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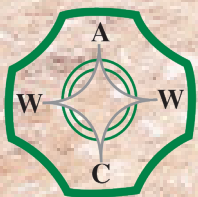
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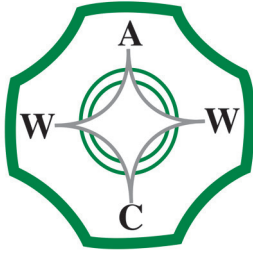
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Please note that we welcome submissions for *The Countrywoman*, particularly from first time contributors or those in areas not recently featured.

Due to ACWW's strategic advocacy policy, articles may be printed in the most appropriate issue, not necessarily the most immediate. We welcome contributions throughout the year.

The Editor's decision on acceptance and inclusion is final.

# DEAR FRIENDS...

## A message from the World President

It seems again no time at all since I last wrote to you and it has been a busy time since then.

We had a very successful meeting of the Executive Committee meeting in June, in very warm weather for London. It is always interesting when we all arrive from different seasons around the world and try to cope with climate etc., as well as carry out our duties.

Unfortunately we did not have Mrs Kerry Maw-Smith with us at this meeting. Kerry made the very difficult decision to resign as Chairman of the United Nations committee and did not travel to London in June. We wish her well at this time and we hope that life gets a little easier for her in the not too distant future.

GDPR - the General Data Protection Regulation - came into effect on 25 May and this has caused more work and effort for the staff and members of the Board. You will hear more about this, however it is all about protection of your data and protection for ACWW in all facets of the organisation.

You already have read and heard about our Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women - I am sure all of you reading this letter have filled in the survey???. If you haven't would you please do so now. It is of utmost importance to the work we do and for the assistance these results can give for many organisations around the world. The results will enable us all to give aid where it is needed and to continue to see the results off our work. Please, Please, Please take the time to be a part of this survey and recommend to all your friends, workmates, relatives to also help this become a great success.

I have attended or will shortly be attending Conferences in Winnipeg, Canada; Colombo, Sri Lanka; St Petersburg, Russia; and Kampala, Uganda, as well as carrying out some project monitoring in Chennai, India. This has been a busy but fruitful time for ACWW.

I was invited, on behalf of ACWW, to do a presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eurasian Women's Conference held in St Petersburg in September. This came about following our attendance at the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference in 2015 and due to our connection with the Women's Union of Russia.



I am looking forward to telling you about this amazing experience and a great opportunity to connect with many women outside of ACWW and hopefully this may encourage more member societies in that part of the world.

If you have looked at the ACWW website you will have seen that time is counting down very quickly until we shall all meet again in Melbourne, Australia for the Triennial World Conference. The Triennial Conference Committee, hostess committee and staff are all working very hard to provide a great experience for you all.

I realise that for most of you, it is a long way to travel. However, if you think about it, the members in Australia and the South Pacific travel a long way to other areas around the world to attend Triennial Conferences and really, it will be a wonderful time of fellowship, friendship and the promotion of our wonderful organisation.

Due to the diligent efforts of the members of the Board, staff, and others globally, our name is becoming known around the world, but this also increases the calls on our funds and expertise for many reasons. Please remember this is your organisation and help us to help the many women who have no one to speak on their behalf.

Information and resource materials are available on the website so please use this wonderful resource. If there is something else you require, please make contact with the office and I am sure the staff will be only too happy to assist you.

My thought for this message is:

*When you represent you must represent with strength, data and information.*

Ruth Shanks, A.M.  
ACWW World President

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## COVER IMAGE

Congratulations to Brimley WI in the UK, who win our Women Walk the World Cover Photo Competition! This photo was taken when 7 members of the WI joined by 3 dogs through the woods by in Haldon, Exeter.

## WOMEN WALK THE WORLD

Normally, Issue 3 of The Countrywoman features all your photos from Women Walk the World. We were so impressed by the number sent in this year that we have decided to make a bigger feature in Issue 4, rather than have them overshadowed by the Annual Report, Advocacy Focus and other major articles. Rest assured, you'll see them in all their glory next issue!

## MAKING YOUR MAGAZINE SUSTAINABLE

We deliver The Countrywoman in an envelope rather than a plastic wrapper. This is because we use Forest Stewardship Council approved sustainable paper for both the magazine and its packaging. For every tree used in the production of this issue, three are planted in its place. This is part of ACWW's commitment to a healthier planet, and Sustainable Development Goal 12.



# CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS

Tish Collins, Chief Executive Officer

Registrations for the Triennial World Conference are coming in at a steady pace and we are ready for more! Additional accommodation options are being added to our website and, I am pleased to say a couple of the hotels in Melbourne have reduced their rates for us. It promises to be a wonderful conference in a fascinating city, and an ideal opportunity for many to meet up with family and friends.

Recently we have taken on an intern for the summer. Emily is helping with redacting and trimming what we keep in some of the old files in the archive. ACWW history is important to us but we have been advised to securely dispose of some old personal data that really should not be kept. Obviously, this is being done responsibly and within the parameters of our legal requirements. The Board met in March appreciated the situation and the GDPR consultant working with us on a pro-bono basis addressed the Executive Committee in June and answered their questions. There is an article later in the magazine telling you all about it.

I have spoken at a number of WI meetings around the UK recently and was joined by our Projects Development Administrator Viktoria Dimitrova for a coffee morning near Salisbury, hosted by the Wiltshire WI. I am pleased she had such a great reception for her first public speaking engagement. Whilst the Executive were meeting in June, the World President and the Deputy World President joined me at an evening meeting of a WI in Surrey where we spoke of ACWW and the Global Survey. A quick reminder – if you have not yet done the Global Survey please do it today and encourage 10 others to do it too! It is quick and easy, and found at [www.ifrw.org.uk](http://www.ifrw.org.uk)

As an agricultural economist by training, I was pleased to represent ACWW at the FAO 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Regional Conference for Europe and Central Asia. The theme was sustainable agriculture and food systems in Europe and Central Asia in a changing climate; with a second major topic of E-agriculture. I also attended the side meetings on gender and migration in Central Asia, food losses and waste, and organic agriculture. In addition to networking and gathering information I was able to raise the Global Survey at this meeting of ministers and ambassadors.

The data packs I gathered will be useful to inform the infographics being prepared for resources, which are being added to our website for members to download.

Speaking of infographics I hope you agree that the quality and timeliness of materials coming out of Central Office have improved greatly over the last couple of years. Since the middle of May there has been a concerted effort to attract interest in ACWW and our policies through the use of social media as well as more conventional methods; which is proving successful. Whilst the staff all continue to be 'attached' to specific Committees there is much a more interactive and 'team' approach to cross cutting themes which is stimulating the generation of new materials, which in turn should assist member societies in their campaigning work.

The audit of the accounts progressed well this year and we are aware this needs to be even quicker next year to have the accounts ready for the Triennial World Conference. Our internal financial systems have had a thorough health check over the past eighteen months and are in good shape to go forward.

There is still some work to be done to complete the transition from the old registered charity and the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation status and we are receiving assistance from the accountants and legal professionals for this. The Bye-Laws were revised and approved by the Board in March.

Later in the magazine you will find information about the Women Empowered Fund (WE Fund). This is designed to be a more sustainable way of funding projects and meeting the wishes of donors. It calls for donations to six priority focus areas – such as education and capacity building, or sustainable agriculture; information about each project funded in each area will be available to donors so they can see at a glance what they have supported and will receive updates and final reports. This replaces the current system of project 'pledges' although there are still some pledges due to be completed over the next year or so. More details are given in the article, and will be expanded upon in the future.

Tish Collins  
Chief Executive Officer

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This third magazine of the year is always my favourite issue of *The Countrywoman*. This time, we have to delay our feature on Women Walk the World so that we can better explore the major topics shown, but look out for Issue 4!

This particular issue contains several items that I also find exciting, and which I'm glad we are able to share with you. These have already been noted in the introductions from the World President and the CEO, but the Advocacy Resources are something I have been working closely on, and the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women is, I passionately believe, crucial to our wonderful organisation in securing our future mandate and ability to advocate for our members.

You will also read later in the magazine about the Global Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and its impact on various elements of ACWW's work. One of the most immediate and obvious impacts will be a significant upgrade to our website coming in the next few months. We have a duty to ensure that we are fully compliant with UK law and regulations, but also want our website to be as helpful as possible to our members. With the advent of new technologies, and in response to the way many of our members are using our website, we will be developing new features and presentation. Don't be alarmed if you visit the website one day in the next little while and find it looks drastically different!

We always welcome feedback, and if there are specific things that you feel would improve the website, that you think work well, or would like more or less of, please let us know. Do also check the website regularly as there are always improvements and updates being made, so we may have added what you're after already!

Alongside the new digital resources, we also have some great new leaflets in the office and we're always willing to send extra supplies out to members who need them for meetings or promoting ACWW.

As ever, my email is [nick@acww.org.uk](mailto:nick@acww.org.uk)

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Heather Brennan, Treasurer

## Membership is up!

Currently we have 445 societies and members in 82 countries. Encourage your friends and associates to join in the trend!

## Sponsor a first timer

As always, the generosity of others can help some people to attend the Conference. It is a marvellous experience and can be life changing so please consider sending a donation to the Conference Sponsorship Fund. At the Warwick Conference 33 delegates were sponsored for registration and accommodation. To match this for Melbourne would require a pot of about £30,000, so all donations of all sizes are very welcome.

## Pennies for Friendship

This is the ACWW enabling fund (for the technically minded, it is called 'unrestricted'). It enables the Board to meet, do extension work, conduct the advocacy strategy, produce materials including this magazine and of course employ the small staff team to facilitate this. The constitutions (old and new) set out the commitment of all societies to contribute to these funds. Various people argue that it should be called Coins or Pounds for Friendship, or be renamed all together, but the bottom line is ACWW needs your continued support, please.

## Conference Registration is so easy

Members are finding the online interactive form easy to fill in and the new safe ways to pay reassuring. The CWA Victoria is hoping to make this the best attended Triennial World Conference in living memory so do come and join us!

Don't forget that the Early Bird registration rate closes on 1 October, and all registrations close on 31 December 2018.

## Memberships - don't forget you can pay online!

As we head into the latter half of the year, it is always good to remember that Individual and Society Memberships are all due in January 2019. To pay online, simply visit our website and follow the 'Support Us' link. These rates are shown below:

Category 1 Societies	£105	Category 2 Societies	£64
Category 3 Societies	£53	Category 4 Societies	£35
Category 5 Individual	£25		

## Projects 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal

This 2017 Appeal which celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Projects Committee has now come to a close, having raised £8,193. We listened to Members' feedback regarding the desire for more direct engagement with projects, and hope that you will find this next item very interesting!



