



GENERATION EQUALITY

ADVOCACY FACTSHEETS

2026 Financial Commitments Analysis Report





COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 70 2026 Financial Commitments Analysis Report

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As the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development deadline approaches, Generation Equality mobilizes over 1,000 actors amid declining resources, aligning with CSW70 to strengthen survivor-centered GBV responses, expand access to justice and services, and support women’s participation, and translates \$50.3 billion pledged in commitments into measurable results.

Domestic budgets, endowments and market instruments dominate financing

\$10.4 billion

78%

of governments secured financing flowed through public budgets

a strong proxy for strengthening gender-responsive systems that underpin access to justice

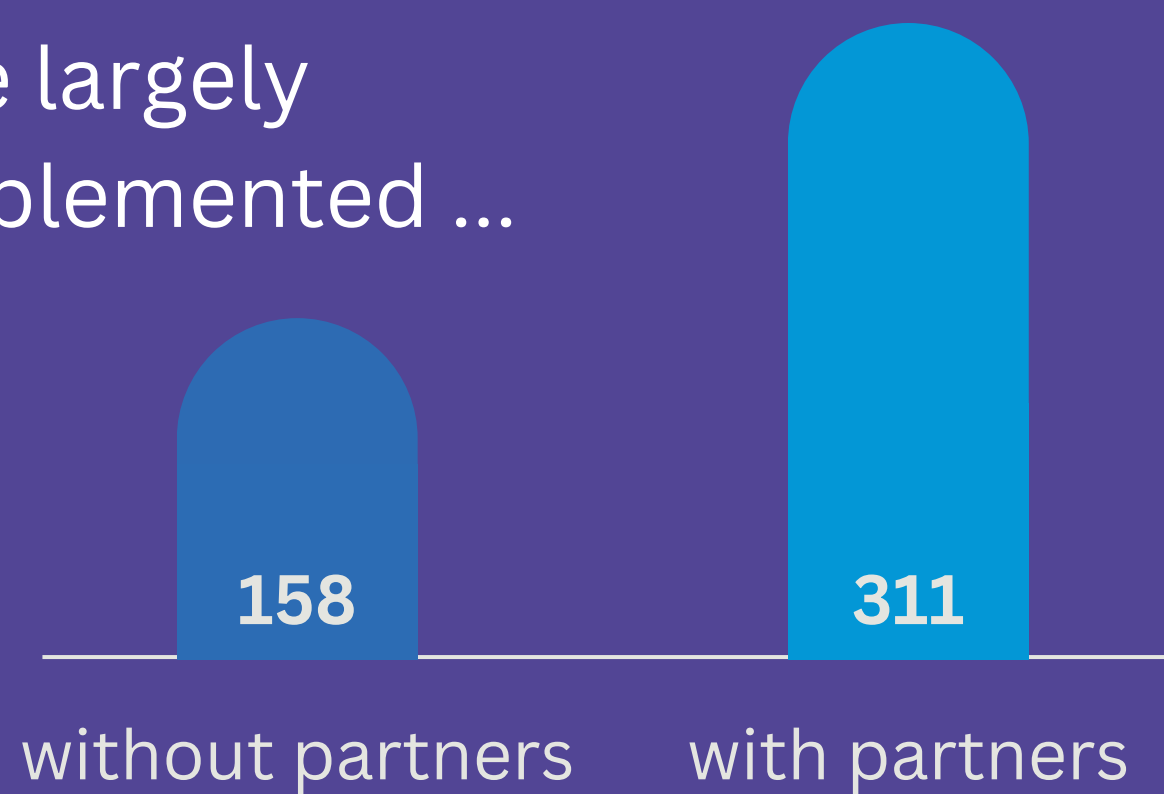
\$7.7 billion

of government pledges for prevention

making Gender Based Violence the most heavily financed Action Coalition

Partnerships accelerate investments

Financial commitments are largely implemented ...



