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## Diaspora Women Funds

Giro 15 83 698

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Management:  
Price Waterhouse and Coopers  
(under process)

Funds activated:  
First half of 2009

This is an initiative of Gender Concerns  
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**DIASPORA  
GENDER & DEVELOPMENT  
PLATFORM**



**Women  
Diaspora  
Funds**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The potential of Diaspora Gender & Development Specialists is an asset for International Development

### AIMS

-The platform aims to fill the absence of a forum where Diaspora gender and development experts can utilise their potential and exchange knowledge about Dutch development policy and action.

-The platform initially helps to bring Diaspora Gender and Development Experts on Asia and Africa together around the motto "the MDGs by 2015 and beyond."

"The Platform aims to offer lasting solutions to the current challenges faced by Dutch and the European international development organizations. One of those challenges is to achieve the MDGs targets by 2015.



## Women Diaspora Funds

On December 12, soon after its launch Diaspora Gender and Development Platform announced the establishment of Women Diaspora Funds (**WDF**) (Giro 15 83 698). In order to assure the sustainability of seeks to continue efforts in improving the situation of women and addressing gender issues in the development sphere.

### SCOPE

The scope of the project involves issues of peace and security in conflict zones, low political participation of women in fragile states, poor attention for gender and disaster management, maternal mortality, Female Foetus Genocide (FFG) practices in some countries and all kinds of violence against women. To deal with these issues, further effective tools and methodologies are needed. The knowledge and experience of Dutch Diaspora is an asset that will be utilized to follow the mission of the **Diaspora GD Platform.**

Moreover, during the past 5 years of our existence, we have observed a gap in the serious participation of the Diaspora in development issues. Accordingly, we have invited Dutch Diaspora ISS Alumni to create a new initiative, proposing the Diaspora Gender and Development Platform: 2015 and Beyond.



## MDGs 2015... and beyond

To be able to achieve the MGDs by 2015 more effectively it is vital to invest in human capital for a collective resources search to support initiatives launched by/with Diaspora in The Netherlands and Europe.

Many plans and tools have been developed in order to achieve MDGs. What is still lacking is the recognition and proper placement of Diaspora potential for development. This proper placing of Diaspora potential requires an immediate attention at the government policy level, within the policy structures of MFO and other Dutch financing organizations as well as through the serious commitment of concerned Diaspora, namely the gender and development experts and their networks.



### INTERNET

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