## WE Fund

The Women Empowered Fund is what we have renamed the appeal for donations to projects. In order to make project funding sustainable and grow, we need a bigger pot of money for the Projects Committee to distribute. You can help by identifying which type of project(s) you want to support and letting the office know where to place your 'restricted' donation. No new pledges towards funded projects will be accepted but you will continue to be kept informed of what projects your donations are supporting and their impacts on women and communities.

## In Memoriam

It is with sadness we mark the loss of 19 members deceased in this Triennium. They shall be remembered at the World Conference. Please let Sydney at Central Office know if you have names to add.

## MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS USING ONLINE BANKING

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United Kingdom, SW1H 0HP

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If you are sending a bank transfer, please use your name or membership number as a reference. Please don't send cash in the post!



## LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Bequests are incredibly valuable to the work ACWW does – not just for the women and communities who benefit from projects and the connections made globally through our work now – but to women and communities to come. Such legacies enable ACWW to continue to deliver a broad vision of seeing generations of women empowered through the relief of poverty and sickness, the protection and preservation of health and the advancement of education.

You can be assured that your gift will make a genuine difference to our work. To find out more please email [tish.c@acww.org.uk](mailto:tish.c@acww.org.uk) to receive a Bequest Information Pack.

# ACWW ADVOCACY RESOURCES

## How we can help you to help your Community

Since our founding in 1929, one of the central strands of ACWW's work has been ensuring that the voices of women in rural communities around the world can be heard by those who take decisions and make policies which affect those women.

Last issue we included a major feature about our presence at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. This issue's focus on our advocacy work is intended to show how we can support you, our members, in your efforts to improve the lives of women in your communities.

### What is Advocacy?

We define Advocacy as the activities undertaken to influence policy makers and decision takers at the local, national and international levels. ACWW facilitates our members in advocating for the issues that affect them, and raises awareness of the challenges faced globally by women in rural communities.

### How are ACWW policies decided?

Every three years our Member Societies have the opportunity to present either Resolutions or Recommendations to the Triennial World Conference.

The gathered delegations from all over the world then vote to either accept or reject these proposals. If accepted, they become official ACWW policy and all Member Societies have a constitutional obligation to work towards achieving the stated goal or changes.

### Resolution or Recommendation?

ACWW Resolutions seek to change or have influence on global issues, and so Member Societies are mandated in our constitution to take action and make effort to work towards their achievement.

Recommendations may be more local issues, or topics that aren't expected to affect all Member Societies. The policy is therefore intended as guidance for those who feel they can work on the issue.

In both cases, ACWW will provide resources to support action. If you are producing materials, we can also share these for you.

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### What about the SDGs?

The Sustainable Development Goals, were adopted in 2015 to replace the Millennium Development Goals. We often refer to them as the 'SDGs', and they are a central part of our work.

All projects funded by ACWW relate to the SDGs, and our advocacy work is also focused on helping achieve them.

Going forward, you will see small coloured boxes on many ACWW publications. These will show you the specific SDGs that a project, appeal or meeting is focused on and help you guide supporters when they ask what ACWW does.



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For Sustainable Development

### How is ACWW helping?

ACWW's Central Office team has prepared a significant number of resources relating to the Resolutions and Recommendations passed at the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference in August 2016. These have been published in *The Countrywoman* and on our website at [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk) and variously shared using our social media channels.

We have also created a Strategic Advocacy Plan which was approved by ACWW's Executive Committee in June this year. This is a model for promoting activity amongst our Member Societies, and supporting their actions on ACWW's policy issues. Some examples of these are shown on the next pages. These are being released over the next year, as part of mini campaigns and will be featured in this magazine, on our website and social media platforms as well as being distributed directly to members via our email mailing list.

You can read more about this on the next pages, and if you'd like to join our mailing list, please email [info@acww.org.uk](mailto:info@acww.org.uk) to request being added. Your email address will be held securely and treated in line with data protections laws and policy.

## So how does this work?

You can access these new resources in several different ways, which are outlined below. You are also very welcome to copy, share and reproduce these resources. All we ask is that you do not edit or remove any part of the document, but share it in its original form.

You can share these documents online, email them to your networks or colleagues, or print them off and distribute them at meetings. Our website includes PDF files (for easy sharing), and PNG files (for professional printing or sharing online).

Remember that ACWW is a network of organisations with a collective goal and intent. You, our members, make an impact. These resources are intended to help you in lobbying for change in your communities and countries; it's not possible that each and every one will appeal to you, but we will be covering a broad range of topics. This will also take into account the UN International Days and other global observances and celebrations.

Some of the resources are images, some posters and some are videos. Your options for access are:

### Our Website

Visit [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk) and you will find some information about the current 'Focus On' theme, and a series of buttons which will take you to other pages with recent campaigns. You can also download the Complete Resolutions Booklet from the Policy Page on the website. Whilst you're there, you'll find a whole host of useful bits and pieces.

### Facebook

If you use Facebook, just log into your account and go to the Search box. Type in 'Associated Country Women of the World' and click on the link that comes up.

Scrolling down the page will show you our most recent posts, and you can also click the 'Photos' section to see all our recent resources by category.

### Our Mailing List

We use our Mailing List to send out email updates to all our members with links to our resources and our periodic 'World President's E-Newsletter'.

As noted on the previous page, please just email us to say you'd like to be added to the mailing list. Contact ACWW Office Administrator Sydney Salter at: [info@acww.org.uk](mailto:info@acww.org.uk)



## ACWW Resolution on Maternal Health 2013

“ Be it resolved that ACWW Member Societies urge their governments to provide a well-trained and resourced quality maternity health service and to improve maternal health education for all women and girls to ensure the best outcomes for mother and baby, giving particular regard to the special needs and isolation of rural women ”

**What has your society done to address this?**

**What are the facilities in your country?**

**Do mothers in rural communities get the support they need? What can you do to help?**

**Can your group or society influence local policy makers?**

ACWW Resolutions form the backbone of our policy and global advocacy work.

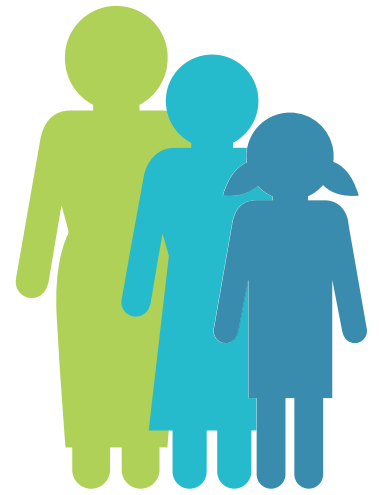
Every member society works to achieve and support the implementation of these policies. Make sure your voices are heard on the world stage.

Take part in the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women by visiting [www.ifrw.org.uk](http://www.ifrw.org.uk)

As we mark the International Day of Families, ACWW asks



# WHY DOES BIRTH REGISTRATION MATTER?



## How do you prove who you are?

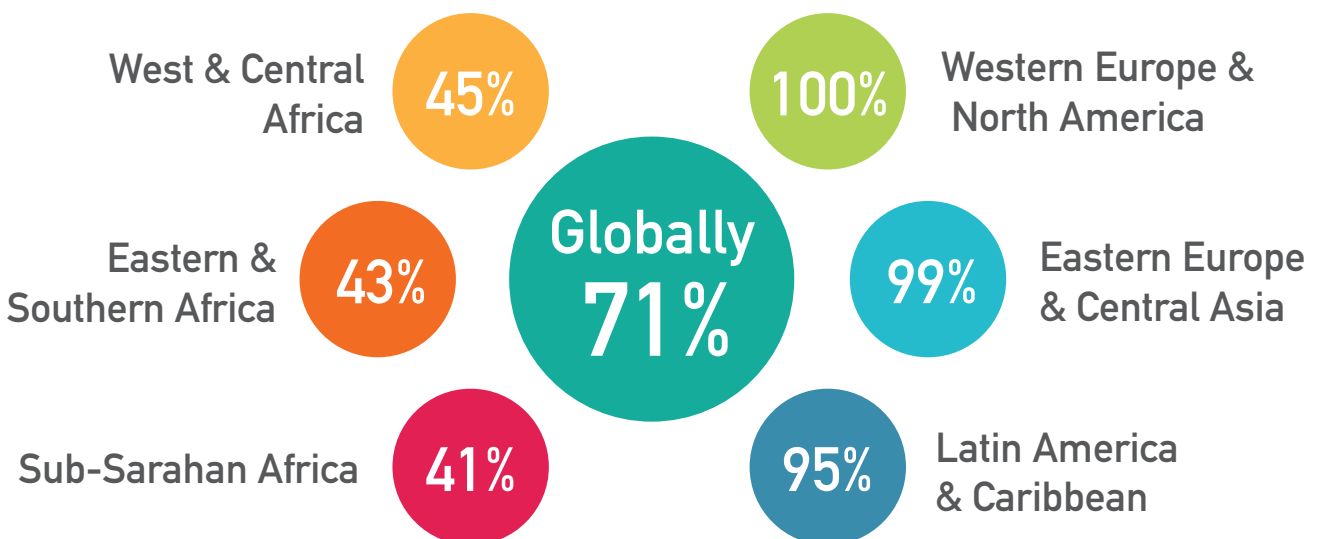
Want access to **education**? How about a **bank account**? Want to **travel**? Need access to **healthcare**? What about **proving your age**? Need to get a **driving license**?

## What do you use?

Your passport? Your national ID card? How do you get these without a Birth Certificate?



## Registration of births varies globally



You can download this poster and other Maternal Health resources by visiting [www.acww.org.uk/maternal-health.html](http://www.acww.org.uk/maternal-health.html)

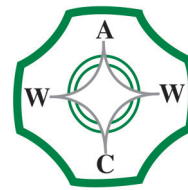


# ACWW WATER RESOLUTIONS

ACWW has been urging its member societies to act on water security initiatives since 1953, when we promoted participation in educational programmes on the preservation of natural resources, including water.

Since then, we have funded projects which improve water security in rural areas and passed further resolutions in support of UN, International and Local Water Security initiatives.

