

# Women Deliver Annual Report 2022



**Women  
Deliver**

**In 2022, Women Deliver continued to evolve and learn, driven by the belief that positively impacting the bodily autonomy, health, and lives of girls and women is possible. As part of this journey, we welcomed Dr. Maliha Khan as President and CEO of Women Deliver and dug deeper into what it means—and looks like—to show up in the feminist movement.**



*Dr. Maliha Khan, Women Deliver's President and CEO, speaking alongside Dr. Jeannette Bayisenge, Rwanda's Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, during a Ministerial Forum on the sidelines of the Women Deliver 2023 Conference (WD2023) in Kigali, Rwanda.*





In my first year as President and CEO, the Women Deliver team actively collaborated with new and existing partners worldwide, across all levels. Together, we aimed to co-create a Conference that truly represents and serves the diverse spectrum of gender equality champions striving for a more equitable world. The process of planning the Women Deliver 2023 Conference (WD2023) demonstrated that change takes all of us; without the collective contributions and expertise of a diverse feminist movement, the passion and ideas of young people demanding

change now and for future generations, and the support of champions for gender equality across all sectors of society, the Conference would not have been possible.

In 2022, our efforts extended beyond Conference planning—we prioritized resourcing youth advocates driving change in their communities, countries, and regions. Additionally, we focused on supporting and reinforcing coalitions and collective movements to facilitate coordinated, multi-level actions to safeguard the bodily autonomy, health, and lives of girls and women globally.

**I am both proud of what we achieved, and aware of how much more needs to be done to effectively push back against growing inequality and injustice worldwide.**

Looking forward, we are committed to ongoing self-reflection, evaluating our structures and systems to live and breathe what it means to be an aspiring feminist, anti-racist, and anti-colonial organization. We will continue to work to ensure that our internal values extend to how we collaborate with our global partners within the feminist movement.

As part of this, we will hone our focus on transforming global decision-making spaces—specifically, changing who is in the room, whose voices are heard, and how decisions are made. This includes stepping back our presence and power in global spaces to make room and hand the mic to traditionally ignored experts and voices.

The obstacles in front of us, spanning appalling violence and an emboldened anti-rights movement to the climate crisis, are daunting. Still, I'm hopeful that a better tomorrow lies ahead. In the lead up to WD2023 and during the Conference itself, I was reminded of the immeasurable power of our movement. If we continue to work together effectively and commit to our shared goals, we can—and will—create a more just and equitable future for all.

**Dr. Maliha Khan**  
President and CEO, Women Deliver



# Convening for Change

We firmly believe in the power of convenings to unite diverse advocates, enabling us all to create solutions that advance gender equality around the world. In 2022, our collaboration with numerous partners, representing the intersectional identities of the girls and women we serve, was pivotal. They dedicated their time, expertise, funding, and insights to co-create the Women Deliver 2023 Conference (WD2023), designing a safe, inclusive space that authentically reflected our collective needs and experiences.

*A group photo of WD2023's Youth Zone: a space with youth-focused and intergenerational programming dedicated to young people to encourage networking, dialogue, and idea-sharing.*





## Strategic Highlights

### WD2023 Regional Convening Partners

Chosen for their dedication to gender equality and engagement with diverse advocates, Regional Convening Partners (RCPs) played a key role in planning, executing, and mobilizing convenings leading up to WD2023. In 2022, RCPs representing Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, and the Pacific Region joined the City of Bogotá, Colombia, representing the Americas. RCPs brought country-level perspectives and experiences, fostering discussions held in late 2022 and 2023 that attracted over 1,000 advocates and paved the way for ongoing conversations at WD2023.

### The WD2023 Scholarship Program

In 2022, Women Deliver received more than 15,000 scholarship applications for the WD2023 scholarship program, designed to support people of all ages, spanning geographies and backgrounds, in attending the Conference. Prioritizing candidates from low- and middle-income countries and those disproportionately affected by discrimination, the program supported 600 advocates, 383 of which were youth, to attend WD2023 in person and 500 to participate online. Additionally, all 300 members of the Women Deliver Young Leaders Class of 2020 received scholarships to attend the Conference.

