

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION 2008-2010 PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

In this biennium, Zonta International will return to its focus on the United Nations and support the UN's many projects that directly impact the lives of women around the world. We live in a global village, where we can impact women positively beyond the "cocoon" of our local Zonta clubs. As women from a wealthy western society, we have an obligation to reach out to those who need our help to achieve even the most basic requirements of a human life.

Zonta International and the United Nations

ZI has Consultative Status with the United Nations. As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women's concerns to the UN, suggests solutions and **funds** them, draws public attention to issues, and encourages its members to participate at the local level. Each Zonta club should translate the focus of these international projects into a local project, thereby serving Zonta's mission. Each Zonta club should emphasize Zonta's connection to and support for the UN's efforts to give women around the world a meaningful and safe life.

Zonta has Consultative Status with the: United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); United Nations Fund for Children (UNICEF); United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM); International Labour Organization (ILO); and Council of Europe. Zonta maintains operational relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and maintains representatives at United Nations sites in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna.

PAST ZIF/UN PROJECTS:

ZIF is the largest NGO project coordinator of UNIFEM projects. ZIF has a long history of working with the UN agencies to promote the status of women. These are a few of our past projects through the UN:

- UNIFEM projects to improve the health, educational and economic status of women in Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Central America, Chile, Comoros Islands, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Mexico, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, and Zimbabwe.
- Our support for UNICEF campaigns has helped to reduce Female Genital Mutilation in Burkina Faso and Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus in Nepal and Afghanistan.
- A UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) project, *Support for Revival of Rural Community-based Self-Help Initiatives*, in Sri Lanka was part of the 06-08 biennium.

PROPOSED 2008-2010 ZIF PROJECTS

Incoming ZI President Beryl Sten has worked with ZI UN Representative Jackie Shapiro to select projects that will successfully help women in need. Here are the agencies ZIF will work through in the coming biennium, if these projects are approved at the upcoming convention:

UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activity

1. **SAFE CITIES FOR WOMEN: GUATEMALA & EL SALVADOR (\$600,000)**

This is a project designed especially for Zonta by UNIFEM patterned after other successful Safe Cities projects that have greatly reduced violence against women within a particular city.

UNIFEM's Safe Cities Program: Violence Against Women and Public Polices in Latin America as the focus of all major fundraising efforts for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. This collaboration will enable the organization to have a national focus and the greatest impact to help UNIFEM end gender-based violence in Latin American cities.

Due to the rapid growth of many cities in Latin America, social exclusion, inequality and violence against women have significantly increased:

- According to the Pan American Health Organization, 1 out of 3 women is abused in the course of her life.
- Among women ages 15-44, gender-based violence causes more deaths and injuries than cancer, malaria, traffic accidents and war.
- In Sao Paulo, Brazil, a woman is abused every 15 seconds.
- In Chile's metropolitan region, 50.3% of women from the age of 15 to 49 have been subjected to violence by their partners.

2. **PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION IN RWANDA (\$600,000)**

This UNICEF project will save many lives, both of mothers and of children and reduce the huge population of orphans in this country by providing prenatal care and follow up to pregnant women.

3. **REDUCTION OF OBSTETRIC FISTULA IN LIBERIA (\$450,000)**

In 2003 UNFPA started the project to eliminate the existence of fistula world wide. A fistula is a tear in a woman's internal organs during prolonged unattended childbirth. This can continue for 6-7 days, with the baby dying after 2 days. The obstructed labor causes leakage from the damaged bladder or colon, leaving the woman constantly draining fluids. These women are then rejected by their husbands and village, becoming outcasts with no way to support themselves. A surgical procedure can repair the damage, thus returning a woman to a normal life.

Liberia's civil war has destroyed health services in the country, whose president is a woman.

4. **THREE ZISVAW PROJECTS (\$600,000)**

Three grassroots projects will be funded through the UN Trust Fund to Prevent Violence Against Women, which is managed by UNIFEM.

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| a. | Cambodia | \$300,000 | Prevention of violence against women |
| b. | Egypt | \$200,000 | Prevention of FGM (female genital mutilation) |
| c. | Syria | \$100,000 | Prevention of violence against women |

Clearly prevention of violence against women (VAW) and women's health are the focus of our ZIF projects for the next biennium. Please show your support for these projects and our ZIF by making a contribution today to ZIF. A number of options are available: one time gift, recurring credit card gift option, recurring direct debit gift option. Your speaker will hand out the forms.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

1. Our Zonta International Foundation is entirely self-supporting. No part of our Zonta International membership dues goes to ZIF. ZIF is supported only by our gifts to it, so please continue to make a regular gift to the Foundation.
2. Our ZIF monies are well managed. Last quarter ZIF beat the Standard & Poor Index!!
3. As of May 31, 2007, our ZIF monies were spent as follows:
Of \$100, \$14.80 goes to management costs of ZIF and \$14.80 goes to development costs of ZIF.
This leaves 69% of each dollar donated to awards given out. Very good!
4. In the 2008-2010 budget, \$100 donation to ZIF will be spent as follows:
 - \$8.40 will go to management costs of ZIF
 - 12.40 will go to development costs of ZIF
 - This leaves 79% to go to award programs. Excellent!
 - All scholarship funds are being increased:
 - Each of the 35 ZI **Amelia Earhart awards will be \$10,000** instead of \$6,000
 - Each of the 12 ZI **Jane M. Klausman awards will be \$5,000** (no change)
 - Each of the 32 **District YWPA awards will be \$1,000** instead of \$500, and
 - Each of the 5 ZI **YWPA awards will be \$3,000** instead of \$1,000.

