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EDUCATION GRANTS

[Margaret McNamara Education Grants](#) (MMEG) is a 501(c)(3) volunteer-led public charity. It was established in 1981 to award education grants to exceptional women from developing countries who will improve the lives of women and children throughout the world. Grantees are at least 25 years old and enrolled at accredited universities in the United States, Canada, and France, as well as

selected universities in South Africa and Latin America. Application details are available at mmeq.org/apply.

Our mission: To improve the lives of women and children by supporting the higher education of exceptional women from developing countries who will catalyze change.

MMEG was founded in memory of Margaret McNamara's dedication to the education of women and children. While her husband, Robert McNamara, was President of the World Bank (1968–1981), she founded what is now known as the World Bank Group Family Network. She also established the children's literacy organization Reading Is Fundamental in 1966, for which she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. civilian distinction.



Margaret McNamara during a 1976 World Bank trip to Bangladesh
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear MMEG Friends,

What an achievement: MMEG has now awarded grants to more than 500 exceptional women.

For over 40 years volunteers have donated their talents, time, and money in support of MMEG's mission: to improve the lives of women and children by supporting the higher education of exceptional women from developing countries. The World Bank Group Family Network is our main source of these wonderful volunteers, volunteers whose commitment is so contagious that there is always one new volunteer at our doorstep. I salute you, MMEG's most precious resource!

Our biggest fundraiser is now the World Bank Group's Community Connections Campaign (CCC) and the IMF Giving Together Initiative. Our many individual donors recognize that MMEG supports women who catalyze change. Please continue to give—and encourage others too.

Each year, the Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union (BFSFCU) generously sponsors a US-Canada Program grantee. This year they outdid themselves by also sponsoring a Trinity Washington University grantee, supporting MMEG's contribution to our local community. BFSFCU staff also helped sort the foreign coins they collect for us via donation boxes in all their branches.

MMEG's success at catalyzing meaningful change was demonstrated when three past grantees shared their professional expertise in a thought-provoking panel discussion, kindly hosted for MMEG in May by the World Bank's Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, led by Soukeyna Kane.

MMEG launched its fifth program this year: the France Program targets Francophone women from developing countries studying in France.

This year MMEG managed to digitalize all our documents, working towards a paperless office. Your receipt of the Annual Report via e-mail is another way for us to reduce our carbon footprint.

The 2022 International Arts & Crafts Fair was a joy to behold. Please join us again this year, November 7–9, 2023.

Thank you one and all for your support and contributions in FY2023.

Madeleine de Kock
President

OUR FY23 GRANTEES AT A GLANCE

This year, 33 grantees were selected from a pool of 599 eligible applicants. They were awarded a total of \$308,000 in grants to study in universities in the United States and Canada, Latin America, South Africa, and, for the first time this year, France. Our grantees this year come from 22 countries on 4 continents.

Name	Nationality	University	Field of Study
US-Canada Program (launched 1983)			
Bernice Adebimpe Adekeye	Nigeria	Gallaudet University	Education
Makafui Aku Borbi	Ghana	Michigan State University	Food science
Purity Chepkoech	Kenya	Duke University	Public health
Nancy Ingabire Abayo	Rwanda	North Carolina State University	Engineering
Lokina Kishoiyian	Kenya	University of Arizona	Law
Mozhgan Kohzadi	Iran, Islamic Rep.	McGill University	Nutrition
Iyanuoluwa Odole	Nigeria	Yale University	Public health
Catalina Rey-Guerra	Colombia	Boston College	Applied developmental and educational psychology
Anam Shahil Feroz	Pakistan	University of Toronto	Public health
Devyani Tewari	India	University of Victoria	Law
South Africa Program (launched 2009)			
Helishia Dirks	South Africa	Durban University of Technology	Neurophysiology
Maria du Toit	South Africa	University of Pretoria	Early childhood development
Tsungai Kupeta	Zimbabwe	University of Cape Town	Labor economics and inequality
Hilda Dinah Kyomuhimbo	Uganda	University of Pretoria	Water utilization and bioremediation
Monde Precious Maruza	Botswana	Stellenbosch University	Obstetrics and gynecology
Patience Masi	Malawi	University of Cape Town	Social protection

