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AID AGENCIES FOR WOMEN IN THE PACIFIC (3)

In the Pacific, fund raising for community needs and projects has been and still is one of the major activities of women's groups and organisations. In an effort to assist Pacific women in this respect we have provided information on sources of funding and technical assistance and how to contact these sources. The listed foundations and organisations have responded to our request to update information in our Directory of Aid Agencies. Space restrictions will not allow for inclusion of all of the organisations in this issue. Future Information Circulars will include more entries.

UNITED KINGDOM

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION (WACC)

Types of assistance: To assist church-related communications groups and organisations in developing countries, WACC gives support to media projects and programmes, training, consultation, research and exchange of information. WACC also provides assistance to print, electronic and group media projects as well as communication education in Asia and the Pacific.

Applications: For more information or assistance contact:

World Association of Christian Communication (WACC) 357 Kennington Lane London SE11 5QY England

Telephone: 01-582 9139 Cable: WACC LONDON SE1 Telex: 8812669 WACC G

Fax: (01) 735 0340

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ASIA FOUNDATION

Types of assistance: The long-range goals of the Foundation are to encourage the growth of democratic and just societies, strengthen indigenous public and private organisations which contribute to stable national development, encourage leadership in the public, private, voluntary and traditional sectors of society, and further relations of co-operation, understanding and mutual respect with the United States.

In response to local initiatives from the public or private sector, the Asia Foundation provides books and materials, consultant expertise and grants for both local activities and overseas training.

Applications: For more information or request contact the following address:

Area Director
The Asia Foundation
P.O. Box 3223
San Francisco Calif. 94119
United States of America

Telephone: (415) 982-4640

Cable: ASIAF SAN FRANCISCO

Telex: 278726 RCA Fax: 415 392 8863

FAMILY PLANNING INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (FPIA)

Types of assistance: This international division of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America supports a wide variety of family planning-related programmes, including clinic and outreach services; local training of family planning personnel; workshops and conferences; the development and production of educational materials.

Applications: To be sent to the following address:

Family Planning International Assistance 810 Seventh Avenue New York N.Y. 10019 United States of America

or

FPIA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific P.O. Box 5-1047 Silom Post Office Bangkok 10504 Thailand

FORD FOUNDATION

Types of assistance: The Ford Foundation is a private philanthropic institution chartered to serve the public welfare. Under the policy guidance of a Board of Trustees, the Foundation works mainly by granting and lending funds for educational, developmental, research and experimental efforts designed to produce significant effects on problems of world-wide importance. Current interests of the Foundation include urban poverty; rural poverty and resources; human rights and social justice; governance and public policy education and culture; international affairs and population. Most grants are given to organisations, although grants to individuals are awarded through publicly announced competitions or on the basis of nominations from universities and other non-profit institutions.

Applications: To be sent to the following address:

Ford Foundation 320 East 43rd Street New York, N.Y. 10017 United States of America

FOUNDATION FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC INC (FSP)

Types of assistance: FSP was formed in 1965 as a non-profit making agency to be dedicated solely to the rehabilitation, welfare and growth of the Pacific Islands. FSP has country programmes in Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tonga and a nine-nation regional nutrition programme. Country programmes emphasise women in development and collaborate with existing or new women's clubs. They also seek to stimulate food production, fisheries and small businesses and the infrastructure necessary for these. Future programmes will merge this emphasis into institution-building of counterpart Pacific Islands' development agencies.

Applications: For more information or assistance contact the FSP office in your country or the following address:

The Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific Inc. Suite 410 200 West 57th Street New York N.Y. 10019 United States of America

Cable: FOSOPAC NEW YORK

Telex: WUI 62895

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR)

Types of assistance: LWR administers programmes and provides funding for agricultural, water resources and community development activities; preventive and curative health; social service; rehabilitation; relief assistance and emergency relief. LWR is also interested in income-generating programmes for women.