Each Zonta club and Zontian needs to donate to ZIF so we can continue to fund these increased awards. Not only will each winner receive more funding, our Zonta clubs will receive more publicity due to the prestige of the larger scholarships. Every Zonta club should have a Zonta scholarship, either a JMK or YWPA or both. It is a service project that is all ready to do!

How do we define “Service Hours”?

“Service hours” refers to actual hours spent delivering an activity to individuals or groups outside of Zonta. It does not include hours spent at Club meetings or hours spent in fundraising activities. It includes the total number of hours the club has taken part in service. The time determination is based on the time commitment for the project, rather than the number of participants. For example, if a club has agreed to provide volunteers at a women’s rape crisis center for 10 hours per week for 3 weeks, then the hours recorded will be 30 hours (10 hours at 3 weeks). It does not matter if two members spend 15 hours each or 5 members spend 6 hours each.

“Service hours” does not include time members spend on projects that the club has not formally adopted as a club project, even though these may be consistent with Zonta’s aims. It does include the hours spent planning for the club service activity.

STATUS OF WOMEN SERVICE/ADVOCACY PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

The following page may be used by the Status of Women Service Committee to assist in developing club service projects.

The following should be considered when researching proposals for service projects:

- Zonta’s mission and objects
- ZI’s Biennial Program Goals*
- ZI’s Resolutions*
- ZI’s Service Program Goals*
- International Service Program Projects*
- District Resolutions**
- Dates of importance***
- Club members’ interests****

*	(found in ZI’s Bylaws and website)
**	(found on District 11’s website)
***	(found in Zonta Club Manual and ZI’s website)
****	(determined through the use of a membership survey)

**STATUS OF WOMEN SERVICE/ADVOCACY PROJECT PROPOSAL
CLUB YEAR**

- A. Zonta’s Mission: Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.**
- B. Zonta’s Objects:**
 - To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy
 - To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions
 - To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms
 - To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world
- C. Zonta International Resolutions**
 - Resolution to promote the Awareness, Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS
 - Resolution on Umbilical Cord Blood, Stemcells and the Involvement of Women
 - Resolution on Female Genital Mutilation
 - Resolution on Violence Against Women
 - Resolution on Human Trafficking
- D. 2006-2008 International Service Program Projects (or other current ZIF projects)**
 - CARE International: Mata Masu Dubara “Women on the Move” Micro Credit and Health Education for HIV/AIDS-Affected Women in Niger
 - CARE International: Education and Leadership for Girls and Young Women in Bolivia
 - United Nations Industrial Development Organization: Support for Revival of Rural Community-based Self-Help Initiatives in Sri Lanka
 - AFGHANISTAN: Afghan Institute of Learning: Developing Community-based Efforts to Educate Afghan Women and Girls
- E. District 11 Resolutions**
 - Anti-trafficking in District 11
 - Passage of the ERA in District 11
 - Ratification of CEDAW by the United States

1 Name of recipient _____

2 Description of project _____

3 Describe how this project meets the Zonta objective above: (See A, B, C, D, or E.) _____

4 Money amount proposed _____

5 Number of hours proposed _____

6 Identify which category this project will meet in the annual report _____

7 Quantify the project goal _____

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ZONTA CLUB BYLAWS QUIZ

Using the Zonta Club **Sample Bylaws** in the Club Manual (page 138-146), answer the following questions and for each cite location in the bylaws:

1. How many members must approve club bylaws?
2. Where are the objects of Zonta listed?
3. Zonta is “Nonpartisan and _____?”. What does this mean?
4. What rights does an Honorary Member have?
5. Who has to approve a candidate for membership in the club?
6. How long does classified membership last?
7. When is the Annual Meeting held and what is its purpose?
8. When is a Special Meeting called?
9. What is a quorum for a Zonta club?
10. What can the Club Board do? What can it NOT do?
11. What is the qualification for club officers?
12. If the Club President resigns, who takes her place, the Vice President or the President-Elect?
13. When is the Nominating Committee elected?
14. What are the club standing committees? Who appoints the chairs?
15. What is needed to start the process to expel or suspend a member?

How many did you get right?

14-15 Outstanding – you know how to use your manual!

12-13 Very good!

10-11 Not bad!

Less than 10 Did you need more time?

Strategic Planning: the Process

