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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT HISTORY 1923-2010

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$9,800 million to projects benefiting more than 2 million women, representing 34 countries.

- 2008-2010** **Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador with UNIFEM** will increase the safety of women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador by helping local women collaborate with the local government and urban planners to create practical solutions, public policies and municipal plans that decrease the risk of violence against women in their cities. The project will build on a larger, ongoing UNIFEM regional effort in four other Latin America urban areas. (\$600,000)
- Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda with UNICEF** will provide health care, prenatal and obstetrical services, and links to reproductive health programs, nutritional support, psychosocial services and income-generating activities to HIV-positive mothers. (\$600,000)
- Reduction of Obstetric Fistula (Within the context of Maternal and Newborn Health) in Liberia with UNFPA** will contribute to the elimination of obstetric fistula and the reduction of maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in Liberia. (\$450,000)
- 2006-2008** **Support for Revival of Rural Community-based Self-Help Initiatives in Sri Lanka with UNIDO** works to improve the livelihood of communities affected by the Tsunami in the North and East regions by improving entrepreneurial and technical skills of women and women's groups engaged in agriculture-based productive activities. The project will work closely with the private sector, particularly small business enterprises, as well as various local support schemes and self-help initiatives. (\$250,030)
- Education and Leadership for Girls and Young Women in Bolivia with CARE** will provide working girls and young women (ages 13-25) an opportunity to learn at night in order to improve their status, well-being and the opportunities available to them. The project will strengthen the learning process for working girls and young women, provide them with literacy and numeracy skills and thus improve their chances of finding better jobs. The project includes a special focus on women's health education since the formal school curriculum does not adequately address this sensitive topic and vocational training to develop marketable technical skills. The project will reach 1,300 young working women and 150 teachers who teach girls in night school. (\$250,000)
- Mata Masu Dubara (Women on the Move): MicroCredit and Health Education for HIV/AIDS-Affected Women in Niger with CARE** continues to support efforts to reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS and its physical, social and economic consequences for at least 5,100 women and their dependent children in the Bouza district by 2008. The project is centered on the establishment of all-female savings and loans groups where women will receive HIV/AIDS education, self-esteem and negotiation skills training, and support networks of female peers. (\$300,000)
- Women's Learning Center and Health Clinic in Mir Bacha Kot, Afghanistan with Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL)** will provide access to quality education and vocational skills training for approximately 650 women and girls each year in rural or poor urban settings by improving programs offered by community-based educational organizations. The project will also support

basic health services and education to at least 24,000 women and children each year in clinics, community based organizations and Women's Learning Centers. (\$100,000)

2004-2006

CARE International Mata Masu Dubara (Women on the Move): MicroCredit and Health Education for HIV/AIDS-Affected Women in Niger supported efforts to reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS and its physical, social and economic consequences for at least 3,600 women and their families in the Bouza District of Niger by the year 2006. The project was centered on the establishment of all-female savings and loans groups where women received HIV/AIDS education, self-esteem and negotiation skills training, and support networks of female peers. (\$297,393)

Bosnia and Herzegovina Anti-Trafficking Community Mobilization Project with STAR Network of World Learning continued to strengthen the capacity of women to lead campaigns to prevent trafficking in women and girls for sexual exploitation and generated local involvement from health officials, police, teachers, cultural workers, religious leaders and youth groups. The project addressed both policy advocacy – for the education of public officials in designing enforceable laws and policies that stop trafficking, respond compassionately to victims and punish offenders – and local prevention through vigorous community education directed at young people, families and schools. (\$300,000)

Afghanistan: Improving Women's Lives continued support for two separate projects in Afghanistan: The Afghan Institute of Learning's (AIL) Women's Health Center and Health Clinic and UNICEF's campaign to reduce Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT). AIL's project expanded its work to improve women's health and education by providing training to traditional birth attendants, opening its newly constructed health clinic, establishing additional Women's Learning Centers, providing teacher training and offering human rights classes to women. Zonta's funding of UNICEF's MNT project is part of a larger campaign to reduce MNT rates to less than one case per 1,000 live births in the country by 2005. The Foundation's funding supported immunization efforts for more than 50,000 women, including three doses of the tetanus toxoid vaccine and vaccine delivery, as well as education on safe birthing practices, training, and national and district planning and coordination of the initiative. (\$100,160)

