2013 at a Glance: Highlights

January
MADRE launches an emergency campaign to send urgent aid to Syrian women and girl refugees.

February
MADRE’s partners in Colombia reopen their trauma counseling and rehabilitation center, a haven of care and comfort for former child soldiers.

March
50 Indigenous women in three communities in Guatemala receive chickens. This project enables women to feed their families and generate new income to become economically independent.

April
Yifat Susskind, MADRE Executive Director, delivers aid to Syrian refugee women in and around Za’atari refugee camp in Jordan.

May
MADRE brings our Indigenous partners from Nicaragua, Peru and Kenya to the UN to speak out on the most pressing human rights violations faced by their communities.

June
MADRE launches the Women’s Health Fund to provide basic medical care, including reproductive care, to women and girls in places like Guatemala, Kenya and Palestine.

July
Over 100 women farmers in Sudan benefit from a miller used to extract oil from sesame seeds and groundnuts. With new income from selling the oil, women feed their families and send their children to school.

August
MADRE sends emergency aid to strengthen security after our partners in Haiti are targeted with violence because of their work for women’s rights.

September
MADRE sends over 3,000 bottles of prenatal vitamins to a maternity center and women’s clinic in Nicaragua.

October
MADRE’s partners in Iraq reopen their Al-Mousawat radio station after it was destroyed by a car bomb the previous year.

November
MADRE launches an emergency response to support women and families devastated by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

December
MADRE sponsors a delegation of healthcare workers to serve Syrian refugee women in Jordan and Turkey. The delegation delivers supplies to women’s clinics, including prenatal vitamins and sterile towels.
Dear Friends,

When I look back on 2013—and on the 30 years of MADRE it marked—I’m so proud of all that we’ve accomplished with our sisters around the world. And I have your support to thank for it.

From sending humanitarian aid to Syrian refugee women and girls to winning legal victories to protect women from violence in Guatemala, we couldn’t have done it without you. Your caring, dedication and support is truly what makes our work with women and families around the world possible.

And the impact of your support is life-changing. You’ve helped women in Nicaragua shift community perception on violence against women and girls. You’ve helped midwives in Palestine and Israel work together for women’s health through a shared commitment to peace. You’ve helped girls in Kenya pursue an education and grow into community leaders, and so much more.

And you’ve done it all through an organization committed to creating the greatest impact for women with every dollar.

Thanks for being such an important part of MADRE.

With gratitude,

Yifat Susskind
MADRE Executive Director

MADRE Executive Director Yifat Susskind in Nicaragua with members of our sister organization Wangki Tangni.
We save lives and address root causes of crises, creating empowerment and social change

When a woman can ensure that the daily needs of her family are met, she’s in a stronger position to develop long-term solutions to the crisis she faces. With your support:

100 members of the MADRE co-founded Women Farmers Union — the first and only of its kind in Sudan — received an oil miller to make sesame and peanut oil from their harvests, further boosting their income.

Thanks to you, Sudanese women farmers are producing the food and earning the income to feed their families and send their children to school.

Hundreds of women in Barcenas, an impoverished town outside Guatemala City, received vaccinations, pap smears, eye, ear and throat exams and other preventative health tests as well as 10 trainings on sexual and reproductive health at a health fair organized by MADRE and the Women Workers Committee, our Guatemalan partners.

Thanks to you, women in Guatemala are in control of their reproductive health and are better equipped to demand their human rights.
Dozens of children born with birth defects in Hawijah, an Iraqi town located near a toxic US military munitions dump, received access to healthcare including wheelchairs, canes, prosthetics, and a full medical assessment by a doctor. **Thanks to you, Iraqi mothers and their children rebuild from the terrible legacy of war.**

Over 4,000 Indigenous people in rural Kenya gained access to potable water through piping, filters and purification systems. **Thanks to you, Indigenous women in Kenya spend less time hauling water and are able to participate in other activities, and waterborne disease is reduced.**

Syrian refugee women and girls received lifesaving aid, including emergency medical supplies, solar lanterns to prevent nighttime attacks and community-based trauma counseling. **Thanks to you, Syrian women and girls are sustained through war.**

**One Syrian Refugee Woman’s Testimony**

“One of the worst things about being a refugee is feeling invisible. If something horrible happened to me, no one would know about it. I used to think about that, and it would fill me with a terrible feeling. When I was home, I knew that my family and my neighbors would take care of me if I was sick or if someone tried to hurt me. But I felt so alone now. But when we received your help, it changed so much. It told me that someone knows I am here. That someone is worried about me and they want to make sure that I'm OK. Thank you for reminding me that I am not alone.”
We strengthen community-based women’s organizations, leaving skills, resources and knowledge in local women’s hands for the long term

With first-hand knowledge of local conditions, community-based organizations are the experts in the needs of the women and families they serve. But they often lack the resources and support they need to put their solutions into action. We partner with community-based women’s groups to enhance their capacity to create positive social change and ensure that skills and resources remain in the community for the long term. With your support:

Over 200 Haitian activists and government officials attended a MADRE-organized workshop in Port-au-Prince, spurring local action around pending landmark legislation. This proposed law would strengthen the definition of rape, legalize abortion in some circumstances, and protect Haiti’s LGBT community from discrimination.

