# WWSF - PRIZE for Women's Creativity in Rural Life FSMF - PRIX pour la créativité des femmes en milieu rural

# List of the 492 PRIZEWINNERS awarded so far 1994 - 2024

(US\$ 1'000 per laureate)

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### **AFRICA**

ALGERIA-1997 FATIMA BEN YOUCEF - WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

ALGERIA-2013 DIAOUIDA LASSEL - LEADING THE WAY AS FIRST FEMALE FARMER IN THE REGION

BENIN-2002 INNOCENTIA EDWIGE A. GUEDEGBE - MOBILISES WOMEN FOR DEVELOPMENT BENIN-

2003 AMINA BIO YAU BIO NIGAN - CREATES GOOD PRODUCTS AT LOW PRICES

BENIN-2006 RUFINE KOUKOUI - PROMOTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

BENIN-2010 JULIETTE KETEHOUNDJE - AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO MICROFINANCE

BURKINA FASO-1997 MARIAM MAIGA - AN EXCEPTIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S LEADER

BURKINA FASO-1997 RECIF/NGO - USING INFORMATION AS EMPOWERMENT

BURKINA FASO-1999 RAHAMATA SAVADOGO - PIONEER IN RURAL CREATIVITY AND FAMILY PLANNING

BURKINA FASO-2001 KASSENA "FEMMES BATISSEURS" - PERPETUATING TRADITIONAL ART FORMS BURKINA

FASO-2007 ASSOCIATION POUR LA PROMOTION FEMMES DE GAOUA - TRADITIONAL

**PRACTICES** 

BURKINA FASO-2009 CATHERINE OUEDRAOGO-KANSSOLÉ - A TIRELESS CREATIVE INNOVATOR

**BURKINA FASO-2019** WENDLESIDA CONSTANCE KABORE - WHERE THE ANTS CARRY THE ELEPHANTS

BURKINA FASO-2021 SALIMATA BALBONE – EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE

BURKINA FASO-2023 MADJALIA SEYNOU – AN EXCEPTIONAL AND HIGHLY CREATIVE CONTRIBUTION

TO ENDING RURAL POVERTY

BOTSWANA-2000 LESEGO VERONICA MOLAPO - A MARKET BECOMES A SPACE FOR RURAL DEMANDS

CAMEROON-1997 MARY PEKOKEH - TURNS VILLAGE INTO SMALL TOWN

CAMEROON-1998 ALICE EWUME - HEALS WITH HERBS AND LOVE CAMEROON-

2003 EUGENIE NOUALE NKORO - DEFENDS PYGMIES' RIGHTS

CAMEROON YOUNG JURISTS LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER - GIVING WOMEN HOPE FOR CAMEROON-2007 THE FUTURE CAMEROON-2008 BALI WOMEN'S UNION OF FARMING GROUPS - TRANSLATION AS A TOOL FOR DEVELOPMENT ANNE STELLA FOMUMBOD - A UNIQUE CHARTER FOR WIDOWS CAMEROON-2010 HAOUA DJIDERE - AN ACTIVIST FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS CAMEROON-2015 ANNE PELAGIE YOTCHOU TZUDJOM - CREATING STRONG NETWORKS AND CAMEROON-2016 **LEADERSHIP** CAMEROON-2019 JEANNE D'ARC MOKO - COMMITTED TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY BERNADETTE FETGO - EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN TO CLAIM THEIR RIGHT TO LAND CAMEROON-2019 BOUBA AEISATU – WHEN A RUNAWAY CHILD BECOMES AN ACCLAIMED AND CAMEROON-2020 RESPECTED LEADER CAMEROON-2022 ASSOCIATION WOMEN LEADERS OF THE LITTORAL - A MOVEMENT OF GREAT SOLIDARITY "MUATO PROJECT" CAMEROON-2024 NGUEN LYDIADINE - MOBILIZATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MARIA ISABEL ALVES - WHEN THE RABELADOS BECOME INNOVATORS CAPE VERDE-2007 ROBERTINE DEMBETTE - WOMEN TAKE CHARGE CHAD-2001 GODE BINDA KINI - EMPOWERS WOMEN THROUGH ORGANISATION D. R. CONGO-1999 MATESO NYOTA MWAVITA - DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COLLECTIVE WORK D. R. CONGO-2002 ESTHER OPANGA-NDIOWO - GOOD SURVIVAL FIRST D. R. CONGO-2005 AFIA FEV ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN NURSES FOR RAPE VICTIMS - THE LACK OF D. R. CONGO-2008 MEANS IS ALREADY A MEANS D. R. CONGO-2012 JACOUELINE MUSUGANI NYANGOMA - EMPOWERS WOMEN, LOBBIES FOR THE RIGHT TO DIGNITY ETHIOPIA-1996 W/O ALGANESH AWASH - ENDS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GAWAHER SAAD EL SHERBINI FADL - RECLAIMS THE RIGHT FOR WOMEN TO LAND AND EGYPT-1995 **LABOR** JOAN AGBO - REACHES OUT TO RURAL WOMEN IN FARMING AND TRADING GHANA-1995 ELIZABETH ABAKAH - STANDING FOR CLEANLINESS AND RESPECT GHANA-1999 GHANA-1999 NARKI DOKU - EDUCATING FOR VILLAGE LIFE GHANA-2000 LAURINE TOKORY - LIBERATING WOMEN FROM SEXUAL SLAVERY GHANA-JOYCE VIDA DONKOR - BEE KEEPING SAVES BEES AND BRINGS BUSINESS 2001 LYDIA SASU - AN ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN'S SKILLS AND RIGHTS GHANA-2011 MARIAMA DIOULDE DIALLO - EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SEWING GUINEA-2002

IVORY-COAST-2009 MADELEINE GBLIA - FACING ADVERSITY WITH BARE HANDS

KENYA-1997 THE BAMAKO INITIATIVE GROUP - VILLAGE DOCTORS ON BICYCLES

KENYA-1997 SUDANESE REFUGEE WOMEN'S GROUP - REFUGEES MOVE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

KENYA-1998 THERESA MASINDE - A TIRELESS ORGANIZER

KENYA-1999 NAOMI JERUTO - A SUPER SOCIAL WORKER

KENYA-1999 DOLPHINE M.A. OKECH - NICKNAMED "THE EXEMPLARY EDUCATOR" KENYA-

2000 FLERIA ODUAR NDEGE - FIGHTING HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES

KENYA-2000 LUCIA KAKUNDI KITENG'U - A NATURAL BORN AGRONOMIST

KENYA-2001 SELLINE OTIENO KORIR - A CRUSADER FOR PEACE

KENYA-2002 GLADYS CHIKA - FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH AIDS PREVENTION

KENYA-2002TEKLA WANJIKU MBIRIRI - TEACHING RURAL WOMEN MANAGEMENT SKILLSKENYA-2006MARGARET NTUTI AKWALU - EDUCATE A GIRL AND YOU EDUCATE A NATION

KENYA-2007 MERCY KIYAPYAP - CAMELS AND BEES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT KENYA-

2007 JOYCE ONEKO - EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN

KENYA-2010 DOROTHY AWINO - LAND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN: A DEVELOPMENT "MUST"

KENYA-2011 BETTY MUNGA - SOLIDARITY, THE KEY TO SUCCESS

KENYA-2012 BENDETTAH MUTHINA - ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO

