



We are a Southern African non-governmental leading women's rights organisation, dedicated to advancing gender equality and justice.

PushForward 4Equality

www.genderlinks.org.za

Key facts

The **Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance** is a regional "network of networks" that championed the adoption of the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development in 2008.



15
editions of the SADC
Gender Protocol Barometer
2009

16
country
networks

22
languages

The **Grants and Fundraising Unit** mobilises and manages donor funding that often bypasses grassroots organisations and providing fellowships and internships to young women into spaces that they would not ordinarily have access to.



Voice and Choice Southern Africa Fund



38
grants disbursed
£1,500,00
committed funds

70%
women
20,533
beneficiaries
reached

29%
men
1%
LGBTQIA+
gender non-conforming



Renewed Women's Voice and Leadership South Africa Fund



CAD
10,000,000
committed funds

119
grants disbursed
9
provinces



Marang Southern Africa LGBTQI Fund



€1,000,000
funds to be disbursed

20
grantee partners
5
Southern African countries



Sunrise Campaign



2,000
women have
participated in the
Sunrise Campaign

432
COEs for Gender
in Local Government
have adopted action
plans to end GBV

7
SADC countries in
which a VAW baseline
study was conducted



Act local, think global

Everything we do is committed to empowering women and girls, advocating for meaningful policy change in their favour, and challenging harmful gender norms throughout the region. Gender Links continues to break new ground in the fight for gender equality.



Through **GL Advisory Services**, GL partners with organisations to integrate gender equality into policies, programmes, which include:

- Gender analysis and research
- Policy and strategy development
- Gender mainstreaming and training
- Strategic communications and impact measurement.

85+
clients
globally

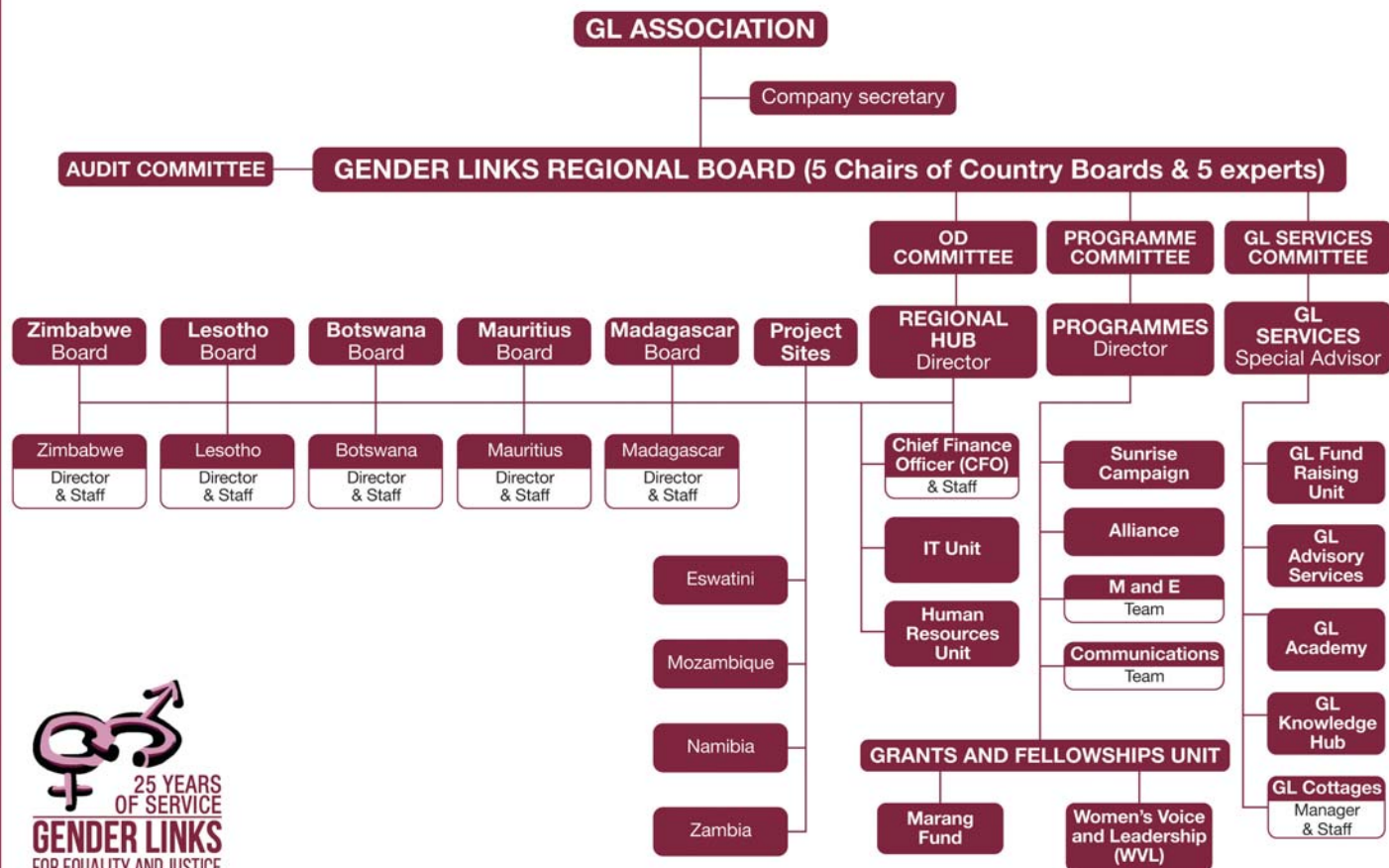
\$75 million
raised in
25 years

\$14 million
sub-granted to 120 women's
rights organisations

8,000+
events in
32 countries

300k+
people
reached

GL NETWORK CHART 2026/2027



17 March 2026



In our village, we have seen the impact of your work in real and meaningful ways. We see it in the confidence of our girls. We see it in our tutors and coaches stepping into leadership. We see it in the safe, supportive spaces we are building for children every day. Being connected to Gender Links reminds us that even in a small rural community like ours, our work matters. That young voices matter. That women's voices matter.

The Nyara Youth Development Team



25 years has been a great journey. You worked so hard and unconditionally supported the Botswana Gender Course. You grew, molded and guided me in the Sector and I AM coz of you GL. THANKS TO YOU for our landmark: 2012 GBV Indicator Study, followed by the 2018 National Relationship Study, which broke critical ground on the GBV situation in BW. OUR DEEP APPRECIATION for such a rich piece of information! The Country now understands GBV and its dynamics and complexity and are able to deal with it appropriately.

Thapelo Phuthego



As a TransHope Organisation, we celebrate Gender Links for 25 years of courageous leadership, transformative advocacy, and unwavering commitment to equality and justice. Your work has opened doors for marginalized voices-especially transgender and gender-diverse communities-to be seen, heard, and protected. Thank you for standing firm against patriarchy, discrimination, and violence, and for creating spaces where dignity, inclusion, and human rights are non-negotiable. Your impact continues to inspire grassroots movements and community leaders like us to rise, resist, and reimagine a just society.

Here's to 25 years of impact-and many more years of building power, hope, and equality for all.

#GLTurns25 #GenderJustice #TransRightsAreHumanRights
#NothingForUsWithoutUs

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Let's shape the future together!



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GENDER LINKS ACADEMY

The **GL Academy** is a vibrant hub equipping activists, leaders, and partners across the

Global South with accredited, practice-driven courses that strengthen leadership, advocacy, and sustainability skills, foster peer learning and cross-regional solidarity.

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#wearetheoneswehavebeenwaitingfor