improving reach and accountability of justice-adjacent services

Investments in women and girls faced by systemic budget inequities



disbursement rate for pledges outside North America and Europe

demonstrating significant regional inequities in access-to-justice financing

Bureaucratic Hurdles

are #1 barrier to disbursement across all stakeholder groups, limiting justice-sector delivery

Violence

is a cross-cutting barrier across all stakeholders, confirming its structural role in suppressing women’s participation

Data & Monitoring

systems cited across all actors as the top enabler for effective and accountable justice institutions

IMPACT STORIES

Ecuador invested \$23 million in GBV, delivering a 2020-2030 national plan with monitoring framework, coordination across 24 agencies, a \$12 million investment employment programme, 24 Centros Violetas (8 operational) backed by \$17.56 million, plus awareness and skills-development campaigns.

Uganda invested \$258 million to train 176 local governments, strengthen male involvement in GBV prevention and response, and amend succession law. Key outcomes: increased gender equality awareness, 34% female legislators, school parity, higher female graduation, and 24% women landholders.



GOVERNMENT FINANCING

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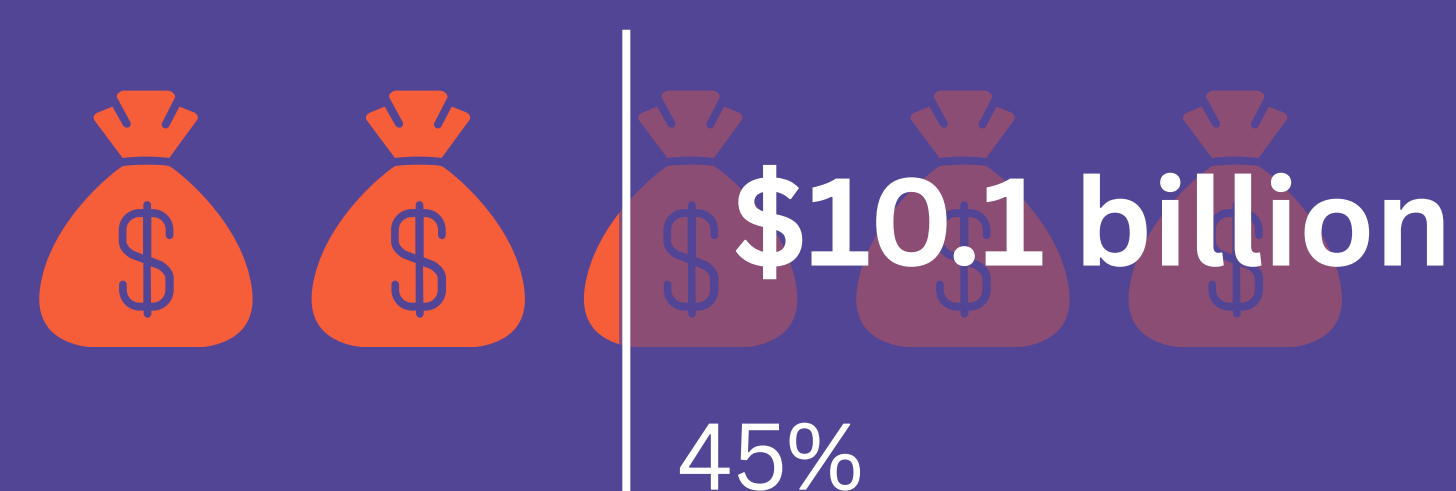
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In 2024, governments reported \$22.2 billion pledged and \$9.1 billion spent, maintaining the scale of multi-year commitments established in earlier cycles and signaling continued political will. Well-orchestrated and adequately funded national strategies are key in supporting prevention, expanding services and improving coordination for long-term protection.