**EMPOWER WOMEN** 

KENYA-2014 EUNICE OBALA - RESOLVING CONFLICTS AND EMPOWERING WOMEN IN PASTORAL

**COMMUNICITIES** 

KENYA-2015 MARY KWENA - BOYS AND GIRLS TOGETHER FOR A CULTURAL SHIFT

KENYA-2016 EVA DARARE GONCHE - RESTORING WOMEN'S RIGHT TO A LIFE OF DIGNITY

KENYA-2019 JEBET KIPLAGAT NAIYAN - A MANY-TALENTED LEADER OF INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT

**KENYA-2019** MUNTELI LALPARASALOI - THE GODDESS OF THE LIONS

KENYA-2021 PHILLIPINE KIDULAH – LIFTING WOMEN AND GIRLS OUT OF POVERTY / ILLITERACY

LESOTHO-2013 ARMELINA TSIKI - CHANGING THE LIVES OF GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN THROUGH

**EDUCATION** 

LIBERIA-2006 LIBERIA CRISIS CENTER - THE RIGHT TO DIGNITY&JUSTICE

LIBERIA-2007 AGNES KARTIMAI - ADVOCATE FOR RURAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS

MADAGASCAR-1999 VONONA - READY AND DECIDED TO SAVE THE FOREST

MALI-1995 SAMAKE NAKANI AND SANGARE AMINATA - FIGHT POVERTY, MISERY AND

*IGNORANCE* 

MALI-2000 AISSATA GUINDO - AN EXCEPTIONALLY CREATIVE TEACHER

MALI-2005 ASSOCIATION ESSEM - HEALING ILLS OF RURAL EXODUS

MALI-2005 ASSOCIATION IDL JEUNESSE DEGUENA - PREVENTING ILLS OF RURAL EXODUS

MALAWI-2023 ESTHER LUPAFYA - A RELENTLESS CRUSADER FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR

MAURITANIA-1998 AMAL WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE FOR HOPE - FIGHTS DESERTIFICATION AND

*ILLITERACY* 

MOROCCO-1996 KHADOUJ - GIVES LOANS FOR FREEDOM

MOROCCO-2012 ZAHRA ADERDOUR - OUTSPOKEN IN DIRECTING ATTENTION TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS

MOROCCO-2013 AZIZA JEBBARI - COMMITTING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

MOZAMBIQUE-2021 EULALIA FERNANDO – A FISH TRAIDER WITH INTEGRITY AND PASSION

NAMIBIA-1997 OSHITUKAFITU WOMEN'S GROUP - RURAL POOR EDUCATE SOCIETY

NIGER-2003 HADJARA HASSANE - DON'T KILL THE "MOTHER OF TREES"

NIGER-2003 HAOUA BARAZE - STANDING UP FOR GIRLS' SCHOOLING

NIGER-2008 ZAHRA MOHAMED ATTAYEB - FIGHTS IGNORANCE AND GETS GIRLS TO SCHOOL

NIGER-2014 BRIGITTE-MARIE BRAVO - AIDING AND PROTECTING AFRICAN CHILDREN AND

RURAL WOMEN

NIGERIA-1996 E.O. OLAWOLU - PRESERVES TRADITION FOR TOMORROW

NIGERIA-1996 JANET AKINBODE - ENDS HUNGER-NOW

NIGERIA-1998 ROSE ADAMU - OVERCOMES TIMELESS TABOOS

NIGERIA-1999 MERCY AGU ANAGBOGU - RESTORING THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN

NIGERIA-2000 ETHEL NNE EKEKE - EMPOWERING THROUGH WEAVING

NIGERIA-2001 VICTORIA BOSEDE DUNMADE - APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR WOMEN

NIGERIA-2003 VICTORIA ADETONA - MICRO-CREDIT FOR RURAL WOMEN

NIGERIA-2009 ASSUMPTA NGOZIKA REGINALD - A PIONEER FIGHTING AIDS

NIGERIA-2013 EUNICE UCHECHIOMA AGU - USING FOOTBALL AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL

NIGERIA-2020 Dr. AHMED-AMSHI MAIRO - A POWERFUL ADVOCATE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

NIGERIA-2022 RITA OUT ROBERT - A VISIONARY FEMINIST FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

NIGERIA-2023 MABEL IFEOMA ONWUKA - A PASSION FOR TEACHING NEW SKILLS TO RURAL

**WOMEN** 

RWANDA-1996 GODELIEVE MUKASARASI - NEVER DISCOURAGED WHATEVER THE OBSTACLE

RWANDA-2009 ODETTE KAYIRERE - QUIET STRENGHT IN THE MIDST OF TEMPEST

SENEGAL-1994 FATOUMATA FOFANA - STARTS FIRST SESAME SEED COTTAGE INDUSTRY

SENEGAL-1994 ADAM TAMBA - IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE

SENEGAL-1998 THERESE SENGHOR - COMBATS FISH PIRACY IN COASTAL SEAS

SENEGAL-2003 ND'DEW SENE - FIGHTS UNAUTHORIZED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

SENEGAL-2011 NDEYE SEYNABOU TALL WADE - A TRUE LEADER FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

SENEGAL-2013 SEYNABOU MALE CISSE - CREATING LASTING PEACE

SIERRA LEONE-1998 LOIS THOMPSON - A BEACON OF HOPE IN WAR-TORN SIERRA-LEONE

SIERRA LEONE-2000 YATTA SAMAH - HEALING THE SCARS OF WAR

SIERRA LEONE-2022 VICTORIA RENNER - A RURAL LEADER WITH A HEART

SOUTH AFRICA-1996 LEPHINA MAPANGA - HELPS OTHERS TO HELP THEMSELVES
SOUTH AFRICA-1998 SONIA HARDNECK - TEACHES VALUES FOR LIFE

SOUTH AFRICA-2008 BONGISIWE KHOSA - PASSION, PERSEVERANCE AND COMMITMENT
SOUTH AFRICA-2009 HLENGIWE "LEO" MCHUNU - FIGHTING THE SILENT KILLER HIV/AIDS

SOUTH AFRICA-2010 WENDY JASMINE PEKEUR - A TRADE UNION FOR THOSE WHO FEED THE NATION

SOUTH AFRICA-2011 NOKWANDA LANGAZANA - BOOSTING THE "WILD COAST COMMUNITIES"

SUDAN-1995 HUDA ADBEL-ELHAMEID - EXPANDS FISHING ACTIVITIES AND BECOMES EXPERT IN

SALTED FISH

SUDAN-1997 HAWA ADAM YAGUOB - WITH SHEEP AGAINST FAMINE

SUDAN-1998 GANIA ALI AL BASHIR - COMMITTED TO SERVE

TANZANIA-2008 SISTER PLACIDA MOSHA - BUILDING WITH BRICKS AND CREATIVITY

TOGO-1995 COORDINATING BUREAU WOMEN'S GROUPS SEGOU TIDA - EDUCATES RURAL POOR

TOGO-1998 AMAVI KOSSIDONKO - HER COURAGE OVERCOMES ALL OBSTACLES

TOGO-2001 HONORINE POIDI-2001 - REVIVING CULTURAL IDENTITY &NATIVE LANGUAGE

TOGO-2001 MAWULAWOE - STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE IODISED SALT

