Equality for Women and Girls Grantmaking

The Summit Foundation supports the transformation of harmful, gender-based social norms so that girls and women from marginalized backgrounds are healthy, empowered and able to reach their full potential.

In line with Sustainable Development Goal 5, our long-term vision has equity at its center. We envision a world where all girls and women have achieved full equality and are fully empowered, valued by their families and communities, have viable pathways to quality education, health and employment and are engaged in civic and political life. In this world, all women and girls have the ability and autonomy to make decisions about their sexual and reproductive lives, free from discrimination, coercion and violence.

As indicators for women and girls’ well-being improve, evidence shows that economies grow, poverty rates decline, and the environment benefits. Yet the global challenge remains that too many women and girls in every country are constrained by socio-cultural, structural and policy barriers that impede their rights and lead to elevated school drop-out rates, employment discrimination, child marriage/early unions, adolescent and unintended pregnancies, and gender-based and sexual violence. We want to radically disrupt those patterns.

Priorities and Indicators

Beginning in the late 2000s, Summit began focusing the majority of our funding in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Quintana Roo, Mexico, which mirrors our Mesoamerican Reef Program. We are currently considering resource shifts to other Latin American countries. Summit is tracking improvements in three national-level indicators. In line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the targets we hope to see reached in the four locations are:

1. Decrease the adolescent fertility rate (AFR) among adolescent girls aged 15-19 by 20%
2. Decrease the percentage of adolescent girls married or in union before age 18 by 25%
3. Increase the percentage of young women aged 20-24 who complete secondary school by 20%

*As a cross-cutting strategy, Summit has long supported youth leadership development linked to improving adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights and changing gender norms.

*In many projects, we go local, directly or indirectly supporting grassroots leaders and organizations to reach girls and young women, and to change the attitudes and behaviors of those around them—parents, male partners, teachers, health care providers and community leaders.

*We challenge grantees to define success, to aim high, and to measure what works and what does not, in aid of better outcomes and scale. We see the opportunity to generate and leverage results through our grantees’ successes, and recognize that with few private foundation donors in the region, our investments are important.
Current Grantees*
Grantees with projects touching multiple countries are included under each country with the approximate amount of the grant allocated to that country.

Global

**Funders for Reproductive Equity (FRE)**
$20,000 in general support to enhance the effectiveness and collaboration of grantmakers working on SRHR

**ICRW**
$50,000 in general support for advocacy on adolescent girls and ASRH

**Public Health Institute (PHI)**
$45,631 to GJOven International to finalize program deliverables such as a GJOven curriculum, a program case study and more

**Rhia Ventures**
$20,000 in general support to bring new capital and enterprise to reproductive health in the US

**United Nations Foundation (UNF)**
$100,000 for the Universal Access Project which advocates for US international reproductive health/family planning (RH/FP) programs

**Women Deliver**
$30,000 to support youth engagement activities at the 2019 Women Deliver conference

**YIELD**
$10,000 to Jennifer Catino Consulting for research on the impact of Youth Investment, Engagement and Leadership Development (YIELD) programs on ASRH

Other Latin America & Caribbean

**Central America and Mexico Youth Fund (CAMY Fund)**
$100,000 (through Seattle International Foundation/SIF) to coordinate a regional initiative to end Child Marriage/Early Unions by supporting local research projects and movements

**Glasswing**
$49,600 to expand a gender focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) pilot into five public schools in Nicaragua

**Hesperian Health Guides**
$24,443 for the public launch and implementation of the Safe Abortion Mobile App in the region

Honduras

**Asociacion Bayan**
$120,500 (including support to UC Berkeley) to improve a rural secondary school curriculum to change gender norms and reduce child marriage/early unions and adolescent pregnancy

**Education, Training and Research Associates**
$25,000 to prevent adolescent gender-based violence through the Zona Segura mobile app

