

QUADRENNIAL REPORT WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE INTERNATIONAL (WFWPI)

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Part I. Introduction

The aim of WFWPI is to realize a peaceful and harmonious global family. WFWPI's four major purposes are: empowerment of women worldwide; the reinforcement of family values; a sound upbringing of children, and building partnerships for peace through the cooperation of women. There are two major areas which we work to attain these goals: 1. Poverty eradication projects through service projects including building and running schools and vocational centers; micro-credit programs; foster parents and scholarship programs; agriculture and food aid; AIDS prevention program; sanitation and nutrition guidance and medical aid and 2. The reconciliation and peace-building "Bridge of Peace" sisterhood project.

Part II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.

2005: NEW YORK: Attended 4 February - 11 March, 49th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW); 7-9 September, 58th Annual Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference and organized a workshop "Girls Education: A Key to Poverty Eradication" as NGO parallel event at the 49th CSW on 1 March. **GENEVA:** Attended 61st Commission on Human Rights (CHR) 14 March- 22 April; 57th Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Right (S-CHR) 25 July-12 August; and jointly organized two panel sessions ("Mapping Peace in Africa", "Crimes Committed in the Name of Honor") and a consultation on the draft resolution on the "Right to Development" (Item 7) 24 April at the 61st CHR. **BANGKOK:** Attended 11th Crime Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and jointly organized one NGO ancillary session. 1-5 July, **KOBE, JAPAN:** Attended 7th International Convention on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific and held an exhibition booth with a PowerPoint presentation and photo panels on AIDS prevention education. **2006: NEW YORK:** Attended the 50th CSW, 27

February-10 March and held a workshop “Creating and Enabling Environment for Women’s Participation” as an NGO Parallel Event on 27 February. Attended the 59th Annual DPI/NGO Conference 6-8 September and held a Midday Workshop “Education, A Key Element of Human Security and Sustainable Development” on 6 September and a Luncheon Meeting on 7 September, both as NGO side events. **GENEVA:** Attended 62nd CHR 13-27 March submitted written joint statement on “Specific Groups and Individuals” (Item 14); Session 1-3rd of Human Right Council (HRC) 19 June-14 December, and submitted a joint oral statement on “Mandates of Special Procedures” (Item OP6) on 3 October 2006. **2007: NEW YORK:** Attended 51st CSW 25 February-9 March and organized a workshop “Transforming Value System to Eliminate Violence and Discrimination Against and Enhance the Status of the Girl Child” as an NGO parallel event at 51st CSW on 27 February; attended the Informal Preparatory Meeting for the first Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) of ECOSOC 2 April. **GENEVA:** Attended sessions of the HRC: 4th Session (12-30 March) , joint written statement on “Human Rights Education and Learning in the Institution-building of the Human Rights Council” (Item 2); 5th Session (11-18 June); and 6th Session (10-28 September and 10-14 December) joint NGO statement on “Follow-up to and Implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action” (Item 8)and joint statement on Technical Assistance and Capacity-building (Item 10); attended the AMR of Substantive Session of ECOSOC (2-5 July) and held an exhibition booth of three Success Stories at the Innovation Fair as a parallel event. **2008: NEW YORK:** Attended 52nd CSW (25 February-7 March); and at the 52nd CSW, held a workshop “Mobilizing Grassroots Partners to Finance Empowerment and Change Lives, One Woman at a Time” as an NGO Parallel event on 5 March and submitted two joint written statements (E/CN.6/2008/NGO/9 and E/CN.6/2008/NGO/26); attended AMR of Substantive Session of ECOSOC (30 June-3 July); submitted a written statement to Substantive Session of ECOSOC (E/2008/NGO/11) on 19 May and held an exhibition booth of two Success Stories at Innovation Fair as parallel event of AMR (the success

stories are posted online at www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/irene.) **GENEVA:** Attended HRC 7th Session (25 February and 3-28 March) and submitted a joint written statement “Promotion and Protection of All Human Rights”(Item 3); Session 8 (2-13 June) for which we organized pre-meetings and drafted a joint oral statement on “Gender Equality and Economic Reform (Item 8). Submitted written joint statements to Conference on Disarmament (CD). **2006-** 8 March, NGO statement to the CD (CD/PV.1011) on “Justice, Peace and Security”. **2007-** 6 March, NGO statement to the CD (CD/PV.1056) on “Human Security”. **2008-**11 March, NGO statement to the CD (CD/PV.1099) on “Women, War, Weapons and Conflict Prevention”.

2. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at

Headquarters (HQ) **2005:** United Nations HQ, NY: 21 March, the Forum on “the Global Perspective to End Racial Discrimination” in Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with NGO Section DESA. The Director and Senior Advisor to United Nations Under-Secretary-General (USG) of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing Countries (OHRLLS) was one of the panelists; 30 November, the Forum on “Intensifying HIV Prevention, Leading up to World AIDS Day” with UNAIDS. The Director of UNAIDS in NY, the United Nations Ambassador from Malawi and the Director and Senior Adviser to USG of OHRLLS were the panelists from United Nations System. The following contributions were made by WFWPI representatives: Submission of the article, “Dignity: Cornerstone of a Culture of Peace” to UNESCO and posted in the UNESCO Encyclopedia at www.eolss.net article 3EOLSS1-39-A21 and submission of the response to the Secretary General’s report “Larger Freedom: Towards Development Security and Human Rights for All” and posted at www.un-ngls.org/sgreport-ngo-comment.html. Financial assistance presented for the victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami: 300,000 yen to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (HCR) in Japan and \$3000.00 to UNICEF through US Fund for UNICEF in NY. **2006:** 7 September—the Assistant

Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Development Policy of UNDP gave a power point presentation on “Partnering for Change; Realizing the MDGs together by 2015” at the Luncheon Meeting sponsored by WFWPI at United Nations HQ, NY. **2007:** 26 July—the Information Manager of United Nations-Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) gave a presentation at the International Forum for Women “International Humanitarian Support and Information of Humanity” sponsored by WFWPI in Kobe Japan. **2007- 2008:** Cooperation with the World Bank for the Rwanda Demobilization and Reintegration Project by accepting 160 ex-combatants as students to WFWPI operated New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda.

2008: 5 March—the Director and Senior Advisor to USG of OHRLLS gave a presentation at an NGO Parallel event of 52nd CSW sponsored by WFWPI in NY; 25 April—the Deputy Chief of NGO Section of DESA, and the Director of UNAIDS, NY gave presentations at a Luncheon Meeting, “ NGO Perspectives on MDGs: Women’s Innovation for Sustainable Development” in support of ECOSOC’s AMR, 2008 sponsored by WFWPI in UN HQ, NY; 14 June—the Special Advisor to the Director of UN-HABITAT gave a presentation at the Symposium on “Let’s Create a Happy World: International Society and the Role of NGOs” sponsored by WFWPI in Fukuoka, Japan. Financial assistance was granted to WFWPI in Jordan from UNHCR Jordan Office in the amount of 500,000 yen for the mobilization of 2,000 Iraqi refugees to the International football game sponsored by Norway Football Association and \$ 6,500 for uniforms and equipment for a football team of 100 young Iraqi refugee players supported by WFWPI Jordan. 25 November- Joint sponsorship with NGO Section DESA, at United Nations HQ, NY of WFWPI Fourth Forum on the Eradication of Poverty, “Global Public Health and the Eradication of Poverty” in support of the 2009 ECOSOC AMR Theme. The Chief of NGO Section of DESA; the Director of United Nations World Food Program in NY and the Director of UNAIDS in NY were panelists from United Nations System. The Ambassador of Equatorial Guinea to US and five other representatives from civil society were also panelists.

3. Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of internationally agreed development goals, in particular, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Activities in line with the MDGs: WFWPI contributed to MDGs in Africa, Asia, Latin

America, Caribbean Islands, CIS, Europe, and Oceania. Major actions undertaken were the following: (data reflects total numbers of people served from 2005 to 2008)

Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. *Target 1a—Reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day:* **Action:** 519 Women participated in Microcredit

projects, started small businesses and succeeded in economic independence. *Target 1b—A full and productive employment and decent work for all:* **Action:** 2,251 Women and girls graduated

from WFWPI's vocational schools and either got a job or started their own business. *Target 1c—Reduce by half the proportion of people who suffers from hunger:* **Action:** Provided school lunch

for 1678 pupils and students in WFWPI's schools. **Goal 2. Achieve universal primary**

education: *Target 2a—Ensure that all boys and girls complete a full course of primary*

schooling: **Action:** 3061 pupils received primary education and graduated from WFWPI built and managed schools. Another 1724 pupils received financial support from Foster Parents

program and scholarships to attend elementary school. **Goal 3. Promote gender equality and**

empower women: *Target 3a—Eliminate gender disparity and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015:* **Action:** 50% of students enrolled and attending WFWPI

Elementary schools and Secondary schools are girls. Nine hundred women in Europe

participated in a campaign of seminars and conferences for "Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women" organized by WFWPI. **Goal 4. Reduce child mortality:** *Target 4a—Reduce by two*

third the mortality rate among children under five: **Action:** Mothers of 13,716 malnourished children under the age of five received nutrition guidance classes and porridge with soy-bean powder for their children and 1,760 children gained weight back to their standard weight.

Goal 5. Improve Maternal Health: *Target 5a—Reduce three quarters the maternal mortality*

ratio: **Action:** 191 pregnant women received 100 tablets of anti-anemic chalybeate; anti-malarial

chloroquine and a mosquito net. **Goal 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases:**

Target 6a—Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS: Action: Developed AIDS

Prevention Education program; 40,656 people attended AIDS prevention seminars. *Target 6c—*

Halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases: Action: Provided

free medical services such as medical examinations and hygiene instructions including malaria

prevention for 4,710 people in villages without doctors and hospitals. **Goal 7. Ensure**

environmental sustainability: *Target 7c—Reduce by half the proportion of people without*

sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation: Action: Constructed wells,

sanitation such as toilets and hand- wash stations in WFWPI schools, helping 6541 students.

Two hundred fifty women attended Seminars on “Garbage: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”

organized by WFWPI. **Goal 8. Develop a global partnership for development:** *Target 8e—*

In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable essential drugs in

developing countries: Action: Installation of medical box system in villages without doctors and

hospitals providing access to low cost medicines for 8400 villagers. *Target 8f—In cooperation*

with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information

and communication: Action: Installation of an internet room in a library and a computer course

in a WFWPI training center helped 665 women learn internet technologies.