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Q1 Name of the organization:

Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN)

Q2 The purpose of the organization:

To influence policy change and stimulate effective action in Canada and internationally to promote and protect the human rights of older women/grandmothers, children and youth of sub-Saharan Africa.

We advocate at the local, national and international level for policies and programs that will address the needs of African grandmothers as they strive to sustain their families and communities in the wake of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

GRAN's work is grounded on a firm commitment to social justice, equality and human rights. Older women and the children they support are at the centre of our advocacy.

We take action in four key areas:

The Right to Health
The Right to Education and Life-long Learning
The Right to Freedom from Violence
The Right to Economic Security and Social Protection

We educate to raise public awareness and invite engagement and mobilization. This is done through direct messaging to our members, media, social media, campaigns, petitions, events, presentations and more.

We partner with like-minded organizations to amplify our voices and increase our impact such as Help Age Canada, the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation to name a few.

Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

We take every opportunity to participate when, where and however we can to influence Canadian and international decision-makers as they make choices, allocate resources and develop policies and programs that impact the world's most vulnerable i.e. we campaign for Canada's fair contribution to International Development, to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, to the Global Partnership for Education; we join campaigns to end violence against women and girls such as the UN Orange Campaign, to promote access to affordable medicines;

A group of GRAN members traveled to Uganda in 2018 and 2019 to get a first hand experience of the challenges experienced by older women/grandmothers in Uganda and meet with a number of like minded organizations in Kampala.

We engage with Canadian law makers, as well as with organizations that play a role in international development We speak up in our communities by submitting Letters to the Editor, circulating petitions and holding public events to draw attention to the human rights of older women that are being violated or ignored.

Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

Janet Siddall, Canada

Pat Dolan, Canada

Ruth Buckinger, Canada

Myrtle Blinn, Canada

Pauline Barrett, Canada

Linda Kulkarni, Canada

Sharon Graham, Canada

Irene Clarke, Canada

Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

We are funded exclusively through donations from members and friends generated through an annual February donation campaign and donations as gifts in memory or in honour of someone.

Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

Annual Report 2019 [1].pdf (839.2KB)

Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

GRAN Financial Statement 2018 2019_[1].pdf (454.9KB)

Q9 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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Q10 A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

Our membership is composed of mostly older retired women and their supporters. We circulate a monthly e-newsletter and send direct messages for news/action 3-4 times per month to nearly 700 people who have contacted us to subscribe to our list.

Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

GRAN By-laws.docx (2.7MB)

Q12 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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Q13 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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Q15 Website

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