Applications: Write to the following address:

Lutheran World Relief 360 Park Avenue South New York N.Y. 10010 United States of America

MAP INTERNATIONAL

Types of assistance: In co-operation with existing Christian missions and national churches, MAP International provides community development services, material aid, and medicine and public health assistance. Its activities include helping to fund local community development projects that seek to improve community health; provision of short-term skilled technical expertise to help carry out health-related endeavours; collection and distribution of pharmaceuticals, nutritional supplements and medical supplies.

Applications: Write to the following address:

MAP International P.O. Box 50 Brunswick GA 31520 United States of America

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Types of assistance: The Rockefeller Foundation is a philanthropic organisation endowed by John D. Rockefeller and chartered in 1913 'to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world'. It is one of America's oldest private foundations and one of the few with strong international interests. From the beginning, its work has been directed toward identifying and attacking at their source the underlying causes of human suffering and need.

Today the Foundation works in three areas: international science-based development and, in the United States, the arts and humanities and equal opportunity. Its programmes are carried out through grants and fellowships to institutions and individuals.

The Foundation concentrates its efforts on selected programmes with well-defined goals, but tries to remain flexible by adjusting its course to reflect new needs and opportunities. In addition, the Foundation maintains the Bellagio Study and Conference Center in northern Italy for conferences of international scope and for residencies for artists and scholars.

Applications: For information write to the Foundation at:

The Rockefeller Foundation 1133 Avenue of the Americas New York N.Y. 10036 United States of America

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES WOMEN'S DIVISION

Types of assistance: The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering fund gives priority to programmes and projects which work to eliminate social, economic and political discrimination and injustice, encourage self-reliance, and contribute to the education and consciousness-raising of the community. Preference is given to projects operated by women from the poorest and most oppressed sectors of the society.

Through the Call to Prayer, the Women's Division supports projects around the world in such fields as self-development, health, education, community development, income generation and advocacy. The Call to Prayer theme changes each year, and therefore so do the kinds of projects which will be considered for this one-time funding. Regional, local and church women's groups are eligible to apply.

Applications: Information about the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, general criteria and an application form can be obtained by contacting:

Officer of Financial Interpretation Women's Division General Board of Global Ministries Room 1503 475 Riverside Drive New York N.Y. 10115 United States of America

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS

Types of assistance: At the request of Governments, Peace Corps provides skilled and experienced people to work as volunteers. Educational and employment experiences fit the needs expressed by requesting countries. The employer provides accommodation while the Government of the United States meets the travel, living and other expenses.

Applications: Further information on how to apply for Peace Corps Volunteers service can be obtained by writing to one of the following addresses:

Director U.S. Peace Corps P.O. Box 1094 Suva Fiji

Telephone: 311344

or

U.S. Peace Corps P.O. Box 147 Nuku'alofa Tonga

Telephone: 21466

INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

ASIAN-SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU OF ADULT EDUCATION (ASPBAE)

Types of assistance: ASPBAE seeks to work with other agencies in the region which assist nonformal education. In particular it enjoys close co-operation with the Unesco Regional Office in Bangkok, the Asian Centre for Educational Innovation and Development (ACEID), the South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO), and the International Institute for Adult Literacy Methods, Teheran, as well as with adult education organisation and associations in several countries. ASPBAE is designed to provide services to nonformal educators in member countries where this requires some kind of regional or international assistance or exchange. It takes adult education to include any form of education or training of persons who are not attending full-time or compulsory school, or full-time tertiary education immediately following school.

Applications: For further information or requests contact:

Asian-South Pacific Bureau for Adult Education G.P.O. Box 1225 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE (CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE L'ENFANCE)

Types of assistance: The Centre is chiefly financed by the French Government. It aims to improve the health and well-being of children and families, especially in developing countries. The Centre organises international courses, workshops, symposia and research on aspects of family and community health, problems of childhood and adolescence, nutrition, immunisation, etc.