Name	Nationality	University	Field of Study
Khona Maziya	Eswatini	University of the Witwatersrand	Water treatment technologies
Carey Pike	South Africa	University of Cape Town	Medicine
Sibusiso Tshuma	Zimbabwe	University of Pretoria	Publishing studies
Latin America and Caribbean Program (launched 2013)			
Danitzia Bermejo Escobar	Peru	Universidad Católica del Perú	Engineering
Evelyn Callapino Guarachi	Bolivia	FLACSO Ecuador	History
Ángela Rocío Camacho Gómez	Colombia	University of Los Andes, Colombia	Development management and practice
María de la Paz Chávez Vargas	Mexico	FLACSO México	Sociology
Yosselin del Solar Cárdenas	Peru	Universidad Católica del Perú	Anthropology
Astrid Flores Huamani	Peru	Universidad Católica del Perú	Labor law and social security
Diana Carolina González	Colombia	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Management and rural development
María Teresa Lucas García	Guatemala	Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala	Finance
Rosa Xochiquetzal Salazar García	Mexico	Universidad Iberoamericana, México	Gender studies
Natalia Salgado Aristizabal	Colombia	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Industrial engineering and industrial organization
Trinity Washington University Program (launched 2016)			
Sherie Julie Ann Luevano	United States	Trinity Washington University	Clinical mental health counseling
Evelyn Paulette Sands	United States	Trinity Washington University	Psychology
France Program (launched 2023)			
Maria Victoria Leiva	Argentina	Collège de Paris	International digital project management
Mame Mbayang Thiam	Senegal	Université de Montpellier	Hydrology and water resources

MEET OUR GRANTEES

Here are the 33 extraordinary women we selected this year.



Bernice Adekeye (33), from Nigeria, is studying for her doctorate in bilingual education at Gallaudet University. As a science teacher to deaf and hard of hearing learners, she will become an agent of change advocating for increased accessibility in science classrooms.



Danitza Bermejo Escobar (28), from Peru, is studying for a PhD in engineering with a specialization in medical imaging at Universidad Católica del Perú. Her research focuses on the use of artificial intelligence review of medical images to help people in isolated communities obtain timely medical diagnoses.



Makafui Borbi (33), from Ghana, is studying for a doctorate in food science and completing the Didactic Program in Dietetics at Michigan State University. She plans to develop an effective food program that will address the intergenerational consequences of poor nutrition and to create more opportunities for women in STEM in developing countries.



Evelyn Callapino Guarachi (34), from Bolivia, is studying for an MA in history at FLACSO Ecuador. She is a social researcher, university professor, political scientist, writer, and activist who strives to transform the lives of women who suffer from gender-based violence and social exclusion in the Bolivian city of Potosí.



Ángela Rocío Camacho Gómez (26), from Colombia, is doing an MA in development management and practice at the University of Los Andes. She has taught, volunteered, worked with UNHCR, and founded a nonprofit, all with the aim of improving the social well-being and political voice of women and young people in rural Colombia.



María de la Paz Chávez Vargas (36), from Mexico, is studying for a PhD in social sciences and sociology at FLACSO México. She is proud of her p'urhépecha identity and works to highlight the obstacles and disadvantages that Indigenous women in Mexico face as well as their strategies to overcome them.



Purity Chepkoech (28), from Kenya, is an MSc student in global health at Duke University, with extensive experience in clinical, field, and volunteer work in reproductive health. She is interested in global surgical care, improving gynecological cancer prevention and treatment, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in health in Kenya.



Yosselin del Solar Cárdenas (29), from Peru, is doing an MA in anthropology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. Yosselin is a psychologist and a feminist activist focused on the creation and development of spaces for the healing and collective care of women in rural communities and in vulnerable situations.



Helishia Dirks (40), from South Africa, is doing a Master of Health Sciences in clinical technology at the Durban University of Technology. She works as a clinical neurophysiologist at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. Her research examines the link between cognition and sleep spindle density.



Maria du Toit (30), from South Africa, is a postdoctoral fellow in speech-language pathology and audiology at the University of Pretoria, researching mobile health-based developmental screening for children under age 7, in collaboration with community care workers and early childhood development educators. Maria's grant is co-sponsored by the University of Pretoria.



Astrid Flores Huamani (26), from Peru, is a lawyer who graduated from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and is now an MA student in labor law and social security at Universidad Católica del Perú. She researches and advocates for the prevention of violence and sexual harassment of women with disabilities in the workplace.



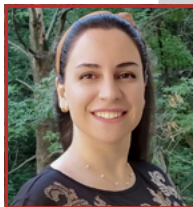
Diana Carolina González (27), from Colombia, is doing an MA in management and rural development at the National University of Colombia. She is researching the sustainable use of wild mushrooms in rural communities. Her goal is to improve the quality of life in rural communities through the production and consumption of edible mushrooms.



