

# FEMINIST DEVELOPMENT POLICY

## A NEW BUZZ WORD OR REALLY HELPING WOMEN ON THE GROUND?

Online Workshop, Wednesday 7th of June 2023

4-6pm CEST



The disregard for the **rights of women and girls** has come into sharp focus in the past year due to developments in Afghanistan and other countries. **Populist movements** around the world are questioning women's rights that had been given. The consequences of multiple **global crises** (climate change, Covid-19 pandemic, the war against Ukraine and its disastrous effects on food security, etc.) illustrate the particular **vulnerability of women, girls and LGBTIQ**.

**Feminist development policy**, on the other hand, focuses on the equal participation of women, girls and people of diverse gender identities and sexual orientations in their societies and sees them as key actors for **transformative change processes**. It is about the well-known four "R" - to strengthen the rights, representation and resources of women and to build on their respective realities of life. It is about a **cooperative approach** in the international community and about putting the prevention of violence in the foreground. But it is not a completely new idea. Gender sensitivity and the fight for the rights of women and girls have been approaches in development policy for quite a long time and are also reflected by the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). Furthermore Feminist development policy is an approach of the Global North, the **perspective of the Global South** has been missing to date.

Against this background, we want to raise questions such as the following:

- Is the new feminist development policy really new and has the potential to change things on the ground? Or is it just another buzzword?
- How do the southern partners see the approach and the possibilities of practical implementation? What do they need to strengthen women's rights in their respective context?
- Feminist development policy and feminist foreign policy - are they aligned? Can they reconcile conflict of interests between traditional development and foreign policy?
- What is the significance of the narrative of feminist development policy in current crises, what are its limits, what are the obstacles to its reception and implementation?



### Speakers:

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- **Neliswa Nabani**, Rise & Shine Foundation Parys, South Africa
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