Applications: For information or requests contact the following address:

International Children's Centre (Centre International de l'Enfance) Chteau de Longchamp Carrefour de Longchamp Bois de Boulogne 75016 Paris France

Telephone: (1) 45.20.79.92

Cable: CENTRENFANCE PARIS

Telex: CIENFAN 648 379F

Code: 1093 Fax: 45257367

INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF MIDWIVES

Types of assistance: The Confederation is not in a position to offer financial assistance to any country. However, it provides a centre of information, documentation and liaison, and a means of communication between midwives of various nationalities and with other international organisations. It creates opportunities for discussion of questions relevant to the profession, and holds a Triennial International Congress to which all member countries may send delegates. The Confederation studies problems which affect the health of mothers and babies and attempts to advance the professional standards and status of the midwife.

Applications: For more information or request contact the following:

International Confederation of Midwives 10 Barley Mow Passage Chiswick, London W4 4PH England

Telephone: 01-994 6477

Telex: 8811418

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (ICVA)

Types of assistance: ICVA is the independent and neutral international association of voluntary organisations and has 79 members. It works through a Governing Board, working groups and a permanent secretariat in Geneva. It provides a central point for the exchange of views and the dissemination of information for and about voluntary agencies, and encourages the formation of national councils of voluntary agencies. It also provides management training programmes for NGOs, including workshops for women in NGOs.

Applications: For more information or assistance contact:

International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
13 rue Gautier
1202 Geneva
Switzerland

Telephone: (022) 734 6600 Cable: VOLAG (GENEVA)

Telex: 22891 ICVA CH

Fax: 738 9904

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (ICW)

Types of assistance: Most national councils of women affiliated with ICW work towards achieving equality of women through varied programmes and projects, including literacy classes, vocational training and family planning. ICW has published an Advice Leaflet on how to establish national councils of women.

Applications: Those visiting to receive the Advice Leaflet or any national councils of women wishing to become affiliate members of ICW should write to the following address:

International Council of Women 13 rue Caumartin 75009 Paris France

Telephone: (1) 47.42.19.40

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (IFUW)

Types of assistance: IFUW provides some graduate fellowships for IFUW members to enable them to continue their studies.

Applications: For further information and application for membership write to the following address:

International Federation of University Women 37 quai Wilson 1201 Geneva Switzerland

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF CONSUMERS' UNIONS (IOCU)

Types of assistance: IOCU has three main goals: to support its members, to expand the consumer movement and to represent consumers' interests at the international level. The Union co-ordinates information networks, international seminars, workshops and a three-yearly world congress. It backs up young consumer groups, particularly in countries where consumer organisations are just getting a hold. It initiates research and action on multinational issues such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides and baby food. It facilitates the comparative testing of consumer groups and services and it advocates the consumer case at international agencies and elsewhere. The overriding concern of IOCU and its members is to promote social justice and fairness in the marketplace.

Contact

International Organisation of Consumers' Unions 9 Emmastraat 2595 EG The Hague Netherlands

Telephone: 31-70-476331

Cable: Interocu Telex: 33561 Fax: 31 70 834976 International Organisation of Consumers' Unions Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific P.O. Box 1045 10830 Penang Malaysia

Telephone: 60 4 20391

Cable: Interocu

Telex: MA40164 APIOCU

Fax: 60 4 366506

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TRIBUNE CENTRE (IWTC)

The purpose of this Centre is to facilitate communication and the sharing of information among those who are actively involved in increasing the role of women in development activities. It seeks to be an aid to women in their pursuit of the goals of the U.N. Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

Types of assistance: Information and technical assistance for women's organisations and groups working with women's projects, with an emphasis on the following areas:

Community economic development: The Centre disseminates information on small business, marketing, housing, etc. and helps to organise workshops on marketing for women in small enterprises.

Appropriate technology: The Centre produces newsletters, directories and manuals related to technologies that women are using, and methods of communicating appropriate technology information to women.

Communications: The Centre collects and distributes information about the way women's groups use media; produces clip-art books containing images of women in non-traditional activities; works with groups to determine if a computer would be useful in their work and assists in developing strategies to get hardware and training; helps to organise workshops in low-cost media development.

Women organising: Collects and disseminates information about sources of funding for women' projects; publishes a newsletter (Funding News Notes) containing information and ideas about sources of financing for women's projects; helps to organise training of trainers workshops.

Contact

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