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The main goal of Women's University in Africa (WUA) Capacity Building Project is to improve the performance of WUA so that it can become a centre of world-class University with academic programs enabling women of all ages in general and adult women in particular to exploit their potential in Africa's development process.

WUA received a USD2,5 million grant over a period of four years from the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF). The project, which became effective in July 2007 is now in its 4th and final year of operation. In preparation for the second phase of this project a joint Mid Term Review (MTR) by the University and ACBF was completed in December 2010. Through the implementation of this project the overall teaching, learning and research environment has been enhanced thus making WUA a university of choice.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)



Over the past decade, there has been an increasing discussion of 'vulnerable children' in the international development literature as the objective of development intervention parallel to the traditional concept of child agency. This is coupled with changing political-economic processes at global and local levels. In order to respond to these changes, and to address the effects of poverty, inequity and inequality on children's and women's rights, UNICEF Zimbabwe is increasingly working in public policy analysis and advocacy with governments, learning institutions and development partners to build support and political capital in favour of effective policies, laws and budgets that promote the rights and wellbeing of children and women. One of the challenges is the lack of national expertise that can be a valuable asset at this critical period of transition to promote UNICEF's vision. In order to address this challenge, UNICEF entered into a partnership with the Women's University in Africa whereby the two jointly

developed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Child Sensitive Social Policies with WUA offering the course as part of its programmes, with initial funding from UNICEF. The Diploma which was launched in January 2013 will indeed provide a practical long term solution to lack of expertise in children's issues by training participants in researching, analysing, monitoring and evaluating public policy in order to strengthen democratic governance and solve today's challenges, and more importantly, shape the future of the children of Zimbabwe.