

# IANGEL 2025

## *Action and Impact*



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INTERNATIONAL ACTION NETWORK  
FOR GENDER EQUITY & LAW

# IANGEL'S MISSION AND VISION

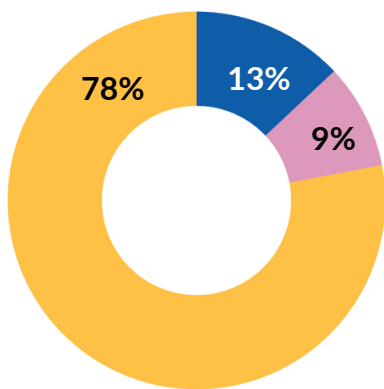
IANGEL was founded in 2013 with a clear mission: to harness the power of pro bono legal services and connect it to projects to advance gender justice locally, nationally, and globally. IANGEL is a force multiplier, led by women lawyers and activists determined to use their skills, networks, creativity and resources to strengthen and support the global movement for women's human rights.

Focused on reproductive justice, empowerment, and peace and security issues, we provide a unique platform for pro bono engagement, advocacy, and education. The international solidarity our work fosters creates a sustainable force for change, with an unflinching commitment to building a world of equality, justice, and peace.

Value of pro bono hours invested  
in gender justice projects in 2024

**\$1,639,800**

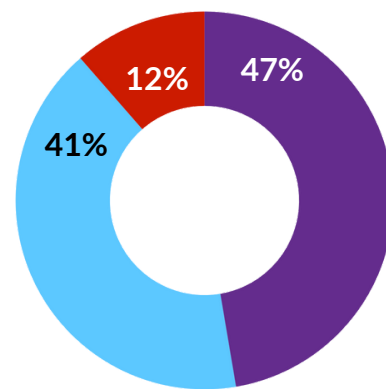
## 2024 EXPENDITURES



Programs	\$ 138,267.02
Fundraising	\$ 23,044.50
Administrative	\$ 15,953.89

**Total Expenditures \$ 177,265.41**

## 2024 REVENUE



Foundations & Businesses	\$ 111,556.89
Individuals & Families	\$ 97,227.60
In Kind	\$ 26,926.04

**Total Revenue \$ 234,710.53**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year! We knew 2025 would be a year of profound change, but the scope and pace of new challenges has exceeded our direst predictions. And yet, on the cusp of 2026, I am hopeful. After all, hope is an orientation of the heart, and a resolute commitment to the future.



In the face of an unprecedented pull-back on international human rights, IANGEL stood strong in 2025. Marshalling the power of over \$1.6 million in volunteer legal resources, we built bridges of understanding across borders. With international legal research and advocacy, we powered the fight for gender justice, and forged new bonds with lawyers and law students, to advocate for girls' rights and to protect reproductive freedom.

In 2025, we expanded our innovative projects to fight gender apartheid in Afghanistan. We provided vital education, pro bono legal assistance, trauma counseling, and unique support to Afghan women and girls now enduring their fifth year of suffocating oppression by the Taliban. This year, a case from our BRIDGE project saved a woman's life. And to save a life is to save the world.

Our work reminds me that the human spirit is kind, resilient, and powerful. And we are powerful together. Here's to 2026! We are deeply grateful to have you with us.

Nancy J. Newman  
Founder and President

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## Reproductive Justice

Since the United States Supreme Court effectively eliminated federal constitutional protection for abortion rights in 2022, reproductive rights in the U.S. have been under siege. In response, IANGEL developed its **Teen Information Project for Reproductive Justice (TIP)** to educate young adults about the evolving landscape of reproductive rights in the United States and mobilize the next generation of gender justice advocates. Working with the **Stanford Law School Pro Bono Reproductive Justice Project**, the TIP is currently assessing gaps in available information and working to develop clear and readily available reproductive rights guidance and resources.

## IANGEL at the UN

On March 13, 2025, IANGEL presented **Beijing Backlash: Using Global Networks for Empowerment, Resilience, and Hope**, a parallel event in connection with the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 69), drawing an audience from across the globe. Moderated by **Natalia Urzola Gutierrez**, and featuring **Beth Parker, Nancy Newman**, and **Andrea Mariana Dominguez** (who joined from Peru), our discussion provided unique insights and reinforced the importance of working across borders to address the gender justice challenges of our times.