### Spotlight on Co-Designing And Co-Creating WD2023

As part of our commitment to create safe and inclusive spaces **for gender equality champions to connect, collaborate, and boldly advocate for a more just and equitable world**, throughout 2022, we focused on co-designing and co-creating WD2023 to center people's experiences at the heart of solutions to address inequities worldwide.

**30+ GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
**38 LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**  
**18 YOUTH ADVOCATES**  
co-designed and co-created WD2023





A group photo taken at an Oceanic Pacific Regional Convening event in Pacific Harbour, Fiji.



## Throughout 2022, Women Deliver:

- Worked closely with the WD2023 Advisory Group (AG), comprising 30+ global organizations from various sectors, including civil society, governments, media, and youth. The AG played a pivotal role in co-creating WD2023's theme, objectives, application processes, and programming.
- Consulted the WD2023 Youth Planning Committee (YPC), made up of 18 adolescent and youth advocates. The YPC co-created WD2023's youth-oriented events and programming and served as a consultative body on youth engagement at the Conference.
- Joined the Government of Rwanda at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to kick off the one-year countdown to WD2023 and align on strategies to make the Conference as impactful as possible in Rwanda and beyond.
- Held consultations with 38 local Rwandan civil society organizations (CSOs) to support their participation and engagement with the Conference.
- Partnered with Women Enabled International, Experience Dynamics, DisAbility, and This Ability, to co-design and champion accessibility at WD2023, both on-site and on the virtual platform.
- Signed onto the Feminist Accessibility Protocol, developed by the Inclusive Generation Equality Collective, committing to best practices around accessibility and funding to support persons with disabilities.

*A group photo taken at an Americas Regional Convening event in Bogotá, Colombia.*





# Nurturing Collective Action

We believe that change takes all of us—from the grassroots to government. An effective ecosystem of collective action that closes the gap between grassroots advocates and decision-makers, while ensuring that traditionally ignored voices are heard, is essential to progress on gender equality. Throughout 2022, Women Deliver focused on strengthening partnerships and coalitions to propel gender equality and safeguard girls' and women's health and rights.