TOGO-2002 APEFA KOUNETSRON - REVIVING ANCESTRAL SOAP MAKING METHODS

TOGO-2003 NYUIEMEDI KOUGBLENOU- HELPS HANDICAPPED RURAL PEOPLE

TOGO-2005 AGNELE DELALI CHRISTINE MENSAH - EDUCATIONAL SKETCHES FOR

**DEVELOPMENT** 

TOGO-2019 ADJOA AKAKPO - A PIONEER WITH NUMEROUS TALENTS

TUNISIA-1996 LATIFA MEDDEB BENT MOKHTAR - A ONE-WOMAN 'BODY SHOP'

TUNISIA-2003 MBIRIKA CHOKRI - BROODS EGGS IN DUNG

UGANDA-1999 PETTY ANGIDA-OMAGOR - VEGETABLES FOR WAR VICTIME

UGANDA-2000 LOYCE OGOLLA - TREES FOR DEVELOPMENT

UGANDA-2000 REBECCA MULWANA - A MODEL ORGANIC FARMER

UGANDA-2002 PEACE BYANDUSYA - MUSHROOM GROWING BRINGS INCOME

UGANDA-2014 JEAN CHRISTABEL ASIPKWE - ENCOURAGING RURAL WOMEN LEADERS – KEY TO

**DEVELOPMENT** 

UGANDA-2016 CAROLINE OWASHABA - AN ENTREPRENEUR FOR ADDING VALUE AND SELF

**RELIENCE** 

UGANDA-2017 ESTHER NAKAJJIGO - A COURAGEOUS OPPONENT OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY

UGANDA-2019 RUTH NAMAGANDA - QUEEN OF COFFEE PRODUCERS

ZAMBIA-1997 CECILIA MAKOTA - GOOD ORGANIZATION IS KEY TO SUCCESS

ZAMBIA-2006 ELENI BANDA - JUSTICE FOR ALL THROUGH PARALEGAL TRAINING

ZIMBABWE-1998 VIRGINIA MUPANDUKI - EMPOWERS WOMEN THROUGH GARDEN COOPERATIVE

ZIMBABWE - 2000 PATIENCE SITHOLE - RESTORING LAND USING TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE

ZIMBABWE-2002 ELIZA NGWENYA - SOLIDARITY FOR FOOD SECURITY

ZIMBABWE-2003 BETTY MAKONI - PREVENTS CHILD ABUSE NATION-WIDE IN VILLAGES OF HOPE

ZIMBABWE-2006 ANGELINE MUGWENDERE - WOMEN'S EDUCATION: A TIGER IN THE TANK FOR

**DEVELOPMENT** 

ZIMBABWE-2008 SHORAI CHITONGO - A FIRM NO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### **SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA**

AFGHANISTAN-2001 ZARIN GUL - KNITTING BRINGS HOPE

AFGHANISTAN-2008 LEILA HAKIM-ALI - GOAT HERDER BRINGS LIGHT TO RURAL HOMES

BANGLADESH-1996 GOALER VITA - A PIONEER RURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

BANGLADESH-1997 JABEDA SATTAR KHAN - HALF A MILLION WOMEN ON THE MOVE

INDIA-1995 SAMUBEN UJABHAI THAKORE AND RANBAI JEMALJI RAUMA - LEAD A UNION OF

14'000

INDIA-1995 MADHUBEN BHAILAL SOLANKI - FORMS SAVINGS GROUP IN HER VILLAGE

**VAKHARIA** 

INDIA-1996 TULSI DEVI JANI - A TRIBAL WOMAN TURNS ACTIVIST

INDIA-1996 KUNWARBEN - HANDICAPPED WITH LEPROSY BECOMES LEADER

INDIA-1997 MANCHABA KHERAJI RATHOD - NEEDLES WOMEN OUT OF HUNGER

INDIA-1997 SHANTABEN LAKHMANBHAI KOLI - A SALT FARMER PROTECTS CHILDREN

INDIA-1997 SAVIBEN DEBHABHAI AAYER - 1000 WANDERERS BECOME ARTISANS
INDIA-1997 PURIBEN VAGHABHAI KEHU AHIR - A HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER INDIA-

1997 MENABEN HARCHANDBHAI THAKORE - FIGHTS THE DESERT

INDIA-1997 MS. RANI - PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

INDIA-1998 LATA KACHHAWAH - HELPS DESERT WOMEN SURVIVE

INDIA-1998 IRUAL TRIBAL WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY - CLAIMS HUMAN RIGHTS

INDIA-1998 SISTER STELLA EDDATU - TRANSFORMS RURAL WOMEN'S LIVES

INDIA-1999 RADHABEN BHANABHAI - A NEW BEGINNING

INDIA-1999 SUSSELA DEVI - RESTORING DIGNITY TO UNTOUCHABLES
INDIA-1999 SWARNALATA DEVI - DEFENDING LAND NON-VIOLENTLY

INDIA-1999 AGNES RUDRAPATI - ABOLISHING CHILD LABOR

INDIA-1999 SANGRAMI DEVI - TRANSFORMING A POOR VILLAGE

INDIA-1999 KRISHNAMMAL JEGANNATHAN - A GHANDIAN "JOAN OF ARC" INDIA-

2000 MANOHARI DOSS - CAMPAIGNING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR

INDIA-2000 PASUMPON MAYANDI - TIRELESS VILLAGE ACTIVIST

INDIA-2000	R. VASANTHA - WOMEN BECOME LEADERS
INDIA-2000	KALAWATI DEVI - SETTING AND ENFORCING RULES FOR THE FOREST
INDIA-2001	KUSUM JAIN - GIVING HOPE TO THE HELPLESS
INDIA-2001	RAJESWARI KARTHIKEYAN - ELIMINATING CHEMICAL PESTICIDES
INDIA-2001	RATNI BAI KHATIK - DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
INDIA-2001	VIKAS MHAILA MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY - ORGANISING FOR
	CHANGE
INDIA-2001	HELEN MANOHARAN - CHALLENGING THE CASTE SYSTEM
INDIA-2001	PREMA NARASIMHAN - INNOVATIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT
INDIA-2002	DURGABEN JAISWAL - <i>IMPROVING RURAL LIFE</i>
INDIA-2002	ANTHONIAMMAL AROKIASAMY - AN INNOVATIVE ECOLOGICAL FARMER
INDIA-2002	HIRBAIBEN LOBI IBRAHIMBHAI - A SIDDI COMMUNITY LEADER
INDIA-2002	SANGEETA SAWALAKHE - PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF INSECT PESTS
INDIA-2002	ANNAPOORNI T. MERCY - OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
INDIA-2002	RADHA VIJAY - HELPING WOMEN TO HELP THEMSELVES
INDIA-2003	LEELA S. RAJSEKHAR - EDUCATES INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND CHILDREN
INDIA-2003	ALL FARMERS CLUB - WHEN WOMEN DRIVE TRACTORS INDIA-
2003	THRESIAMMA MATHEW - BUILDS WALLS OF CONFIDENCE
INDIA-2003	NEELA THANGAVELU - FIGHTS FOR THE LAND
INDIA-2005	DHULIBEN BHAVANBHAI KHANT - A GRASSROOTS ENGINEER BEATS THE PROS
INDIA-2005	JAGRAN JAN VIKAS SAMITI INSTITUTE - EMPOWERING TRADITIONAL RURAL
	HEALERS
INDIA-2005	REVABEN JATANBHAI BARIYA - GRASSROOTS FORESTER SHOWS THE WAY
INDIA-2006	GAURIBEN RAYSINGHBHAI KOLI - WATER IS LIFE!
INDIA-2008	AMULYA SAHOO BULI - A DRIVING FORCE IN COMMUNITY CHANGE
INDIA-2009	KHABAR LAHARIYA - RURAL WOMEN JOURNALISTS CREATE "NEW WAVE"
INDIA-2009	ANITA RAGHAV - OBSTACLES SHOW OUR STRENGTH
INDIA-2010	PRATIBHA RAJESH BUKKAWAR - REVOLUTION IN DARYAPUR
INDIA-2010	NARMADA BALDEVA GOND - A GHANDIAN ADIVASI WARRIOR CHANGES A WHOLE
	REGION
INDIA-2010	ANNA MERCY- TURNING A VILLAGE INTO AN AQUARIUM
INDIA-2010	SANTOSH BAI SAHARIYA - FIGHTING HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES
INDIA-2011	URMILABEN AMRUTAL PARMAR - USING KNOWLEDGE AS A WEAPON TO BREAK
	DOWN BARRIERS
INDIA-2012	MEHTABEN NAGJI GADHVI - FROM POVERTY TO PROSPERITY TO LEADERSHIP
INDIA-2012	BHAN SAHU - FROM BARELY EDUCATED YOUNG GIRL, TO HOMELESS WIDOW, TO
	INSPIRING ACTIVIST
INDIA-2013	SUCHISMITA MAJUMDAR - REHABILITATING THE DISABLED IN RURAL
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**COMMUNITIES** 