Domestic public budgets remain the primary mechanism for government financing

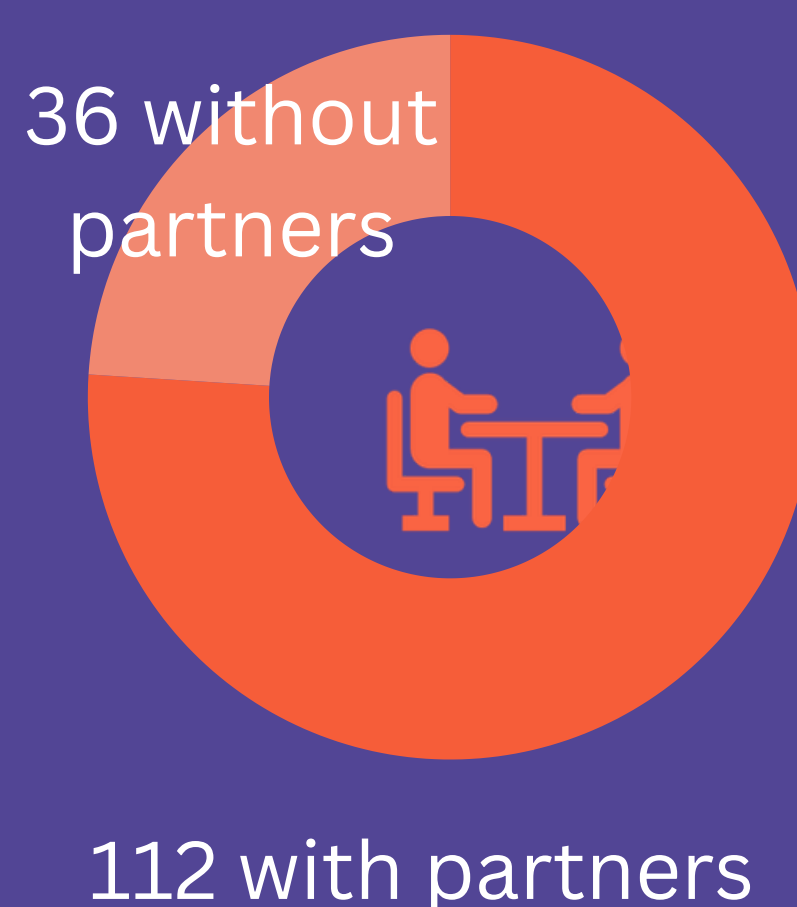


Enabling governments to deliver predictable, systemic and transformative results for women and girls.



of government financing pledged to the Gender Based Violence (GBV) Action Coalition as GBV remains the largest barrier to access to justice

Partnership is the backbone of 76% of commitments totalling \$8.8 billion



Most frequent partners

- CSOs: 63 commitments
- Governments: 58 commitments

Examples of key enablers for disbursement

- **Streamlined processes and innovation in decision-making** including exploring the use of AI to interpret impact data and support timely disbursement.
- **Enhanced transparency and financial oversight** to ensure adherence to accounting and regulatory standards and strengthen financial sustainability.

IMPACT STORIES

Provided housing security and advanced GBV prevention: The Canada's National Housing Strategy committed \$15.1 billion towards the housing needs of women and their children and supported the construction of 3,472 new units and repair of 2,760 units for GBV survivors.

Extended childcare allowance reform: In Kazakhstan's 2023 Social Code, the Government invested \$1.5 billion in families to extend the childcare allowance from 12 to now 18 months, reaching over 580,000 families in just 2 years, hereby improving income security.



