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## **MacKenzie Scott's Giving Is Transforming Philanthropy – and us!**

**(12/13/2020)**- It is with gratitude and irrepressible smiles that the sisterhood of Urgent Action Funds announces our collective receipt of MacKenzie Scott's generous, transformative, and indeed ["human and soft" gift](#) of \$20 million.

All the words we could possibly use would be an understatement of the impact that this gift will have on the Urgent Action Funds. Wholly unrestricted, it aligns with our own Sister Fund principles of philanthropy, which center and build upon trust and care.

We trust and fund women and LBTQI+ human rights defenders. We listen to, and act with, grantees, advisers, staff, boards and other feminist funds and imagine a new reality for our communities and our movements. We trust that our model of independent but interdependent Sister Funds, supports us to better meet the needs of the women and LBTQI+ defenders in our own communities.

We are immensely grateful that MacKenzie Scott models this transformative power of philanthropy and has found trust in us. Now it is our moment, to meet the urgent and critical needs of our movements with care and to remake and recast a future that is for all of us – a more equitable and just, feminist future, where people and planet flourish.

### **About Urgent Action Funds**

The Urgent Action Funds is a consortium of global Sister Funds. Together with Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights, UAF Africa, UAF Latin America & the Caribbean, and UAF Asia & Pacific, we are collectively known as the Urgent Action Funds. Our Sister Fund model relies on a constructive balance of autonomy and collaboration – while each fund exists independently with its own registration, board, staff, and budget, we share a history and set of values, as well as a commitment to sustaining activism and rapid response grantmaking. We continue to globally sustain movements and feminist resistances to re-imagine new systems and collective and communal practices that come from women, feminist, anti-colonial, anti-racist and trans-feminist initiatives that have sustained life worldwide.

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