2002-2004

Reinventing India: Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls, Phase II with UNIFEM continued to empower women by making information on their rights and services available to them and continued to raise awareness of the potential role of men in preventing gender-based violence. (\$299,450)

Bosnia and Herzegovina Anti-Trafficking Community Mobilization Project with STAR Network of World Learning funded capacity building, technical assistance, small grants and strategic media assistance in support of the first locally led anti-trafficking project in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project was designed to help women lead local anti-trafficking campaigns and to generate a substantial amount of involvement from local leaders. (\$320,000)

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2000-2002

Prevention of Female Genital Circumcision (FGC) in Burkina Faso, Phase II with UNICEF continued Zonta International's commitment to reducing the incidence of Female Genital Circumcision by expanding its support to this UNICEF project in seven additional provinces in Burkina Faso. Building on the 1998-2000 International Service Project in Burkina Faso, the second phase expanded the extensive public education, training and awareness raising efforts necessary to reduce the incidence of FGC in targeted populations by 50% by the year 2002. (\$350,000)

Eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) in Nepal with UNICEF provided critical resources to initiate MNT elimination efforts targeting 679,541 women of childbearing age for immunization in eight Nepalese districts. Programming also focused on education to promote clean birthing practices. (\$350,000)

Reinventing India: Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls with UNIFEM instituted a multi-faceted approach to violence prevention. Three distinct project components addressed this complex issue: 1) the development, publication and dissemination of an Action Oriented Resource Directory with information on violence prevention of use to both victims and practitioners; 2) a nationwide film and television publicity campaign created positive role models for men and boys; and 3) a law enforcement officers' education project improved the enforcement of existing laws protecting women and girls. (\$395,000)

1998-2000 Prevention of Female Genital Circumcision (FGC) Project in Burkina Faso with UNICEF assisted the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and government agencies in their work to prevent the incidence of FGC. These joint efforts aimed to reduce the incidence of FGC to 30% in the year 2000 in seven targeted provinces. This project was chosen for Zonta support due to its strong linkage to one of Zonta's long-range program goals: the eradication of violence against women and children. (\$375,000)

1996-1998 Girls' Education Project in South Africa with UNICEF supported the efforts of the South African government to develop public policies to increase access to quality primary education and improve attendance and learning among primary school students with a special focus on girls in the Northern Province. (\$47,000)

1996-1998 Zonta International Strategies to Eradicate Violence Against Women and Children (ZISVAW) was the first international service project administered by Zonta International. ZISVAW was created to improve education about, and increase awareness of, violence against women and children. ZISVAW was adopted as an ongoing program of Zonta International at the Paris International Convention in 1998. (\$175,000)

1994-1996 Gender, Women, and Development, Phase IV project in cooperation with UNIFEM and UNICEF in Guatemala and Central America connected women from grassroots organizations with policy makers to reach approximately 275,000 women through training programs, manuals and brochures. Zonta supported the UNIFEM portion of the project. (\$200,000)

Technical and Technological Support to Rural Women's Groups project in cooperation with UNIFEM in Senegal worked with four rural women's groups to improve techniques used in the production, processing and marketing of fruits, vegetables and fish products. The aim of the project was to promote economic independence. (\$200,000)

1992-1994 Enhancing Opportunities for Women in Development project in cooperation with UNIFEM in Ghana improved women's productivity and their access to financial resources. This project involved 3,600 participants and set up 90 Community Credit Committees to offer revolving loans to women. (\$115,000)

Organization of Mapuche Peasant Women project in cooperation with UNIFEM in Chile improved the living conditions of Mapuche women through leadership development, and the development and expansion of markets for Mapuche products. The project worked with three women's micro-enterprises to introduce productive and commercial activities to generate higher income for women. (\$211,873)

Women and Pesticides: Training and Education project in cooperation with UNIFEM in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh reduced damage caused by pesticides by training more than 500 women in correct pesticide usage. (\$73,400)

1990-1992 Integrated Development for Women in Sericulture project in cooperation with UNIFEM in India worked with 500 women to improve crop and silk production and raise participants' awareness of related women's issues in development. The World Bank expanded this pilot project. (\$83,514)

Agricultural Training of Young Rural Women project in cooperation with UNIFEM in Togo resulted in the training of 256 women in agricultural practices and encouraged their participation in community and national development. (\$283,300)