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PHILANTHROPY FINANCING

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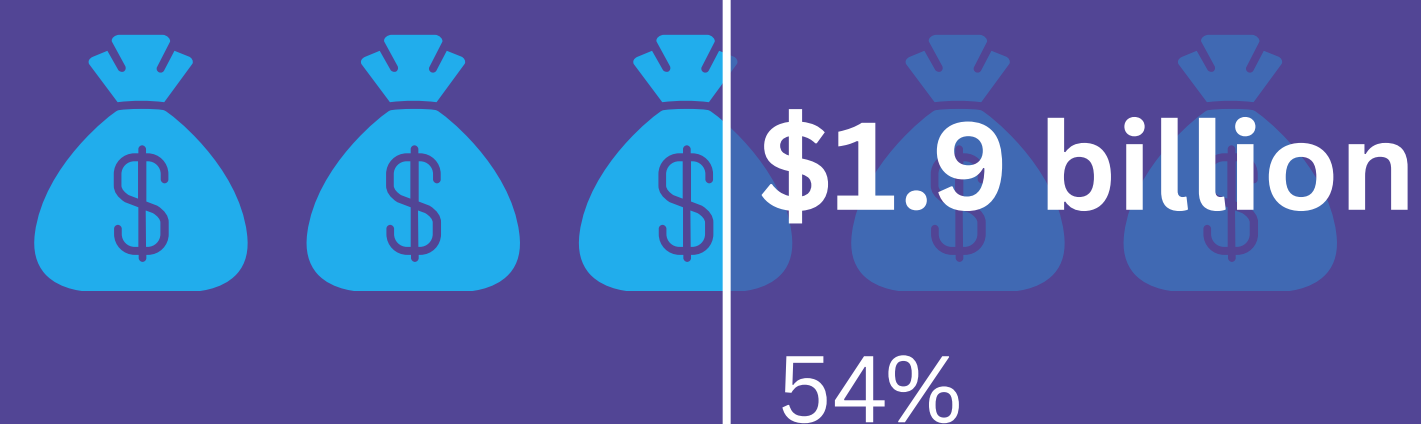
Philanthropic financing is substantial but heavily concentrated. In 2024, philanthropies pledged \$3.5 billion and spent \$1.8 billion, with over half of all financing directed to bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), underscoring the need to address concentration and ensure that funding for youth-led and adolescent-led organizations, which remains limited, receives the attention required.

Project-specific grants are the primary mechanism for philanthropy financing

\$3.2 billion

of philanthropy disbursements were made through project-specific grants

These contributions were largely multipurpose, supporting broader programmatic, financial, policy and advocacy strategies rather than stand-alone financial transfers.



of financing is concentrated on SRHR increasing access to reproductive care for women and improving bodily autonomy.

Regional imbalance risks leaving critical actors and areas of work under resourced



Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for the largest share of financing: **\$1.7 billion spent**

Examples of key enablers for disbursement

- **Employed a proactive strategy centred on horizon-scanning** to mitigate risk and ensure compliance with local legal frameworks.
- **Ensured accountability and transparency through implementation**, working closely with partners to align on theories of change and expectations.

IMPACT STORIES

Co-Impact Philanthropic Funds Inc. spent \$169.5 million through the Gender Fund, supporting 118 programme partners projected to reach 127.5 million people. Key outcomes: enabling health enrolment for 43.56 million women, curriculum reforms reaching 840,000 students, and income increases for 48,694 women in India; and adoption of Nigeria's National Model Policy on Sexual Harassment across all 36 states in Nigeria.

Since 2021, the Gates Foundation invested \$437 million to increase economic empowerment. Key outcomes: supporting over 13 million women to join self-help groups, digitizing credit histories for about 100 million women in India, expanding tailored credit access to nearly one million women entrepreneurs in East Africa, and securing a policy commitment to scale services to 4.3 million women across 24 states in Nigeria.



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MULTILATERAL FINANCING

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In 2024, multilateral organizations reported \$11.7 billion pledged and \$548 million spent, less than 5% of pledged, underscoring the importance of full and transparent reporting of disbursements, as the low ratio is due to one organization that did not report its disbursements, significantly skewing aggregate spending figures, while financing remains predominantly regional and project-based, with limited flexibility in allocation.

Project-specific grants are the primary mechanism for multilateral financing

Almost all disbursement

of multilateral financing were made through project-specific grants linking resources to defined outputs and deliverables.

Multilateral efforts are predominantly regional in scope, reflecting mandates to support cross-country coordination and multi-country programmes.



of pledged finances is under the Economic Justice and Rights Action Coalition, contributing to enable access to justice.

