



Zonta International Foundation News



"Zonta provides a great opportunity for a few of us in our communities to join with others to make an impact across the world."

District 11 Zontians,

Governor Ina asked that I provide you the enclosed information about our current ZISVAW Projects. All of it came from our International Website at <http://zonta.org> . Please visit the site often to enjoy updates and additional news!

Sarah Lee, Foundation Ambassador

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ZISVAW Grants initiated in 1999. Through 2004, the Zonta International Foundation provided more than US\$540,000 in financial support to 24 collaborative projects submitted by Zonta Clubs and their partnering community-based, non-profit organizations in seven countries.



Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women

In 2005, grants to United Nations agencies or recognized NGOs began. They are geographically diversified and based on relevance to current Zonta International position statements.

Projects selected for funding will take an innovative approach to preventing violence against women and may include public education, advocacy, awareness raising and the involvement of men or men's organizations. Grants will be made around the world over time.

2004-2006 ZISVAW Grants

To: UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women
For: Creation of women friendly police and judicial procedures in Bhutan
Amount: \$75,000

THE NEED -- Bhutan is an isolated country in the Himalayas. It is a monarchy with a population of 1 to 2 million. It has a traditional culture and Buddhism is the dominant religion. The level of literacy is low. Most people make a living from small-scale farming and the country has limited trade, most of it with India. Bhutan has ratified CEDAW and there is a newly established National Commission for Women and Children.

THE PROJECT -- Awareness raising and training of law enforcement agencies are primary components of the project. Interesting methods and research and data collection are part of the program. Films of court procedures will be part of the visual materials produced. Methods for evaluation will include workshops with key stakeholders and monitoring of new procedures. The NGO implementing the project has a special focus on eliminating violence against women, in partnership with the National Commission mentioned above.

Funding Guidelines

The Zonta International Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals or requests for funding.

Grant-making Policy

The Zonta International Foundation supports projects that address the education, economic advancement and health of women or prevent violence against women, implemented primarily by United Nations agencies or recognized international non-governmental organizations.

The UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women is the only multilateral grant-making mechanism that supports local, national and regional efforts to combat violence. Established in 1996 by the UN General Assembly and managed by UNIFEM, the Trust Fund has disbursed

more than US\$7 million to programs in more than 85 countries. Every dollar contributed to the Trust Fund goes to grassroots organizations.

To: United Nations Foundation
For: Prevention of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) among Sudanese Refugees in Chad
Amount: \$50,000

THE NEED -- Since early 2003, the people of the western border area of Darfur, Sudan have endured a vicious campaign of violence. Attacks by the Government of Sudan and the Janjaweed have forced close to 2 million people to flee from their destroyed villages in search of safety. More than 200,000 have fled across the border into eastern Chad. Most of these 200,000 refugees have been receiving protection and humanitarian assistance in 11 camps in the remote eastern part of Chad, overseen by the UNHCR and its partner agencies. Rape of women was a constant factor in the violence throughout this campaign of terror. It continues to this day, both for those displaced within their borders as well as for those who fled across the border into neighboring Chad.

THE PROJECT -- This project seeks to prevent sexual and gender-based violence in the Oure Cassoni Camp, the northernmost and second largest of the Sudanese refugee camps eastern Chad. Implementation plans include a combination of training, awareness raising and material support in Oure Cassoni Camp and in nearby communities, as well as through actions to strengthen security and reduce situations that put women at heightened risk for GBV in the camp and environs. Prevention activities include integration with services provided by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and other partners for medical treatment and psychosocial support to victims of sexual violence. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will oversee the project, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and delivery of planned outputs

UNFPA is an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programs to reduce poverty and to ensure that every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman has dignity and respect.

IRC Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee is a world leader in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression.

To: United Nations Population Fund
For: Support to Prevent and Manage the Consequences of Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka
Amount: \$50,000

THE NEED -- The tsunami that slammed into Sri Lanka in December 2004 killed 30,000 people and displaced over 800,000. The destruction of families, communities, livelihoods and infrastructure was cataclysmic. The outpouring of funding and human relief efforts immediately following the disaster was extraordinary; however, medium-term needs still exist, especially among affected women and girls. From the beginning, there were reports of rape, and other forms of gender-based violence (GBV) against women and girls, however, UNFPA responded quickly, raising awareness about prevention and addressing the reproductive health and psychological needs of survivors by providing medical supplies and counseling.

THE PROJECT -- ZISVAW granted funds to UNFPA in support of its efforts to attend to the needs of women and girls who may be victims of GBV and to prevent further acts of violence against women. Success requires a combination of assessment, training, awareness-raising and material support to local non-governmental organization partners and health facilities in or near affected communities.