



Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation

婦女救援基金會 Annual Report 2018

About TWRf

Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation (TWRf) is committed to promoting women's rights and ending gender-based violence. To achieve these goals, TWRf continues to strengthen services for victims of domestic violence (including child witnesses), victims of sexual slavery (the "comfort women") during WWII and victims of human trafficking. The foundation also advocates for policy reforms, trains professionals and practitioners, and promotes gender equality.

ANNE × AMA – GIRLS UNDER FIRE IN WWII Exhibition

In collaboration with the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Ama Museum for Peace and Women's Human Rights, an affiliate of TWRf, launched the ANNE × AMA – GIRLS UNDER FIRE IN WWII Exhibition in the second half of the year 2018, hallmarking the first-ever Anne Frank House exhibition in Taiwan. In addition to the text and audio-visual materials provided by the Anne Frank House, TWRf also acquired the license of Anne Frank Fonds to incorporate a large amount of content from *The Diary of a Young Girl* into the exhibition, a rare combination of the essence from Anne Frank House and *The Diary of a Young Girl*.

The galleries presented the historical background of the persecution of Jews and the Holocaust, the lives of the Secret Annex occupants and the kind-hearted helpers through texts, pictures, videos and interactive display cases. Excerpts from *The Diary of a Young Girl* were printed on panels accompanied by illustrations as a way to bring Anne's free and exuberant spirit to life.



▶ Exhibition opening press conference of Anne × AMA-Girls under Fire in WWII



As the atrocities against Jewish people took place in the European theater of war, a group of persecuted women also struggled in the South-East Asian theater of WWII who were forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army. Some of them survived the war by luck and bravely came forward

to reveal the truth. They are Amas, an endearing term meaning granny in Taiwanese. This exhibition is the encounter between Anne of Amas, the coalesce of courage, strength and resilience, shedding light on the devastating trauma of war and discrimination against humanity, especially women.

As a base for human rights education, Ama Museum for Peace and Women's Human Rights translate and edited two Anne Frank House workbooks into Chinese versions, and develops group activity programs for students. Students can learn about the appalling consequences discrimination, prejudice and hatred may bring through Anne's story. A series of events like film screenings and talks focus on the Holocaust, transitional justice and women in conflicts were also held to expand the depth and scope of the exhibition.



◀ Students participating group tour and workshop

Human Rights Movement of “Comfort Women” & AMA Museum

TWRF has been a human rights advocate for “comfort women”- sexual slaves of the Japanese military during WWII - for 27 years. The foundation identified 59 former Taiwanese “comfort women” in 1992. Of those, as of 2018, there are only two “comfort women” survivors remaining in Taiwan. TWRF’s social worker continues to provide direct services for the Amas, such as regular home visits, phone greetings, and referrals to other services.

In December 2016, TWRF founded the Ama Museum for Peace and Women’s Human Rights, the first museum dedicated to “comfort women” in Taiwan. The Ama Museum features a permanent exhibition of photos, documents and videos related to Taiwanese “comfort women” and the two decades of work by the foundation to document their history.



Ama Museum Signs MOU with the National Human Rights Museum



Ama Museum for Peace and Women’s Human Rights and the National Human Rights Museum (NHRM) jointly held a MOU signing ceremony on the 30th of October, 2018. As NHRM focuses mainly on political human rights issues, the collaboration with Ama Museum complements the cause through its efforts in raising awareness of gender issues. What’s more, the move further elevates the issue of “comfort women” to the national level as a significant women’s rights matter. The two institutions can coordinate private and public resources to advance the research and exhibition on gender-based violence and gender rights to promote public of such issues.

Recognize! Apologize! 814 International Comfort Women Memorial Day Action

On the 14th of August, the International Comfort Women Memorial Day, TWRF rallied 59 protesters in front of the Taipei Office of Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association together with representatives from civil society, legislators and students. Clad in black with white masks covering their faces, 59 activists demanded justice from the government of Japan on behalf of the 59 confirmed Taiwanese “comfort women” survivors. One by one, they unveiled the plaques with survivors’ names on them and sat in silence for 8 minutes 14 seconds to echo the date. The delegates of the TWRF and other participants then handed in the petition and the board with 59 names to the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association. TWRF called for the government of Japan to offer a formal apology and compensation to the victims in Taiwan as soon as possible.



International Youth Camp

TWRF put together a delegation of 7 college students and 7 high school students to join their counterparts from South Korea, Japan, America and the Philippines on a 4-day trip to Daegu, Korea for an International Youth Camp on the “comfort women” issue. Students shared emotions and opinions through a film viewing, group discussions, presentations, and participated an outdoor “comfort women” memorial event held by local civic groups. The Taiwanese students then showed how they were inspired by the trip at the Ama Museum for Peace and Women’s Human Rights. They spoke highly of the Korean students’ efforts to support “comfort women” and vowed to promote awareness of comfort women’s human rights issues among young people through public speaking and social media.

Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Services

A total of 3,577 victims of domestic violence received help from TWRF in 2018, and more than 80 percent of them were women. To meet these victims' needs, TWRF social workers provided victim-oriented services, such as case management, home visits, risk management, referral to shelters, legal consultation, counseling, as well as hospital and legal proceedings chaperone.

In 2018, TWRF held three support groups short-term programs which lasted between 2 to 2.5 months and one long-term program which lasts two years for female victims of domestic violence. Through consultation, art creation, writing, victims face their anger, pain, and doubt toward violence. The safe and relaxed environment also helps victims to express themselves, learn self-care and empower each other. In addition to support groups, TWRF held 15 legal and parenting talks for these help-seekers, as well as leisure activities such as one-day trips for victims and their children and year end party.

Support group for female victims of domestic violence



▲ Year end party for victims and their children

Services for Child Witnesses of Domestic Violence



▲ Youth Adult Resilience Group

Campuses sessions on child witnesses issue



TWRF provided services to support 158 child witnesses in 2018, including a parent-child play date group for child witnesses under age 6. Parents in abusive environment tend to neglect children's needs. The group enables parents and kids to rebuild intimacy and trust. Young Adult Resilience Group was another group for junior and high school child witnesses which help them build confidence to boost their self-esteem and interpersonal relationships through challenging outdoor activities.

In addition to offering direct services to child witnesses, foundation social workers also gave 17 talks in elementary schools and preschools to raise awareness of this issue among educators in 2018. TWRF also developed *Tien-tien's Adventure*, a board game which help social workers to guide children not only to express their experience but also to understand the correct way of dealing with violence.

Hualien Women's Welfare Service Center

Commissioned by the Hualien County government, TWRF has operated the Hualien Women's Welfare Service Center since 2014. The center provides legal consultation, career services, and educational sessions such as art therapy, writing, film producing, saxophone playing, and human relationship workshops to promote healthy, safe and happy living for all women in the community. In 2018, the center organized several large-scale events, such as Women's Market, Women Make Waves Film Festival,

Women Empowerment Best Practice Seminar to promote gender equality issues. The center also created various domestic violence prevention plans for three communities and presented the results. Hopefully, Hualien is becoming a more friendly place for women and children.



▲ Women's Market



▲ Women Empowerment Best Practice Seminar

Advocacy & Actions to Counter Revenge Porn

TWRF established a website to counter revenge porn by providing a wide range of relevant information, including hotline service and free legal consultation for victims. In 2018, a total of 85 calls were received via the hotline and 68 victims were served. Most victims were females. Approximately 70 percent were between 18 and 35 years old, while the youngest victim was 10 years old. About 3 percent of the victims were under 18 years old when the intimate images were taken.

To promote awareness of issues of revenge porn among young people, TWRF was invited to 25 universities in 2018 to talk about the issues, and nearly 4,000 students learned how to protect themselves from revenge porn. The foundation also organized 9 educational sessions for about 650 professionals, including attorneys and teachers.



▲ Campus awareness campaigns of revenge porn issue



◀ Public hearing in Legislative Yuan

Nonconsensual Distribution of Intimate Images Prevention Act

Given the absence of regulations on revenge porn in Taiwan, or nonconsensual pornography to be more specific, TWRF put together a task force of 10 experts and scholars in 2017, result in the draft of *Nonconsensual Distribution of Intimate Images Prevention Act* in 2018. The draft specifies the culpability of those who make or distribute other people's sexually explicit images or video without consent. What's more important is the introduction of injunction order so that images and videos can be quickly deleted before distribution or mass reproduction once issued by the court. In the meanwhile, ISPs (internet service platform) would be regulated and work with the authority to take down the distributed sexually explicit images from web pages as a part of comprehensive measures to protect victims.

A press conference was held in July, 2018 to announce the draft and public hearings were held in Legislative Yuan to collect feedback for inclusivity and clarity.

▼ Press Conference



Violence Prevention Education

Being a Friendly Bystander

TWRF has been dedicated to promoting violence prevention education over the past few years. One focus is to urge citizens to be "friendly bystanders" – to proactively intervene in any violent actions with safe approaches. 37 community outreach events were held to educate the public on intervention techniques. The foundation also organized training courses for domestic violence prevention, developing 17 professional speakers to promote and raise awareness of the issue. Besides, to mark the 20th anniversary of the *Domestic Violence Prevention Act* implemented in Taiwan, TWRF arranged 3 workshops and invited experts from the U.S, Hong Kong and Taiwan to share new approaches to promote violence prevention such as drama, images, art works and environmental reforms of communities.



◀ Domestic violence prevention advocacy instructor group



▼ Design for gender workshop

Financial Statement

TWRF's projects were made possible through the support of government sectors and the generous contribution of the donors who share our passion and commitment to promote gender equality. Approximately 62 percent of TWRF funds came from government grants, 35 percent from individual donors and corporate giving. The chart reflects the total allocation of funds TWRF received in Fiscal Year 2018.

Allocation of Resources

Total USD\$ 1,883,572