INDIA-2015 VILLIAMMAL RAJAN PALNIYAPPAN - A COMMITTED COMMUNITY LEADER AND

**TEACHER** 

INDIA-2015 KAILASHKUNVARBEN CHAUHAN - AN AGRICULTURAL TRAINER, ADVOCATING FOR

**QUALITY SEEDS** 

INDIA-2015 ANITABEN DINDOR - BRINGING SOLAR LANTERNS AND HAND PUMPS TO ISOLATED

**VILLAGES** 

INDIA-2016 CHINTA BAI TREGRAM - A STRONG COMMUNITY LEADER FOR WOMEN FARMERS

INDIA-2016 KESI BAI - FIGHTING PATRIARCHAL STRUCTURES OF DECISION-MAKING

INDIA-2017 CHOTI KUMARI SINGH - EMPOWERING THE POWERLESS

INDIA-2017 MANJU VERMA - OVERCOMING ALL THE ODDS

INDIA-2017 SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SEWA) - RURAL WOMEN MOVEMENTS

**AWARD** 

INDIA-2018 PUSHPA SAVARIRAJ - A PIONEER OF ORGANIC CULTIVATION AMONG TRIBALS

INDIA-2018 RABHA BIRUBALA - A COURAGEOUS OPPONENT OF WITCHHUNTING

INDIA-2019 TRIVENI ACHARYA - RESCUED FROM TORTURE TO EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL

**COMMUNITIES** 

INDIA-2019 MS. GEETA AND MS. KANTA (SHARING ONE PRIZE) - TRAVELLING THROUGH HELL TO

REACH HIGH WATER

INDIA-2019 SHRADDHA KASHYAP - AN EPITOME OF COURAGE AND A TRUE CHANGE MAKER

INDIA-2020 UIKEY SARASWATI - WHEN A POOR TRIBAL WOMAN BECOMES A POWERFUL AND

RESPECTED ROLE MODEL

INDIA-2020 SHAH SHABNAM - INNER STRENGTH AND STRONG DETERMINATION WIN THE DAY

INDIA-2020 KUJUR NIRMLA - A CHAMPION FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR

INDIA-2020 PAWAR VIJAYA SHRIRAM - TRANSFORMING SUGARCANE WORKERS INTO ARTISTS OF

**BEAUTY** 

INDIA-2020 KHAPERDE SUBHADRA - "WHAT IS DIFFICULT, I'LL DO IMMEDIATELY, THE IMPOSSIBLE

WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER"

INDIA-2021 MARIA SR JESSY – DEDICATED TO RURAL PEOPLE, THEIR LAND, THEIR YOUTH

INDIA-2023 We are pleased to present to you the 5 additional laureates in 2023 selected and awarded in

through a partnership program with the JAI JAGAT Movement & CESCI (Centre for the

Experience of Socio-Cultural Interaction), both in Tamilnadu, India, and the Women's World

Summit Foundation (WWSF/FSMF) in Switzerland to receive the "Prize for Rural Women's Creativity in

Rural Life"

India

THE NAMES OF THE 5 LAUREATS FROM TAMILNADU - INDIA ARE:

Sivarani from Tamil Nadu / Ashitha Ash from Kerala / Lakshmi Unnikrishnan from Kerala /

Bhagyalakshmi, from Tamil Nadu / Sucila Pandian, from Tamil Nadu

INDIA-2024 A. FEMINA DAS – COMPASSION IS HER LEITMOTIV

KYRGYZSTAN-2001 MEIMANBU TASHIEVA – A TIRELESS TEACHER PROMOTES SELF-HELP GROUPS

KYRGYZSTAN-2003 ALGA ASSOCIATION – TAKING CONTROL OF OUR LIVES

KYRGYZSTAN-2005 MAIRAM OMURZAKOVA – NOMADIC TOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

KYRGYZSTAN-2005 ELMIRA SULTANOVNA IBRAIMOVA – COMMITMENT AND INTEGRITY CHALLENGE

**NEPOTISM** 

KYRGYZSTAN-2011 SHAIYRBUBU ABDYLDAEVA- "WOMEN CAN DO EVERYTHING"

NEPAL-1996 RADHA BHATTARAI – IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE WITH EDUCATION

NEPAL-1997 NIRMALA THAPA – EMPOWERS WOMEN TO HELP THEMSELVES

NEPAL-2001 MOHINEE MAHARIAN – MAKING WOMEN AWARE OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS

NEPAL-2005 SOHORATI THARU – EMPOWERING WOMEN TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

NEPAL-2005 TARA ARYAL KARKI – REPORTING FOR CHANGE AND DIGNITY NEPAL
2011 PRATIVA SUBEDI – AN ATYPICAL HISTORY OF A NEPALESE ACTIVIST

NEPAL-2015 LAURIMAYA THAMI – DISMANTLING CASTE-BASED DISCRIMINATION

NEPAL-2016 TULSI GYAWALI – EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH INNOVATION IN WAST MGT
NEPAL-2016 NIRMALA DEVI THARU CHAUDHARY – POWER TO INDIGENOUS WOMEN WAGE

**LABORERS** 

NEPAL-2017 APSARA CHAPAGAIN – PROMOTING WOMEN THROUGH FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

NEPAL-2018 INDIRA ARYAL – WORKING THROUGH LIFE'S THOUGHEST CHALLENGES TO

BECOMING AN IMPORTANT AGENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE

NEPAL-2020 RAJBHANDARI KANTI – A NATURAL BORN LEADER

NEPAL-2021 DIL KUMARI ROKA MAGAR – FROM MAOIST FIGHTER TO WOMEN'S CHAMPION

NEPAL-2024 SANA KISHAN FARMER'S COOPERATIVE GROUP - WOMEN FARMERS LOCALIZE FOOD

SYSTEMS IN RURAL NEPAL USING THE POWER OF PGS

NEPAL-2024 WOMEN ACTING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE (WATCH) - SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING RURAL