Nancy Ingabire Abayo, from Rwanda, is a doctorate student in civil engineering with a focus on geotechnical earthquake engineering at North Carolina State University. Nancy cofounded Sci-Touche to improve STEM education access to children, especially girls, and plans to continue boosting STEM education in developing communities with a focus on East Africa.



Lokina Kishoiyian (29), from Kenya, is a lawyer with an MLS in Indigenous peoples' law and policy and a Doctor of Juridical Sciences candidate at the University of Arizona. She has dedicated her career to promoting women's human rights, especially those of teenage girls in Kenya, and upholding the rule of law.



Mozhgan Kohzadi (36), from Iran, is studying for a doctorate in human nutrition, maternal and fetal health at McGill University. She plans to combine her extensive practical experience in midwifery and academic pursuits to improve maternal health outcomes for women in Iran and beyond.



Tsungai Kupeta (31), from Zimbabwe, is pursuing a PhD in economics at the University of Cape Town. She is committed to nurturing women and girls into becoming good leaders who think creatively and independently, who can democratize opportunities, and who can design innovative and sustainable solutions. Tsungai's grant is co-sponsored by the University of Cape Town.



Hilda Dinah Kyomuhimbo (30), from Uganda, is pursuing a PhD in chemical engineering at the University of Pretoria, researching ways to treat industrial effluents. Her goal is a career in the provision of clean and safe drinking water to vulnerable communities. Hilda's grant is co-sponsored by the University of Pretoria.



María Victoria Leiva (26), from Argentina, is pursuing an MBA in international digital project management at Digital College, Paris, while working as a communications and advocacy officer at UN Women France. Her goal is to continue working for women's rights and equality with a focus on Latin American women.



María Teresa Lucas García (31), from Guatemala, is completing an MA with a specialty in finance at Universidad Rafael Landívar and a BA in Economics at Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. She has consistently supported organizations that promote human rights, as well as the economic growth and development of young and adult women.



Sherie Luevano (44) is an MA student in clinical mental health counseling at Trinity Washington University. She plans to become a mental health counselor and open a therapeutic daycare center. She has worked in corrections and domestic violence support and created and managed a childcare program providing quality, affordable care.



Monde Precious Maruza (31), from Botswana, is a medical doctor pursuing a Master of Medicine in obstetrics and gynecology at Stellenbosch University. She is passionate about maternal health because healthy mothers mean healthier babies, healthier communities, and healthier nations.



Patience Masi (40), from Malawi, is pursuing a PhD in sociology at the University of Cape Town. She is researching the drivers of and constraints on the expansion of social protection, using Malawi as a case study. Her goal is to contribute to sustainable poverty reduction strategies, particularly in Africa. Patience's grant is co-sponsored by the University of Cape Town.



Khona Maziya (34), from Eswatini, is pursuing a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Witwatersrand, having obtained a Master's degree with distinction at the University of Johannesburg. Her PhD research seeks to address water remediation strategies through the use of state-of-the-art membrane-based filtration techniques.



Iyanuoluwa Odole (26), from Nigeria, is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health, specializing in chronic disease epidemiology and global health. Iyanuoluwa's objective is to conduct cancer research for prevention and control, reducing health disparities for women and effecting change in Nigeria, Africa, and globally.



Carey Pike (31), from South Africa, is an MBChB-PhD student at the University of Cape Town. Her PhD focuses on the rollout of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis to diverse young populations. She plans to become a physician-scientist focused on sexual and reproductive health. Carey's grant is co-sponsored by the University of Cape Town.



Catalina Rey-Guerra (34), from Colombia, is a doctoral candidate in applied developmental and educational psychology at Boston College. She plans to work to prevent and reduce gender disparities in learning opportunities and child development, particularly in Colombia and other countries in the region.



Rosa Xochiquetzal Salazar García (46), from Mexico, is completing a PhD in gender studies at the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico. She believes that research committed to social movements can produce better living conditions for everyone, especially women and girls impoverished by the systematic dispossession of Indigenous peoples.



Natalia Salgado Aristizabal (37), from Colombia, is pursuing a PhD in industrial engineering at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. She is researching how to improve the efficiency of rice processing, with a focus on the transformative capacity of crops to assist rural communities, especially women and children.



