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Women are absent from most standard encyclopedias in academic libraries such as the Europa World Year Book or the States' Man Yearbook. To provide excellent service to our Gender and Women's Studies scholars, librarians need to provide alternative sources of country information. Below are directories, country studies, and a listing of some significant websites with authoritative, timely, and substantial information about women around the world. Some of the resources scoured to find these included the LibGuide: <https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/wgss280>, the University of Wisconsin's Women's Knowledge Digital Library. In addition, intentional searching for websites and 30 years' experience helping GWS scholars contributed to familiarity with the resources. To search them together, visit <https://libguides.mnsu.edu/c.php?g=833649&p=5952964> which would allow the user to find, by country or by topic, a number of research reports, from the distance women walk to get potable water to the number of women in office. Information about the organization is lifted directly from that organization's own description.

**Directories:**

Global List of Women's Organizations: Global List of Women's Organisations. A Subdivision of Fullmoon's Web <http://www.distel.ca/womlist/womlist.html>

WANGO <http://www.wango.org/resources.aspx?section=ngodir> The World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO) is an international organization uniting NGOs worldwide in the cause of advancing peace and global wellbeing. WANGO helps to provide the mechanism and support needed for NGOs to connect, partner, share, inspire, and multiply their contributions to solve humanity's basic problems.

**Country Studies:**

Amnesty <https://www.amnesty.org/en/> Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who take injustice personally. We are campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. We are funded by members and people like you. We are independent of any political ideology, economic interest or religion. No government is beyond scrutiny. No situation is beyond hope.

BBC Country Profiles [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country\\_profiles/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm)

Human Rights Watch: Women <https://www.hrw.org/topic/womens-rights> Despite great strides made by the international women's rights movement over many years, women and girls around the world are still married as children or trafficked into forced labor and sex slavery. They are refused access to education and political participation, and some are trapped in conflicts where rape is perpetrated as a weapon of war. Around the world, deaths related to pregnancy and

childbirth are needlessly high, and women are prevented from making deeply personal choices in their private lives. Human Rights Watch is working toward the realization of women's empowerment and gender equality—protecting the rights and improving the lives of women and girls on the ground.

US Department of State <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html>

US Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/cs/profiles.html>

## WEBSITES

African Capacity Building Foundation <https://www.acbf-pact.org/>. The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), is the African Union's Specialized Agency for Capacity Development. Having spearheaded and robustly coordinated capacity development programs worth some 700 million US dollars across 48 countries and 8 regional economic communities (RECs) in Africa since 1991, ACBF has gathered the requisite experience that makes it the go-to institution for expert knowledge and human resources to facilitate the timely implementation of continental and national development agendas. As the African Union's Specialized Agency for Capacity Development following over 27 years of solid work, the Foundation is best placed to advise and support African countries, regional economic communities and institutions on decisive steps to take to develop the practical skills urgently required for the continent's economic transformation.

The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) <http://awdf.org/> The vision of AWDF is to have a world where all African women live in peace, with dignity and justice and where there is equality and respect for women's rights. Our mission is to mobilise financial, human and material resources to support initiatives for transformation led by African women, women's rights organisations and African women's movements.

amfAR <http://www.amfar.org/> amfAR's top research priority is the pursuit of a cure for HIV/AIDS. In 2014 we launched the Countdown to a Cure for AIDS, a research initiative aimed at developing the scientific basis of a cure by the end of 2020. To that end, we initiated a multi-year \$100 million investment strategy designed to advance a range of scientific approaches with the potential to achieve HIV remission or cure.

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Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence <https://www.api-gbv.org/> **The Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence** is a national resource center on domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking, and other forms of gender-based violence in Asian and Pacific Islander communities. It analyzes critical issues affecting Asian and Pacific Islander survivors; provides training, technical assistance, and policy analysis; and maintains a clearinghouse of information on gender violence, current research, and culturally-specific models of intervention and

community engagement. The Institute serves a national network of advocates, community-based service programs, federal agencies, national and state organizations, legal, health, and mental health professionals, researchers, policy advocates, and activists from social justice organizations.

CEDAW: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/> Please note that as of 1 January 2008, responsibility for servicing the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has been transferred to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

This website provides information about the Convention, the Optional Protocol and the work of the Committee up until 31 December 2007. It will not be further updated.