1953	Conservation of Natural Resources
1980	Clean Water
1983	Programme Priorities
1986	Protection of Natural Resources
1989	Water Pollution & Quality
1995	Water
1998	Preservation of Fish Species
2007	Water & Poverty
2016	Protecting the Supply of Water

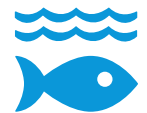


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6 CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



14 LIFE BELOW  
WATER



In 1950, the world's population of 2.5 billion produced 1.5 million tons of plastic

In 2016, a global population of more than 7 billion people produced over 320 million tons of plastic

This is set to double by 2034

## ACWW Challenge: What are you doing to reduce your use of plastics?



Post on our Facebook page and tell us what you are doing to make a difference

# WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE IN WATER SECURITY & SANITATION

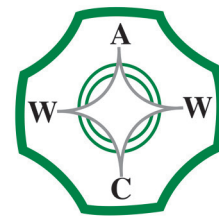
About 157 million people in the Eastern and Southern Africa region are not connected to a clean and safe water distribution system, and thus need to use external water sources.

The burden of fetching drinking water from outdoor sources tends to fall disproportionately on girls and women.

Surveys from 45 developing countries show that in almost two-thirds of households without a drinking water source on the premises, it is women and girls who collect water.

Around 247 million people have no access to improved sanitation.

In countries such as Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia, well over half of the population has to practise open defecation.



FOCUS  
ON  
WATER  
SECURITY

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



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TARGET 6-1

SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER

TARGET 6-2

END OPEN DEFECTION AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO SANITATION AND HYGIENE

TARGET 6-3

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND SAFE REUSE

TARGET 6-A

EXPAND WATER AND SANITATION SUPPORT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

TARGET 6-B

SUPPORT LOCAL ENGAGEMENT IN WATER AND SANITATION MANAGEMENT

You can download this poster and other Water resources by visiting  
<https://www.acww.org.uk/water.html>

A refugee camp is intended as temporary accommodation for people who have been forced to flee their home because of violence and persecution



**2.6m** refugees live in camps

The largest refugee camps in the world include Kakuma Camp in Kenya, Zaatari in Jordan and Yida in South Sudan. Each of these camps hold more than 70,000 people

About

**86%**

of refugees are hosted in developing countries, further straining infrastructure and resources

Over

**75,000**

refugees needed resettlement in 2017

**30%**

of Refugee Camps do not have adequate waste disposal services or latrines

ACWW Focus on

**Women in Conflict**

[www.unrefugees.org/refugee-facts/statistics](http://www.unrefugees.org/refugee-facts/statistics)  
[www.borgenproject.org/15-statistics-on-refugees](http://www.borgenproject.org/15-statistics-on-refugees)  
[www.unhcr.org/uk/5a9d507f7](http://www.unhcr.org/uk/5a9d507f7)

# WHY A GLOBAL SURVEY MATTERS

## How it works, how you can help, and why you need to

In the last issue of *The Countrywoman* you will have read about the International Forum on Rural Women and the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women. This is ACWW's initiative to address the 'data gap' in the SDGs, and to better understand the challenges our members (and, of course, non-members) face living in rural communities.

We want to make it clear that whilst ACWW is collaborating with other non-governmental organisations like the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Soroptomist International and the World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations, we believe that every single ACWW Member Society and Individual Member has a crucial role to play in the success and effectiveness of this survey. If you are not sure how or why, please read on!

### How does it work?

The survey includes 95 questions that broadly cover the living conditions of women in rural communities. Of course, the questions are not exhaustive, there are many others that could be asked, and there are even some that may not seem relevant to you. Don't forget that to get meaningful results, we need to ask everyone the same questions and this will always create a little overlap or gaps.

There are some that you may struggle to answer, or to answer in a way that you feel fully answers them. This is inevitable, and our only advice is to take the questions at face value - they are indeed often more simple than we would have liked, but if you take them as you read them, you should have no problem.

The survey closes on 31 December 2018, and we will then process the results. We will be working with a group of researchers who have volunteered their support, and intend to have initial results ready for discussion at the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2019. The full results package will be published in time for the Triennial World Conference in Melbourne, Australia in April 2019.

Once the results are published, they will be distributed to Member Societies, local and national governments, UN Agencies. The intention is to inform and influence policy makers and decision takers.



### What do you need to do?

The easiest way of completing the survey is to visit the Survey website directly from a computer, tablet or iPad, your smart phone or any other device with access to a web browser. You can also visit the ACWW website, and will find a helpful 'pop up' that offers you the chance to take part. You can find it at:

[www.ifrw.org.uk](http://www.ifrw.org.uk)

or

[www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk)

If you don't have access to a computer or smart phone, please contact ACWW Central Office and we will happily send you a paper copy. You could also ask a family member, neighbour or friend to help you complete the survey on the website.

The survey takes around 20 minutes to complete, and many people have done this faster (or slower!). It will ask you questions that become more personal as you progress through the survey. Please remember that the survey is on a secure website, and that your answers are anonymous throughout - at no point are you asked to identify yourself or your address.

### How can you help?

We need as many results as possible for the Survey to be effective. The survey is available in many languages, with more coming all the time. This helps accessibility, but we need your help to reach people.

Whether you host a 'Survey Party', take it to your local branch meeting, get your friends and family to take part, or distribute it to your mailing lists and at events, every new person responding is helpful. If you have ideas for sharing the Survey, please go ahead!

If you regularly attend a group or organisation, you could take your tablet or laptop along and get everyone to fill in the survey, or perhaps take it to your local Country Fair, State Conference, or national event. It doesn't matter where you live, we need worldwide responses.

**Your participation is crucial to ensuring the success of the survey,**

**Please take part, and spread the word. If you know people who will struggle to complete it, why not organise a group session and help out?**



INTERNATIONAL  
FORUM ON  
RURAL  
WOMEN

GLOBAL SURVEY  
OF THE LIVING  
CONDITIONS  
OF RURAL WOMEN

We would like to invite every ACWW member, their colleagues, friends and families to participate in this Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women

It is so important that women in rural communities are fairly represented and we are best able to advocate for your needs when we can show the issues that affect your everyday life. Please take part and encourage others in your community to do so too!

Visit

[www.ifrw.org.uk](http://www.ifrw.org.uk)

to take part, and ensure that  
your voice is heard

# FAO IN VORONEZH, RUSSIA

## ACWW attends the Regional Conference for Europe and Central Asia

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) organises regional conferences to better engage with States Parties (the different countries with UN membership) and to address specific issues. In May 2018, they held the Regional Conference for Europe and Central Asia in Voronezh in the Russian Federation.

This was primarily a regional conference of Ministers of Agriculture and Ambassadors. ACWW was one of a very limited number of NGO's in consultation with the FAO invited to attend as observers; and, ACWW was one of only two NGO's that did attend. There were also representatives from the Civil Society Organisation *Via Campesina*, familiar to our Agriculture Committee. As a break with tradition, observers were also invited to address the main session.

The Conference focused on sustainable agriculture and food systems in Europe and Central Asia in the context of climate change.

There has been an increase in the number and intensity of climate related natural disasters. For example, in Central Asia the agriculture sector struggles with recurring drought and rising surface temperatures, whilst in the Western Balkans the prevalent problem is alternating cycles of floods and droughts. In forests, warmer temperatures have led to the multiplication and spread of invasive pests, which cause extensive damage to crops and increase the risk of food insecurity and poverty.

FAO is working with many countries at different levels to make agriculture and farmers more resilient to climate change by using such techniques as drought-resistant crop varieties, sustainable water and land management and, increasingly, an agro-ecological approach. FAO is also assisting several countries to gain access to environmental climate-related finance such as the Green Climate Fund (GFC) and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

FAO Director General Jose Graziano da Silva was recently asked what impact the US decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement would have? He replied that it was a major concern. Every nation in the world had signed the Paris Climate Agreement. Scientists overwhelmingly confirm that climate change is occurring at an accelerated pace and is mainly caused by human actions in the form of greenhouse gas emissions. This is adversely impacting global food and nutrition security by extreme weather events, pest and parasite infestations, and

increased prevalence of drought. The United States has been at the forefront of climate action, a wealth of top-level climate research has been conducted there and Mr da Silva and FAO hoped the US would reconsider their decision to pull out.

The other main issue under discussion was E-agriculture, or applying information and communication technologies to agricultural sectors – including crops, livestock, fisheries and forestry. It embraces the whole food system, and includes established and more innovative technologies such as mobile (cell) phones, radio and television, and the use of drones to detect pests and plant infestations and the use of satellites to estimate soil moisture and surface air temperatures.

FAO is promoting the use of technologies and helping create a policy where technology is available to everyone especially small-holders and family farmers. There should not be 'winners and losers'!



*FAO Director General Jose Graziano da Silva opens the Conference Exhibition*

Asked about progress towards the SDGs in Central Asia the Director General said that remarkable progress has been made, yet challenges remain. Speaking on SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), the good news was that between 2005 and 2016 the prevalence of undernourishment in Central Asia dropped from 12.9% to 8.3%. However, 5.6 million people in the region remain undernourished, including Tajikistan with over 30% undernourishment.

FAO priorities in the area are focussed on empowering small holder and family farms, improving their livelihoods, strengthening resilience to climate change and crises, reducing poverty, improving trade in food products, market integration, and ensuring sustainable management of natural resources.

Global hunger is on the rise again after declining for over a decade, affecting 815

million people (2016), or 11% of the global population; this is 38 million more than in 2015, largely due to violent conflicts and climate-related shocks around the world. Preliminary data shows that another increase will be recorded for 2017.

Sixty per cent of all undernourished people now live in countries affected by conflict. Impacts on food security range from the destruction of farms or food stocks to disruptions to food supply systems or markets that also drive up food prices.

Conflict continued to be the main driver of acute food insecurity in 18 countries – 15 of them in Africa or the Middle East. More than 20 million people in North-East Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen are at risk. Climate disasters, mainly drought, were also major triggers of food crises in 23 countries – two-thirds of them in Africa and were responsible for pushing some 39 million people into acute food insecurity.

Today the world tends to still produce food mainly based on the principles of the Green Revolution - production based on high-inputs, at high environmental cost. This results in soil, forestry, water, air quality, and biodiversity degradation. According to the FAO, this focus on increasing 'production at any cost' has not been sufficient to eradicate hunger, despite the fact that more is now produced than is required to feed everyone. The world is also facing huge problems of obesity and related health resource issues. Mr da Silva said the world has reached a tipping point; that we need to promote a transformative change in the way we produce and consume food. We need sustainable food systems that offer healthy and nutritious food and protect the environment for future generations. Investments in agriculture, fisheries and forestry and spending on research need to be stepped up in order to build sustainability. FAO are looking at integrated systems of crop-livestock and crop-aquaculture, conservation, nutrition-sensitive agriculture and sustainable forest and fishery practices. These will help farmers, ecosystems and communities adapt to, mitigate and build resilience to climate change and meet country-specific and global needs.

