# 40 Years supporting Reproductive Justice activism

END FORCED STERILISATION! NON-NEGOTLAF MY BODY MY BODY MY DOMB



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Namibia Women's Health Network

IN NAMIBIA BY 2020



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...the effect we are looking for is to remove abortion from the place of silence that criminalisation confines it to and to remove the dramatic burden it carries. It puts an end to the pact of silence.

**Veronica Marzano** (1975-2017) LESBIANAS Y FEMINISTAS POR LA DESCRIMINALIZACIÓN DEL ABORTO, ARGENTINA E17 million PROVIDED 100 countries REACHED

# Your body, your choice

Mama Cash supported the global fight for bodily autonomy. Our grantee-partners brought abortion out of the shadows of criminalisation, and eliminated the heavy stigma it carries in many places. We also resourced hundreds of organisations that advocate for sexual health and for access to adequate services to support everyone's gender identity.

## 100 countries REACHED



### Our grantmaking

We fuelled the efforts of nearly 130 organisations fighting for the rights of HIV positive women and girls. Over the past 20 years, we powered movements and campaigns that led to the legalisation of abortion in 20 countries.

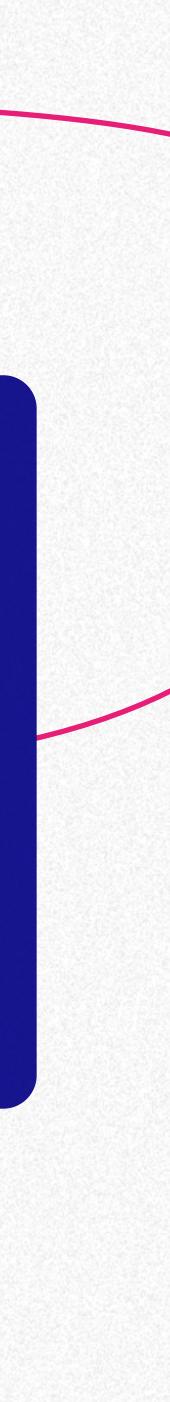
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### Our impact

Mama Cash's single largest grant in 1985 went to the International Campaign for Abortion Sterilisation, and Contraception (ICASC). The grant enabled feminists from the Global South to attend ICASC's first international conference in Amsterdam.

They transformed the network to be led by women from the Global South. ICASC became the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, still in existence today with 1,000 member organisations in 85 countries.

### And much more...







The classic feminist slogan "My Body is Mine" has been taken up by many groups because it resonates powerfully across our embodied realities. It means resistance against genderbased violence, against nonconsensual sterilisation, against the criminalisation of sex work. It also means wear what you want, love who you want.

### Meet our grantee-partners



#### NAMIBIA WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK, NAMIBIA

In Namibia, dozens of HIV positive women were subjected to forced sterilisations in public hospitals without their consent. The Namibia Women's Health Network (NWHN) began documenting these cases in 2007. In 2014, they backed three victims who won a landmark Supreme Court case to end this horrific practice. Founded by women living with HIV, NWHN continues to champion the rights of women affected by HIV/AIDS, extending their fight beyond Namibia to the entire region.



#### **GOING GREEN FOR CHOICE**

The 2020 abortion rights victory in Argentina was driven by the Marea Verde (Green Wave) movement that grew from 70 to 755 organisations between 2005 and 2020. This coalition included feminist, LBTQI, student groups, labour unions, and professional networks, with millions adopting the green bandana symbol introduced by Mama Cash partners Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir in 2003.