WOMEN'S AND DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE'S HUMAN, LEGAL RIGHTS AND ACCESSING

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

PAKISTAN-1997 BHUTTRI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION – PROMOTES HEALTH CARE FOR THE RURAL

POOR AND THE WEAK

PAKISTAN-1997 FARZANA PANWHAR – PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

PAKISTAN-1997 RURAL WOMEN WELFARE ORGANIZATION – BRINGS DEVELOPMENT TO PEOPLE

PAKISTAN-1998 GHULAM SUGHRA SOLANGI – LEADS WITH CREDIT. HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING

PAKISTAN-1999 KHATIMA BIBI – A MODEL WOMAN ACTIVIST

PAKISTAN-2000 GHULAM SUGHRA KUBAR – PROVING WOMEN'S WORTH

PAKISTAN-2002 AMBER BALOUCH – FIGHTING WOMEN'S EXCLUSION FROM EDUCATION

PAKISTAN-2003 KHALIDA BIBI AWA – CREATING A LOCAL SEED BANK

PAKISTAN-2003 SHAMEEM ARAA J. RAJPOOT – WHEN WOMEN CROSS THE DOORSTEP

PAKISTAN-2005 DURE-E-SHAHWAR – ESTABLISHING WOMEN'S SELF-HELP GROUPS

PAKISTAN-2008 SHAD BEGUM – UNFLINCHING WARRIOR FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

PAKISTAN-2017 MUQADAS AABROO – AN EXCEPTIONAL CHAMPION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

PAKISTAN-2022 CHRISTINA PETER- A PRECIOUS ENERGY FOR HUMANITY

SRI LANKA-1997 AMARA PEERIS – ENDS RURAL WOMEN'S POVERTY

SRI LANKA-2000 H.M. VIMALAWATHIE – ORGANISING FOR DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND PEACE

SRI LANKA-2002 BANDARA MENIKE WEERASEKERA – LEADING WOMEN TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT AND

**PEACE** 

SRI LANKA-2007 RUPA MANEL SILVA – A BANK BY WOMEN- FOR WOMEN

SRI LANKA-2008 THUSHARI HEWAPATHIRA – NEW BREAKTHROUGHS IN MICRO LENDING

TAJIKISTAN-2011 RANO KOSIMOVA – TRANSFORMING RURAL GIRLS INTO ECONOMIC ACTORS

## **SOUTHEAST & EAST ASIA**

CAMBODIA-2000 THAVRIN THONG – EXTREME HARDSHIP CREATES A LEADER

CAMBODIA-2011 SAMAN BUTH – EMPOWERING MOTHERS TO SAVE LIVES

CAMBODIA-2012 SAN VANNARY – PRESERVING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, WHILE INCREASING

**VILLAGE SUSTAINABILITY** 

CHINA-1995 JIA JUNQIAO (LONGJU) – TEACHES NEW SKILLS AND BUILDS VILLAGE SCHOO

CHINA-1995 LAI XIAO – A MONGOL HERDSWOMAN PIONEERS SCIENTIFIC STRATEGY FOR SHEEP

**BREEDING** 

CAI SHUZHEN – BECOMES AGRICULTURAL RESEARCHER

CHINA-1996 PEI GUILIAN – BRINGS PROSPERITY TO ALL

CHINA-1996 CIRENZONGBA – A WOMAN WITH A HUNCHBACK BECOMES LEADER

CHEN YUNLIAN – PROSPERS... FROM PEPPERS

CHINA-1996 ZHAO QUNYING – PROSPERS...WITH RABBITS

CHINA-1997 ALONIOUNIOU – GROWS TREES FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

CHINA-1997 MIAO CHANGLIAN – FROM RICE GROWER TO CREATIVE RESOURCEFULNESS

CHINA-1997 LUO XIFEN – ON PEPPERED PATH TO PROSPERITY

CHINA-1997 FANG XIULAN – CHICKENS END POVERTY

CHINA-1998 HAN BAOJING – CLEAN WATER-KEY TO GOOD HEALTH

CHINA-1998 HU CHUNLIAN – TOPS THE TEA TRADE

CHINA-1998 ZUO AIMING – RAISES CHICKENS AND DUCKS FOR CHINA

CHINA-1998 ZHAO XIAOJING – CREATES PROSPERITY WITH PIGS

CHINA-1999 BAI CAINONG – AN ILLITERATE WOMAN BECOMES DEPUTY

CHINA-1999 YANG XIANGLIAN – VILLAGE TAILOR BECOMES MANAGER

CHINA-1999 ZHANG AILAN – PREVENTING POVERTY WITH PIGS

CHINA-1999 ZOU CHUNLIAN – FLOWERS BRING PROSPERITY

CHINA-2000 MA XUEFENG – FISH PONDS BRING WEALTH

CHINA-2001 BAO CAILUAN – GREENING THE HILLS

CHINA-2001 LI FENRONG – XIANG-SHUIGOU VILLAGE, QUINGLONG COUNTY

CHINA-2001 ZHANG LIFEN – LIUWAN VILLAGE, HUBEI PROVINCE

CHINA-2001 ZHAO YANHU – TUONAN TOWNSHIP, MANCHANG COUNTY, HEBEI PROVINCE

CHINA-2001 GUO XIUYING – YAZHIBE VILLAGE, INNER MONGOLIA

CHINA-2001 CAI LIXIA – BOGONG VILLAGE, PANAN COUNTY, ZHEIJIANG PROVINCE

CHINA-2002 HU MEIYING – GREENING THE HILLS

CHINA-2002 HUASHUN FEEDLOT ENTERPRISE – RAISING RABBITS FOR PROSPERITY

CHINA-2002 XIJI COUNTY WOMEN'S FEDERATION – SKILL TRAINING FOR RURAL WOMEN CHINA-

2002 WOMEN'S FEDERATION-PINLOU COUNTY – INNOVATION FOR THE RURAL POOR

CHINA-2003 WANG ZHILAN – WORKS AGAINST ALL ODDS

CHINA-2003 WANG FENGYAN – BREEDS ANGLEWORMS FOR PROSPERITY

CHINA-2003 ZENG GUANGLAN – CHANGES MENTALITIES

CHINA-2005 WANG SHUXIU – SELF-MADE MILLIONAIRE RETURNS TO VILLAGE ROOTS

CHINA-2005 ZHENG BING – A STRONG ROPE IS MADE FROM MANY STRANDS

CHINA-2006 HONGXIA REN – GREENING TREELESS MOUNTAINS

CHINA-2006 LIJUAN XIANG – A KINDERGARTEN FOR RURAL CHILDREN

INDONESIA-2000 NGATINI TARMUJI – FIGHTING THE ILLEGAL EXPROPRIATION OF LAND

INDONESIA-2005 TISNA SUTISNAWATY NANDO – AT THE HEART OF THE TSUNAMI

INDONESIA-2006 MAMA MARGARETHA SAKO – TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGLAOS-2010

