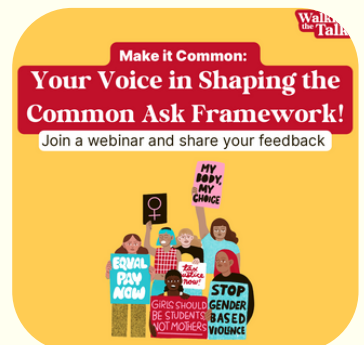


2025 in review

JAN

Launch of The 12 Calls to Action for Resourcing Gender Equality*

Walking the Talk kicked 2025 off with a new advocacy tool. To promote it, we hosted four webinars titled “Make it Common: Your Voice in Shaping the Common Ask Framework”. Around 350 attendees helped us strengthen the asks, which we had developed with feminist movements, women’s funds, and women’s rights organizations.



* The [12 Calls to Action](#) used to be called the Common Ask Framework (CAF)

FEB

Advocating for fair, feminist futures in New York

Walking the Talk attended the 3rd Financing for Development Preparatory Meeting in New York to ensure that feminist voices were heard and to demand financial commitments for a gender just future. Hivos co-hosted a side event on investing in the care economy. Watch [this video](#) for a recap!



FEB

Day of Action in UK Parliament

Restless Development joined the [Day of Action](#), to mark the 20th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's historic speech calling on the world to make poverty history. Among other things, the UK Walkie-Talkies asked for more, and better ODA. They said: 'We need specific feminist funding for gender equality co-led by feminists!'



FEB

'Women and Media Day' in France

Equipop co-hosted a day of reflection and discussion with journalists, editors, experts, and French and international feminist associations. The group discussed ways for journalists to more effectively cover issues related to women's rights and gender equality amid rising conservatism.



MAR

Feminist March in the Netherlands

On International Women's Day, 20,000 feminists marched through the streets of Amsterdam demanding gender equality. It had been years since so many people had marched for a feminist future. Hivos was one of the organizers of the Feminist March, helping to revitalize the feminist movement in the Netherlands.



MAR

Side event and Gallery of Hope at CSW69 in New York

Hivos and ODI Europe co-hosted the “[Transforming Financial Architectures for Gender Equality](#)” side event. Various stakeholders shared their experiences for strengthening financing for gender equality in Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Hivos also hosted a Gallery Night of Hope, showcasing strength and resilience of feminist movements.



MAY

Strategy building for our F4FF Conference

The Walking the Talk Consortium invited twenty civil society organizations to a preparatory meeting at La Casa Encendida in Madrid, the site of our Financing for Feminist Futures Conference in October. We discussed the design and objectives of the conference together and left feeling inspired for our upcoming gathering.



JUNE

Launch of the Research Compendium

The consortium proudly presented the "Architecture of Change: Feminist Pathways to Financing Gender Equality Compendium" that brings together 13 research papers answering critical questions about the future of financing feminist futures globally. Together, these research papers provide a roadmap for transforming how feminist movements are resourced.



JULY

Side event at FfD4 in Seville

At the Financing for Development Conference in Sevilla, Hivos co-hosted a dynamic side event on financing for gender equality, uniting global ministers, feminist leaders, and development partners. Despite underwhelming conference outcomes, the event showcased strong political will and collective action for advancing a feminist agenda in development financing.



JULY

HLPF New York

At the invitation of the Spanish government, Walking the Talks' program manager Bruna Martinez participated in "Feminist Perspectives on International Cooperation and Financing for Development after FfD4: The Road Ahead", part of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. Bruna stated: 'We must ensure feminist movements are resourced to lead.'



JULY

Campaign for women's aid in the UK

In response to the UK government's decision to cut international aid, Restless Development joined forces with CARE International and sent an LED truck to Westminster depicting Keir Starmer as Doc Brown from Back To The Future. The truck reads: 'Dear prime minister, Back To The Future is a film, not foreign policy. Reverse the rollback. Don't take women's rights back by decades. Protect funding for women and girls.'



AUG

Welcoming our new German partner DSW

With the addition of the Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW), the consortium is represented in Germany once again. Working closely with youth advocates, DSW promotes inclusive foreign policies, practices, and funding that champions gender equality in Germany, reflecting the voices of women and LGBTIQ+ communities from the Majority World.



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SEPT

Meet the researchers' webinars

In the lead-up to the Financing for Feminist Futures (F4FF) Conference, we hosted two thought-provoking webinars featuring some of the researchers who worked on our Research Compendium. These conversations, held on September 8 and 30, were open to everyone and explored how feminist perspectives are reshaping global financing, challenging systemic inequalities, advancing justice, and reimagining pathways toward more equitable futures.



SEPT

Campaign for gender equality in the Netherlands

Shortly before the general elections, Hivos and CARE launched a social media campaign to address the cutbacks of the current Dutch government. An opinion poll conducted by the two organizations revealed that 93% of Dutch citizens are concerned about women's and girls' rights worldwide. However, the government is no longer an international champion of gender equality. Therefore, they urged the Dutch public to vote for gender equality.



OCT

Financing for Feminist Futures Conference in Madrid

From October 8-10, our flagship event brought together over 200 activists, researchers, movement leaders, government representatives, and funders from all walks of life. Together, we imagined, resisted, disrupted, and dreamed about what it takes to fund and resource feminist futures. The WtT consortium members hosted the well-attended "Global Backlash, Fierce Resistance: Advocacy for Financing Women's Rights and Gender Equality" panel.



OCT

Recommendations for the FFP Ministerial in Paris

Ten days after the F4FF Conference in Madrid, the 4th Feminist Foreign Policy Ministerial Conference took place in Paris. The Walking the Talk consortium was present and brought the key outcomes from the F4FF conference to the table. Our message for Paris, and for the upcoming G20, remained clear: Financing feminist futures means reshaping our systems — not just sustaining them.



NOV

Alliance Magazine F4FF Conference coverage

Want to relive the conference? Alliance Magazine, our media partner at F4FF, published a full conference overview report. Ranging from a summary note, to interviews and reflection pieces from organisers and attendees. Give their website a visit to read all about F4FF.



NOV

EU Panel discussion on strengthening women's rights organisations

ODI Europe co-hosted in Brussels an event in partnership with Concord and Action Aid EU on "Driving gender equality through EU accession". The event brought together women's rights organizations (WROs) and Women's Funds from various countries, EU policymakers, gender equality experts and advocates, as well as Members of the European Parliament from different political parties.



NOV

Tool for journalists launched in France

Equipop co-produced and launched a 60-page magazine-tool with Prenons la Une and La Fronde titled "Journalists & Feminists: Better Reporting to Protect Democracy", which analyses antifeminist backlash and far-right narratives in the media and provides concrete recommendations for journalists and journalism schools.



NOV

Participating in the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)

Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) participated in the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Bogotá, contributing to global policy debates on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Through its engagement, DSW emphasized that sustained, long-term financing for gender equality and SRHR is essential and should remain a core pillar of feminist development policy.



DEC

High level diner UK

Restless Development hosted a Walking the Talk private dinner on advancing gender equality and countering the rollback on rights. The evening brought together brilliant, passionate and inspiring people from the UK government, philanthropy, youth leaders, civil society and research to work towards solutions and collaborative action. The conversation was very insightful and many promising actions were identified.



DEC

Advocating for women's rights on German social media

Women's rights, health, and hard-won gains in bodily autonomy are increasingly under pressure worldwide. DSW's "Rückschritt verhüten" ("Prevent regression") social media campaign illustrated how global setbacks in health, education, gender equality, and funding are already having tangible, harmful impacts on the lives of women, girls, and marginalized groups.