Thanks to you, Haitian women are gaining the tools and information they need to demand that their government protect women’s rights.

We supported the launch of the Global Leadership School of Indigenous Women, a program that aims to strengthen capacities of Indigenous women leaders in international decision-making processes.

Thanks to you, Indigenous women are developing the skills and strategies they need to promote social change at the local, regional and international level.
Nearly 1,000 women attended a major forum organized by Wangki Tangni, our Nicaraguan sister organization, to discuss the violence they face in their communities and to create local solutions.

Thanks to you, women in Nicaragua are advocating for justice and an end to violence.

Securing Rights and Safety for Girls in Nicaragua

On the North Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, desperately poor parents are selling their daughters to sex traffickers, a growing crisis linked to the expansion of mining and drug trafficking in the region. Often, these girls are discarded by the men after multiple rapes and beatings. With your support, we're providing medical care, counseling and protection services for these girls. We're also working to put an end to this terrible abuse, bringing it to the attention of the Nicaraguan National Police to give survivors the chance at legal recourse. And with your support, we’ve had a breakthrough! We supported our partners at Wangki Tangni in training 26 local traditional judges, or Wihtas, who hold significant power in these Indigenous communities. Thanks to these ongoing trainings, the Wihtas pledged publicly and for the first time to uphold national laws outlawing the sale of young girls.

Because of you, this new alliance between the Wihtas and our partner group will build a stronger community of resistance to women's rights violations. It will create a network of safety for girls at risk of trafficking.

Top, Rose Cunningham, an Indigenous women’s rights activist and long-time MADRE partner, speaks out at the Forum. Bottom, a group of Wihtas at the Forum listen to the testimonies of Indigenous women.
We train and empower grassroots women activists to change policies, protecting their rights and building safer, healthier communities

MADRE brings women who work for social change at the community level into the process of creating and monitoring international law. We offer training and opportunities for women to advocate for their rights in local, national and international arenas. With your support:

We presented the testimonies of our Colombian partners on violations of women’s reproductive rights, sexual violence in armed conflict, discrimination against transgender people and lack of access to adequate health care in a report to the UN Human Rights Committee. The committee ordered the Colombian government to uphold its commitment to recognize same-sex marriage and families. Thanks to you, women in Colombia are speaking out for justice.

We brought our Indigenous partners from Nicaragua, Peru and Kenya to New York for the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, an annual gathering to address the most pressing challenges faced by Indigenous communities. Thanks to you, Indigenous women are demanding government action to address violence against women and climate change.

We requested a hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights so that our partners at the Organization of Women’s Freedom in Iraq can demand justice and accountability from the US government for its abuses in Iraq. Thanks to you, women in Iraq are holding the US accountable for destructive policies.

We documented cases of violence against Syrian women in war to provide legally viable evidence in future war crime tribunals and other justice processes. Thanks to you, Syrian women are trained on how to use international law to raise awareness and win justice for survivors of wartime sexual violence.

Indigenous women share their expertise and testimonies at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
A Mother’s Campaign for Justice in Guatemala

Five years ago in Barcenas, an impoverished town outside of Guatemala City, Betty Gonzalez’s daughter Rosemary was killed in a brutal wave of rapes and murders targeting women. Betty wanted justice for her daughter, but the police barely investigated Rosemary’s murder. MADRE launched a campaign to train the Women Workers Committee, our local partners, to face down these callous officials. With your support, our partners held sit-ins and demonstrated in front of the courthouse. And we documented Rosemary’s case in a report to the UN Human Rights Committee, calling on the Guatemalan government to take action. We’re happy to report that it worked! Rosemary’s killer was found guilty of his crime — the first conviction of a woman’s killer that the community has ever seen.

Thanks to you, women are empowered to seek justice and a life free from violence.

Below, Betty Gonzalez speaks out about her daughter’s murder. Top right, Betty speaks to the media about the murder of her daughter Rosemary. Bottom right, Yifat comforts Betty.
To advance social justice, women must be equipped to both improve conditions in their communities and advocate for human rights. When grassroots women’s organizations provide vital services to their communities, women can build new skills, step up as leaders and mobilize for rights-based policies. Local women's organizations play a vital role in translating human rights standards from paper to practice to create social justice.

MADRE strengthens grassroots women's organizations in war, disaster and their aftermath. MADRE supports our partners to meet urgent community needs and trains and accompanies women to effect long-term change. MADRE galvanizes people around the world in support of our partners' demands by shaping public opinion and policy.

MADRE has shown perseverance in the fight for what's right and in their support to us, especially in the most difficult moments. MADRE has been our support system when facing critical situations. We know that we are united in the work, with love and support."

- Rose Cunningham, director of MADRE’s Nicaraguan sister organization Wangki Tangni
AUDIT SUMMARY

For the year ending December 31, 2013:

Support and Revenue*: $3,450,196

Expenses**:

- Total Program Services: $2,711,021
- Administrative and General: $135,203
- Fundraising: $304,171

Total supporting services: $439,374

Net assets as of December 31, 2013: $2,379,092

*Includes in kind humanitarian aid donations
**In kind advertising not included

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