NUANSY RATANASITHY - FROM DEPENDENCY TO PARTNERSHIP OF

**EQUALS** 

MONGOLIA-2003 BYATSHANDAA JARGAL – COMBATING MALNUTRITION

MONGOLIA-2009 OTGONBAYAR CHULTEM – FOLLOWING MOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

MONGOLIA-2017 TUGRUG UUGAN-ERDENE – A POWERFUL PROMOTER OF WOMEN'S RIGIJTS

MYANMAR-2013 REV. MAI KI – SEEING EQUAL WORTH IN EVERY INDIVIDUAL

PHILIPPINES-1998 PORTIA NAYVE ROSSI – DEMONSTRATES ORGANIC ANIMAL FARMING PHILIPPINES-

2009 MOTHER PETRA MACLIING – PROTECTING INDIGENOUS LAND AND CULTURE

THAILAND-1998 SA-ING TAWAISINDH – SAVES COMMUNITY FOREST

VIETNAM-1996 SELF-HELP SAVINGS AND CREDIT GROUP – FINDS RIGHT MARKET NICHE

VIETNAM-2001 DO THUY DIEN – HELPING HER COMMUNITY BEGIN AGAIN

# **WESTERN ASIA**

ARMENIA-1999 ROSA TZAROUKYAN – CREATING A MODEL ANIMAL FARM

ARMENIA-2005 MARIAM GRIGORYAN – BUSINESS TO ENCOURAGE RURAL TRADITIONS

ARMENIA-2012 NUNE SARUKHANYAN – WORKING WITH FARMERS AS EQUAL PARTNERS

AZERBAIJAN-1996 SUDABA MURADOVA – ORGANIZES WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY FOR SURVIVAL

IRAN-2018 ZIBA AZIZI – A POWERFUL ROLE MODEL FOR WOMEN'S EMANCIPATION

JORDAN-1997 NAJWA SHA'SHA'A – SELF-CONFIDENCE, THE KEY

JORDAN-1997 KAWKAB I.M. AL-GHNAMEEN – DRASTICALLY IMPROVES QUALITY OF VILLAGE LIFE

JORDAN-1999 HIND AL HADJA – LEARNING BY DOING

KUWAIT-1996 ABAB FARHAN – WEAVES THE MAGIC OF BEDOUIN BEAUTY

LEBANON-2000 ANISSA NAJJAR – CREATING THE BASIS FOR A DISTINCT RURAL CULTURE

PALESTINE-2005 MAYRIM SHADEED – EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN

TURKEY-2010 NURCAN BAYSAL – HAPPINESS IS PART OF DEVELOPMENT

WEST BANK-1999 SUBHIYYEH KAMEL ASAD GHANNAM – A RURAL WOMAN ACTIVIST

# **AMERICAS / LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN**

ARGENTINA-1997 ROSARIO LADIES ANDRADES DE QUISPE – FROM LAMA HERDSWOMAN TO

**COMMUNITY LEADER** 

ARGENTINA-2000 PUEBLO GRANDE CULTURAL ORGANISATION – ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL

**IDENTITY** 

ARGENTINA-2007 VERONICA FRANZEN – ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL IDENTITY

ARGENTINA-2012 MATILDE LUCIO – A COMPASSIONATE LEADER, DEDICATED TO THE INDIGENOUS CAUS

ARGENTINA-2023 MARIA EVA SOTO – A TIRELESS FIGHTER FOR THE INDIGENOUS RIGHTS OF HER

NATIVE PEOPLE, THE AVA GUARANI, THEIR LANDS, THEIR CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

ARGENTINA-2024 GREGORIA LOPEZ - RESPECTING NATURE AND TRUSTING JUSTICE

BOLIVIA-1995 DOMITILA BARRIOS – GRASS ROOTS LEADER FIGHTS FOR JUSTICE FOR THE MOST

**OPPRESSED** 

BOLIVIA-1998 TAWA (NENA) BALTAZAR LUGONES – EXCEPTIONAL LEADER OF WILDLIFE RESERVE

BOLIVIA-1999 HORNOS "JUANA AZURDUY DE PADILLA" – PROMOTING SEED POTATOES IN THE

**ANDES** 

BOLIVIA-2000 CH'ASKA PALOMAS AWAJ WARMI – WEAVING FOR DEVELOPMENT

BOLIVIA-2001 ALCIRA ESTRADA – DETERMINED TO SAVE THE FOREST

BOLIVIA-2002 JULIA DAMIANA RAMOS SANCHEZ – FIGHTING EXCLUSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL

**DEGRADATION** 

BOLIVIA-2007 AMALIA CALAMANI DE QUISPE – VALUING ANCESTRAL PRODUCTS

EMILIA ALVES DA SILVA RODRIGUES - PROMOTES RURAL KNOWLEDGE AND BRAZIL-1997 **CULTURE** BRAZIL-1999 RAIMUNDA GOMES DA SILVA – FIGHTING FOR LAND AND RIGHTS THE NATIONAL ARTICULATION OF FEMALE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS -BRAZIL-1999 ORGANIZING WOMEN'S RIGHTS SANDRA MARA RIBAS SANTOS – PIONEER ORGANIC FARMER BRAZIL-2000 GRUPO DE MILHERES DECIDIDAS A VENCER - CULTIVATING ORGANIC FOOD BRAZIL-2003 ROSA SELL -REVIVING TRADITIONAL FARMING METHODS BRAZIL-2003 MARIA LUCIA LOPES DE OLIVEIRA – FEMINISM. A TOOL FOR DEVELOPMENT BRAZIL-2009 CHILE-1996 ROSALIA JARA NIRRIAM – PROVES EDUCATION TO BE KEY TO DEVELOPMENT BERNARDITA CALFUQUEO - FIGHTING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CHILE-2000 KONOMI KIKUCHI – WALKING, WALKING...TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT CHILE-2010 MILENA DUCARA TAPIERO – INDOMITABLE ACTIVIST AND WOMEN LEADER COLOMBIA-COLOMBIA-1998 2000 ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN OF YOLOMBE AMOY – ORGANIZING FOR PEACE AND THE **ENVIRONMENT** COLOMBIA-2003 AURORA CARMONA – THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS MARIA BRIGADA GONZALEZ DE CARTAGEN – NON-VIOLENCE SUBDUES TERROR COLOMBIA-2006 IUANA ALICIA RUIZ HERNANDEZ - RISING FROM PAIN TO HEALING AND HOPE ONE COLOMBIA-2014 STITCH AT A TIME ANA ELFA ZAMBRANO - THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS COLOMBIA-2015 ANA ELVIA ARANA – A TIRELESS FIGHTER FOR A BALANCED ENVIRONMENT COLOMBIA-2017 ASSOCIATION OF PRO-ACTIVE RURAL WOMEN OF AQUITANIA – A GROUP OF RURAL COLOMBIA-2018 WOMEN'S "DIVINE MADNESS" PAYS OFF MARÍA ADRIANA MOSQUERA – BOUNDLESS CREATIVITY IN CHANGING REGIONAL FOOD COLOMBIA-2018 **CUSTOMS** MARIA CRISTINA AMAYA MACIAS – EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY, HUMANITY AND COLOMBIA-2021 **SOLIDARITY** MOVIMIENTO DE MUJERES POUR LA VIDA - A CUSTODIAN FOR PEACE LAND / SEEDS COLOMBIA-2021 COLOMBIA-2021 MARYLEN SERNA SALINAS – SPEAKING OUT 4 PEASANTS, INDIGENOUS GROUPS AND WOMEN GEORGINA PEREZ MARTINEZ - TRANSFORMING WASTELANDS INTO VEGETABLE CUBA-2001 **GARDENS** FRANCISCA EUGENIA MILANES GARCIA – FROM GARBAGE DUMP TO ORGANIC CUBA-2003 **AGRICULTURE** 