Information on the 40th and future sessions of the Committee is available on the website of OHCHR: <http://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/cedaw/pages/cedawindex.aspx>

Center for Economic and Social Rights <http://www.cesr.org/> The Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) works to promote social justice through human rights. In a world where poverty and inequality deprive entire communities of dignity, justice and sometimes life, we seek to uphold the universal human rights of every human being.

Centers for Disease Control Global <https://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/index.html> Disease knows no borders. In today's interconnected world, diseases can spread from an isolated, rural village to any major city in as little as 36 hours. The U.S. cannot protect its borders and the health of its citizens without addressing diseases elsewhere in the world. CDC works 24/7 to protect Americans and save lives around the world by detecting and controlling outbreaks at their source. In addition, CDC helps other countries increase their ability to prevent, detect, and respond to health threats on their own.

Columbia International Affairs Online <http://www.ciaonet.org/> Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) is the world's largest online resource of documents and articles devoted to research, analysis, and scholarship on international politics and related fields, including security studies, global finance, diplomatic practice, humanitarian law, global governance, development studies, and environmental studies. With more than 500,000 pages aggregated from 300 international publishing institutions, CIAO is a unique and valuable archive and cross-searchable library of full-text articles from government research organizations, independent think tanks, university analysis centers, and scholarly journals.

Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) <http://dawnnet.org/> Vision "We want a world where inequalities and discrimination based on gender and all other identities are eliminated from every country and from the relationships among countries and peoples; where development processes are founded on social solidarity and economic, political, ecological, social, and personal justice; where poverty and violence are eradicated; where human rights in their fullest and most expansive sense are the foundation of laws, public policies, and private actions. We want a world where the massive resources now used to produce the means of destruction are diverted to building ethical and socially responsive development alternatives,

promoting lasting peace, and justice within and outside the home; a world where people interact with ecological systems in humane and sustainable ways.

Disability Rights International <http://www.disabilityrightsintl.org/> Mission Statement. Disability Rights International is dedicated to promoting the human rights and full participation in society of people with disabilities worldwide. Disability Rights International was established in 1993 by attorney Eric Rosenthal. Based in Washington DC, Disability Rights International documents human rights abuses, publishes reports on human rights enforcement, and promotes international oversight of the rights of people with disabilities.

Gender Data Portal <http://datatopics.worldbank.org/gender/> The Gender Data Portal is the World Bank Group's comprehensive source for the latest sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics covering demography, education, health, economic opportunities, public life and decision-making, and agency. The database is updated four times a year (April, July, September, and December). The Gender Data Portal enables you to: Access time-series gender data by searching for indicators, creating a query or downloading all gender indicators. Explore country and topic dashboards with indicators on gender equality. Get tools for data visualization and analysis. Browse household surveys and censuses with topics of interest in the survey catalog.

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women <http://www.gaatw.org/> The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) is an Alliance of more than 80 non-governmental organisations from Africa, Asia, Europe, LAC and North America. GAATW sees the phenomenon of human trafficking intrinsically embedded in the context of migration for the purpose of labour. GAATW therefore promotes and defends the human rights of all migrants and their families against the threat of an increasingly globalised labour market and calls for safety standards for migrant workers in the process of migration and in the formal and informal work sectors.

Global Network of Sex Work Projects <http://www.nswp.org/> The Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) exists to uphold the voice of sex workers globally and connect regional networks advocating for the rights of female, male, and transgender sex workers. NSWP is a membership organisation. Our members are local, national or regional sex worker-led organisations and networks across five regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America and the Caribbean.

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Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) <http://iwsaw.lau.edu.lb/> Established in 1973, the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World is committed to pioneering academic research on women in the Arab world. The institute also seeks to empower women through development programs and education, and to serve as a catalyst for policy change regarding women's rights in the region.

An active and highly esteemed institute, IWSAW facilitates networking and communication, while cultivating ties with national, regional, and international organizations and universities concerned with women's and gender issues.

IWSAW has established a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies. The first of its kind in Lebanon, this graduate program aims to generate a cadre of young, dynamic, qualified researchers in the field.

*Al-Raida*, IWSAW's flagship interdisciplinary journal, has addressed gender in historical and contemporary contexts since 1976. The publication strives to bridge the conventional divide between scholarship and activism. *Al-Raida* has recently evolved into a biannual, double-blind, peer-reviewed journal.

Institute of Development Studies <https://www.ids.ac.uk/> The Institute of Development Studies (IDS) is a global research and learning organisation for equitable and sustainable change.

In partnership with the University of Sussex, IDS is ranked first in the world for development studies by the QS University Rankings.