ACWW CEO Tish Collins reports from the FAO Regional Conference in Voronezh. ACWW's consultative status with UN Agencies is crucial to our advocacy work, and represents our members on the global stage, ensuring their voices can be heard.

# WHAT IS GDPR?

## Protecting our members, and updating policies for ACWW

You may recently have seen, heard, or read about something called the General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR. If you haven't, you probably saw a huge number of emails in your inbox in the middle of May, asking you to update your settings.

GDPR was agreed into European Union law in May 2016, with an implementation date of 25 May 2018. This law was intended to update international protections of personal data, and ensure that EU and EEA citizens are protected from abuse of their data. The law also incorporates regulations on how data can be shared across borders and internationally.

ACWW has been updating and implementing new policies and procedures to ensure that we comply with the new laws, but also have the highest standards of protection for our members and their data. We would like to take this opportunity to explain a little more and clarify a few things.

### What is Personal Data?

Personal data is the information that can be used to identify you. In ACWW's context, this includes your name, address, contact details (telephone number and email address), information about your membership in specific societies or organisations, relationships with ACWW (how long you've been a member) and all the communications between you and us.

### Why does it matter?

It is important to protect your personal data for a variety of reasons. This ranges from helping to prevent your credit cards or bank accounts being cloned or abused, or stopping endless annoying phone calls from sales companies. The law says that you have the right to privacy, and we fully support this.

### What about the website?

ACWW has a duty of care to protect the data you give us, and to ensure that it is not shared in any inappropriate ways.

We will never sell your data, or share it with any commercial body outside of very specific situations. For example, when you fill out a form on our website, your data is temporarily shared with another company such as Survey Monkey Inc., which provides our form software. In a similar way, if you submit a payment form on the site then your card details will be processed by our transaction provider SquareUp. This means that ACWW will never see your card details, only confirmation that you have



*When we posted our new policies on Facebook, we understood that it was not the most exciting post ever, so added a photo of a baby goat. We were highly amused when Individual Member Hilary H from the UK commented "Goat Deprived People Revolt... GDPR!"*

paid. It also means that your card is processed under very strict conditions and in line with international laws.

In both cases, there are clear policies and agreements in place between ACWW and our suppliers, to ensure that everything is handled in the most careful, safe and secure way possible.

If you want to read our Data Processing and Privacy Policy, please visit our website. Look at the very bottom of the page, and click on the 'Terms, Conditions and Legal Policy Statements' link. Alternatively, you can visit this page: <https://www.acww.org.uk/terms---conditions.html>

You will also notice that the whole ACWW website is protected by what we call SSL Certificates, which show that the site is safe to use and enter your data. This can be seen if you look in the web address bar, by the green padlock icon, and that the address is prefaced by "https" rather than just the traditional "http". We don't recommend ever putting your personal information into a website which doesn't show the green padlock.



### Can you give me...?

Members sometimes ask us to pass on the email or phone number of another member so they can be in touch. Rest assured we will never do this without seeking your explicit permission in advance.

### Will you contact me?

If you have given us your contact details as part of your membership, we will of course contact you with your renewal information, and send your magazine to you. From time to time, we may also send updates relating to your membership. Society Members will receive Conference Circulars and other important updates as well. Occasionally, we may send something through to you (like a copy of the new Constitution), which is a part of your membership.

If you have chosen to join our E-Mailing list, you will receive the World President's E-Newsletter. If you have received this but do not want it, or believe you never signed up, please let us know and we will immediately remove you from the list.

If you decide at any point that you are not happy with a communication from ACWW or want to know what information we hold about you, please do not hesitate to contact us at Central Office. You can call us on +44 (0)20 7799 3875, or email us at [info@acww.org.uk](mailto:info@acww.org.uk)

# ACWW IN 2017

Summary of the 2017 Annual Report and Accounts of the Associated Country Women of the World

ACWW was founded in 1929, and registered as a Charity in 1984, number 290367

Following the Resolution passed at the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference, ACWW changed status

In 2017, the new Constitution was adopted, and ACWW became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the CIO Number 1174798

ACWW is an International Non-Governmental Organisation and pursues its charitable objectives through its member societies and through networks of non-member Non-Governmental Organisations

In 2016, ACWW had  
**412**  
Member Societies

We saw an increase in the number of Member Societies and the number of countries represented during 2017.

In 2016, ACWW had members in  
**74**  
Countries

In 2017, this grew to  
**445**  
Member Societies

In 2017, this increased to  
**82**  
Countries



## NEW CENTRAL OFFICE

October 2017 saw us move office from Mary Sumner House, Tufton Street to our fantastic new premises in West Norwood.

The new office saves money, improves security, increases efficiency and allows us a lot more flexibility, as well as allowing us to host events and meetings for up to 50 people.

The address is A04 Parkhall, 40 Martell Road, London SE21 8EN.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHANGES FOR 2017

The traditional Executive Committee of ACWW comprised the World President, Deputy World President, the Treasurer (who also acts as Chairman of the Finance & Membership Committee) and the Secretary (also the Chairman of the Triennial Conference Committee).

With the adoption of the new Constitution, the Executive Committee was strengthened by the addition of 3 new members.

The Chairmen of the Communications and Marketing Committee, Projects Committee and United Nations Committee joined the Executive Committee for the first time in October 2017.

## EMPOWERING WOMEN & COMMUNITIES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Throughout its 80 year history ACWW has forged partnerships with like-minded organisations in order to further its aims of connecting and supporting women and communities worldwide. The relationship with rural women's organisations has grown from covering 18 countries in 1929, to 82 countries in 2017.

The World President, Area Presidents and other Board members frequently travel to carry out extension work and give presentations to member societies, speaking at meetings and conferences throughout the world. This interaction with members is a vital way of keeping in touch.

In 2017 ACWW maintained its relationship with UN Agencies and is proud of the fact that it has held consultative status at the United Nations for 69 of the UN's 71 years.



ECOSOC - Economic & Social Council  
Special Consultative Status since 1947

FAO - Food & Agriculture Organisation  
Consultative Status since 1947

UNESCO - UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation  
Consultative Status since 1949 / Official NGO Partner

UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund  
Consultative Status since 1953

CoNGO - Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations  
Consultative Status since 1948



## EMPOWERING WOMEN & COMMUNITIES THROUGH ADVOCACY



ACWW attended the Sixty-First Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61) in New York, USA in March 2017.

Our Consultative Status as a Non-Governmental Organisation at the United Nations, UNESCO and FAO gives rural women a voice on the global stage.

### GLOBAL SURVEY OF THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF RURAL WOMEN

### ENSURING THE VOICES OF RURAL WOMEN ARE HEARD

The Board considered it necessary to conduct a baseline survey of the living conditions of rural women so that the data produced could be used to influence policy makers and decision takers. It was agreed that the Survey would be developed in 2017, and launched at the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2018.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2017

A networking breakfast was held to celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March 2017 and share information about ACWW.

Over 70 people attended, including 9 Members of the UK Parliament, 5 members of the House of Lords, including a Minister of State at the Home Office, and 1 member of the European Parliament. In addition, a BBC Newsreader, a Councillor from Westminster Council, the Chair of the UK Equality & Human Rights Commission also attended.

We were pleased to welcome representatives from several diplomatic missions, including the Naval Attaché from the Republic of Cameroon, the Second Secretary of the US Embassy, and the Deputy High Commissioner of the Australian High Commission in London.



## EMPOWERING WOMEN & COMMUNITIES THROUGH LOCAL ACTIVITIES

For many years, ACWW has funded grassroots projects led by women's organisations around the world. It is considered vital good practice that monitoring and evaluation is carried out to ensure that members' donations are being used appropriately and the aim is to monitor every funded project.

Activities are also organised as part of Area Conferences, offering an opportunity for culturally, locally appropriate training and engagement.

At least  
**80%**  
of ACWW Projects  
are monitored  
on the ground

ACWW is a  
responsive funder,  
meaning that we  
do not dictate  
what we will  
support...

Instead,  
we listen to what  
women tell us is  
needed most in their  
communities and  
respond to this

This way,  
we maximise  
impact in the target  
community, and  
sustainable  
changes



## EAST, WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

**TOTAL GRANTS: £21,692**

COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	GRANT
Cameroon	Cameroon Gender & Environment Watch (CAMGEW)	Improving the livelihoods of indigenous Mbororo women around Kilum-Ijim forest	£4,385
Ghana	Faith Women Self Help Group of EPC - Todze (FWDWP)	Faith Women Community Weanmix Project	£2,649
Kenya	Upendo Okatekok Women Group	Grassroots engagement for sustainable sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescent girls	£4,042
Kenya	Uyoma Food Security Self Help Project	Agok women revolving credit scheme for food security, nutrition and education support	£3,813
Uganda	Kasese District Women with Disabilities (KADIWOD)	Mushroom Growing for Social and Economic Development	£3,715
Uganda	Peace Initiative of Internally Displaced Women's Association	Purchase of shea nut expeller machine to fight against chronic poverty in families and malnutrition in children under-five	£3,088

## CENTRAL & SOUTH ASIA

**TOTAL GRANTS: £29,343**

COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	GRANT
Bangladesh	Women Empowerment and Environmental Organisation (WEEDO)	Providing agricultural training and production inputs for empowering vulnerable women and enhancing family level food security	£4,818
India	Deepam Trust	Dalit Women	£2,850
India	Rural People Development Society (RPDS)	Realising marginalised tribal women from poverty through goat-rearing and organic kitchen gardens	£6,169
India	Society for Women Downtrodden Development (SWADD)	Income Generation for Rural Women and Girls by establishing provision of Hygenic low-cost effective sanitary napkins	£3,327
India	Socio Economic Development Association	Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness	£3,956
Pakistan	Public Welfare Foundation	Women Empowerment through skill training	£4,236
Sri Lanka	Lanka Mahila Samiti	Strengthening English language teaching skills of pre-school teachers	£3,987

## SOUTH EAST ASIA & THE FAR EAST

**TOTAL GRANTS: £2,760**

COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	GRANT
Mongolia	Sain Tus Centre	Women's Economic Empowerment	£2,760

## CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

**TOTAL GRANTS: £4,839**

COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	GRANT
Guatemala	Fundación Junkabál	Fertilise Your Future	£4,839

# PROJECT IMPACTS

How projects completed in 2017 have made a difference

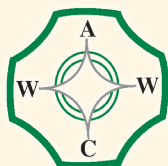
PRIORITY FOCUS AREA	RELEVANT SDG	PROJECTS	COUNTRIES	BENEFICIARIES
Sustainable Water, Sanitation & Energy	SDG 6: Clean Water & Sanitation	3	3	9,708
Income Generation & Livelihood	SDG 1: No Poverty	4	4	1,328
Sustainable Agriculture & Development	SDG 2: Zero Hunger	4	2	1,892
Nutrition, Good Health, & Wellbeing	SDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing	3	3	11,960
Education & Capacity Building	SDG 4: Quality Education	2	2	280
Maternal & Reproductive Health	SDG 5: Gender Equality / SDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing	2	1	2,472

We make an informed assessment that the improved skills and life of every direct beneficiary will have an impact on an average of 3 additional members of their family. Depending on the type of project, this number might be larger due to the projected social impacts on the whole community.