75% of financial commitments are implemented in partnership, totalling \$1.2 billion pledged



Most frequent partners

- Governments and Academia: 14 commitments each
- CSOs and Other Multilaterals: 13 commitments each

Examples of key enablers for disbursement

- Ensured ongoing support from country offices, engagement in milestone tracking and mobilization of high-level political support to streamline processes.
- Ensured robust baseline data collection and implemented a comprehensive performance management framework.

IMPACT STORIES

Supported local and global gender-just climate change action: IFAD pledged \$500 million and stands ready to offer its knowledge, financing and partnership. IFAD envisioned the Enhanced Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme aiming to benefit 10 million people; and is implementing the UN-SWAP 2.0 to advance gender-transformative action.

Spending \$9 million, WHO published estimates on violence to facilitate SDG 5.2 monitoring, improving tracking progress. Impact includes increased percentage (from 48% to 52%) of countries with national guidelines and protocols aligned with WHO guidelines; and increase (from 34% to 38%) in countries including violence against women in health policies.



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PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING 2026 Financial Commitments Analysis Report

In 2024, private sector entities reported pledging \$12.4 billion and spending \$10.3 billion. Overall, private sector commitments are highly concentrated and rely heavily on partnerships. This underscores the crucial role of feminist, community-based and public institutions in delivering private sector commitments.

Private sector financing spans all regions, but scale and geographic flows vary

East and South-East Asia: largest total volume of funding pledged to it (\$12.4 billion)

Sub-Saharan Africa: largest number of commitments implemented (\$9 billion spent)



\$12.4 billion | 99.9%

The largest share of pledged finances is under the Economic Justice and Rights Action Coalition, contributing to enable access to justice.

95% of financial commitments are implemented with partners totalling \$1.3 billion pledged



19 with partners

Most frequent partners

- CSOs: 14 commitments
- Governments: 13 commitments

Examples of key enablers for disbursement

- **Maintained flexibility and responsiveness to partners' needs** through a trust-based approach to uphold commitments to communities.
- **Designed Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning framework** to define outcome indicators jointly with partners, enabling better measurement of impact.

IMPACT STORIES

Investing in women microentrepreneurs led to policy shifts in lending systems: Under its commitment to ensure prosperity for 5 million rural women, by mid-2025 Amaritha disbursed \$2.05 billion in working capital to 3.3 million women microentrepreneurs across 55,000 villages in Indonesia, contributing to the creation of 156,298 new jobs in 2024 alone.

Yildiz Holding spent \$10 million to advance gender equality across its value chain, increasing women's workforce participation and leadership, achieving EQUAL-SALARY certification, and generating over \$10 million in economic value through women-led initiatives, inclusive procurement, and sustainable agriculture.

