manica (PDIM) of the Cooperation Fund for Development (FOS) of Belgium. | Domingos Fausto Gomes Neto José António Frazia Tuia |
| 17. | Zimbabwe Women's Trust, Zimbabwe | ZWB is a national, membership women's organization working with small holder farmers in agriculture and livelihoods, environment, energy, climate change, Disaster Risk Management and social justice. | Ronika Mumbire Melody Gwangwara |
| 18. | AWFISHNET/ UNWFO, Uganda | The Uganda National Women's Fish Organization (UNWFO) is a membership network of women in the fish value chain in Uganda. UNWFO was established in 2019 with the overall aim of improving the livelihoods, welfare, and contribution of women to the network membership is drawn from the national associations of women fish workers from across Uganda. | Lovin Kobusingye Patricia Maisha (DR Congo) |
| 19. | Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Nigeria | HOMEF is an ecological think tank organization advocating for environmental/ climate justice and food sovereignty in Nigeria and Africa at large. As a result of our dissatisfaction with impunity in our environment, we believe that; the rights of Mother Earth must be safe guarded, communities should be equipped to voice protest against | Stephen Oduware Ebebeinwe Joyce Okeoghene |

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| | | oppression and pollution in their environment and justice must prevail in our engagement with the environment and nature’s cycles at policy, corporate, and individual level. Our work is built around the following core areas; Hunger Politics, Fossil politics, Community and Culture, Gender and space for knowledge generation and sharing - Ikike. | |
| 20. | The Heartlines Centre NPC, South Africa | Heartlines is a South African-based NGO that aims to be part of addressing some of the issues facing society by helping move people from professed positive values to lived values. We run the following Programmes: Fathers Matter, Values & Money and What’s Your Story. | Lara Van Niekerk |