The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) is a U.S.—based nongovernmental organization with the mission to ensure that U.S. foreign policies and programs promote the sexual and reproductive health of women and girls within a human rights framework.
CHANGE believes that respect for a woman’s agency and human rights should be the most critical element in global sexual and reproductive health policy.

It is the first step to ensuring that health interventions are based on the experiences and needs of women and girls, and starts with creating opportunities for women to speak directly to decision makers.

Over CHANGE’s past fiscal year, July 2010 to June 2011, I have seen countless examples of the fundamental importance of bringing women’s voices to U.S. policy makers. This year, CHANGE created spaces for women to speak and be heard in ways that moved officials in the highest branches of government and inspired action among grassroots advocates. In each case, we saw advances toward change which will, we hope, grow into something much larger.

CHANGE envisions a world where sexual and reproductive health and rights are universally recognized and sexual and reproductive health care is accessible and available to all—we believe that sincerely listening to women is a crucial first step. We are grateful to our funders and supporters who make this work possible.

Serra Sippel
President, Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)
Fiscal Year 2011 Highlights

The U.S. government’s ability to stem global health epidemics hinges on confronting the gender inequalities that threaten the health and rights of women and girls. CHANGE advocates for a foreign policy that is woman-centered, human-rights-based, integrated, and above all, proven to positively impact the wellbeing of women and girls worldwide.

Photo: Barb Cardell, U.S. Positive Women’s Network, addressing the Pan American Health Organization during CHANGE’s advocacy training for women living with HIV.
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“I appreciated hearing about the needs of someone living with HIV. Rest assured, I will continue to work with my colleagues to provide comprehensive and affordable reproductive health care!”
—Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA), after meeting with CHANGE advocates

**Highlights: Public Policy**

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*Photo: From left to right: Deepika Allana, CHANGE; Jay Connor, San Diego; Annah Sango, Zimbabwe; Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA); Ellen Scout, Lesotho; Martha Zarate, San Diego; and Kimberly Whipkey, CHANGE*
CHANGE monitors policy development, funding streams, program implementation and impact, and emerging field research to inform and hold the U.S. government accountable for its policy and funding decisions.

CHANGE assessed the impact of U.S. foreign policy and funding in Ethiopia during a week-long study tour through the country. The tour engaged three state legislators and included stops at maternal health and obstetric fistula clinics, and meetings with government, church and NGO officials. Among other outcomes, the study tour yielded a 20-page report capturing the tour’s findings and recommendations, an op/ed authored by State Rep. Sandy Pappas (D-MN) in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, a public forum at the Massachusetts State House with Senate Pres. Therese Murray, and a nine-minute film documenting the study tour.

“While traveling in Ethiopia, I saw women in need of basic maternal and child health and family planning services. But I also saw opportunity. With sufficient funding and planning, the United States can help prevent the transmission of HIV and maternal death.”
—State Rep. Kay Khan (D-MA)
CHANGE conducts U.S. foreign policy education and advocacy trainings, and mobilizes its grassroots network of women’s and student groups, HIV/AIDS activists, faith-based organizations, and reproductive justice advocates at key moments to influence policy decisions.

- **Advocate and lead:** Grassroots leaders advocated for robust U.S. support for international sexual and reproductive health on Capitol Hill during CHANGE’s third annual Healthy Future Action Summit. They also crafted ready-to-implement advocacy plans to launch in their states upon their return home.

- **Evidence-based action:** To expose the harmful effects of abstinence- and faithfulness-only programming, CHANGE facilitated meetings between Congress, the administration, advocates, and the authors of *The Secret: Love, Marriage, and HIV*; a book that documents the reality of U.S. sexual and reproductive health policy.

- **Policy success!** Participants in CHANGE’s Latin American and Caribbean Female Condom Advocacy Workshop catalyzed a major policy victory in Mexico when, after implementing their post-workshop advocacy plans, the Mexican government announced that it would begin distributing the Female Health Company’s second generation female condom, the FC2, as an HIV prevention and family planning method for women.

*Photo: Healthy Future Action Summit participants Donté Smith and Kelly Rose of Illinois.*
The fight for increased access to female condom isn’t just a fight for access to an HIV and pregnancy-prevention method. Female condoms are also a symbol – an indication that women’s needs are central to sexual and reproductive health programs, an opportunity to give women more power in negotiating safe sex, and a movement to save lives by integrating attention to HIV prevention and family planning.

In March, CHANGE released *Female Condoms and U.S. Foreign Assistance: An Unfinished Imperative for Women’s Health*, a full-length, comprehensive analysis of U.S. support for female condom procurement, distribution, and programming. The report examines the barriers to sufficient funding and offers policy and program recommendations for improving U.S. female condom efforts. For example, finding that U.S. policies have often undermined comprehensive prevention by prioritizing abstinence-only efforts, the report recommends that the U.S. government only fund evidence-based HIV prevention programming that explicitly refers to female and male condom programming.

After receiving the report, the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator called for and convened a rare interagency meeting to hear from CHANGE and advocates from Zimbabwe and Zambia to discuss the future of female condoms in U.S. global health programming.
## Activities Statement

**Year ending June 30, 2011**

### Revenue

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Net assets released from:

- Satisfaction of program restrictions:
  - 773,645
  - (773,645)
  - 0

**Total Revenue**

- 964,989
- 240,843
- 1,205,832

### Expenses

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Change in Net Assets

- (116,688)
- 240,843
- 124,155

Beginning Net Assets

- 891,670
- 399,429
- 1,291,099

Ending Net Assets

- 774,982
- 640,272
- 1,415,254

*Audited financial statement from Krozek, Fisher & Lopez, PLLC.*
**Financial Position** June 30, 2011

**ASSETS**

Current Assets
- Cash and cash equivalents: 1,069,624
- Receivables: 358,643
- Prepaid expenses: 13,935
  **Total Current Assets:** 1,442,202

Fixed Assets
- Furniture and Equipment: 60,304
- Accumulated Depreciation: 48,579
  **Total Fixed Assets:** 11,725

Other Assets
- Deposit: 6,942

**Total Assets:** 1,460,869

**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: 45,615

**Total Liabilities:** 45,615

Net Assets
- Unrestricted: 774,982
- Temporarily Restricted: 640,272
  **Total Net Assets:** 1,415,254

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets:** 1,460,869

Audited financial statement from Krozek, Fisher & Lopez, PLLC.

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