MONETTE ABATORD - ADVOCATING FOR SMALL FARMERS MARTINIQUE-2013 (OVERSEAS REGION OF FRANCE DIANA DELARONDE-COLOMBE - ASSURING FOOD SECURITY TO HER COMMUNITY CANADA-2007 PEGGY CARSWELL - STEERING THE ORGANIC MOVEMENT IN ASSAM - INDIA CANADA-2016 COSTA RICA-1996 PAULINA DÍAZ NAVAS – A COURAGEOUS WOMAN WHO WINS DESPITE HUGE ODDS ROSITA ANGULO ANGULO – DEFENDING COMMUNITY WATER RESOURCES COSTA RICA-2002 EAST MOUNTAIN QUILTERS - QUILTING FOR A NEW QUALITY OF LIFE COSTA COSTA RICA-2008 GENNI MARIA SEGURA PINTO - AN INDIGENOUS LEADER WHO LOVES HER RICA-2015 **COMMUNITY** ELVIA DAGUA – LEADS WOMEN TO DIGNITY ECUADOR-1998 XIMENA CORDOVA – GENDER AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THROUGH GIRLS' ECUADOR-2021 **EDUCATION** VICTORIA MIRA – SHOWS CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DESPITE HER AGE EL SALVADOR-1996 MARIA ANA ANGEL DE CASTILLO - AN INDOMITABLE SPIRIT AND COURAGE EL SALVADOR-1996 EL SALVADOR-1997 SALVADORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL HEALT – RURAL WOMEN FOR A HEALTHY **FUTURE** MARIA MARGARITA MALDONADO CRUZ – RUNS MODEL FARM DESPITE ILLITERACY EL SALVADOR-1998 MARIANA HERNANDEZ - FROM EXCELLENCE TO LEADERSHIP EL SALVADOR-2001 MARTA BENAVIDES - CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE EL SALVADOR-2003 **GUATEMALA-1996** TERESA DE JESUS RAFAEL - A MAYA FARMER AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST MARIA ELENA CRISOSTOMO DE PEREZ - PROMOTES BAREFOOT PHARMACY **GUATEMALA-1997** MARIA DE JESUS COLAJ CHALI – EDUCATION EQUALS EMPOWERMENT GUATEMALA-**GUATEMALA-2001** CATARINA ELEUTERIO GOMEZ IXMATA – APPROPRIATE EDUCATION FOR THE 2002 MAYAS ELVIA LETICIA RAQUEC YAQUÍ – A POWERFUL PROMOTER OF MAYAN WOMEN'S GUATEMALA-2018 **RIGHTS** SARA MICHEL – THE WORLD'S OLDEST PRACTICING RURAL MIDWIFE **HAITI-1996** ISIDORA GARCIA – FIGHTING FOR THE INDIGENOUS WOMAN HONDURAS-1999 COMIXMUL - IN UNION LIES STRENGTH HONDURAS-2001 LEONILA ESCOTO DE ZELAYA - A MODEL ORGANIC GARDENER HONDURAS-2002

HONDURAS-2018 ASOCIACIÓN DE MUJERES DEFENSORES DE VIDA – THE COURAGE OF FIGHTING FOR
WOMEN
HONDURAS-2021 MARTHA NORALES RAMIREZ – ENCOURAGES BANKS OF HOPE FOR GARIFUNA

WOMEN

ETHLYN RHOOMS - THE MOST RESOURCEFUL RURAL WOMAN OF JAMAICA JAMAICA-1996 AMEYOLOTZIL WOMEN'S GROUP - PIONEERS SELF-RELIANCE MEXICO-1998 LA POZA DEL CLAVO WOMEN'S GROUP - WITH ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2 SURVIVAL MEXICO-1998 NORMA PATRICIA SAUCEDO VILLALBA – TEACHING RESPECT FOR THE MEXICO-2000 **ENVIRONMENT** RUFINA EDITH VILLA HERNANDEZ - FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS MEXICO-2001 WOMEN ARTCAMP ASSOCIATION - MASTERING NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO MARKET THEIR ART MEXICO-2002 PAULA SANDOVAL ELISEÑO - A LONG LIFE DEDICATED TO HER COMMUNITY MEXICO-2014 MEXICO-2007 MARIA TERESA URBINA ALACON – BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AURORA VALDEPAÑA RAMIREZ. TERESA CASTELLANCA RUÍZ – AN EPIC FIGHT MEXICO-2018 AGAINST A GIGANTIC DESTRUCTIVE DAM MARIA AUXILIADORA LOPEZ OLIVAS - INNOVATES BANKING BY AND FOR THE NICARAGUA-1996 **PEOPLE** LUCRECIA FLORES CHAVARRÍA – ILLITERATE COOK BECOMES LEADER NICARAGUA-1996 GLADYS CACERES - A TIRELESS LEADER NICARAGUA-1997 NICARAGUA-2001 PETRONA PEREZ BASILIO - EDUCATION-THE KEY TO EMPOWERMENT ELBA RIVERA URBINA - BIOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE FOR THE POOREST NICARAGUA-2005 ROSE CUNNINGHAM - INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR ELIMINATING NICARAGUA-2012 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN** EDELMIRA BARRIOS DE CENTELLA - WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY PANAMA-2002 SEVERA LUQUE BOGARIN - COOPERATIVE ORGANISATION HELPS MANY PARAGUAY-PARAGUAY-1999 LILIAN MARTINEZ DE KRONG - MOBILISING HOUSEWIVES FOR A BETTER LIFE 2003 SANTOS FELICITA SALCEDO CUEVA - PERSISTENCE PAYS PERU-2000 GLADYS VASQUEZ POMA – FIGHTING TO SAVE THE HIGH ANDEAN WETLANDS PERU-2000 PERU-2001 ZOILA VALDEZ CHAUPI – PROMOTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS DINA EMILIA MORALES LLERENA - AN INDIGENOUS LEADER "TICCHARI WARMI" PERU-2003 LUZ MARGARITA ROMERO RAMOS – NATURAL MEDICINE AVAILABLE TO ALL PERU-PERU-2003 MARCELINA PONCE HANCCO - FIGHTING FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S AND 2003 CHILDREN'S RIGHTS OMIL (ORGANIZATION INDIGENOUS WOMEN LARAMATE- BUILDING A BETTER PERU-2014 **FUTURE THROUGH TRADITION** PERU-2015 AMUPPA – ASSOCIACION DE MUJERES PROTECTORAS DE PARAMOS Y CUENCAS DE AGUAL. FANCY COMMUNITY HELP GROUP - COMMUNITY BANKING FOR ALL ST VINCENT-2008

URUGUAY-1998 NETWORK RURAL WOMEN – A NETWORK FOR SURVIVAL

USA-2003 THERESA SECORD HOFFMAN – REVIVING AMERICAN INDIAN'S BASKETRY AND

**LANGUAGES** 

USA-2013 LORI POURIER – REVITALIZING NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE ARTS

