



1st August 2017
To whom it may Concern,

Re: Endorsement for ZUWA Malawi

I am writing to express my support for the grassroots women's organisation Zomba Urban Women Association (ZUWA) from Malawi for a grant from the World Connect

Urgent Action Fund-Africa (UAF-Africa) is a Pan-African and feminist Fund, established in 2001 in Nairobi, Kenya. Using a rapid response grant making (RRG) model, the Fund supports unanticipated, time-sensitive, innovative, and bold initiatives. The financial and technical resources the Fund provides enable African feminists and women's rights organisations to seize windows of opportunity, fracture patriarchy, amplify their voices, enhance their visibility, and become significant actors who can influence policy and law while shaping discourse. This way, UAF-Africa fills a unique grant making niche within the African feminist movement, providing stepping stones to activists as they use their agency and resilience to achieve social, economic, political and environmental justice.

In May 2015, UAF-Africa supported ZUWA with a grant of US\$2,610 to implement a project on protecting and promoting the rights of women and girls with albinism in Zomba and Machinga, Malawi. With the grant, ZUWA successfully conducted orientation/panel discussions meetings with stakeholders i.e. chiefs for effective coordination on issues of abductions and killings of people living with albinism; produced and broadcasted a radio program; facilitated a debate for five days which civic educated the general public on the rights of people living with albinism; identified 20 community monitors and established 4 watchdog committees and conducted monitoring visits. The outcome of this intervention has been the change in the negative perception of communities towards people with albinism, which resulted in a greater number of children, in particular girls with albinism who dropped out from school for the sake of their safety, go back to school.

Based on the above information, it is with confidence that we recommend ZUWA as a partner. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the application of ZUWA, please do not hesitate to contact us by Tel: +254 20 2301 740/Mobile: +254 726 577 560 or e-mail: proposals@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caroline', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

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