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40 Years supporting Sex Workers' Rights





Sex workers' rights are at the nexus of feminist issues ... If you can get it right for sex workers, you will address several interlocking systems of oppression.

Zohra Moosa

FORMER MAMA CASH EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, NETHERLANDS

€7 million

PROVIDED

66 countries

REACHED



Sex work is work

Mama Cash knew it from day 1: sex workers' rights are central to feminist issues. Mama Cash has resourced hundreds of sex work activists driving progress in feminist advocacy. Our grantee partners have worked tirelessly to oppose criminalisation, stigma, and discrimination against sex workers. Supporting sex workers' rights helps tackle broader problems like gender inequality, economic injustice, and violence.

Our impact

We influenced women's rights donors and the broader women's movement to recognise and support sex workers' rights as central to the feminist cause of bodily autonomy.

And much more...



It was of real big significance that (RUF was hosted by) a feminist funder ... Mama Cash funded (and hosted) RUF from the perspective that 'we feel this is important, it fits our mission'.

Nadia van der Linde

FORMER RUF COORDINATOR

Meet our grantee-partners



RED UMBRELLA FUND

Mama Cash has campaigned alongside women's movements and rights funders to clearly separate anti-trafficking initiatives from consensual adult sex work. This bold stance has been instrumental in convincing other women's rights donors and movements to recognise and financially support sex workers' rights as a crucial feminist issue. A ground-breaking achievement in this effort was the establishment of the Red Umbrella Fund, the world's first fund managed by and for sex workers, which Mama Cash proudly funded and hosted.



WONETHA- A PLACE TO CALL HOME

The WONETHA House in Kampala, Uganda, serves as a vital sanctuary for sex workers, offering a sense of community and belonging. The House provides essential resources such as health tests, and psychosocial support, along with vocational and literacy training. It is a place where members can relax, organise, and strategise for societal change, and importantly where they can laugh, dance, and feel at home.