## SDG IMPACT INDICATORS

TARGET 1-1 ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY	TARGET 1-2 REDUCE POVERTY BY AT LEAST 50%	TARGET 1-3 IMPLEMENT SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS	TARGET 1-4 EQUAL RIGHTS TO OWNERSHIP, BASIC SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES	TARGET 1-A MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO END POVERTY	TARGET 1-B CREATE PRO-POOR AND GENDER-SENSITIVE POLICY FRAMEWORKS	TARGET 2-1 UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO SAFE AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD	TARGET 2-2 END ALL FORMS OF MALNUTRITION	TARGET 2-3 DOUBLE THE PRODUCTIVITY AND INCOMES OF SMALL-SCALE FOOD PRODUCERS
TARGET 2-4 SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION AND RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES	TARGET 2-C ENSURE STABLE FOOD COMMODITY MARKETS AND TIMELY ACCESS TO INFORMATION	TARGET 3-1 REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY	TARGET 3-2 END ALL PREVENTABLE DEATHS UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE	TARGET 3-7 UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE CARE, FAMILY PLANNING AND EDUCATION	TARGET 3-C INCREASE HEALTH FINANCING AND SUPPORT HEALTH WORKFORCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	TARGET 4-2 EQUAL ACCESS TO QUALITY PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION	TARGET 4-3 EQUAL ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION	TARGET 4-4 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH RELEVANT SKILLS FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS
TARGET 4-5 ELIMINATE ALL DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION	TARGET 4-7 EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP	TARGET 4-B EXPAND HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	TARGET 4-C INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	TARGET 5-1 END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS	TARGET 5-2 END ALL VIOLENCE AGAINST AND EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS	TARGET 5-3 ELIMINATE FORCED MARRIAGES AND GENITAL MUTILATION	TARGET 5-5 ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING	TARGET 5-6 UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS
TARGET 5-A EQUAL RIGHTS TO ECONOMIC RESOURCES, PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	TARGET 5-B PROMOTE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN THROUGH TECHNOLOGY	TARGET 5-C ADOPT AND STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND ENFORCEABLE LEGISLATION FOR GENDER EQUALITY	TARGET 6-1 SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER	TARGET 6-2 END OPEN DEFECATION AND PROMOTE ACCESS TO SANITATION AND HYGIENE	TARGET 6-3 IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND SAFE REUSE	TARGET 6-5 IMPLEMENT INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	TARGET 6-A EXPAND WATER AND SANITATION SUPPORT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	TARGET 6-B SUPPORT LOCAL ENGAGEMENT IN WATER AND SANITATION MANAGEMENT



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Permanent Endowment £	Connected Charities £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
<b>Income:</b>						
Donations, membership & legacies	305,284	145,140	-	19,323	469,747	508,219
Investment income	77,938	-	-	-	77,938	71,362
Charitable activities	1,806	-	-	-	1,806	419,794
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>385,025</b>	<b>145,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,323</b>	<b>549,488</b>	<b>999,375</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>						
<b>Raising Funds:</b>						
Investment management costs	8,905	-	-	-	8,905	8,250
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>						
Project activities	121,697	102,525	-	25,616	249,838	231,478
Education	45,409	-	-	-	45,409	59,899
Outreach	71,729	-	-	-	71,729	79,865
Information & Research	113,522	-	-	-	113,522	99,831
United Nations Representation	45,409	-	-	-	45,409	19,966
Conference	22,801	-	-	-	22,801	432,259
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>429,472</b>	<b>102,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,616</b>	<b>557,613</b>	<b>931,548</b>
<b>Net (expenditure) / Income</b>	<b>(44,447)</b>	<b>42,615</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,293)</b>	<b>(8,125)</b>	<b>67,827</b>
Transfers between funds	190,522	(190,522)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net (expenditure) / Income before other gains</b>	<b>146,075</b>	<b>(147,907)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,293)</b>	<b>(8,125)</b>	<b>67,827</b>
Gains on investment assets	47,729	11,196	13,896	-	72,821	111,495
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>193,804</b>	<b>(136,711)</b>	<b>13,896</b>	<b>(6,293)</b>	<b>64,696</b>	<b>179,322</b>
Fund balances brought forward 1 January 2017	1,535,679	473,267	663,904	180,091	2,852,941	2,673,619
<b>Fund balances carried forward 31 December 2017</b>	<b>£1,729,483</b>	<b>£336,556</b>	<b>£677,800</b>	<b>£173,798</b>	<b>£2,917,637</b>	<b>£2,852,941</b>



# BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Charity</u>	
	2017 £	2016 £	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible assets	25,814	10,278	25,814	10,278
Investments	2,391,558	2,327,642	2,391,558	2,327,642
	<u>2,417,372</u>	<u>2,337,920</u>	<u>2,417,372</u>	<u>2,337,920</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	40,768	45,566	40,768	45,566
Cash at bank and in hand	524,595	531,677	461,852	429,397
	<u>565,363</u>	<u>577,243</u>	<u>502,620</u>	<u>474,963</u>
<b>Creditors:</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	(56,517)	(41,344)	(167,572)	(119,155)
	<u>508,846</u>	<u>535,899</u>	<u>335,048</u>	<u>355,808</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>				
	<u><b>£2,917,637</b></u>	<u><b>£2,852,941</b></u>	<u><b>£2,743,839</b></u>	<u><b>£2,672,850</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>				
	<u><b>£2,917,637</b></u>	<u><b>£2,852,941</b></u>	<u><b>£2,743,839</b></u>	<u><b>£2,672,850</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>				
<b>ACWW</b>				
"Permanent endowment" fund	677,800	663,904	677,800	663,904
Restricted Funds	336,556	473,267	336,556	473,267
Designated Funds	320,756	161,904	320,756	161,904
Unrestricted Funds	1,408,727	1,373,775	1,408,727	1,373,775
	<u>2,743,839</u>	<u>2,672,850</u>	<u>2,743,839</u>	<u>2,672,850</u>
<b>Connected Charities</b>				
Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund	73,513	75,792	-	-
Elsie Zimmern Memorial Fund	32,034	33,296	-	-
Nutrition Education Trust Fund	68,251	71,003	-	-
	<u>173,798</u>	<u>180,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><b>£2,917,637</b></u>	<u><b>£2,852,941</b></u>	<u><b>£2,743,839</b></u>	<u><b>£2,672,850</b></u>

Most expenditure was incurred supporting the charitable activities of the organisation. A major re-location took place in the final quarter of the year which should result in savings and greater security in future. Although there was an operational deficit of £8,125 of expenditure over income, this was offset by gains on investments of £72,821 resulting in a net movement of funds with a surplus of £64,696 at the year end. Expenditure on project activities from restricted funds relates to projects funded in 2017, and monitoring/evaluation costs of 20%, and direct salary costs of staff working exclusively on projects. Conference income and expenditure is, by convention, concentrated in the year of the Conference.



# ACWW Water Project

## Philippines: Water, Agroforestry, Nutrition & Development *Women's Action Against Climate Change and Hunger*

Completed in November 2017, ACWW Project No. 1018 brought safe water and sanitation facilities to women and families in barrios which lacked these facilities and as a result, the beneficiaries are enjoying better health, nutrition and income.

Two rainwater harvesters (10,000 litres each) were constructed, serving 311 households. 50 latrines have also been constructed for women-led households. Training in the use and care of these has been provided, although the rainwater harvesters need very little care and should last for at least 20 years. Backyard gardens have been established and 220 women and their families are participating in home gardening. They have been trained to grow vegetables and fruit using local seed varieties.

WAND initiated the creation of an association, named after the project (Women's Action against Climate Change and Hunger). This has been incorporated and registered with the Department of Labour and Employment, and will give the beneficiaries the opportunity to lobby for and access services for the continued improvement of their community.

The photo above shows two project participants standing proudly in front of one of the newly constructed latrines.

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# ACWW Water Project



## Uganda: Kituntu Women's Association *Community Managed Water for Life*

ACWW Project 982 was completed in 2017, and improved water access for the community of the Kituntu Village in Uganda's Mpigi District.

3 shallow wells were constructed, providing a 30% increase in access to safe water. More than 1250 people in the village benefited from the project, and are now also encountering reduced exposure to water-borne diseases like cholera and typhoid.

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# 105 AND GOING STRONG!

We introduce Esther Chute of Nova Scotia, Canada



Mrs Esther Chute recently celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and we are delighted to be able to print this article about Esther, from Judy Parks, our Canadian Friendship Links Area Coordinator.

## Where does Esther live and how does she spend her days?

I visited Esther in the comfortable nursing home where she lives in a bright and cheerful room. Her dresser top was filled with recently knitted items for charity – an activity which takes up most of her time. She was also busy with the finishing touches to the tea cosy which is the provincial WI handcraft project.

She uses her walker to walk the distance to the elevator three times a day for meals downstairs, knowing well that if she starts using a wheelchair, she will be missing out on this daily way of exercise which she says is very important at this stage of her life.

## To what extent is Esther still involved with the WI?

She remains a promoter of all levels of the WI and was the district treasurer until she was 100. I remember over the years how Esther would attend events dressed in the latest knitted outfit she had created- skirts and tops to match, always in a cheerful colour to match her personality! Esther has a younger sister who belongs to the WI and is also a very enthusiastic member. I spoke with her recently and she too marvels at her sister's continued health and quality of life.