Evelyn Sands (39), is pursuing a BA in psychology at Trinity Washington University and works at Community Connections, a DC non-profit supporting people with mental, trauma-related, and addiction disorders. Her goal is to become a life coach and to establish a wellness center to help people "break free of a poverty mindset."



Anam Shahil Feroz (31), from Pakistan, is pursuing a PhD in health systems research at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. She hopes to support pregnant women at high risk of preeclampsia through the use of mobile-based telemonitoring to improve maternal healthcare services and outcomes in Pakistan.



Devyani Tewari (32), from India, is a doctoral candidate in law and society at the University of Victoria, as well as a human rights lawyer, writer, feminist, and disability rights activist. She aims to inform public policy and help society rethink the unique discrimination against women with disabilities. Devyani’s grant is sponsored by the Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union.



Mame Mbayang Thiam (26), from Senegal, is a water and sanitation engineer doing an MA in hydrology at the University of Montpellier. Mame plans to pursue a PhD in hydrological modeling in southern countries to help limit the consequences of hazards such as floods and droughts on families, particularly women and children.



Sibusiso Tshuma (35), from Zimbabwe, is pursuing a PhD in publishing studies at the University of Pretoria. She seeks to develop an Afrocentric critical racial-ethnic framework on which to publish identity books for tweens. Her aim is to make “black-children-friendly” books accessible to children throughout Southern Africa. Sibusiso’s grant is co-sponsored by the University of Pretoria.

For more information on this year’s grantees as well as biographies of past grantees, visit mmeg.org/grantrecipients.

























599
ELIGIBLE
APPLICANTS

33
GRANTEES
FROM **22**
COUNTRIES

\$308,000
AWARDED

GRANTEE HOST UNIVERSITIES

Congratulations to the following 25 universities, whose students have been awarded MMEG grants this year:

US-Canada Program		Latin America and Caribbean Program	
	Boston College		FLACSO Ecuador
	Duke University		FLACSO México
	Gallaudet University		Universidad Católica del Perú
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	North Carolina State University		Universidad Nacional de Colombia
	University of Arizona		Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala
	University of Toronto	Trinity Washington University Program	
	University of Victoria		Trinity Washington University
	Yale University	France Program	
South Africa Program			Collège de Paris
	Stellenbosch University		Université de Montpellier
	University of Cape Town		
	Durban University of Technology		
	University of Pretoria		
	University of the Witwatersrand		

WHO'S WHO

MMEG is a volunteer-led and -run public charity that relies on more than 100 committed volunteers to run its grant programs, raise funds to pay for those grants, and serve on the Board. MMEG is supported by two part-time staff members who also contribute significant volunteer hours.

We welcome new volunteers and offer several avenues to help. This includes participating on one of our Selection Committees by reading and evaluating grantee applications and interviewing finalists; working on our impact, data management, or social media teams; supporting the International Arts & Crafts Market; and championing MMEG by helping to spread the word about our mission, our work, and the exceptional women we support. To sign up, please visit mmeq.org/volunteer.

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US\$ thousand	FY22*	FY23*
Income		
Donations	205	209
Special event income	0	50
Net interest, dividends, realized capital gains	141	56
Total cash income	346	315
Expenses		
Grants	309	287
Cash operating expenses	61	78
Total cash expenses	370	365
Cash income – cash expenses	-24	-50
Notes		
Grant matches disbursed by grantees’ universities	4	21
In-kind income = in-kind expenses	51	94
End-of-year savings	1,796	1,820
*MMEG’s fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.		
Full audited financial statements and tax returns are available on our website: mmeg.org/annual-report		

Fundraising income increased by 26% in FY23, mainly thanks to the resumption of the International Arts & Crafts Fair. This partly made up for the 60% decline in investment income as financial markets performed poorly.

Grants disbursed were about 80% of total operating costs. Including matched grants disbursed by our partner South African universities based on MMEG’s awards, total grants were 85% of our cash expenses. The cash deficit was made up from our savings.

SINCE 1981, MMEG HAS ISSUED GRANTS TO **531** WOMEN FROM **79** COUNTRIES, TOTALING **\$4.8** MILLION.

MMEG awarded \$308,000 in grants to 33 grantees in FY23:	
Program	Amount (US\$)
US-Canada (10 grants)	150,000
South Africa (9 grants)	63,000*
Latin America and Caribbean (10 grants)	70,000
Trinity Washington University (2 grants)	15,000
France (2 grants)	10,000
* Six of these grants were co-sponsored by University of Pretoria and University of Cape Town, reducing MMEG’s cash outlay to \$42,000.	

