

*"Women are the first victims of war,  
but only they hold the unique key to peace."*

—JULIENNE LUSENGE, FFC FOUNDER



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**Problems:** women and girls in the DRC face multiple vulnerabilities due to general insecurity, prevalence of sexual and domestic violence, high rates of poverty, and limited availability of resources and services. Women are disproportionately affected due to inequality and political marginalization.

**Solution:** FFC supporting women-led grassroots organizations promoting women's rights.

**FFC is unique – the only woman-led grant-giving NGO in the entire DRC.** Established in 2007 by Julienne Lusenge to bridge the gap between international donors and local women's initiatives, we have funded over 386 projects, mostly in remote areas. We provide grants between \$1,000-\$10,000 to local, women-led organizations.



FFC focuses on six pillars of advocacy:

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| 1. <b>Sexual and gender-based violence (including projects in schools for girls)</b> | 4. <b>Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS</b>  |
| 2. <b>Women's Empowerment</b>  | 5. <b>Conflict Transformation</b>                      |
| 3. <b>Women's Political Participation</b>  | 6. <b>Climate Justice and Environmental Protection</b> |

FFC works in 14 provinces in the Democratic Republic of Congo:

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| 1. <b>Kinshasa</b>       | 8. <b>North-Kivu</b> |
| 2. <b>Congo-Central</b>  | 9. <b>South-Kivu</b> |
| 3. <b>Equator</b>        | 10. <b>Maniema</b>   |
| 4. <b>Kasaï-Central</b>  | 11. <b>Ituri</b>     |
| 5. <b>Kasaï-Oriental</b> | 12. <b>Tshopo</b>    |
| 6. <b>Haut-Katanga</b>   | 13. <b>Haut-Uele</b> |
| 7. <b>Tanganyika</b>     | 14. <b>Bas-Uele</b>  |

