2014: A Year of Women Demanding Rights, Resources & Results
OUR MISSION
To advance women’s human rights by meeting urgent needs in communities and building lasting solutions to the crises women face.

Through MADRE, you strengthen grassroots women’s organizations in war, disaster and their aftermath. You support our partners to meet urgent community needs and to create lasting change. And together with you, we galvanize people around the world in support of women’s rights by shaping public opinion and policy.
When I look back on 2014, I’m immensely proud of all that we’ve accomplished for women worldwide, thanks to dedicated supporters like you. Together with you, MADRE and our local, grassroots partners have made lifesaving, lasting changes for women facing war, disaster and their aftermath.

From delivering humanitarian aid to Syrian refugee women and girls to expanding our shelter services for women fleeing rape and sexual slavery in Iraq, you have sustained women confronting extremist violence.

From bringing seeds to women farmers combating climate change in Nicaragua to providing art therapy and counseling to former girl child soldiers and survivors of violence in Colombia, you have been a lifeline for women facing both natural and political disaster.

From demanding Syrian women’s voices in peace talks to calling for policies that recognize the impact of climate change on women in Kenya, you have been transformational for women advocating for their human rights.

**All these accomplishments are thanks to your support of MADRE.** I hope you’ll take a moment to read through this report to see even more incredible things you’ve helped make possible for women and families worldwide. Thank you for being an important partner in our work towards human rights for all.

With gratitude,
We Partner with Grassroots Women

MADRE partners with grassroots women facing war, disaster and their aftermath.

Together, we meet basic needs for food, clean water, health care and more.

We Advocate for Human Rights

MADRE works with our grassroots partners to train women in their communities about their human rights.

Together, we advocate for policies that protect women’s human rights: from local to global.

Together, these two strategies combine to create lasting change for women worldwide.

Read on for key highlights from 2014.
MADRE and our sister organization, Taller de Vida, offer a new life to former child soldiers and survivors of sexual violence. We provide trauma counseling and art therapy, and we empower young women to advocate for their rights.

In 2014, you supported the *Take My Body Out of the War* campaign. This project uses creative arts like photography and graphic design to encourage former child soldiers to express and overcome their traumas from war.

Thanks to your support, girls and young women in Colombia have found a vital community of support and are beginning to heal.

“When I was 7 years old, I could not prevent them from taking over my body. Today, I am 17 years old. Never again will I let someone possess my body. I will decide who to love.”

– Former girl child soldier, survivor of sexual violence and Taller de Vida participant
MADRE and our sister organization, MUIXIL, support a women’s weaving collective to earn income and preserve Indigenous heritage. We provide looms and weaving materials, and we equip Indigenous women to learn about and advocate for their rights.

In 2014, you strengthened a weaving collective of 45 Indigenous women by helping to connect them to a US market to sell their textiles. Women with no other source of income now earn enough money to feed their families and send their children to school.

And you helped organize vibrant strategy sessions between 48 Guatemalan and Colombian women who have survived decades of war. These courageous women met to exchange their stories and activist lessons. And they received training and a toolkit of grassroots and international strategies to build peace and justice.

Thanks to your support, women now earn money to feed their families. And women war survivors are empowered to demand rights from governments.

“I want to say to all the women who are here to not be afraid…because when we are scared, we are silent. But if we go forward fighting, we will find justice.”

– Maria, a human rights training participant
MADRE and our sister organization, the Organization of Women’s Freedom in Iraq, deliver urgent aid and shelter to women at risk of rape and sexual slavery from ISIS extremists. And we call on world leaders to confront violations of women’s rights.

“Here in the grip of violent militias that rape and kidnap women into sexual slavery and forced marriages, I ask, who is here to help us? It is you, good people of MADRE. It is you who helped us respond immediately, when no other organization could.”