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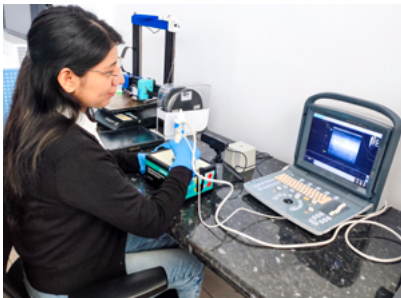
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Grantee Danitza Bermejo Escobar



Grantee Evelyn Callapino Guarachi

INTERNATIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Our annual [International Arts & Crafts Fair](#) resumed in 2022 after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic and raised \$48,766. The fair was ably organized by volunteers Deborah Faison and Aisha Zulficar, with the support of dozens of volunteers.



This year's market will be held at the World Bank HQ on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 7–9, 2023, and will feature dozens of vendors selling internationally sourced goods, from art to jewelry; an international gourmet food table; an attic treasures table featuring gently used and gently priced items; and much more, all in support of MMEG's grant programs.



MMEG TALKS

MMEG TALKS: Gender, education, and development in forced displacement

In an in-person event on May 25, 2023, hosted by the World Bank Group's Fragility, Conflict, and Violence Group and its Gender Group, MMEG grantees Larisa Kasumagić-Kafedžić (2006), Nohora Constanza Niño Vega (2016), and Hourie Tafech (2020) discussed gender, education, and development in forced displacement.

Soukeyna Kane, Director of the World Bank's Fragility, Conflict, and Violence Group, moderated the event, and Lucia Hanmer, Lead Economist of the World Bank's Gender Group, provided closing remarks.

The panelists, all past recipients of MMEG grants, are now actively contributing in their professional fields: peace education, refugee issues, and forced displacement. Their work exemplifies the profound impact that MMEG's academic support can facilitate, paving the way for meaningful long-term action on global issues.



MMEG TALKS: The right to a voice: Augmentative and alternative communication

Four MMEG grantees from diverse fields—Ensa Johnson, Faatima Ebrahim, Netsai Gwata, and Vuledzani Ndanganeni—discussed their common goal: how best to grant a voice to people, especially children, with different capacities for speech and hearing. Their message: the ability to communicate is a right, not a privilege. Ensa, who moderated the discussion, is a respected international researcher and educator who has instructed one of our panelists as well as other grantees, making this a two-generation MMEG TALKS panel.

MMEG TALKS:

THE RIGHT TO A VOICE
Augmentative and Alternative Communication



Talk moderator
Dr. Ensa Johnson
Researcher & educator



Netsai Gwata
Educational psychologist



Faatima Ebrahim
Occupational therapist



Vuledzani Ndanganeni
Speech-language pathologist, audiologist

WEBINAR
12 pm (EST) Monday, 27 February 2023

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MMEG TALKS:

OLD SOLUTIONS FOR NEW PROBLEMS
Chronic lung disease in older children living with HIV



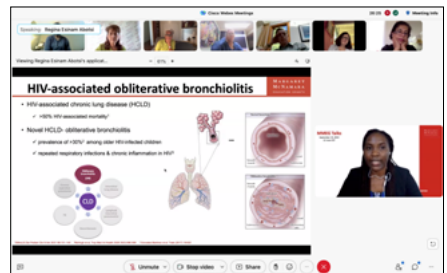
Regina Abotsi
Researcher | Microbiome | Pharmaceutical
Microbiologist | Pharmacist

WEBINAR
12 pm (EST) / Monday, 19 September 2022

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MMEG TALKS: Old solutions for new problems: Chronic lung disease in older children living with HIV

Pharmaceutical microbiologist and researcher Regina Esinam Abotsi is a 2019 MMEG grantee. She met with MMEG in September 2022 to explain her cutting-edge research on how extended administration of the antibiotic azithromycin can reduce the symptoms of lung disease in older children with HIV, reducing disruption in their education and improving their quality of life.



PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

MMEG grants go further than ever, thanks to partnerships negotiated with South Africa's University of Pretoria and University of Cape Town (UCT). In recognition of MMEG's rigorous selection process, these schools agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of five grants over three years for grantees selected from their schools. And UCT generously agreed to co-sponsor a third student grantee, for a total of six co-sponsored grants.



