



Sida forces Kvinnoforum to bankruptcy

Kvinnoforum has had a long lasting period of financial difficulties. The origin is an unpaid invoice that the government did not pay years ago for an assignment we did. The demand has implied difficulties for Kvinnoforum's liquidity. Despite this our work has developed and together with partners worldwide we have achieved many important changes for women and girls in more than 150 countries . However, Kvinnoforum's accountant no longer accepts the demand in the annual accounts for 2007 and our situation has become critical to the point that Kvinnoforum's board a few weeks ago decided to ask for economic reconstruction. The reconstruction process commenced, but was of course dependant on that among others Sida should pay the invoices for activities performed.

On September 25th Kvinnoforum received a letter from Sida, a key donor , where they inform that due to our economic situation they immediately withdraw the agreements with Kvinnoforum. They write in their press release (available in Swedish on their web-site) that the decision has nothing to do with the quality of our work, rather with our economic situation. They state that we are an important organisation and that we have done important contributions in the field of gender and human rights.

Kvinnoforum wishes to thank all its partners through the years for a fruitful and important collaboration. We sincerely hope to keep in touch and hope to find new means of cooperation in the future.

Former Kvinnoforum
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