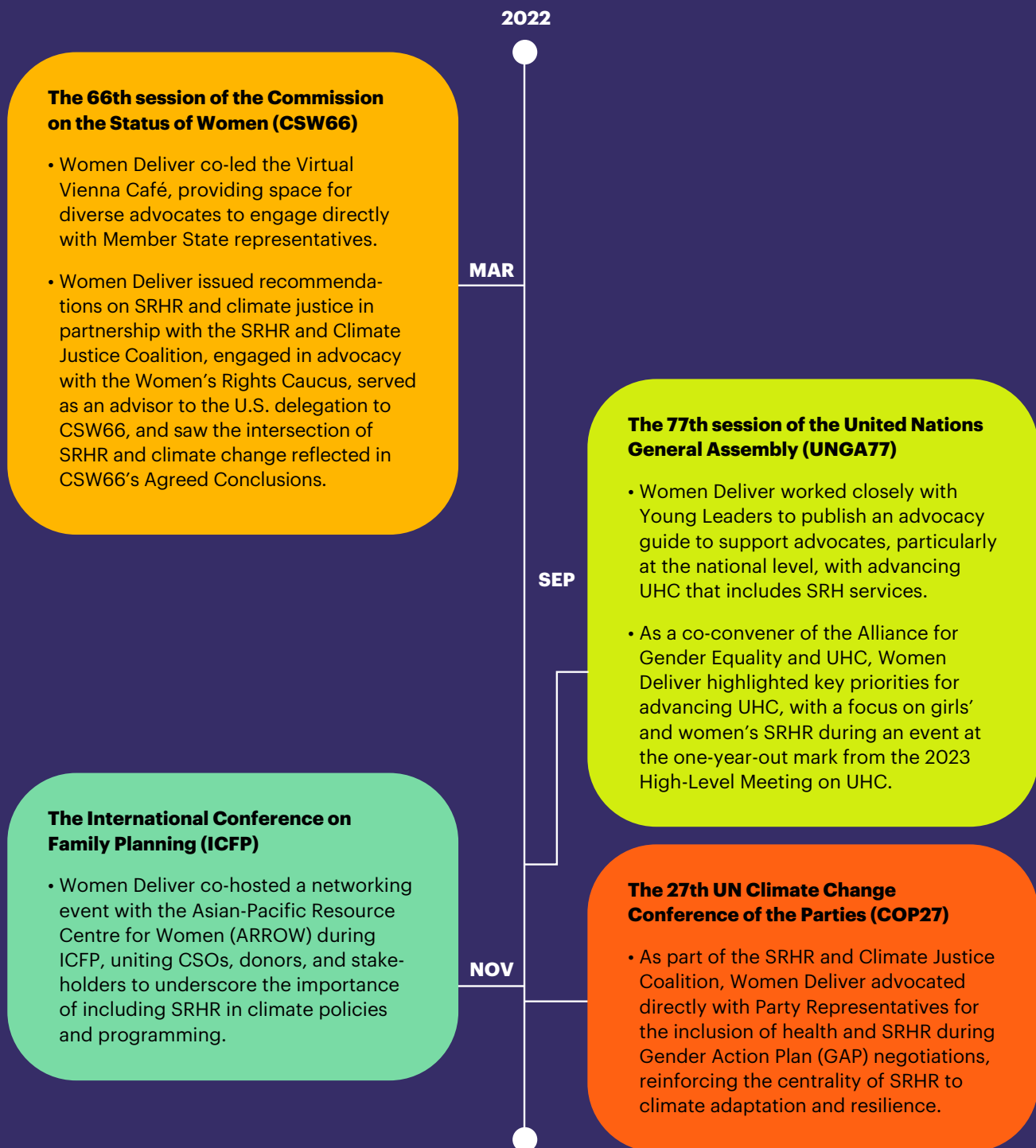


Members of the SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition at the 27th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27).



# Strategic Highlights

**In 2022, Women Deliver co-convoked multiple coalitions, effectively connecting grassroots organizations and advocates, including youth, to drive advancements in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), universal health coverage (UHC), and climate justice before, during, and after key global moments for change.**



## Spotlight on the Deliver for Good Campaign

Throughout 2022, the Deliver for Good Campaign, driven by country coalitions in Kenya and Senegal, brought together advocates for gender equality to advance normative and legislative change at the community, county, and national level.

### In Kenya, coalition members:

- Partnered with the Ministry of Health to develop the National Self Care Guidelines for Reproductive Health, facilitating access to SRHR for women from marginalized communities.
- Established a formal partnership with the Kisumu County Government to hold a series of dialogues promoting women's bodily autonomy and agency.

### In Senegal, coalition members:

- Met with government officials at Senegal's National Assembly, securing a commitment from a government official to improve girls' and women's access to clean energy.
- Secured financial commitments from three mayors to support with sharing SRHR-related information and resources within their communities.



Wangechi Wachira, Executive Director of Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) and Evalin Karijo, Project Director Y-Act, Youth in Action at AMREF outside the Supreme Court of Kenya in December 2022.



Mr. Demba Keita, speaking to the press at a meeting between Deliver for Good Senegal and Senegal's National Assembly in August 2022.



# Shifting Power to Youth Advocates

Women Deliver has more than a decade of experience **shifting power to Young Leaders** who are connected to the populations they represent and best understand their own contexts, including overcoming the barriers faced in advancing SRHR. In 2022, we supported Young Leaders through funding, tools, and resources, enabling them to influence decision-making at all levels and advocate more effectively for a just and equitable future.



*Nhial Deng, Women Deliver Young Leader and 2022 Small Grantee, facilitating SheLeads Kakuma, a leadership, advocacy, mentorship, and empowerment program for young girls and women in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya.*

# Strategic Highlights

## Throughout 2022, Women Deliver:

Created, helped identify, and supported Young Leaders during 111 advocacy and speaking engagements during key global moments for change throughout 2022, including the 27th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27) and the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP). Women Deliver provided a wide range of support, including full travel funding, assistance with writing speeches and presentations, conducting briefings prior to policy events, and offering on-the-ground guidance. This involved connecting Young Leaders with their peers and partners.