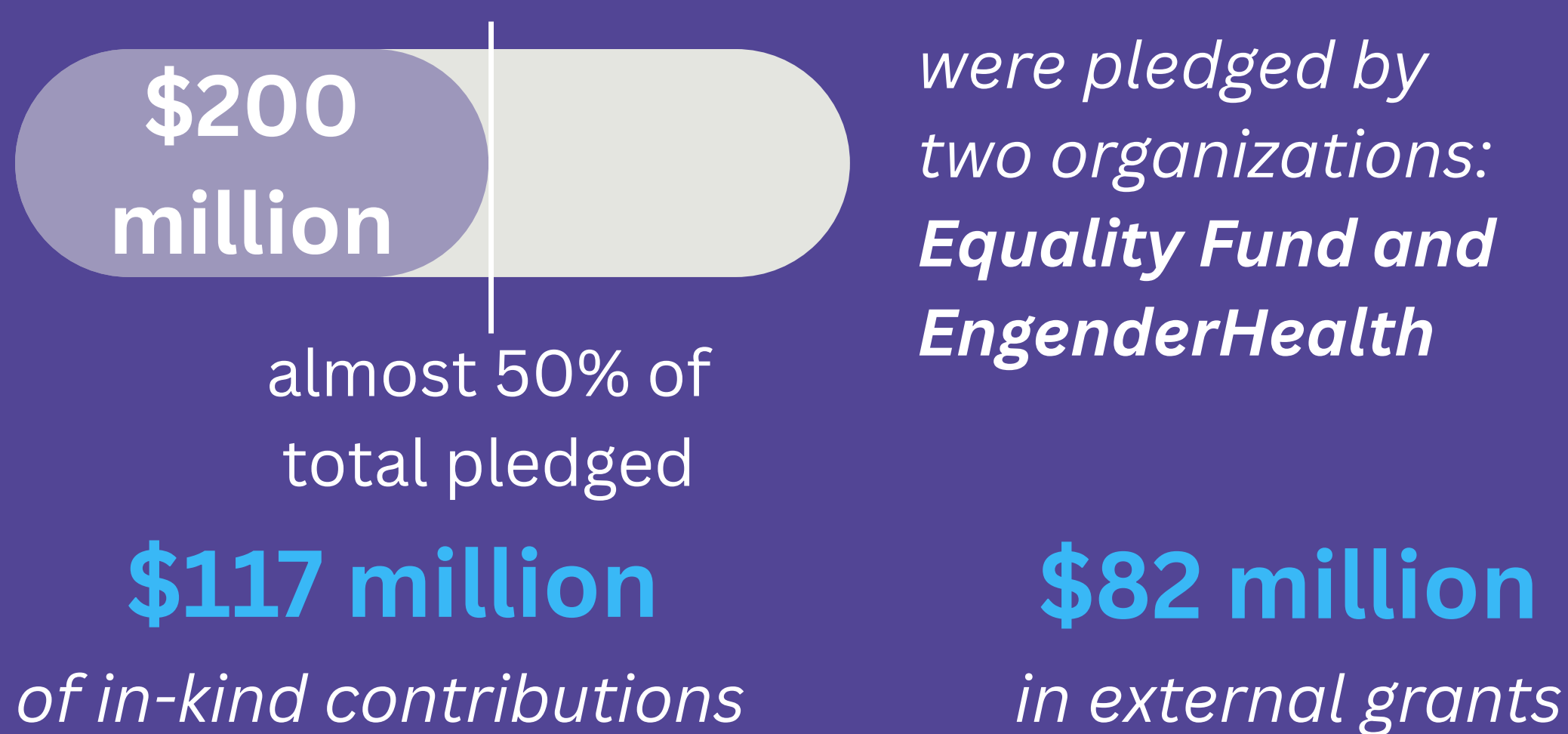


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CIVIL SOCIETY FINANCING 2026 Financial Commitments Analysis Report

In 2024, civil society organizations pledged \$403 million and spent \$97 million, underscoring the need to address shrinking and concentrated funding that reduces diversity in the civil society ecosystem, limits the ability of grassroots and women’s rights organizations to sustain long-term work, and weakens local ownership of gender equality initiatives.

In-kind contributions and external grants are the primary mechanism for CSO financing



The largest share of pledged finances is under the Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Action Coalition, strengthening advocacy-driven and service-delivery areas.

99% of financial commitments are implemented in partnership totalling \$94 million spent

Most frequent partners

- CSOs: 95 commitments
- Governments: 60 commitments
- Academia: 58 commitments



Examples of key enablers for disbursement

- **Standardized operating procedures and strengthened accountability architecture** supported more consistent delivery.
- **Simplified small-grant procedures** enabled faster, more youth-friendly resourcing of youth-led groups.

IMPACT STORIES

Gender-lens investing delivered strong financial returns and movement outcomes:

Equality Fund generated a 9.8% annual net return while disbursing \$63.5 million to feminist movements. In 2024, 92% of partners reported increased capacity, contributing to legal and policy change, crisis response and expanded access to decision-making spaces.

Digital platforms expanded youth-led activism for gender justice:

Through the Equality Accelerator, Plan International enabled fast, flexible and youth-led grantmaking, distributing over \$1.17 million to more than 240 youth-led organizations across 41 countries, strengthening gender justice advocacy and education-focused action.