We believe passionately that cutting-edge research, knowledge and mutual learning are crucial in shaping the transformations needed to reduce inequalities, accelerate sustainability and build more inclusive and secure societies. In line with our engaged excellence approach, we are committed to collaborating closely with local civil society, governments, international NGOs, citizens, donors, researchers and many others to realise this positive change.

IDS has been working with partners to tackle complex development challenges in this way since 1966. Our partnership with the University of Sussex supports and accredits our master's degrees and PhD research programmes. We also offer a range of thematically and approach-focused professional development courses, learning journeys and online and blended learning. Through our learning offer we aim to strengthen the skills and capabilities of those already working within the development sector, as well as nurture a new generation of development thought, policy and practice leaders.

International Association of Forensic Nurses <http://www.forensicnurses.org/> We are an international membership organization comprised of forensic nurses working around the world and other professionals who support and complement the work of forensic nursing.  
Our Mission

To provide leadership in forensic nursing practice by developing, promoting, and disseminating information internationally about forensic nursing science. *Our Values* Access to forensic nursing care/ A world without violence/ Fidelity to patients / Responsibility to the public/ Obligation to Science/ Respect for colleagues/ Commitment to social justice The vision is that Forensic nurses will be universally recognized as the essential component of healthcare's response to violence & trauma.

International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association <https://ilga.org/> We represent LGBTI civil society within the United Nations and other international organisations. We support our members and other organisations in promoting and protecting human rights. We raise awareness and inform institutions, government, media and civil society through advocacy and research.

IMF <http://www.imf.org/external/index.htm> The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 189 countries, working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.

Created in 1945, the IMF is governed by and accountable to the 189 countries that make up its near-global membership.

International Organization on Migration <http://www.iom.int/> Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners.

With 172 member states, a further 8 states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.

The IOM Constitution recognizes the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development, as well as to the right of freedom of movement.

International Planned Parenthood Federation <https://www.ippf.org/> In the early 1950s, a group of women and men started to campaign vociferously and visibly for women's rights to control their own fertility.

Family planning as a human right challenged many social conventions. Campaigners faced great hostility to gain acceptance for things that we take for granted today. Some were imprisoned. But they emerged determined to work with different cultures, traditions, laws and religious attitudes to improve the lives of women around the world. And so, at the 3rd International Conference on

Planned Parenthood in 1952, 8 national family planning associations founded the International Planned Parenthood Federation. IPPF.

International Rescue Committee <http://www.rescue.org/> 65 years later, the charity is a Federation of 141 Member Associations working in 152 countries, with another 24 Partners working in 19 countries. In 2016, we delivered 182.5 million sexual and reproductive health services. The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. In 2017, the IRC and our international program partners:

- Helped nearly 23 million people access primary health care
- Provided cash and asset transfers to 179,491 households of refugees and vulnerable people
- Reached an estimated 2 million people affected by the hunger crises in East Africa, Nigeria and Yemen

MeToo <https://metoomvmt.org/resources> Combatting sexual violence.

Oxfam <http://www.oxfam.org> Oxfam is a global organization working to end the injustice of poverty. We help people build better futures for themselves, hold the powerful accountable, and save lives in disasters. Our mission is to tackle the root causes of poverty and create lasting solutions. Our vision: A just world without poverty. Our mission: To create lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and social injustice.

Population Council <http://www.popcouncil.org/> The Population Council conducts research to address critical health and development issues. Our work allows couples to plan their families and chart their futures. We help people avoid HIV infection and access life-saving HIV services. And we empower girls to protect themselves and have a say in their own lives.

We conduct research and programs in more than 50 countries. Our New York headquarters supports a global network of offices in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

From its beginning, the Council has given voice and visibility to the world's most vulnerable people. We increase awareness of the problems they face and offer evidence-based solutions.

In the developing world, governments and civil society organizations seek our help to understand and overcome obstacles to health and development. And we work in developed countries, where we use state-of-the-art biomedical science to develop new contraceptives and products to prevent the transmission of HIV.

Social Inequalities and Gender Index <http://www.genderindex.org/> Discriminatory social institutions are defined as the formal and informal laws, attitudes and practices that restrict women's and girls' access to rights, justice and empowerment opportunities. These are captured in a multi-faceted approach by SIGI's variables that combine qualitative and quantitative data, taking into account both the de jure and de facto discrimination of social institutions, through information on laws, attitudes and practices. The variables span all stages of a woman's life in

order to show how discriminatory social institutions can interlock and bind them into cycles of poverty and disempowerment.

