



### GTF158 Oxfam

Oxfam's Raising Her Voice (RHV) is a global programme, currently working in 17 countries to change this. We're working to promote the rights and ability of poor women worldwide to increase their influence and ensure their voices are heard so that those in power – from village leaders to politicians and law-makers - become more accountable to them.

To do this, Oxfam is working in partnership with 450 organisations around the world to enhance women's participation in decision-making. Together, we're enabling around 200,000 women each year to take part in, shape and monitor the decisions that most affect their lives.

#### Highlights from our work in 2011-12 include:

- 3 new laws in **Pakistan** preventing Acid Crimes, Anti-Women Practices and strengthening the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act;
- In **Guatemala**, Ixmakuné women were supported through a long-term process of personal empowerment and skills training by our local partner in El Quiché to establish the only community radio wholly run by indigenous women. 28 of the women we worked with in 3 communities stood for local elections in 2011. 2 were successful.
- In **Nepal**, 1,472 women in 81 villages have taken on leadership roles in local decision-making structures such as water, education and health committees. 87% of the RHV women leaders surveyed in 2011 reported a change in the attitude and practice of local service providers - compared to just 3% of respondents from non-RHV villages. Together, RHV women have accessed £42,524 from development committees; traced and returned a total of £11,265 of misused funds; supported countless local health and education service improvements; and leveraged in-kind community contributions of £28,214.
- In **Honduras**, RHV partner participation in lobbying for the 2011 Electoral Law reform saw new political commitment to a timeline for increasing women's political representation at national level to 50% by 2016.
- French and English versions of our **Pan-Africa** partner's 'Guide to Using the Maputo Protocol for Legal Action' were launched this year to assist jurists and activists to understand the Protocol and contribute to its application by the bench and bar.
- Successful prosecution by **Pan-Africa** and local partners in **Liberia** in the case of Ruth Berry Peal, a young girl kidnapped and forced to undergo Female Genital Mutilation.
- In **Chile**, our regional partner launched a 'More Women into Power' campaign and webpage, deliberately unbranded so as to be openly accessible to women candidates in the upcoming 2012 elections - <http://www.masmujeresalpoder.cl/>

**For more information Raising Her Voice and its global impact -including inspirational videos, images blog posts and news entries see <http://raisinghervoice.ning.com/>**



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