– Yanar Mohammed, OWFI Director

When ISIS invaded Iraq in June 2014, you helped us respond immediately with humanitarian aid for women’s shelters. What’s more, you enabled us to provide ongoing, reliable support, even after many large aid agencies pulled out. Our Women’s Peace Farm sheltered 54 women farmers and their children fleeing ISIS, helping them grow organic food, earn income and rebuild their lives.

With your support, we also testified before the US Congress and the United Nations, calling for policies that protect the rights of women, girls and LGBT Iraqis, and for the Iraqi government to lift a ban on shelters. Within months, local authorities in the cities of Samarra and Karbala set a precedent: they would allow our local partners to operate shelters for women and families who escaped ISIS.

Thanks to your support, women today have safe haven, and we made progress in rolling back a harmful restriction on women’s shelters.
MADRE and our sister organization, the Indigenous Information Network, train rural women to confront climate threats and survive drought. We give women tools to harvest rainwater and sustainably store food. And we raise women’s voices in climate policy and funding debates.

Your support brought a clean water tank to Mt. Elgon, a rural, Indigenous community in Kenya. Thanks to you, women and girls no longer spend hours every day hauling contaminated water from distant sources. Women have more time to farm the land and girls to go to school.

MADRE also released a report called *Climate Justice Calls for Gender Justice*, providing funders and policymakers with concrete steps to sustain the frontline efforts of women, like our grassroots partners, confronting climate threats.

Thanks to your support, women have the tools to combat climate change and ensure their families’ survival. And we campaigned for policymakers and funders to support women’s climate solutions.
MADRE and our sister organization, Wangki Tangni, work with Indigenous communities to end violence against women and girls. We offer emergency care, counseling and shelter to survivors of violence. And our radio programming teaches women to report and document violence for prosecution.

Indigenous women in remote communities of Nicaragua have little protection from violence or information about their rights. Our new radio project is changing that, by broadcasting human rights education and updates on shelter and support services. In 2014, you delivered 150 solar radios for women to tune in and helped train 15 women’s rights organizers. These women are now training many more activists, to document women’s testimonies and record radio interviews.

Thanks to your support, Indigenous women have access to lifesaving information, and activists build skills to end violence against women.

“I learned about my rights by listening to the radio.”

— Participant in MADRE-led radio training
In 2014, eight weeks of Israeli attacks in Gaza killed over 2,100 Palestinians, 500 of them children, destroying hospitals, health centers and entire neighborhoods. Pregnant women were in particular danger, out of reach of hospitals and at risk of miscarrying from trauma. You helped us deliver antenatal care and supplies to 478 pregnant women, along with basic humanitarian supplies for women and families under siege.

And you supported our call for an end to both the Israeli bombardment of Gaza and to the Hamas rocket attacks on civilians in Israel.
In Syria and surrounding refugee communities, MADRE and our on-the-ground partners protect women and girls from wartime rape and forced marriage. We also deliver emergency aid like medical supplies and contraception. And we train women to document and call for prosecution of rape as a weapon of war.

Syrian refugee women and girls remain vulnerable to rape and sexual violence, even after fleeing Syria. Your support delivered 150 windup flashlights to Syrian refugee women living in Jordan, a vital guard against nighttime attacks.

Together with Syrian women’s rights activists, MADRE reported on violations like rape and forced marriage to the CEDAW Committee, a UN body charged with reviewing progress on women’s human rights. The Committee reinforced many of our demands, bolstering the body of evidence needed for future prosecution of rape as a weapon of war.

Thanks to your support, Syrian women have received vital humanitarian aid to survive war. And activists have the tools and international backing to safeguard women’s human rights.

“You’re a light in my life.”
- a Syrian refugee woman after receiving her solar lantern.
My Body is Not Your Battlefield

MADRE works to confront the use of rape as a weapon of war by setting up community-based services for care, counseling and shelter, and by demanding policy change to protect women and prevent rape.

