### MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES

# 2022 Annual Impact Report



January 2022 - December 2022

## Message from our President



In 2022 Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) celebrated our 15 years, a milestone for any organization but made all the more special by the nature of the work that we do. We are now the oldest and still the only progressive Muslim organization in the U.S, with the positive impact of our work continuing to produce results, not just here in the U.S. but globally as well.

To highlight the significant impact of our work over the past year, we've put together a 2022 Annual Impact Report, which we hope you will find useful in measuring the substance of our work and the outcomes we have had on the thousands of lives the MPV team has strived to impact over the past year.

On that note, MPV's management team is designed to operate as effectively and efficiently as possible, for both our donors and the communities that we serve. We are a very small team made up of one full time and one part time staff, supported by many brilliant volunteers across our communities, and with allies and partners spanning the world. Rather than establish a costly upper management structure based in the United States, we prefer to put our resources into partnerships, most importantly into building up the capacity of our local partners in the field who operate across the world, bringing visibility to their grassroots works at global for a such as the United Nations to ensure they too benefit from MPV's ECOSOC status.

In the U.S. we have worked tirelessly to cultivate a form of advocacy specific to progressive religious movement, which takes the form of public education and partnerships with broad national coalitions addressing issues of reproductive justice, LGBTQIA rights, interfaith marriage, the separation of religion and state and against FGM and child/forced marriages.

Weaving in and out of all these issues is a common thread of our conviction for universal human rights values, which we have found is impossible to address without drawing a throughline between each of these pressing issues.

I thank you for cultivating your connection with MPV and in reading about one of our most successful years to date.

Sincerely,

Ani Zonneveld, Founder & President of Muslims for Progressive Values

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#### The year in review

Muslims for Progressive Values saw one of its most successful years to date, an apt accolade considering that this year we celebrated our 15th birthday in August.

From the launch of Muslims for Progressive Values–Urdu to 130 (a record number!) of interfaith marriages conducted through our Marriage Services, the impact of MPV was felt both within and outside the Muslim community.









#### Launch of MPV Urdu

In February 2022, MPV-Urdu, the Urdu language arm of MPV was launched to disseminate educational resources and advocacy tools across the Urdu speaking world, which includes 230 million total speakers.

#### **Expansion of #ImamsForShe**

Thanks to generous funding from the Royal Embassy of The Netherlands Dutch Embassy in Burkina Faso, MPV expanded the #ImamsForShe program to Burkina Faso, now the 4th country in our successful program.

#### **FoRB Forum**

The Addressing Apostasy and Blasphemy Laws in Muslim Societies forum on Capitol Hill brought together policymakers and activists to discuss the lack of religious freedom in Malaysia, Uganda, and Pakistan and strategic ways to advance the issue.

#### **Education Resources**

MPV's education resources help individuals to learn about the true inclusive nature of Islam and provide the public with tools needed to inculcate a culture of human rights, contributing to the growth of the movement nationally and globally.

#### **Domestic Programs**



"Thank you for making our wedding unforgettable. Our friends and family enjoyed it very much. The speech was beautiful and relatable to everyone in the audience regardless of their faith."

- AN MPV INTERFAITH COUPLE



#### Program

#### **Details**

148
Couples Married

Interfaith
Marriage Services

Nikah services for interfaith couples, which honors Islamic traditions without the conversion of the non-Muslim spouse.

120K People Reached Progressive Islam in Practice Series

Accessible information about progressive interpretations of Islam to help individuals learn about the inclusive nature of Islam.

**7**Partnerships

Advocacy Efforts National Coalition to End Child Marriage, US End FGM, Justice Revival, PARD, UN MFAC, Equality in Law for Women & Girls, Global Campaign for Equality in Family Law

#### **International Programs**



#### "We the participants of #ClubsForShe commitment to:

- To be pioneers in the promotion of human rights and freedoms
- To be actors in raising the status of women
- To be champions in the fight against women's rights violations in Goma and wherever they are
- Working for female solidarity and selfdevelopment."

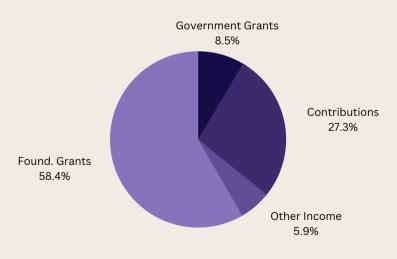
| $\infty$                   | Program                 | Details   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1,382<br>Champion Imams    | #ImamsForShe<br>Program | Addresses misogynist interpretations of Islamic scripture and traditions by training Imams and empowering Muslim girls. |
| 15,084<br>People Reached   | MPV Urdu                | Disseminates MPV's educational resources & advocacy tools across the Urdu speaking world.                               |
| <b>2,770</b> Women & Girls | #ClubsForShe<br>Program | Overnight camps that aim to raise awareness among Muslim girls in Rwanda and the DRC about their rights in Islam.       |

#### **Finances**



| REVENUE & SUPPORT                                      | REVENUE IN %               | REVENUE IN USD                             |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| Foundation Grants                                      | 58.40%                     | \$290,031.00                               |
| Government Grants                                      | 8.5%                       | 42,139.00                                  |
| Contributions  | 27.25%                     | \$135,332.00                               |
| Other Income   | 5.85%                      | \$29,136.00                                |
| Total Revenue  | 100%                       | \$496,638.00                               |
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| OPERATING EXPENSES                                     | REVENUE IN %               | EXPENSES IN USD                            |
| OPERATING EXPENSES  Advocacy & Programs                | <b>REVENUE IN %</b> 90.30% | <b>EXPENSES IN USD</b><br>\$553,439.00     |
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| Advocacy & Programs                                    | 90.30%                     | \$553,439.00                               |
| Advocacy & Programs  Management & General              | 90.30%<br>4.22%            | \$553,439.00<br>\$25,950.00                |
| Advocacy & Programs  Management & General  Fundraising | 90.30%<br>4.22%<br>5.48%   | \$553,439.00<br>\$25,950.00<br>\$33,581.00 |

#### **REVENUE & SUPPORT**



#### **OPERATING EXPENSES**



# We'd like to thank all our donors for their generous support.

"I follow the Way of Love, and where Love's caravan takes its path, there is my religion, my faith."

**IBN ARABIA** 



#### **Acknowledgements**

We could not have accomplished all that was included in this report without the generous and steadfast support of those who contributed to fulfilling MPV's mission within their communities and across the globe.

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