USA-2016 HERMILA (MILY) TREVINO-SAUCEDA – CREATING AWARENESS ABOUT

FARMWORKER RIGHTS

### **EUROPE & COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION**

ALBANIA-1999 RAPE WEIZAJ – TEACHING LIFE SKILLS

ALBANIA-2002 DIELLË SMAKAJ – A HELPING HAND FOR THE RURAL BLIND

AUSTRIA-1998 MONIKA LUGMAYER – A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN FARMERS

AUSTRIA-2000 INGEBORG AUER – AN AMBASSADOR FOR WOMEN FARMERS

AUSTRIA-2003 ASS. AUSTRIAN MOUNTAIN FARMERS – CREATED A PLAY FOR RURAL EDUCATION

AUSTRIA-2014 EVA HOENLE – WEAVING LIVES TOGETJER AFTER DECADES OF CIVIL WAR

BELARUS-2012 TATSIANA GURYNA – DEVELOPING RURAL REGIONS AFFECTED BY CHERNOBYL

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA-2013 SLADJANA UJIC – CREATING A NEW PARADIGM FOR RURAL WOMEN BOSNIA-

HERZEGOVINA-2014 DANKA ZELIC – HELPING WOMEN REBUILD COMMUNITY AFTER WAR

CROATIA-1997 EMA MIOCINOVIC – DEDICATES HER LIFE TO PEACE MAKING

FINLAND-1996 ALKUVOIMA – THEIR PRIMAL FORCE IS PEOPLE

FRANCE-2000 GEORGIA LAMBERTIN – BRINGING CHILDREN CLOSER TO THE EARTH
FRANCE-2001 VERONIQUE THEVE – WORKING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE RURAL LIFE

FRANCE-2006 JOSIANE MULOWSKI – PRESERVING MENACED HORSES

FRANCE-2015 EMILIE ALAUZE – A TRAILBLAZER FOR BIODIVERSITY

FRANCE-2023 ANNE BOUCARD - ENABLING THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH AND

BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ACTIVITY OF FARMERS.

GERMANY-2001 CHRISTA OFF – PERSEVERANCE PAYS

GERMANY-2007 WWW. BAEUERINNENTREFF. DE – AN INTERNET NETWORK FOR RURAL WOMEN

**WORLDWIDE** 

GREAT BRITAIN-1998 MARTHA KILEY-WORTHINGTON – AN ECOLOGICAL FARMER, TEACHER AND WRITE

GREECE-1999 UNION AGRITOURISTIC – ARTESANAL & HOME ECONOMIC COOP.-UNITING FOR

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GREECE-2007 WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE OF MESOTOPOS – REVIVING CUSTOMS TO FIGHT

UNEMPLOYMENT

HUNGARY-2000 ERZSEBET SZECSENYI – CREATING AN ECO-VILLAGE

IRELAND-1999 ANITA HAYES – SAVING SCARCE SEED

ITALY-2001 MARTINA LINTNER- PRESERVING THE RURAL WAY OF LIFE

ITALY-2006 WALTRAUD SCHWIENBACHER – AN EXPLOSION OF CREATIVITY

ITALY-2024 SABINE SCHROTT PRENN - A PIONEER & ORGANIZER OF THE SEED FESTIVALES SINCE 2015 IN

SOUTH TIROL. SHE CALLS ON POLITICIANS TO PROMOTE AND NOT HINDER THE

CONSERVATION AND DISSEMINATION OF LOCAL SEEDS

KOSOVO-2006 MARTHA PREKPALAJ - LEARNING FROM LIVING AND BUILDING WITH THE PEOPLE

LATVIA-1998 RASMA FREIMANE - RUNS A DAIRY FARM COOPERATIVE

LATVIA-1999 ZENTA SKRASTINA - BEAUTIFYING A RURAL VILLAGE

LATVIA-2002 AGRITA GAILITE - RESCUING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINAL PLANTS

N. IRELAND-2001 WOMEN ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT - WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND

**DEVELOPMENT** 

NORWAY-1998 ANNE-GRETHE BRUSTAD - AN AUTHENTIC BIOLOGICAL FARMER

NORWAY-2000 ASHILDE DALE - REVIVING MOUNTAIN FARMING

POLAND-1998 EWA SMUK - REVIVES VILLAGE LIFE

POLAND-2005 BARBARA BURZYNSKA - GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY: FROM POLITICAL SLOGANS TO

FUNCTIONING REALITY

PORTUGAL-2007 CAPUCHINHAS - REINVENTING A TRADITIONAL CRAFT

PORTUGAL-2008 GROUP OF WOMEN LACE MAKERS - WHEN BUSY FINGERS GENERATE PROSPERITY

ROMANIA-2000 MIOARA BOANTA - ENABLING WOMEN TO ORGANISE

ROMANIA-2003 SILVIA PANAITE - HELPS OTHERS TO HELP THEMSELVES

ROMANIA-2005 GETA HEREDEA - BUILDING HOPE WITH HANDS AND HAMMER

RUSSIAN FED.-1996 TATJANA N. INOZEMTSEVA - INNOVATIVE FARMER, PHILANTHROPIST & POETESS

RUSSIAN FE-1999 VERA SOLOVIEVA - ADAPTING TO A NEW RURAL ECONOMY

RUSSIAN FED-2002 NADEZHDA MIKHAILOVNA MARTINOVA - CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL

UNIVERSITY

RUSSIAN FED-2003 OSSIPOWA TATJANA VIKTOROWNA - "WE CAN DO IT"

SERBIA-1997 DOBRILA VASILJEVIC SMILJANIC - LEADS RURAL WOMEN TO KNIT FOR THE WORLD

SPAIN-1998 EL DESPERTAR - WITH CULTURE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SWEDEN-2017 VANJA WALLEMYR - A PIONEER OF CLEAN ENERGY

SWITZERLAND-1998 ELSBETH AEBERHARD - FINDING OUR RURAL ROOTS

SWITZERLAND-2001 CHRISTINE ZOLLINGER - SAVING SWITZERLAND'S VARIETY OF SEEDS

SWITZERLAND-2002 URNER WOLLHANDWERK TEAM - INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS SUSTAIN MOUNTAIN LIFE
SWITZERLAND-2002 JOHANNA DÖNZ-GILLARDON - FARMING FLOWERS FOR PROSPERITY SWITZERLAND-2011

ROMY SCHMIDT - A CREATIVE COUNTRYWOMAN AND WRITER ABOUT FARM LIFE

SWITZERLAND-2018 MARIE-THÉRÈSE CHAPPAZ - PASSION AND CREATIVITY CREATE MIRACLES

UKRAINE-1999 VALENTINA SHAPOVAL - ORGANISING FOR DEVELOPMENT

UKRAINE-2000 NATALIA BESPALA - HELPING OTHERS ACHIEVE SUCCESS

### **OCEANIA**

AUSTRALIA-1998 GEORGINA LEE CHEU - LEADS WITH CULTURE TOWARDS SELF ESTEEM
AUSTRALIA-2017 ANNE POELINA - AN EXCEPTIONAL FIGURE AMONG THE FIRST NATIONS

Fiji ISLANDS-2002 NAVAKASOBU WOMEN'S GROUP - SAVING A WETLAND ECOSYSTEM

Fiji ISLANDS-2017 ADI VASULEVU MEREWALESI LEVU - A VERATILE DEVELOPER

P.-N. GUINEA-2006 MARIA LINIBI - INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT



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