In the 2014 edition of the SIGI, the following changes have been introduced:

- increased country coverage
- new variables included in the Gender, Institutions and Development Database
- new classification system by levels of discrimination (see SIGI classifications).

UN Women <http://www.unwomen.org/en> UN Women is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide. UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide. It works globally to make the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life.

Woman Stats Project <http://www.womanstats.org/> The WomanStats Project is a team of approximately twelve undergraduate research assistants, seven graduate research assistants, thirteen principal investigators, and over 120 former student assistants. We are dedicated to the continual expansion of the WomanStats Database, as well as the pursuit of our research agenda assessing the relationship between the situation and security of women, and the dynamics between security, stability, and the behavior of the state.

Women and Memory Forum <http://www.wmf.org/en/> The Women and Memory Forum (WMF) was founded in 1995 by a group of women academics, researchers and activists concerned about the negative representations and perceptions of Arab women in the cultural sphere. Dominant cultural views and images of Arab women constitute a major stumbling block in the course of women's development and the attainment of their rights.

We believe that one of the main obstacles facing Arab women now is the scarcity of alternative cultural information and knowledge about the role of women in history and in contemporary society. The group attained formal status in order to advocate and promote the integration of gender as a category of analysis in the study and interpretation of Arab history and the social sciences in general. The long-term objective of WMF's specialized research is to produce and make available alternative cultural information about Arab women that can be used to empower women and to raise awareness about gender issues.

Women Food & Ag Network <http://www.wfan.org/> Women make up more than half the US population, and own an increasing number of farms. Surveys show that women own or co-own nearly half the farmland in the Midwest. But we are under-represented on the boards of policy-making bodies, and often encounter communications barriers when accessing information from agencies and institutions.

WFAN exists so that women can give each other the information, connections, and encouragement they need to be effective practitioners and supporters of sustainable agriculture and healthy localized food systems.



Women's Refugee Commission <https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/> The Women's Refugee Commission improves the lives and protects the rights of women, children and youth displaced by conflict and crisis. We research their needs, identify solutions and advocate for programs and policies to strengthen their resilience and drive change in humanitarian practice. Since our founding in 1989, we have been a leading expert on the needs of refugee women and children, and the policies that can protect and empower them. Our vision is a world in which refugee and internally displaced women, children and youth: are safe, healthy and self-reliant; have their human rights respected and protected; and inform and drive their own solutions and development.

Women's Voices for the Earth <https://www.womensvoices.org/> The mission of Women's Voices for the Earth (WVE) is to amplify women's voices to eliminate the toxic chemicals that harm our health and communities. We imagine a world where the earth is taken care of, workers are paid well and treated fairly, and there are no toxic chemicals in our homes, our communities, or our environment. In this world, every point in the cycle of production and consumption – from extraction, to processing, to use, to disposal – contributes not just to a less toxic world, but to a thriving world. In 1995, our founders created a new organization run by women that recognized and uplifted the connections between gender, health, class, race, and the environment. Today, we lead tens of thousands of advocates across the country in campaigns to increase corporate accountability and transparency, enact health-protective laws, and take steps to reduce toxic exposure in their lives.

World Bank <http://www.worldbank.org/> The World Bank Group has set two goals for the world to achieve by 2030: End extreme poverty by decreasing the percentage of people living on less than \$1.90 a day to no more than 3%; Promote shared prosperity by fostering the income growth of the bottom 40% for every country.

The World Bank is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. We are not a bank in the ordinary sense but a unique partnership to reduce poverty and support development. The World Bank Group comprises five institutions managed by their member countries.

Established in 1944, the World Bank Group is headquartered in Washington, D.C. We have more than 10,000 employees in more than 120 offices worldwide.

World Economic Forum <https://www.weforum.org/> *The World Economic Forum is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.*

The Forum engages the foremost political, business and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas.

It was established in 1971 as a not-for-profit foundation and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. It is independent, impartial and not tied to any special interests. The Forum strives in all its efforts to demonstrate entrepreneurship in the global public interest while upholding the highest standards of governance. Moral and intellectual integrity is at the heart of everything it does.

Our activities are shaped by a unique institutional culture founded on the stakeholder theory, which asserts that an organization is accountable to all parts of society. The institution carefully blends and balances the best of many kinds of organizations, from both the public and private sectors, international organizations and academic institutions.

We believe that progress happens by bringing together people from all walks of life who have the drive and the influence to make positive change.