*Supported 34 Women Deliver  
Young Leaders from 20  
countries with Small Grants.*

*Facilitated 111 speaking  
opportunities for Women  
Deliver Young Leaders.*



Milly Khainza, Women Deliver Young Leader and 2022 Small Grantee, speaking to community members about the importance of advancing girls' and women's economic rights in Manafwa district, Uganda.



Elizabeth Williams, Women Deliver Young Leader and national coordinator for the African Youth and Adolescent Network on Population and Development, speaking on a panel at the International Conference on Family Planning in Pattaya City, Thailand.

Young people are at the forefront of global movements for social change. Their lived experiences and unique perspectives drive bold action on the most pressing issues of our time. When supported with the right tools and resources, youth advocates have the potential to challenge harmful norms, push for legal and policy change, and transform their communities. In 2022, we provided Small Grants ranging from \$5000 to \$5500 USD to 34 Women Deliver Young Leaders working on gender equality advocacy projects around the world.



## The Impact of COVID-19 on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Youth-led Perspectives and Solutions for a Gender-Equal World

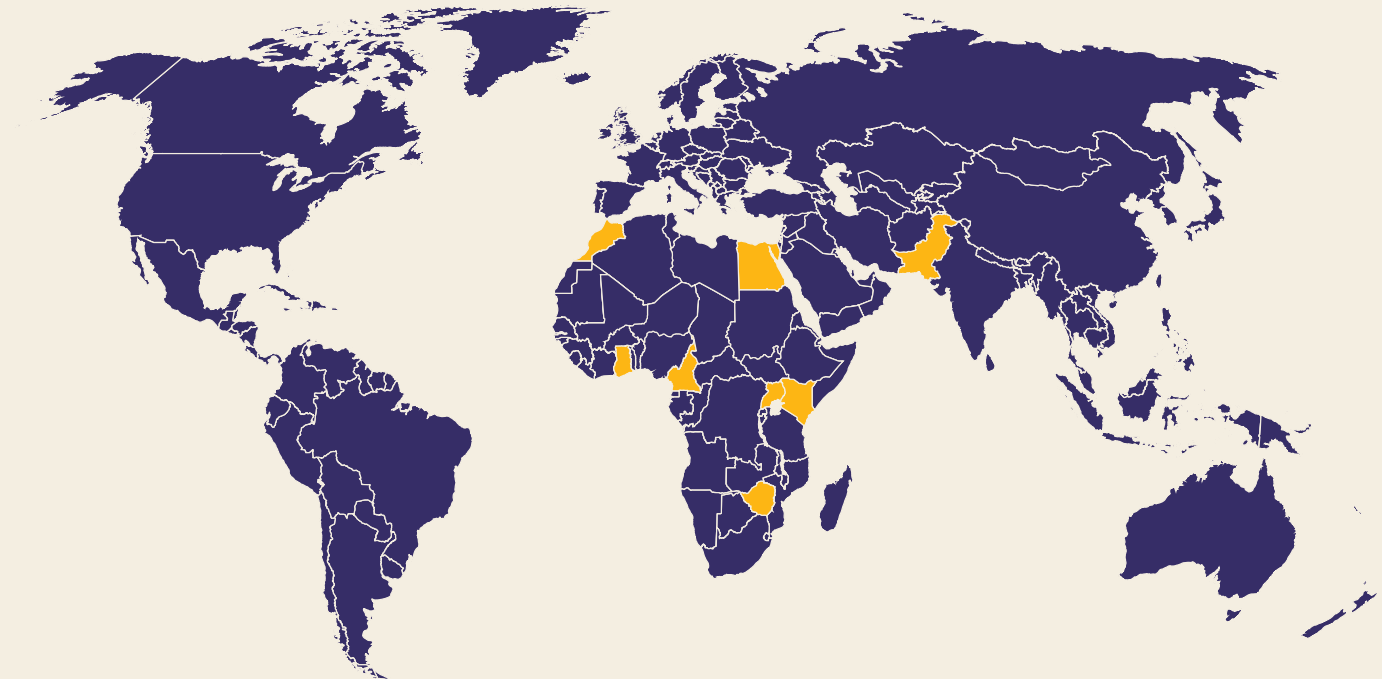
Youth, particularly adolescent girls, face unique roadblocks when accessing health care, including adolescent and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH) information and services. Their access was only further curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, Women Deliver worked closely with 15 Young Leaders to co-create and co-design all aspects of a first-of-its kind study to understand the pandemic's far-reaching impacts—and how governments and other stakeholders can be better equipped to safeguard AYSRH in the future.



