



WomanACT  
WOMAN ABUSE COUNCIL OF TORONTO

# IMPACT REPORT 2019-2020

## **OUR VISION**

WomanACT envisions a world where all women are safe and have access to equal opportunities.

## **OUR MISSION**

WomanACT works collaboratively to eradicate violence against women through community mobilization, coordination, research, policy and education.

# OUR PROJECTS



## **1** FEATURE PROJECT | Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

MARAC is a multi-agency meeting that brings together community agencies to share information on cases of high-risk domestic violence and develop a safety plan. Developed in Wales in 2003, MARAC is now in place in over 250 communities across the United Kingdom and is recognized as an effective multi-agency approach to reducing high-risk domestic violence. We are working closely with three communities across Ontario to adapt, pilot and evaluate the MARAC model in Canada.



## **2** FEATURE PROJECT | Financial Abuse as a form of Intimate Partner Violence

We conduct research to better understand the experiences and impacts of financial abuse as well the opportunities to prevent and address it. We conducted research into women's experiences of financial abuse across the Toronto area. Our research found that financial abuse can be considered normal because of the gendered roles and norms related to money, can continue after the relationship has ended, and often results in long term economic consequences for women, mainly in the form of debt and damaged credit. Our research also makes recommendations about how community agencies and financial institutions can better prevent, identify and respond to financial abuse.



## **3** FEATURE PROJECT | Tech for Women's Justice

Tech for Women's Justice is a community-based research project exploring the intersections between violence against women, technology and access to justice. The project is conducting primary research with survivors to better understand women's experience of using technology, including, internet, social media or apps, to find legal information and help. The project is also bringing together survivors and key stakeholders from the violence against women, justice, legal and technology fields to develop solutions.

# AREAS OF WORK & OUR IMPACT

## COORDINATION

We convene cross sectoral groups to identify systemic issues, promote knowledge sharing and improve collaboration. We believe that preventing and responding to violence against women requires an approach in which different sectors are informed and working well together.



**86** | Agencies engaged

**63** | Cross sectoral meetings

## EDUCATION

We provide education and training to help improve the overall prevention and response to violence against women across all sectors. We value continuous learning and believe that organizations require information and support to build capacity, develop policy and shift practice.



**9** | Survivors trained as peer researchers

**1** | Organizational development training

## RESEARCH & POLICY

We conduct research and generate data to spark dialogue, shift practice and shape policies that advance women's safety and gender equity. We believe that public policy development must adopt an intersectional gender analysis and engage women's and feminist organizations.



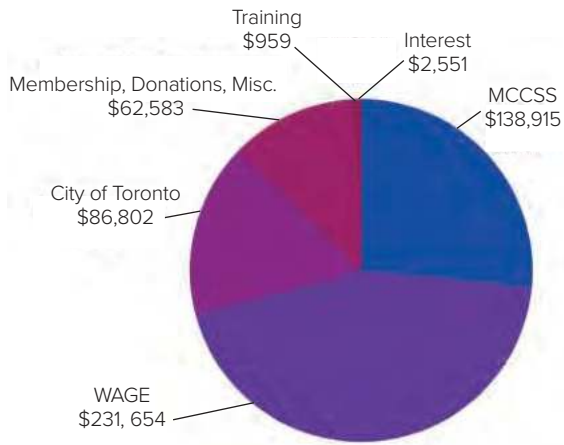
**47** | Survivors engaged in research and policy development

**81** | Community agencies consulted on public policy

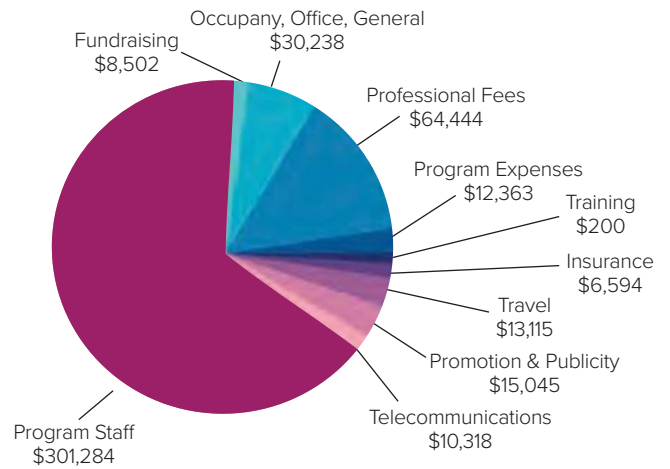
**3** | Policy briefs developed

**3** | Research projects

# FINANCIALS



**REVENUE**  
**\$523,464**



**EXPENSES**  
**\$462,103**

# HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS



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