Esther has been part of ACWW's Friendship Links programme for many years and she

still enjoys the letters of friendship she regularly receives from her pen friends.

## Tell us about Esther's life as a younger woman.

Esther lived with her family on a farm and after her husband passed away she continue to take care of the farm and lived there for the larger part of her life. Speaking with one of her WI friends from her South Berwick branch, I was told that Esther was a consummate cook and her signature dish was baked gooseberry pudding. She grew the gooseberries herself and one day when she went out to pick some, she got carried away and picked 108 boxes! Being tired after this strenuous task, she put her head down in the garden to rest for a while. When her neighbour saw this he rushed up to her to check on her... thinking she was dead!

## How did Esther celebrate her 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Esther requested a meal of fish and chips which her daughter happily provided. A square dance party was part of the celebration and even though she was keen to participate, her daughter convinced her to watch the proceedings instead! Her fellow WI members went to the nursing home to spend some time with her and to hand her a certificate from Nova Scotia's head office as well as a bouquet of flowers.

I wish Esther to continue to be happy and contented and to cherish the wonderful memories of 105 years – I certainly cherish her remarkable, inspirational life!

Judy Parks

## ACWW ADVOCACY FOCUS ISSUES

As you will have already read, we will be using our magazine, website and social media channels to focus on specific issues, grouped by theme over the coming months.

You may well have already seen those that we started in May and June; Maternal Health, the Triennial World Conference, Water Supply and Sustainable Water, and Women in Conflict and Camps.

### Forthcoming focus issues:

2-11 July  
Civil Society & Gender

12-15 July  
The WE Fund

16-29 July  
Food Sovereignty

30 July - 9 August  
Sustainability in Energy

10-19 August  
The WE Fund

20-26 August  
The Zero Hunger Challenge

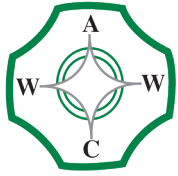
27 August - 2 September  
ACWW Resolutions of the Past

3-16 September  
Focus on SDG 5: Quality Education

17-22 September  
The WE Fund & Project Impacts

24-30 September  
Eradicable Diseases





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**Theme: 90 Years of Achievements, Building 90 Years of Opportunities**

**TIMETABLE:** Please note that this was updated in October 2017 and details may be subject to change  
**NOTE:** Discussion of Resolutions, Recommendations and Reports from Area Presidents will be distributed throughout the days of the Conference.

Thursday	4 April	Registration at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre / Outgoing Board Meeting / Area Meetings / Briefing for Returning Officer, Tellers, Stewards & Scrutineers
Friday	5 April	Opening Ceremony / Conference Sessions / Elections
Saturday	6 April	Conference Sessions
Sunday	7 April	Thanksgiving Ceremony / Conference Sessions
Monday	8 April	Conference Sessions / Invitation to host 2025 / Election results / Gala Dinner
Tuesday	9 April	Conference Sessions / Closing Ceremony / Area Meetings / Board Hand-over
Wednesday	10 April	Excursion Day / Incoming Board Meeting ( <i>this continues into Thursday 11 April</i> )

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS & VOTING RIGHTS**

The following may attend:

- The Board of ACWW
- A maximum of 5 voting delegates from each Category 1 Society
- A maximum of 2 voting delegates from each Category 2 Society
- 1 voting delegate from each Category 3 Society
- Representatives of Category 4 Societies
- Category 5 Individual Members
- Past World Presidents
- ACWW United Nations Representatives
- Visitors invited at the discretion of the Executive Committee

Fully paid-up Member Societies may send voting delegates according to membership category.  
 Fully paid-up Individual Members of ACWW, and members of ACWW Member Societies, may attend as observers.

**NOTES**

Please note that ACWW is not responsible in any way for:

- **TRAVEL** Participants must make their own travel arrangements
- **INSURANCE** All participants are advised of the importance of arranging comprehensive cover for personal accident, personal liability, medical expenses, baggage, cancellation charges etc. as soon as they register
- **VISAS** Participants must check whether they require an entrance visa for Australia and apply for it in good time. You may need a Letter of Invitation to support your Visa, please indicate this on the next page.
- **ACCOMMODATION** Participants must make their own accommodation arrangements. A list of suggested accommodation options in a range of prices are available on the ACWW website.
- **ACCESSIBILITY** Participants must arrange their own assistance for accessibility requirements, details and advice are available on the ACWW website.

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE:**

ACWW is not liable for any event beyond its control. These include unusual, unforeseeable or unavoidable events beyond our control, the consequences of which could not be avoided even if due care has been exercised, including but not limited to war, threat of war, riot, civil disobedience or strife, government action, terrorist activity, natural or industrial disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, level of water in rivers or floods, and closure of airports. This will include industrial dispute involving third parties, technical or maintenance problems, or unforeseen operational decisions of air carriers, such as changes of schedule or any failure in the information technology infrastructure.

## REGISTRATION FEES

ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE AS VOTING DELEGATES, NON-VOTING DELEGATES, OBSERVERS, SPOUSES/FRIENDS/FAMILY ETC. MUST PAY THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

- **EARLY BIRD** conference registration opens on **29 APRIL 2018** and closes **1 OCTOBER 2018**, the rate is **£440** per person
- After **1 OCTOBER 2018**, the fee will rise to **£475** per person, and the final deadline will be **31 DECEMBER 2018**
- The **DAY ATTENDEE** rate is **£105** per person per day. The deadline for Day Attendees will be **31 DECEMBER 2018**. Please note that Day Attendees may attend for no more than 3 days.

If you are attending the Conference as an observer / spouse / partner / friend etc., your registration fee will include optional visits throughout the week and must be booked with your registration.

Registration fees include your attendance at Conference Sessions, refreshments during Conference, lunches and Gala Dinner. Attendees are responsible for their own accommodation, breakfast and dinner. Day Attendees will receive refreshments and lunch on the day(s) of their registration only, and will have to pay an additional surcharge for the Gala Dinner if attending on 8 April. **The optional Excursion Day Tour at the end of the Conference (10<sup>th</sup> April) is not included.** Please read the details on the following page, and tick the box on your registration form if you would like to include this Excursion Day Tour, and indicate your order of preference for the tour.

## HOW TO REGISTER

All registration fees are payable to ACWW upon registration. To reduce costs, please pay in one transaction, itemising your requirements on the appropriate section of the form. **Please fill in one form per person, and carefully check which form you should complete:**

- FORM A:** This is the form for Attendees. Whether you are likely to be a voting delegate, non-voting delegate, member of a group from a society or an individual member, this is the form you should complete.
- FORM B:** This is the form for Observers / Friends / Spouses / Family who wish to come to the Conference or accompany an Attendee, but are not active participants or delegates.
- FORM C:** This is the form for Day Attendees. If you are only attending the Conference for up to 3 days, please complete this form. This form will be released in July 2018.

### Online Registration

1. Visit the Triennial World Conference page of our website [www.acww.org.uk/conference.html](http://www.acww.org.uk/conference.html)
2. Complete the Online Registration Form and submit **OR** Download the Registration Form and fill-in and email it to [worldconference@acww.org.uk](mailto:worldconference@acww.org.uk)
3. Pay for registration online using the payment portal / make a bank transfer using the following details:

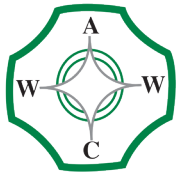
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### Registration by Post

1. Complete the Paper Registration Form, sign and date it
  2. Send the completed Form to: [ACWW, A04 Parkhall, 40 Martell Road, London SE21 8EN, UK](#)
  3. Ensure that payment (made by cheque, bank transfer, credit or debit card online or by telephone) is **received at ACWW Central Office no later than the cut-off dates.**
- All cheques and bank drafts should be made payable to "Associated Country Women of the World". If you wish to pay by debit or credit card, please contact ACWW Central Office to make these arrangements- please **DO NOT** send your card details by email or post.
  - If paying by bank draft or transfer, please ensure you use your **SURNAME, followed by First Name** as a reference.

**FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PRINTED IN THE COUNTRY WOMAN AND MADE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE IN DUE COURSE. TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**  
[www.acww.org.uk/conference.html](http://www.acww.org.uk/conference.html)

**FOR ANY AND ALL COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE TRIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS: [worldconference@acww.org.uk](mailto:worldconference@acww.org.uk)**



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## Conference Tour Information - Please read carefully!

It is traditional that ACWW Triennial World Conferences include activities for those spouses, partners, friends, and supporters not wanting to sit through the entire conference. At the end of the Conference, there is an Excursion Day Tour which sees members from all over the world spend the day together exploring some exciting local sights, activities or projects.

For the 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference in Melbourne the Hostess Society, the Country Women's Association of Victoria, have organised a variety of options for the final Excursion Day Tour and three tours for the spouses and partners etc. There is also a Pre-Conference City Sights Tour of Melbourne which can be booked. Please read the following information carefully, as you will need to indicate if you would like to participate on the forms on the following page (or ideally when you register online).

### PRE-CONFERENCE CITY SIGHTS TOUR (4 April 2019) - Additional fee of £30

This tour aims to orientate you with your host city, Melbourne. The inhabitants of Melbourne love her elegant layout, her Victorian grandeur and architecture, her wide tree-lined streets, the hustle and bustle of this thriving metropolis. It includes the coach travel and tour guide, and will give you a great introduction to the city. If you would like to add this to your registration, please tick this box on the form when you complete it.

### EXCURSION DAY TOUR (10 April 2019) - Additional fee of £100

The Excursion Day Tour at the end of the Conference is a great chance to spend some social time with fellow delegates, friends, and colleagues whilst seeing a little more of Australia. The price of the tour is not included in the general Conference Registration Fee, and you will need to tick the box on the Registration Form to indicate you want to take part.

There are four options (labelled A, B, C, and D) and you will need to list them in order of preference - of course, we will do our best to ensure that you get your first choice of tour, but there is a small chance it may fall to your other preferences. We will ensure that you are kept up to date with this as we process applications. So, for example, you might select your tours as follows:

Tour A  3      Tour B  1      Tour C  2      Tour D  4

In this example, you most want to go on Tour B, then if not available you would prefer Tour C, then Tour A, and Tour D is the one you are least interested in.