**Fund for Global Human Rights**
$16,000 to support front-line women and girls’ rights organizations, such as the Women’s Right Center

**Glasswing**
$62,000 to expand a gender focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) pilot into 22 schools

**Global Fund for Children**
$25,000 to support local NGOs such as OYE to address gender attitudes of boys/men and improve outcomes for girls

**GOJoven Honduras**
$59,135 (through direct grants and PHI) for organizational strengthening and to deepen "youth platform" activities

**Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE)**
$20,000 to support the education, empowerment, and access to ASRH of young women and girls

**Population Services International/ Pan-American Social Marketing Organization (PSI/PASMO)**
$56,483 to scale the Chicas en Conexión model for advancing rural girls’ equality, health and education outcomes

**Rise Up**
$75,000 (through PHI) to support policy advocacy for girls’ empowerment by young leaders and NGOs such as Comisión Ciudadana de Mujeres Solidarias

Belize

**Belize Family Life Association (BFLA)**
$80,000 (through International Planned Parenthood-Western Hemisphere Region/IPPFWHR) to expand access to ASRH and comprehensive sexual education.

**CAMY Fund**
$105,225 (through SIF) to advance girls’ equality to subgrantees the Child Development Foundation, the GOBelize and the Toledo Maya Women’s Council

**GOBelize**
$98,010 (through direct grants and PHI) for organizational strengthening, youth leadership training and the expansion of access to ASRH

**The Population Council**
$55,210 to expand the Abriendo Oportunidades model, in partnership with the Toledo Maya Women’s Council

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Summit’s EWG program maintains four themes within its grantmaking:

**Advancing Girls Equality** which includes
i. Enabling girls’ secondary education and economic opportunity
ii. Ending Child Marriage/Early Unions; and
iii. Engaging communities to transform gender norms.

**Expanding Adolescent SRH Access**

**Expanding Youth Leadership**

**Accelerating Global Momentum for Girls Equality**

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Current Summit Support by Grantmaking Themes

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% of Summit Resources by Type of Organization

Intermediary (45%)
- Fund for Global Human Rights
- Global Fund for Children
- IPPF-WHR
- PHI (GOJoven)
- PHI (Rise Up)
- SIF (CAMY Fund)
- SIF (CM/EU Initiative)
- International NGO/INGO (30%)
- CARE
- ETR
- Hesperian Health Guides
- ICRW
- Population Council
- PSI
- Promundo
- United Nations Foundation

Women Deliver
Women Win
Local NGO (15%)
Amigos de Santa Cruz
Glasswing
Limitless Horizons Ixil
OYE
El Trifinio Health Center/UCF
WINGS
Other (1%)
YIELD

Local NGO with US e3 (10%)

International NGO/INGO (25%)

Guatemala
Amigos de Santa Cruz
$20,000 to address ASRH through sexual education and youth empowerment in Santa Cruz La Laguna
CAMY Fund
$59,475 (through SIF) to support subgrantees GOJoven Guatemala, COINCIDIR and Corazon del Agua
Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE)
$100,000 to expand indigenous girls empowerment and ASRH access in the Quiché and Totonicapán departments
El Trifinio Health Center/ University of Colorado Foundation (UCF)
$25,000 to support its health center in the Trifinio region to prevent adolescent pregnancy through comprehensive sexuality education and a health clinic
Fund for Global Human Rights
$16,000 to support frontline organizations fighting for women and girls’ rights such as Mujeres Transformando el Mundo
Fundacion para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservacion (FUNDAECON)
$150,000 to support 22 SRH clinics in Caribbean Guatemala and empower young women through education and leadership
Glasswing
$21,080 to expand their gender focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT)

