



## **TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE CONVENER OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

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The Special Committee on Project Development assists national federations and associations (NFAs) in the development and implementation of viable, sustainable community development, capacity building and income-generating projects that address IFUW goals and priorities. Committee Members are assigned to a particular region and have special responsibility for the evaluation and monitoring of projects supported through the Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme (BRPID). They are also called upon to offer advice for non-BRPID projects, assist in the preparation of funding proposals, organize occasional workshops, and help prepare training resources to help NFAs strengthen project management skills.

### **Committee Assignments**

Because of the technical nature of its work, Committee Members must have considerable experience in project development, management and/or evaluation. During the triennium they correspond regularly with NFAs carrying out projects. The Convener is responsible for contacts with donor countries and overall coordination. To facilitate the work, the members are responsible for projects within a specific region.

After the Convener's relocation from Bangladesh to Rwanda in 2006, Ms Agnes Kotoisuva (Fiji) was asked to assist with projects in the Pacific. During the triennium, Ms Michelle Imison (Australia) and Ms Gerda Leushius (The Netherlands) also provided professional assistance with some project evaluations. Almost all the Committee Members were serving for the first time and had to learn on the job. The Committee has accomplished all of its work via email and will only hold its first meeting in Manchester. It is recommended that the 2007-2010 Committee meet at the beginning of the next triennium.

### **Project Network**

Hedva Bachrach-Rabinson has moderated a special email network: [projects@ifuw.org](mailto:projects@ifuw.org). This consists of National Project Coordinators who have been identified by their federations or associations, Project Committee Members and a few others who have expressed interest in projects. The network is for mutual exchange of ideas, learning and consultation and is open to any members interested in projects. To join the network, IFUW members can complete the subscription form that can be found at [http://www.ifuw.org/net\\_connections.htm](http://www.ifuw.org/net_connections.htm). Information about the network is on the webpage and Coordinators of International Relations in NFAs are responsible for informing their members about this opportunity.

### **BRPID Projects**

The Committee has streamlined the project submission and the assessment process. Applications are now submitted electronically. To assist NFAs, the material is now available in English, French and Spanish.

Over the last three years 31 NFAs received BRPID funding for projects. Thirty applications were received for 2007 funding and are now being evaluated. Reports on the BRPID projects will be displayed at the Conference. Projects funded in 2005 and/or 2006 include:

Argentina	Computer and education courses for older women
Armenia	Gender equality project in democracy - enhancing women's sense of civic responsibility
Bangladesh	Skills training for women with basic education and health care to children in slum areas
Bulgaria	Publication of a series of books on women and gender
Cameroon	Internet/communication training for women and excellence awards for secondary school girls
Costa Rica	Dental care for school children
Croatia	Handicraft and traditional skills training supporting refugee women and landmine victims
Egypt	Computer, business and language training for young women
El Salvador	Multi-functional health care clinic for the urban poor
Estonia	Computer skills training and recruitment project
Fiji	Tertiary level scholarships for young women in non-traditional disciplines
Guinea	Study of violence in schools and the effect on girls
India	Creation of a women's talent bank
Kenya	Campaigns to reduce child labour among girls and to reduce the gender education gap
Mexico	Provision of shelters and counselling for women and children victims of family violence
Nepal	Reading room and library for women and girls
Nigeria	Income generating skills for partially educated women
Pakistan	Health education and vocational guidance for undergraduate students
Panama	Income generation skills and computer courses for women living in poor areas of Panama City
Philippines	Income-generating skills training for inhabitants of a depressed area of Manila
Romania	Civic responsibility and leadership training for young adults
Russia	Capacity-building and branch leadership training
Samoa	Scholarships for disadvantaged girls from rural areas, studying non-traditional disciplines
Sierra Leone	Primary, secondary and tertiary level education scholarship for girls
Slovenia	Promotion of better career options for working women and equal family opportunities
Sri Lanka	Provision of new homes and counselling services to victims of the tsunami disaster
Thailand	Income-generating skills and basic health training for women and children
Tonga	Tertiary level scholarships for young women with low income
Turkey	Basic education and skills training for women in rural areas
Uganda	Vocational centre for school dropouts and a programme to promote science for girls
Zimbabwe	National scholarships for young women

The Committee was delighted that so many wonderful projects have been carried out through the BRIPD programme. We would like to thank the many national federations, branches and individual members for their support and interest.

We must point out, however, that insufficient funds were received to cover all projects in 2006 and the shortfall needed to be paid from the IFUW Special Reserve Fund. If there is a shortfall in 2007, it will also be covered from IFUW's existing funds. This cannot continue. The Board of Officers is already looking at possible changes to be implemented from 2008.

I would like to express my appreciation to Committee members, our volunteers, and especially to our Board Liaison member and IFUW staff who have provided encouragement and support.

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