Adolescents and youth participating in a training on sexual and reproductive health in Ghana. Photo credit: Joseph Amoako-Atta.

# Spotlight on Women Deliver Young Leaders

**Women Deliver Young Leaders successfully drove normative, legal, and policy change that advanced SRHR and gender equality around the world.**



**Cameroon:** A Young Leader from Cameroon presented policy recommendations that advanced the SRHR of women in the Cameroon Central Prison.

**Egypt:** A Young Leader from Egypt held a workshop for youth on the relationship between climate action and gender equality. The workshop resulted in a joint statement that was presented to Egyptian decision-makers at COP27.

**Ghana:** A Young Leader from Ghana presented policy recommendations to advance SRHR and prevent sexual and gender-based violence. The recommendations were successfully included in the country's Universal Periodic Review.

**Kenya:** A Young Leader from Kenya reduced barriers to accessing education and leadership roles for women and girls in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya.

**Morocco:** A Young Leader from Morocco increased awareness and understanding of SRHR and gender issues among adolescents in Morocco.

**Pakistan:** A Young Leader from Pakistan successfully advanced recommendations to improve comprehensive sexuality education in the country ahead of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development.

**Uganda:** A Young Leader from Uganda obtained cabinet approval for increased financing for adolescent health in the country.

**Zimbabwe:** A Young Leader from Zimbabwe advanced recommendations to improve access to safe abortion as part of the country's Termination of Pregnancy Act.



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In 2022, Women Deliver's donors and supporters fueled impactful convenings, collective action, and youth programming to safeguard and advance the bodily autonomy, health, and lives of girls and women.

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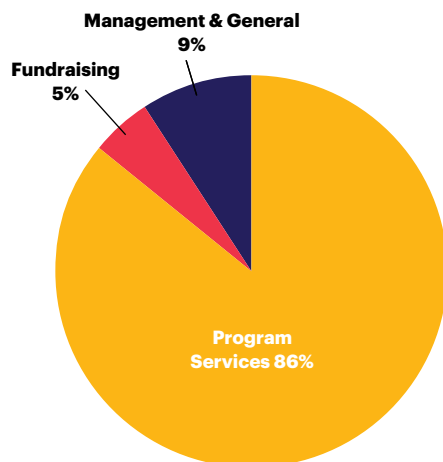
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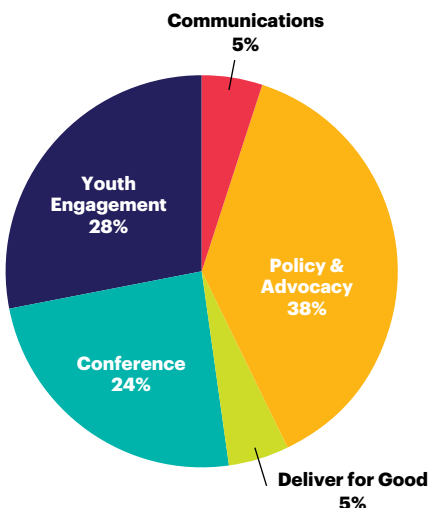
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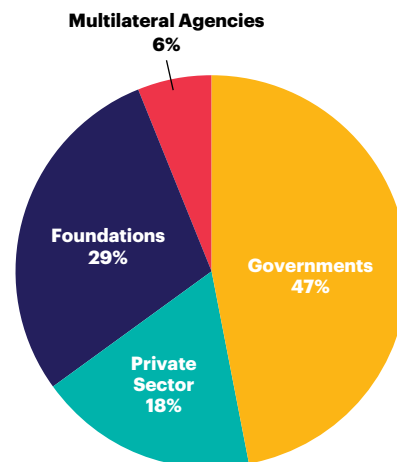
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