GOJoven Guatemala
$57,371 (through PHI) for organizational strengthening, youth leadership training, expanding access to ASRH and an advocacy campaign to eliminate child marriage
Limitless Horizons Ixil
$17,000 to support indigenous girls’ education in Chajul, Guatemala
The Population Council
$36,806 to measure the impact of Abriendo Oportunidades girl-centered programming in Sololá department
Promundo
$16,266 to scale and enhance the work of local organizations to engage men and change gender norms
Rise Up
$75,000 (through PHI) to support policy advocacy for girls’ empowerment by young leaders and NGOs such as Asociacion Civil Paz and APROFAM

Quintana Roo
CAMY Fund
$192,608 (through SIF) to support sub-grantees Elige, Mexico y Caribe Jovenes (GOJoven Mexico), Servicios, Educación, Sexualidad y Salud (SEEDSSA) to advance ASRH and girls’ equality
Fund for Global Human Rights
$8,000 to support frontline organizations fighting for women and girls’ rights
Global Fund for Children
$75,000 to support local NGOs such as GOJoven Mexico, Red+ Positiva to address gender attitudes of boys/men to improve outcomes for girls
Mexico y Caribe Jovenes (GOJoven Mexico)
$57,371 (through PHI) for organizational strengthening, youth leadership training and expanding access to ASRH
Nexfam
$80,000 (through IPPF/WHR) to build a network of peer educators in Quintana Roo and expand ASRH access through clinics

*Please note certain grants were approved and funded by the Roger and Vicki Sant Donor-Advised Fund at the Greater Washington Community Foundation.
Progress towards Summit’s Equality for Women and Girls Indicators

BELIZE: According to 2018 data, the adolescent fertility rate (AFR) increased slightly, while child marriage/early unions remained at 26% since last measured in 2011. Decreases of over 25% are needed to reach Summit’s targets by 2020. In the case of secondary school attendance, the rate for girls has inched up from about 60% in 2006 to 63% in 2016, a positive development, although attendance gains for girls were less than for boys.

GUATEMALA: National AFR data has shown a slight decrease from 98 in 2010 to 93 in 2018, though recorded numbers of teen pregnancies demonstrate year to year fluctuations. Despite the 2017 ban on child marriage, the number of child marriage/ unions has remained at 30% since 2009. Secondary school completion has increased favorably from about 11% in 2009 to 16% in 2015, meaning Summit’s target was met, but from a dismally low baseline. In rural areas, just 31% of girls attend any secondary school, compared with 38% of boys.

HONDURAS: No reliable data after 2012 on two indicators is yet available. 2018 data on AFR shows a tiny increase from the 2008 baseline of 102 to 103 per 1,000 girls. Based on UNFPA estimations, child marriage/early union rates have remained at 34% from 2012 to 2017. New data will be available sometime in 2020.

QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO: A favorable decrease in AFR was measured in Quintana Roo from 2009 to 2018 – from 98 to 67.6 per 1,000 girls. Child marriage/ unions have also shown a steady decline of about 20% from 2009 to 2018, measuring 19% of girls 15-19 currently or previously in a union. Secondary school completion for girls continues to improve and is above 50%.

Total Cumulative Investment in Current Grantee Projects

The size of the bubble below denotes the amount of Summit’s total investment in many of the projects described previously. In addition, the legend includes the number of years Summit has partnered on the project. NOTE: This graphic only displays projects that have received more than one year of support.

Grantee Name and Years of Support
- Amigos de Santa Cruz- 6
- Asociacion Bayan (inc. UCB)- 4
- CAMY Fund (SIF)- 6
- CARE- 3
- CM/EU Coordinator (SIF)- 3
- Fund for Global Human Rights- 2
- FUNDACIO- 6
- Glasswing International- 3
- GO Joven (PHI)- 16
- GO Joven Honduras- 4
- IPPF- WHR- 17
- Population Council- 14
- Population Services International- 5
- Promundo- 3
- Rise Up (PHI)- 8
- The Global Fund for Children- 6
- United Nations Foundation- 10
- University of Colorado Foundation- 2
- WINGS- 9
- Women Win- 2