### TOUR A WILDLIFE & WINERY



The tall ash forests will guide you into the spectacular Blue Dandenong ranges. You'll travel through the picturesque Yarra Valley to the Healesville Sanctuary, and enjoy wildlife encounters along the way. The generous spit-roast lunch will be hosted at a regional winery, and include a sample of their wine. Your sweet tooth will be satisfied by chocolates at the Yarra Valley Chocolatery & Ice Creamery, before you head to the Healesville Sanctuary which is home to over 200 species of Australian birds, mammals and reptiles. You'll be delighted with a walk around the natural bushland, and will have the opportunity to meet some of Australia's native animals.

This tour will leave the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre (the Triennial World Conference Venue) at 9.30am and return at 4.30pm. The fee includes the coach journey, 2 course lunch at the Winery, and a glass of wine.

### TOUR B PENGUINS ON PARADE



At dusk each evening, the Little Penguins come home to Phillip Island from the sea. You'll watch from an elevated boardwalk as they cautiously waddle from the beach to their burrows after a long day out in the water. Phillip Island is a treasure trove of Australian wildlife; you'll encounter seals, koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, birdlife and, of course, the penguins! You'll visit Churchill Island where you can explore the working farm, or enjoy ocean views from the café. At the Koala Conservation Centre you'll see koalas in their natural habitat and, before sunset, you'll head to the Penguin Parade and wander through the 'Penguin Experience' exhibit so you can learn more about them. Finally you'll walk out to Summerland Beach and take your seat for the Penguins on Parade.

This tour will leave the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre (the Triennial World Conference Venue) at 1pm and return at 9pm. The fee includes the coach journey, visit to the Koala Conservation Centre, entrance to the Penguin Parade. Please note that dinner is not included.

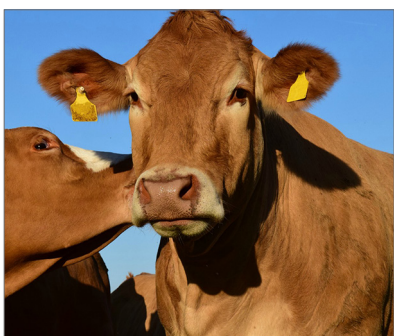
## TOUR C GREAT OCEAN ROAD ADVENTURE



The Great Ocean Road is a photographer's delight, and consistently features in the Top 10 of the world's greatest coastal drives. This is a day tour that will impress, as you join the Gray Line tour along the Road, taking in spectacular views of long sandy beaches, rolling surf, precipitous coastal cliffs and river inlets. You'll travel through popular resort towns including Anglesea, Lorne, Wye River, Apollo Bay, and Port Campbell. The stops will include the Twelve Apostles boardwalk, Loch Ard Gorge and Island Arch. A refreshment stop will be at Port Campbell before heading inland back to Melbourne.

This tour will leave the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre (the Triennial World Conference Venue) at 7.30am and will return at 7pm. The fee includes the coach journey, morning tea and National Park fees. You will be able to purchase your own lunch at one of the seaside towns along the route.

## TOUR D A COUNTRY AFFAIR



Enjoy a wonderful day meandering through the green hills surrounding the country towns of Warragul and Yarragon in West Gippsland. Situated just over 100 kilometres south-east of Melbourne, it is home to some of Victoria's richest agricultural land and is among the major suppliers of milk for Melbourne. Visit the Warragul Hospital Linen Service to see their Industrial Laundry operation before carrying on to lunch supplied by the wonderful ladies of the Warragul Night Branch Country Women's Association. You'll then visit Flavorite Tomatoes, a tomato, eggplant, capsicum and zucchini production farm. With the support of a dedicated network of growers and a few other stalwarts from the Hydroponic Farmers Federation they have taken a cottage industry to a major supermarket category. Before returning to Melbourne visit the most technically advanced dairy farm in the District to see the fascinating robotic milking on a grazing farm, and even enjoy a cup of tea!

This tour will leave the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre (the Triennial World Conference Venue) at 9am and will return at 5.30pm. The fee includes the transport, visits to farms, light lunch and afternoon tea, accompanied by a member of the Country Women's Association of Victoria.

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## OBSERVER / SPOUSE / PARTNER / FRIEND DAY TOURS

Many of the delegates at the Triennial World Conference are joined by spouses, partners, friends or family members who support them during their travel and attendance. The Country Women's Association of Victoria have organised the following day trips, which are offered to all of these accompanying attendees. Please indicate on **FORM B** (over the page) which of the trips you would like to take part in. Please note that if you are registering as a Spouse / Partner / Friend etc., these trips are included in your registration fee **BUT** you must indicate when you register which tours you would like to attend.

### DAY TOUR 1 - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2pm - 5pm ABORIGINAL DREAMTIME

Discover how the landscape of Melbourne has supported the cultural, economic, and spiritual life of Indigenous people and settlers for more than 60,000 years. See the impact of explorers and settlers on the Aboriginal people, and the landscape, fauna and flora. Explore how the ecosystem supported hunting and gathering, medicine and bush tucker as well as discovering the role of traditional stories- Dreamtime.

Learn about clan territories, the Batman Treaty, alliances, historic events, archaeological sites and the eel cycle. This is a walking tour so ensure you wear comfortable shoes!

A cup of coffee and cake is included at the end of the walk.

### DAY TOUR 2 - 6<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am - 2.30pm CARLTON BREWERY

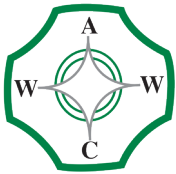
Visit the Carlton Brewhouse, located at Australia's largest brewery and home of some of Australia's favourite beers including Carlton Draught and Victoria Bitter. Here you can go on a beer expedition, following the River of Beer through which 150,000 litres of fresh beer flows each day. You'll be guided through 150 years of brewing history and knowledge as you experience the sheer scale of this iconic facility on the banks of the Yarra. Return to the Brewhouse to sample your favourite brewery fresh beers.

The tour includes a guided tour of the brewery followed by a tasting of your choice of six great beers from their extensive range of brews and a light lunch.

### DAY TOUR 3 - 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 10.30am - 1.30pm MCG: HALLOWED TURF

Explore the inner sanctum of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), walk on the hallowed turf and experience where legends play- all whilst taking a guided tour. Gain an insight into Melbourne's sporting culture by exploring one of the world's most iconic stadiums, as you hear from proud MCG volunteers and go behind the scenes of the 'G'. You can stay after the tour and visit the National Sports Museum at your own expense.

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## FORM A: ATTENDEE REGISTRATION FORM

1 FORM TO BE COMPLETED PER PERSON Spouses/Friends etc. complete FORM B, Day Attendees must complete FORM C instead

### PART A: YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS - PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS

Title (Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Dr/Other):  Home Language:

Surname (as in your passport):

First names (as in your passport):

Don't forget to include any honours (OBE / AM etc) you want shown

Name you want on your Conference tag:

Your residential address:

Town / City:

Province / State:

Country:

Postal / ZIP Code:

Telephone (including Country & Dialling Code):

Mobile / Cell (including Country Code):

Email Address:

### PART B: YOUR SOCIETY DETAILS - PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS

Full Society Name:

Please include your branch & country

### PART C: REGISTRATION FEE & DETAILS - PLEASE TICK THE CORRECT BOXES

I am paying the EARLY BIRD registration fee of £440

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I am paying the STANDARD registration fee of £475

Standard Registration is available for registrations received between 2 October 2018 and 31 December 2018.

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I wish to register for the City Sights Tour at £30

I wish to register for the Excursion Day Tour at £100

Please number Tours in order of preference

Tour A  Tour B  Tour C  Tour D

I would like to pay by:

Credit Card

Bank Transfer / Draft

Cheque

Online

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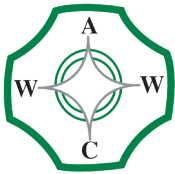
### PART D: YOUR OBLIGATIONS & CONFIRMATION

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- I further indemnify ACWW of any liabilities arising from any personal injury or loss of property during my attendance at the Conference.
- I understand that ACWW will send confirmation that I have been registered for the Conference once my application has been received and processed, which may take a varying amount of time due to the number of applications received.

Tick this box if you will require a LETTER OF INVITATION / VISA LETTER to support your visa application:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:



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## FORM B: OBSERVER / SPOUSE / PARTNER / FRIEND REGISTRATION FORM

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### PART A: YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS - PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS

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Mobile / Cell (including Country Code):

Email Address:

### PART B: WHO ARE YOU ACCOMPANYING?

Name of the Attendee you are accompanying:

### PART C: REGISTRATION FEE & DETAILS - PLEASE TICK THE CORRECT BOXES

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Please number Tours in order of preference

I wish to attend the following DAY TOURS  Day Tour 1  Day Tour 2  Day Tour 3

This is included in your registration fee but must be selected here

I would like to pay by:  Credit Card  Bank Transfer / Draft  Cheque  Online

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# INTRODUCING THE WE FUND

ACWW's new funding programme for our Projects worldwide

We are very proud to announce our new fund, which supports ACWW Projects. Over the years, your generous support has allowed us to fund more than 1030 women-led, community based projects around the world. We want to ensure that this legacy is carried forward and that we can grow and develop our support of women's empowerment globally.

After initial applications, potential ACWW projects are shortlisted and selected by a combination of the Central Office staff and Projects Committee, and then approved by the Board. At this stage, they have become an official ACWW Project and are given a number. The most recent is Project 1041. This process will remain constant!

Previously, once a project was approved, it would be funded up-front by ACWW. We would then approach member societies with a list of projects that had recently been approved, and seek pledges to 'Adopt' the projects, with donations coming over the next couple of years. Whilst many Societies gave generously, this replenishment process meant that the Projects funds never grew or allowed for expansion. For some Societies, they were safe in the knowledge that they had a project to work towards funding, but others were disappointed that they felt they couldn't contribute to that project.

By changing how we ask for donations, we aim to improve the system, and increase the number of projects we can fund each year. This will allow more people to get involved, and ensure that we are helping as many communities as we possibly can.

**At the heart of all of ACWW's activities is Women's Empowerment. Our projects are a crucial contribution to a safe, sustainable, progressive future for women and communities worldwide.**



The Women Empowered Fund, known as 'WE Fund', is our new initiative to increasing the project funding capacity of ACWW, and thus the impacts we make.

There are six Priority Focus areas in which ACWW directs funding. Our goal initially is to build each of these 'pots' to £20,000 so the Projects Committee will know how much can sustainably be distributed in grants, whilst including provision for project monitoring and evaluation. As funds are committed to projects, the level on the Priority Focus pot will drop, until funds are built up again.

