



# MADRE

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*Dear Friend,*

I'm often asked by my family and friends about my work at MADRE, "*How do you not feel overwhelmed when the world is in so much trouble?*"

My answer is simple: you. Because with your help, MADRE joins together with courageous grassroots activists around the world. I know a better world is possible because, together with you and our partners around the world, we're building it.

The war in Syria surges into its sixth year. But with you, MADRE and our local partners are delivering emergency medical and reproductive health care to Syrian refugee women and girls.

Relentless drought in Kenya kills the crops and animals that women farmers and their families depend on to survive. But with you, MADRE and our partners at the Indigenous Information Network are bringing vital tools and training to help women farmers ensure their families' survival.

Women and girls in Iraq are terrorized by ISIS, by sectarian militias and even their own government. But with you, MADRE and the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq are providing lifesaving shelter and aid to women fleeing violence.

Because you stand with us, MADRE and our grassroots partners can tackle war and disaster head on. You rise up with women activists around the world creating a better, more just world for us all. Your generosity brings more than hope. You bring the chance for peace and justice. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Yifat Susskind  
MADRE Executive Director



# Your Support in Action!

## ➤ You delivered clean water to women facing drought in Kenya.

Severe drought caused by climate change threatens the survival of women farmers and their families. But you're giving women the tools and skills they need to adapt and thrive. You helped install 30 new water storage tanks in local farming communities and train over 100 women farmers to harvest and store rainwater through drought. Thank you!



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## ◀ You opened a new healing center for former child soldiers in Colombia.

Over decades of war, young women and girls have been exploited as child soldiers. Young survivors once forced to suffer and commit violence require special care to heal from trauma. Your support launched a new art therapy and counseling program for former child soldiers in the hard-hit region of El Chocó. Thanks to you, these children who have known nothing but war receive the healing care they need to rebuild peaceful lives.

Thank you for all you make possible through your support of MADRE! We can only do this work because we have you standing with us. To learn more about the impact of your support and to donate, visit [www.madre.org/impact](http://www.madre.org/impact).



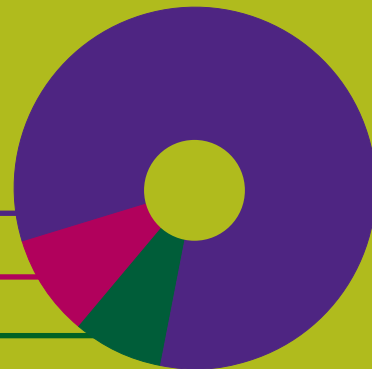
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## MADRE EXPENSES

Program Services **83%**

Administrative & General **8%**

Fundraising **9%**



## 2016 Elections

### Where Do We Go From Here?

Want to hear our thoughts about the results of the 2016 US Presidential Elections? For our feminist vision for the next four years, visit [www.madre.org/election](http://www.madre.org/election).



# Our Hopeful Vision

MADRE celebrates women activists building the peaceful, healthy and safe world we all need. In the face of war, disaster and despair, you support women standing up for hope. Here are just a few that inspire us:

## Stella, Colombia

Stella leads Taller de Vida, MADRE's partner group, and together we provide critical counseling and healing art therapy to former child soldiers. Colombia hit a setback when the peace deal to end more than 50 years of war was voted down in a national referendum. Still, Stella has hope for peace and healing.

*"For me, peace means justice. I imagine peace with young girls who can live a real childhood and have good schooling. With Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities who can celebrate their cultures. With leaders who listen to their people. I would like to say to the women worldwide who have lived through war like us: there's hope. Always raise your voice, and always join hands with other women. We can build a global chain of solidarity, together and stronger."*

**Want to learn more about MADRE's work in Colombia? Visit [www.madre.org/colombia](http://www.madre.org/colombia).**



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## Eunice, Kenya

Eunice is a young community health worker with the Indigenous Information Network, MADRE's partner in Kenya. She's also an innovator and a homespun engineer. She knew that women's practice of cooking indoors over an open fire was clogging up their lungs with smoke. What's more, their inefficient stoves were using up too much firewood, stripping away the forests nearby.

She saw a problem, and she fixed it: Eunice built a new kind of stove, with local, easy-to-find materials. It's an updated version of an old Indigenous design, and she was proud of the improvements she made. It uses 80% less wood and produces far less smoke, making cooking efficient and healthy. And it's easy to build. Eunice is taking what she's learned to help other women build stoves, safeguard their families' health and sustain their communities.

**Want to see Eunice explain how she built her stove to Yifat? Watch her interview at [www.madre.org/eunice](http://www.madre.org/eunice).**

*Right: Women in Kenya learn how to build their own jiko stoves.*



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## Awaz, Iraq

***"When I can't help everyone, I feel it deeply in my heart."***

Awaz is a brave, young activist we work with in Iraq. She told us about the brand new rape crisis center for Yazidi girls fleeing ISIS sexual slavery that she helps MADRE run with our local partner, the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq. Working with girls who have been so traumatized by war and sexual violence is not easy. But every day, Awaz is determined to do more, to reach even more young women with lifesaving shelter, food, counseling and medical aid. And she knows she can do it, with your support.

*"Let me tell you something," she said, "women and girls can achieve a lot when we support each other."*

**Want to learn more about Awaz and the work that you support in Iraq? Visit [www.madre.org/awaz](http://www.madre.org/awaz).**



*Right: Awaz, standing in the blue shirt, leads a literacy training at the center your support made possible.*

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