

About the Report

This report has been developed as part of the BRIDGE *Cutting Edge* Programme on Gender and Social Movements. Over a three year period, we have taken a collaborative and participatory approach, working with over 150 social movement activists, practitioners, scholars and supporters from around the globe.

This approach has resulted in the multiplicity of voices, experiences, ideas and previously unpublished insights that you will find in the report, and it means that the findings and recommendations have been developed as part of a rich participatory process. Below are details of the key actors in the development of this report.

The Author



Jessica Horn

Jessica Horn is a women's rights consultant and writer. She has worked with NGOs, progressive donors, and the United Nations around rights, justice and the body - advancing sexual rights, ending violence against women, supporting women living with HIV, researching religious fundamentalisms and ensuring women's rights in conflict-affected contexts. Jessica is a founding member of the African Feminist Forum, and was lead curriculum developer and trainer for Fahamu's flagship Movement Building Bootcamp for African activists. She serves as board member of women's funds Mama Cash and Urgent Action Fund-Africa, and is co-editor of the Our Africa platform on openDemocracy. Jessica holds a BA in Anthropology from Smith College and an MSc in Gender and Development from the London School of Economics.

The programme advisory group



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(Lead Adviser)

Srilatha is a feminist activist and researcher who is currently Scholar Associate with the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID). Srilatha has worked for gender equality and women's empowerment for the last 40 years through grassroots activism, advocacy, research, training, building theory from practice, and organisational capacity building. Srilatha has written extensively on women's issues and is well known for her publications on women's empowerment, transnational civil society, women's movements, feminist leadership, and monitoring and evaluation of women's rights. Her current work focuses on feminist movement building, measuring the impact of women's rights work, and building the analytical and strategic capacity of young women activists.



David Kelleher

David is an organisational consultant and a co-founder and Senior Associate of Gender at Work, a global knowledge and capacity-building network on institutional change for gender equality. For more than 35 years, David has worked with numerous non-government and public organisations helping them build their capacity to further social change. He has served in various roles with Amnesty International including as President of the Board of Directors for Amnesty Canada and has been a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID).



Hope Chigudu

A sociologist by training, Hope holds a MA in Development Studies. After a start in the corporate world, feminism opened Hope's eyes and she joined the Ministry of Women's Affairs in Zimbabwe. Later she became a founding member of the Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre and Network. As a renowned gender equality activist and consultant, Hope has supported a great many African and international justice groups, working in most African countries from Ghana to South Africa and serving on the boards of the Global Fund for Women, Just Associates and Urgent Action Fund and on the working committee of the African Feminist Forum.



Marivic Raquiza

Marivic is Assistant Professor at the National College of Public Administration and Governance of the University of the Philippines. As co-Convenor of Social Watch Philippines, she actively campaigns for policies and engages in political action to combat poverty and inequality, and fights for women's rights at national, regional and global levels. Marivic has sat on the boards and leadership bodies of various civil society organisations at national, regional and global levels. She has a MA in Development Studies and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. studies at the City University of Hong Kong.



Patricia Ardón

Patricia has been working in development, women's rights and human rights and peace building initiatives with national, regional and international organisations as well as at the community level for more than 30 years. She is the founding Director of Sinergia No'j of Guatemala, which works to strengthen the leadership of women, especially indigenous women. At present, she is an adviser and a member of the Mesoamerican team of the international women's network Just Associates (JASS) which provides leadership training and political support for women's rights.



Sharon Bhagwan Rolls

Sharon is a media professional who initiated the establishment of FemLINKPACIFIC - a feminist community media NGO that works to increase the visibility of gender issues and women's stories and to ensure conflict prevention through community media initiatives. She set up the regional women's media and policy network on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and was subsequently appointed to the UN Civil Society Advisory Group on UNSCR 1325 Women, Peace and Security. Since December 2010 Sharon has been the co-chair of a Pacific Working Group on Women, Peace and Security.



Hazel Reeves
(Programmatic Adviser)

Hazel is a consultant and member of the BRIDGE International Advisory Committee. She was formerly Programme Manager at the Institute of Development Studies with the Pathways of Women's Empowerment research consortium and was the manager of BRIDGE for many years. Hazel has extensive experience in research and communications aimed at engaging policy actors and others in the international policy arena and of coordinating policy-oriented communications on issues of gender equality and women's empowerment.

The community of practice



Over 150 scholars, activists and practitioners came together during the programme to form a community of practice on gender and social movements. Members of this group took part in a series of five e-discussions in order to discuss, debate and document the challenges, barriers and success stories around integrating women's rights and gender justice into social movements' external agendas and internal politics. Two initial global e-discussions were held, followed by more tailored discussions for young activists, Spanish speaking activists and scholars, and gender equality advocates working within mixed-gender social movements. Community of practice members have also created a range of fascinating and informative case studies and audio visual materials, all of which can be found at our [gender and social movements website](#). A full list of participants can be found at the end of the report.

The BRIDGE team



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Jenny is Gender Convenor at BRIDGE and has worked for the last ten years in the field of equality and human rights. She has written on gender and public space, equality and the workplace and gender and migration. She has a Ph.D. in Women's Studies from the University of Manchester.

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Multilingual outreach



Our partners at SendasAL and Genre en Action played important roles in the programme, advising on methods to reach non-English speaking contributors and audiences and hosting e-discussions.