## Protecting Girls' Rights

In 2019, IANGEL developed the **Girls Rights Project (GRP)** to provide an intersectional framework for advocacy to protect girls' rights to self-determination and bodily integrity. The dedicated lawyers and LLM students on this project have analyzed the laws concerning reproductive rights, female genital mutilation, and child marriage across three continents and 15 countries. In 2025, IANGEL welcomed **Shreya Mazumdar** to this project, and looks forward to presenting GRP's findings to the global community of equality advocates.

## Anjuman Festival of Resistance

In 2025, IANGEL produced a video tribute to the late acclaimed Afghan woman poet, **Nadia Anjuman**. The video illustrates Anjuman's powerful poetry with artworks created by Afghan women and girls in IANGEL's projects, providing a compelling portrait of resilience and resistance the face of oppression. IANGEL proudly debuted this video at our 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, **Seeing the Stars**, in September 2025.



**Watch the video here:**

Trigger Warning for Gender Based Violence



## Action and Accountability in Afghanistan

Since 2023, IANGEL has collaborated closely with project partner **Femena** on comprehensive legal research and analysis of the Taliban’s repressive edicts as violations of international law. Supported by an outstanding team of pro bono lawyers from the global law firm of **Wilmer Hale**, IANGEL and Femena completed their paper titled **Bread, Work, Freedom! The Urgent Call for Action and Accountability in Afghanistan**, and it was accepted by *UC Law SF International Law Review* for publication in early 2026.

## Supporting Underground Education



Since 2022, IANGEL has provided direct emotional and financial support to Afghan women educators inside the country, who are determined to educate girls and women despite the Taliban’s bans. The project now supports six underground schools, keeping dreams alive for over 2000 girls and women, employing dozens of teachers, and teaching literacy and handicrafts to help women sustain themselves and their families. These teachers are also active in the resistance, and we proudly display their artworks and amplify their protests against Taliban oppression.

*“I want to sincerely thank you. If the Taliban took our books, you returned them to us through your kindness and generosity. I am deeply happy and proud to be part of your project; each day I grow, and alongside me, 40 Afghan girls grow too.”*

*–Athena (pseudonym)*

**Our support for underground education includes:**

**6**

Schools

**36**

Teachers

**200+**

Women learning to read

**2,000+**

Girls receiving an education

## A **BRIDGE** of Support for Afghan Women Lawyers

Since 2023, IANGEL has developed and grown its innovative **BRIDGE** project (*Building Real Interactions to Drive Gender Equality*) to provide a bridge of economic, professional, and emotional support to Afghan women lawyers, who are banned from practicing law by the Taliban. We host monthly meetings with these remarkable women and provide stipends to allow them to support themselves and their families. BRIDGE members then pay it forward, providing their knowledge and skills to assist women and families in their communities. In 2025, we expanded our BRIDGE project to include mental health professionals and more women lawyers as well, providing a powerful circle of support for women in crisis in Afghanistan.

To date, BRIDGE participants have aided almost 200 women in crisis in Afghanistan.

### Big Impact, Low Cost



**Just \$320 per month**

Supports each woman lawyer in our BRIDGE project, and each supports an average of 6 family members.

### Force Multiplier



Our program has **doubled in size** since 2024, adding new lawyers and psychologists, each handling 5-10 cases per year.

## BRIDGE Case Report - A Life Saved

In May of 2024, one of our BRIDGE lawyers, Bahara\* was contacted by Zoya\* from prison. Zoya had needed funds to pay for her son's surgery, and one of her co-workers agreed to lend it to her. But when he gave her the funds, the Taliban arrested and accused her of adultery. They interrogated Zoya for many hours; she got her period, and the Taliban asserted that the blood was proof of adultery. Zoya was convicted and sentenced to death by stoning. Bahara agreed to help, marshalling the facts and legal arguments to prepare the appeal. In October of 2024, the appellate court agreed with her arguments, and sent the case back for review. But the lower court ignored the decision and reinstated the death sentence. Bahara then prepared a second appeal, noting the lawlessness of the trial court. Again, the higher court agreed with Bahara's skilled legal arguments, and this time it exonerated Zoya and ordered her release.

**Zoya walked free on April 13, 2025.**

\* a pseudonym

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*“Together, we can create positive change, support one another, and stand strong in the face of challenges. Thank you all so much.” –Bahara (psuedonym)*

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