Revolving Loan Fund for Village Women project in cooperation with UNIFEM in the Delta and Upper Egypt worked to establish a revolving loan program for women's income generating activities that initially served 300 women. (\$163,430)

1988-1990 **Production, Processing and Marketing of Rootcrops project in cooperation with UNIFEM** in the Philippines increased the income of 200 rural women and their families. (\$50,000)

Women's Agricultural Cooperative project in cooperation with UNIFEM in Brazil assisted 800 participants through the establishment of agricultural cooperatives. (\$100,000)

Assistance to the Strengthening of Women's Association for National Development (WAND) in cooperation with UNIFEM in Sierra Leone initially provided support to women's organizations and encouraged their participation in development issues. (\$50,000)

"Women, Water Supply and Sanitation" Workshop in cooperation with INSTRAW, held in Nigeria, focused on involving women more efficiently in all aspects of water supply and sanitation projects. (\$50,000)

Textile Production Project in cooperation with UNICEF in Guatemala supported the purchase of equipment and materials and the training of women to improve textile production, nutrition, gardening and food conservation. (\$50,000)

Young Mothers Hostel Project in cooperation with UNESCO in Uruguay provided equipment for a workshop that annually provided five young mothers with job skills training. (\$50,000)

1986-1990 **Technical Training and Introduction of Appropriate Agricultural Technology to Increase Women's Productivity project in cooperation with UNIFEM** in Mexico decreased women's household work load by introducing technology, such as water pumps, to provide additional time for income producing activities. (\$237,228)

1986-1988 **Training Women as Health Promoters project in cooperation with UNIFEM** in Argentina focused on training 500 women as promoters of primary health care to provide services primarily in rural areas. (\$71,050)

Training and Income Generating Project to Improve Fish Processing Methods and Organize a Marketing System in cooperation with UNIFEM in Botswana introduced improved fish smoking techniques and worked to expand markets for smoked fish. (\$40,000)

The Hirondelles Training Center for Women project in cooperation with UNIFEM in the Comoros Islands provided technical instruction to women in the areas of health, food and clothing production who then trained other women. (\$106,199)

Marketing Network for Women's Handicrafts project in cooperation with UNIFEM in Thailand expanded market outlets for handicraft products and worked to establish a network for women's handicraft products. (\$38,000)

Training and Support for Women in Food Processing Technologies project in cooperation with UNIFEM in Zimbabwe introduced low-cost, efficient food product technology and provided training to establish and sustain a revolving loan fund. (\$160,237)

1982-1986 **The Well Water project in cooperation with UNICEF** in Sri Lanka provided safe drinking water to 350,000 dry zone settlers. (\$880,000)¹

¹ The \$880,000 granted represents \$607,954.80 in the 1982-1986 bienniums and \$272,045.20 in the 1986-1988 biennium.

- 1976-1982** **The Colombian Urban Slum project in cooperation with UNICEF and the Colombian Government** resulted in the construction of and provision of equipment for health and education centers. (\$516,000)
- 1974-1976** **The Pan African Training and Research Center for Women project, in cooperation with UNICEF** focused on the recruitment and financing of the African Women's Volunteer Task Force which addressed the needs of women in rural areas. (\$100,000)
- 1972-1974** **Mobile Medical Units project in cooperation with UNICEF** served the health needs of children and mothers in rural areas of Ghana. (\$80,000)
- 1962-1974** **Zonta International** supported the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Vocational and Teacher Training Center for Women in Ramallah, Jordan. (\$309,945)²
- 1959-1961** **Zonta International, in cooperation with the United Nations World Refugee Year**, supported the Anne Frank Village to aid refugee families in the Federal Republic of Germany. (\$42,000)
- 1956** **Zonta International** provided direct aid for Hungarian refugees. (\$8,000)
- 1923** **Zonta International** supported the Near East Relief in efforts to care for 115,000 orphan children in Smyrna, Turkey and furnish means of self support for the women.

Dates indicate years funds were collected by Zonta to support the project. The information was compiled from International Service Project files, *Zonta International Service Program Highlights* and past issues of *The Zontian*.

UNIFEM (The United Nations Development Fund for Women) UNICEF (The United Nations Children's Fund) UNFPA (The United Nations Population Fund) INSTRAW (The United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women) UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

² The \$309,945 granted represents \$275,800 in the 1962-1974 bienniums and \$34,145 in the 1974-1976 biennium.