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Abstract: This collection consists of reference and promotional materials from other organizations divided into eight record groups: Record Group I, Institutions; Record Group II, Periodicals; Record Group III, Monographs; Record Group IV, Conference and Agency Reports; Record Group V, Reference Materials; Record Group VI, "How-To" Manuals; Record Group VII, Audio-Visual Material; Record Group VIII, Miscellany.
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Biography/Administrative History
The Global Fund for Women was established in 1987 by New Zealand-born Anne Firth Murray, its founding president and first CEO. According to its website, she and co-founders Frances Kissling and Laura Lederer were "determined to address the lack of funding available to women activists worldwide with the creation of a global foundation dedicated to their support. Dame Nita Barrow, former governor general of Barbados, and a leading figure in the global women's movement was the fourth founding member of the Global Fund. In September 1996, Murray retired and was succeeded by Kavita N. Ramdas." Ramdas, the current president and C.E.O. of the Global Fund, received an honorary degree from Mills College in 2009. The Global Fund for Women describes itself as "an international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice. We advocate for and defend women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world. We are part of a global women's movement that is rooted in a commitment to justice and an appreciation of the value of women's experience. The challenges women face vary widely across communities, cultures, religions, traditions and countries. We believe that women should have a full range of choices, and that women themselves know best how to determine their needs and propose solutions for lasting change. The way in which we do our work is as important as what we do. This philosophy is reflected in our flexible, responsive and respectful style of grantmaking. The Global Fund makes grants to seed, strengthen and link women's rights groups based outside the United States working to address human rights issues that include: * Ending Gender-Based Violence and Building Peace * Ensuring Economic and Environmental Justice * Advancing Health and Sexual and Reproductive Rights * Expanding Civic and Political Participation * Increasing Access to Education * Fostering Social Change Philanthropy"
Scope and Content of Collection
Record Group Descriptions
Record Group I. Institutions
This record group consists of the following material from grantor institutions, grantee grass roots organizations and NGOs: Brochures, annual reports, occasional informational pieces about the organization and/or its road to others. Organizations include the United Nations and the Global Fund for Women itself. Publications include newsletters if other material is present as well. Material is organized at folder level, alphabetically by institution. Index. Record Group II: Periodicals
This record group consists of periodicals, journals, and newsletters of various frequencies of publication if no other material from the publishing institution is in the Institutions files. Material is organized at folder level, alphabetically by title within region. Series 1. Global; Series 2. Africa; Series 3. Asia; Series 4. Europe; Series 5. Indian Subcontinent and Middle East; Series 6. Latin America and Caribbean; Series 7. U.S. and Canada. Organized at folder level. Indices. Series 8. Other Languages. There is no index; Series 9. References: card index and database printout
Record Group III: Monographs
This record group consists of academic papers, individual reports, etc. Series 1. English language. Arranged by subject within region: Global; Latin America and Caribbean; Asia; Southeast Asia; Middle East;
Europe; U.S. (See table and subject descriptions.); Series 2. Spanish language. Arranged by subject but not region (There is no table); Series 3. Other Languages. Arranged by subject to the extent possible (There is no table). NOTE: WORKS SELECTED FOR CIRCULATING COLLECTION IN GENERAL LIBRARY are catalogued by Dewey numbers. They are searchable by “Global Fund” as either author or title on the Mills College catalogue, Minerva. Record Group IV: Conference and Agency Reports This record group is arranged alphabetically by organization or agency. There is no index. Record Group V: Reference Materials This record group contains information about organizations. Series 1. Bibliographies: Alphabetical by subject. English and Spanish; Series 2. Directories of organizations and other resources. Alphabetical by organization. Record Group VI: “How-To” Manuals This record group contains practical publications on activism, fundraising, instruction, management, trusteeships, etc. Material is alphabetical by author, then organization. Record Group VII: Audio-Visual Material This record group consists of recordings in the various audio-visual formats and in several languages. Record Subgroup 1. Videos (NTSC). Series 1. English; Series 2. Spanish and Portuguese. Record Subgroup 2. Audiocassettes. Series 1. English; Series 2. Spanish; Series 3. Other languages. Record Subgroup 3. Compact Disks (various languages). Record Subgroup 4. Foreign formats. Sometimes arranged by type of content (e.g. activist vs. musical). There is no index. Record Group VIII: Miscellany Series 1. Calendars, cards and other ephemera; Series 2. News clippings

**Indexing Terms**

- Social justice.
- Grants-in-aid.
- Women’s health services.
- Women’s rights.
- Women--Violence against.
- Women--Education.
- Reproductive rights.
- Political participation.
- Women--Economic conditions.
- Women--Social conditions.
- Feminism.
- Global Fund for Women.
- Africa.
- Latin America.
- Caribbean Region.
- Asia.
- Southeast Asia.
- Middle East.
- Europe.
- United States.