

## **GLOBAL REPORT 2018 National SDG Scorecard May, 2018**

The National SDG Scorecard is a data collection tool designed to support grassroots-led research on national-level implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The National SDG Scorecard gathers data on: Grassroots advocates' knowledge of and access to information about the SDGs broadly and Goal 5 on gender equality (SDG5) specifically; Grassroots participation in national-level SDG-related decision-making; National-level, grassroots-led advocacy on SDGs and SDG5 from 2017; and Grassroots organizations' safety when promoting gender equality. This report presents the perceptions of 114 grassroots groups in 19 countries across five regions of the world. They advocate for gender equality primarily at the local and national levels.

Donors and the private sector should invest resources and time in grassroots gender equality advocacy to hold governments accountable to their SDG agreements. In doing so, advocates will gain credibility and be treated as equal partners in SDG implementation.

Grassroots women's rights organizations are not being included in SDG-related decision-making, nor are the perspectives of grassroots women and girls. As a result, the needs of women and girls are not being reflected in SDG processes and implementation. Grassroots groups are knowledgeable about the SDGs and are already advocating for their national-level implementation, both individually and in civil society coalitions, and feel safe doing so. In order to leave no one behind, governments must actively seek to include grassroots women's rights organizations in SDG-related decision-making processes. This will ensure that the needs and priorities of women and girls are included in SDG implementation processes. Grassroots groups are lacking funding for their advocacy activities related to the SDGs and SDG5 specifically.

Participatory Human Rights Advancement society has joined & participated in this score-card organized by Women Thrive International, USA on May 2018.