The new Projects page on the website shows the six pots and their current funding totals, updated each week. This will also show when funds are committed, and include all updates from project participants and beneficiaries, as well as case studies and impact assessments.

As donors, you will be able to see at a glance where money is most needed. Your group may choose to give to one Priority Focus, or to split your donations across several. You could choose to send in donations and ask for them to be directed to the pot with the lowest level of funding, or consistently fund your chosen Focus.

When you send in a donation, it will be recorded on our system, and acknowledged. When we use donations to fund a project in the Priority Focus you choose to support, you will receive an update and information about the project. As the project develops, you will continue to receive impact statements and updates, as well as information on how the project contributes to the success of the Sustainable Development Goals. Of course, if you have funded multiple Priority Focus areas, you will receive updates for each of them. If more than one project is funded from your Priority Focus, you will hear about them too!

Your Society can donate any amount to any of the six Priority Focus areas, and if you'd like a rough guide, the average ACWW project currently costs around £4,000 to complete.

The six new projects approved in March 2018 were the last to follow the old model, and have all been adopted. This way of funding projects retrospectively has been limiting the growth of our capacity.



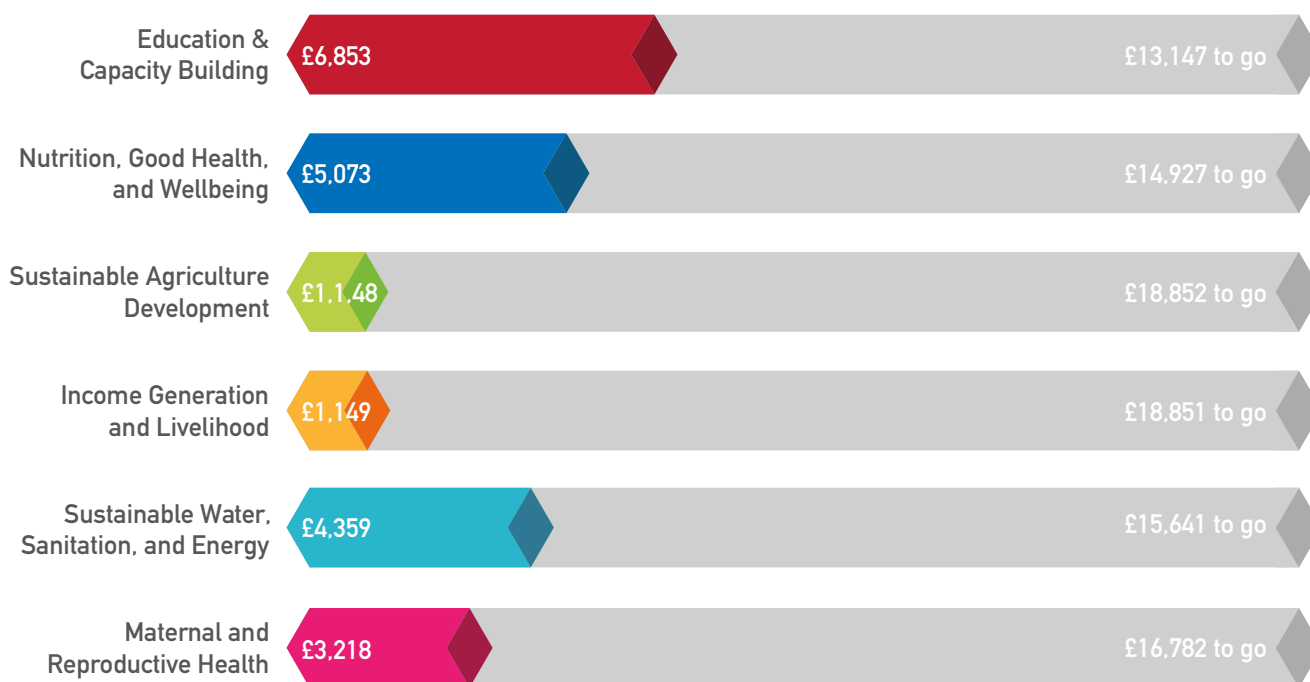
The new WE Fund allows you to contribute to funding projects up front, receive much faster updates, and benefit from a greater understanding of the impact you are making. Crucially, as this funding is not limited to specific projects but rather Priority Focus areas, your donations will reach further and benefit people across the world. As funds are used, the pots can be replenished with donations.

We are always so grateful that those who support projects are so personally invested, both financially and emotionally, in this work. Connecting women has always been a crucial part of ACWW, and joining communities together through the Women Empowered Fund continues this work into a most sustainable, more effective, future.

## WE Fund Priority Focus Areas



When you visit the Projects page on our website, you will see a table like the one below, which will show you the current levels of funding.



These figures taken from 29 June 2018

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact Central Office



ACWW Focus on

# Women in Conflict

The UN passed Security Council Resolution **1325** in the year **2000**.  
It states: *“The Security Council urges Member States to ensure increased representation of women at all decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions and mechanisms for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict”*

In 2013, ACWW passed the following  
Resolution, in support of 1325:

*“Be it resolved that the ACWW and its member organisations urge their governments to act upon, not only adopt, the UN Security Council Resolution 1325”*

In **2016**, the percentage of signed peace agreements containing gender-specific provisions declined to **50%**, as compared to **70%** in **2014**

Gender gaps in humanitarian settings are glaringly evident. In conflict and post-conflict settings, maternal mortality rates are **nearly twice the global ratio**, while girls are **2.5 times more likely to be out of school**

What has your government done to act on 1325?  
Does your country have national policy on this issue?  
Engage with your politicians, take action, refuse to be silent.

# VIOLENCE & TRAFFICKING

Iluta Lace, Director of the Marta Centre in Latvia

The Marta Centre is a non-governmental organization that aims to provide support to women in Latvia, especially non-citizens and migrants, women with a low income or unemployed, female victims of human trafficking and of domestic violence. On International Women's Day they called for solidarity with rural women in Latvia; several events took place on 8 March to cast some light on the problems they face. They emphasised that women from rural regions are more subject to different socio-economic risks and are less likely to be able to access quality help in cases of domestic violence or human trafficking

This call for solidarity with rural women started a wide discussion that showed Latvian society is not well informed about the struggle rural women face. However, statistics show that unemployment levels are higher than in the capital Riga. The stereotype indicates women in rural areas live more peaceful and fulfilling lives, but society refuses to notice the complex circumstances that make lives of rural women harder.

Because of the economic situation in rural regions of Latvia, it is difficult for women to find jobs commensurate with their abilities, not to mention the careers they aspire to, since the opportunity to receive higher education in rural regions is very restricted. It is also difficult to receive good quality medical care or screening or get timely help when their physical or emotional wellbeing is in danger.

The European Institute for Gender Equality has concluded that in the European Union poverty has a woman's face. Latvia is no exception. Poverty is more present in rural areas and unemployment rates are high. Women are forced to take low paid jobs closer to home or commute to larger cities. Commuting and full-time jobs are often not an option for women with children as it is still believed to be the woman's duty to take care of children and, in the case of a family split, children usually stay with mother.

Thus, women from rural regions more economically vulnerable. They are more exposed to poverty, staying in physically and/or emotionally violent relationships and they can become involved in human trafficking schemes or prostitution, as shown in the case studies on recruitment for human trafficking. Research shows that in crisis situations, where a woman has no resources or shelter, prostitution is perceived to be the only available alternative.

This research also shows that women, who are entrapped in human trafficking usually come from rural areas, then are trafficked to larger cities and then to the capital or other countries.

## ***Marta Centre provides help to women in crisis from all over Latvia and in 2017 opened regional branch in Liepāja.***

Often women are ashamed and would rather seek help further away from the city they live in as they are afraid people will judge them. In some cases, violent partners are popular in their small communities and people do not believe the victim. These are a few of the reasons that prevent women from seeking help in crisis situations or revealing their experiences and needs.

Often social workers and police in regions are not prepared or skilled enough to work with victims of domestic violence as shown in project "ONE STEP CLOSER: Coordinated Community Response to Violence against Women". Here professionals from Marta Centre interviewed women about the responses they got after involving the police in cases where their partner abused them. As a part of this project several seminars were held for the media on how to reflect on domestic violence avoiding victim blaming and sensationalism but rather putting an emphasis on understanding that it is a problem of society and what needs to be done to end it.

Society in our provincial towns and rural regions is still very judgemental; it cultivates the traditional stereotypes of women as subordinate to men and being the main care givers. In this environment women are often held back from pursuing their choices and equal opportunities. To escape difficult economic situations, fulfil their ambitions or to have some time outside work and family life, women sometime choose unconventional paths and ways to spend their time that are not accepted in society as suitable for women, so they can become social outcasts.

Frequently women become the central force in organizing cultural events and hobby groups to regain control of their lives that are usually organized around family and household and often include hard physical work in the fields or with farm animals.

The benefit of engaging in some social life is becoming well-known locally as an efficient and reliable person and can result in being elected to regional government - 39% of representatives in regional governments are women. Before the Parliamentary election in October, the Marta Centre will organize regional discussions; "My life, my choice".

These will aim to eliminate violence against girls and women in Latvia by changing attitudes of opinion leaders, experts and decision makers as well as facilitating ratification of the Convention against violence against women (CEDAW) and promoting the Swedish model of preventing sexual exploitation of girls and women. The plan is to invite politicians to discussions and help regional opinion leaders recognize which of them represent values that would help implement these aims and for people to connect directly to the people with legislative power and speak about their concerns and problems that need to be urgently addressed.

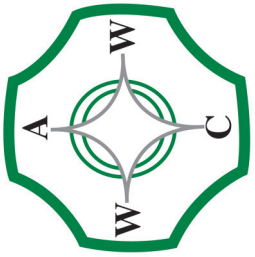
Although the Marta Centre participates in legislative processes that can help resolve some situations, the focus is still on informing people about options and ways to get help, as well as training police and social workers on how to respond in cases of domestic violence and human trafficking.

## ***We find communication with fellow organizations is a big help shifting the focus on things that are most important for rural women.***

## ***Even though the aims are universal they should be approached through the everyday life perspective of rural women.***

We all have rights to equal opportunities in life. These rights should be provided not only by constitution but also in reality – we should be able to carry out this equality regardless of our occupation. But it can only happen when we will notice that pursuing equality for women must include understanding of intersectionality, in this case by acknowledging that obstacles for women from regions often are complex and therefore harder to overcome.

Iluta Lace, Director of Marta Centre



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