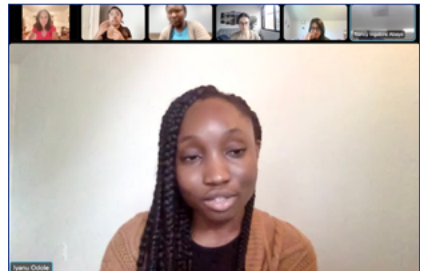
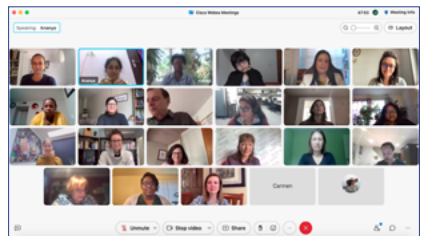
Meeting with grantees hosted by University of Pretoria



Meeting with grantees hosted by University of Cape Town

GRANTEE NETWORKING

MMEG Selection Committees and Board members look forward to meeting the new cohorts as each program's grantees are selected. This helps Board members put faces to the names of grantees—and, even more importantly, allows grantees to meet each other and start forging connections based on common fields of study, location, and social issues of concern. This year, MMEG's Board members met with grantees from the Latin America and Caribbean Program, South Africa Program, and France Program, and held a combined event with the US-Canada and Trinity Washington University program grantees.



MMEG PHOTO COMPETITION

MMEG launched its photo competition in 2021 in recognition of the inspiration that images of women's achievements offer to other women seeking role models.

The [second annual photography competition](#), hosted by LensCulture and with the theme "Extraordinary Women," elicited 208 entries from developing countries around the world, with the theme of "Extraordinary Women."

- The winners:
- First prize: Sourav Karmakar
 - Second prize: Arpan Chowdhury
 - Third prize: Mithail Afrige Chowdhury
 - Honorable mentions: Kyaw Say Yay Lin; Roberto Gregori; and Kanishka Puri



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Second prize: Arpan Chowdhury



Honorable mention: Roberto Gregori



Third prize: Mithail Afrige Chowdhury

MMEG's 2023 photo competition, with the theme "Women Catalyze Change," closed on September 30, 2023. The winners will be announced on MMEG's website and on social media.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MARKET VOLUNTEER

MMEG's International Arts & Crafts Market will take place on November 7, 8, and 9, 2023. This is MMEG's biggest fundraising event, and dozens of volunteers work to organize it and make it a success.

- Join the Market Committee and help plan and organize this event
- Contribute homemade food to be sold at our gourmet table
- Donate gently used goods to be sold to raise funds
- Help out at one of the MMEG stands
- Bring friends to shop

Sign up at mmeg.org/fair-volunteers. Share in the camaraderie!

GRANT APPLICATION READER

Throughout the year, MMEG volunteers serve on selection committees to review grant applications and recommend finalists to the MMEG Board. All grant applicants are screened by volunteer readers during a competitive selection process that takes place over three months. Readers work independently and participate in four half-day committee meetings during that period.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Help design our annual report, social media posts, and other outreach material.



Volunteers at the MMEG fair gourmet table

WORKPLACE FUNDRAISER

Promote MMEG by speaking at your workplace giving campaign and help us to support more women in their education.

MMEG CHAMPION

Be a MMEG champion and spread the word about us and our mission, including via social media.

WEBSITE EDITOR

Help update our website and improve our search engine.

If you are interested in volunteering with MMEG in any of these capacities, please fill out an application form, using this link: mmeg.org/volunteer. For further information, email contact@mmeg.org.



PUT YOUR COINS TO USE

MMEG collects surplus foreign currency from World Bank, IMF, and neighbor travelers, with the kind support of the Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union.

Please donate your foreign coins and bills via the MMEG boxes located at the Bank, Fund, and BFSFCU offices, or contact one of our Board members for prompt pickup.



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT MMEG?

MAKE A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION

Your financial support helps us to make a difference in the lives of grantees! Please become a friend of MMEG in one or more of the following ways:

- By designating MMEG during your workplace giving campaign
- By check, payable to “MMEG” and mail to: MMEG, c/o MMEG President, WBG Main Complex, Room MC4-410, Washington DC 20433
- By electronic donation. Venmo: @MargaretMcNamaraEducationGR or PayPal: <mmeg@worldbank.org>
- By credit card, on our website: mmeg.org/donate/
- By automatic monthly bank transfer
- By contributing a charitable-giving donor-advised fund, donating stocks, or designating MMEG as a named beneficiary of your estate or life insurance policy

Contact mmeg@worldbank.org for further information.

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