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It is our pleasure to announce that GRRIPP Africa grantee partner, FIDA Uganda, will present at the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum 2022 in Cancun, Mexico. The global conference takes place between 19th and 23rd September 2022. It is the largest global gathering of practitioners, researchers, academics, scholars, and thought leaders specialising on research and advocacy on violence against women and children.

FIDA Uganda will present on Thursday, 22nd September 2022, under the theme "Promoting Resilience and Mental Wellbeing". The topic for the research presentation is "Resilience in the face of gender-based violence against women in the informal work sector: a study of Kampala markets, Uganda".

The study emphasises the lived experiences of working class women in the informal sector, particularly in terms of the normalization of GBV in their working environments and recognises the vectors that perpetuate gender disparities in urban African localities.

The news is a positive development for producing new knowledge, interventions, praxis, and possibly policy pertaining intersectional approaches on gender in African contexts. GRRIPP Africa Project Lead and DUT Gender Justice, Health, and Human Development Head of Department,

Professor Cheryl Potgieter, says this feat demonstrates the increased impact and opportunities emanating from GRRIPP Africa's support for grantee partners.

"I'm encouraged by this outcome as it confirms that our support of organisations involved in meaningful and transformational gender justice work is a fruitful endeavour. The sustainable impact of grassroots organisations like FIDA Uganda for the benefit of vulnerable communities means that GRRIPP Africa's objectives are realised in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 5 (achieve gender equality and empower women and girls," she added.

Esther Mercy Atim, FIDA Uganda's Programme Lead on Ending Violence Against Women, explains that the organisation wished to participate in the SVRI Forum 2022 because it will enable the organisation to gather a first-hand understanding of the current key areas of research on violence against women at a global level.

She expressed her hopes for the conference as follows: "I am excited to engage with practitioners and researchers working in the field of violence against women on both an informal and formal basis in order to share ideas, experience, and practice-based methods. I believe that the learning from this conference will enable FIDA Uganda to better contribute to the growing body of knowledge in the field of prevention of violence against women. This will also refine our current practice."

Prof Cheryl Potgieter and the GRRIPP Africa team extend their well wishes to FIDA Uganda's participation at SVRI Forum 2022, and look forward to sustainable and meaningful outcomes. We continue to explore engagements which strengthen this partnership for the benefit of marginalised communities on the African continent.