Highlights In 2014, MADRE launched an urgent humanitarian response to the ISIS invasion of Iraq and to their rampant use of wartime rape in Iraq and Syria. Your support opened the only women’s shelter in ISIS-controlled territory, offering vital refuge and aid. And you helped launch the Women’s Peace Farm, where 54 women farmers and their children who fled ISIS receive emergency shelter, grow food and earn income.

Your support convened rights activists from Colombia and Guatemala in a series of landmark gatherings. There, you helped us provide human rights training to women who came together to exchange strategies to heal, prevent rape as a weapon of war, and build lasting peace.

At a major June 2014 global summit on sexual violence in conflict, you helped uplift the demands of our grassroots partners from Syria, Iraq, Colombia and beyond, and you demanded that world leaders be held accountable to their commitments to end wartime rape.

Read more by MADRE on rape as a weapon of war:

- More Powerful Than ISIS, Huffington Post
- What We Owe Nigeria’s Kidnapped Schoolgirls, openDemocracy

www.madre.org/notyourbattlefield
Women Climate Defenders

MADRE amplifies the voices of women on the frontlines of our global climate crisis. With MADRE support, these brave women innovate concrete strategies to protect local communities. Together, we advocate for policymakers to replicate and sustain grassroots women’s solutions.

Highlights In 2014, MADRE worked with our local partner in Nicaragua to train and provide seeds to women for organic farming. Your support organized local farmers markets, creating new opportunities for women to sell their produce locally and earn income to sustain their families.

In Kenya, frequent droughts devastate rural communities, leaving their land parched and threatening lives. In 2014, you helped women farmers store water to last through droughts, installing a new clean water tank in the Indigenous community of Mt. Elgon.

Read our report for funders and activists, *Climate Justice Calls for Gender Justice*, for concrete steps to support women’s climate solutions, locally and globally.

www.madre.org/climate
**January**
MADRE joins Women Lead to Peace, a campaign calling for women’s leadership in Syria’s peace negotiations. We deliver 150 safe birthing kits and 150 wind-up flashlights to help Syrian refugee women and girls stay healthy and safe.

**February**
We hold twin strategy sessions with women activists and survivors of war from Colombia and Guatemala, who empower each other and build local campaigns demanding peace and justice.

**March**
MADRE and partners release a report on the egregious pattern of sexual violence Syrian women face in the war. We use our findings to press governments for redress and call for accountability.

**April**
The MADRE co-founded Women Farmers Union in Sudan receives training in rainwater harvesting to expand crop production and battle climate change.

**May**
We convene a delegation of Indigenous women leaders from across the world to lobby the United Nations for their human rights. We provide communications advocacy training, building their skills to document human rights testimony through video.

**June**
We mobilize an immediate response to bring emergency relocation, aid, food and shelter to women and families after ISIS invades northern Iraq.

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**July**
MADRE sends emergency medical aid to women and families in Gaza caught in the crosshairs of deadly violence.

**August**
We condemn US airstrikes in Iraq and calls for an urgent re-prioritization of humanitarian aid to meet the needs of women and families threatened by ISIS.

**September**
We release *Climate Justice Calls for Gender Justice*, a report on how women are organizing to confront climate change and why activists for women’s rights and environmental justice must partner.

**October**
We provide human rights, communications and maternal health training to 1,000 Indigenous women in Nicaragua. These women gathered to create local strategies to end violence against women and to demand their rights.

**November**
MADRE and partners release two reports detailing the rise of violence and death threats against LGBT Iraqis. We push for the Iraqi government and the international community to protect LGBT people persecuted in Iraq.

**December**
We testify before the US Congress on the need to prioritize women’s rights in aid delivery and reconstruction in post-disaster Haiti.
## Public Support and Revenue:

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### 2014 Expenses

- **Program Services**: 87%
- **Management and General**: 7%
- **Fundraising**: 6%

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A complete copy of the audited financial statements and MADRE’s IRS Form 990 are available upon request.
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