

# Triennial REPORT OF THE WORK OF ACWW 2016-2019

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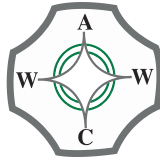
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# World President's Report

## Mrs Ruth Shanks A.M.

As I flew from London to Vancouver, Canada following the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference at the University of Warwick, UK, I thought about what this next Triennium would bring and what ACWW could achieve in this fast changing world.

There was no way I could have foreseen just how much has happened, especially as this was a shortened Triennium due to the August conference in 2016 and the early April conference in 2019. This, in essence, meant that in the last few months of 2016 there were no Area meetings and again in the beginning of 2019 there have been no Area conferences. Therefore, the nine area conferences all took place within a space of two years, and it was no mean feat to keep up with these events!

I was in British Columbia, Canada, to unveil the plaque honouring the first elected World President of ACWW, Mrs Madge Watt. Madge had been awarded the plaque in recognition not only for her work with ACWW but also with the WI in Canada and, of course, for her founding of the WI in the UK. The plaque was placed in the village where she lived on Victoria Island, BC. I believe it was fitting this plaque was placed in its final resting place, in the same Triennium in which ACWW celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We discovered at the Board Meeting in March 2018 that ACWW itself did not have anything recognising Madge Watt, so the Board decided that the offices of ACWW, wherever they may be housed, will be known as "Madge Watt House."

Can you imagine the differences between 1929 and 2019? Even with just two examples - change in communications technology and travel?

The changes we have seen in this Triennium include, but are not restricted to: the movement to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which ultimately gives Trustees and Member Societies protection, the changes to the Constitution and Bye-Laws, the transition from an Executive of 4 people to 7, (which has been very positive), the move from Westminster to West Norwood, and the initiation of changes to a more viable financial structure. We have also

had more involvement with the UN and its agencies, so in fact, ACWW is well known in this arena, as it was in years gone by.

The highlight of the work with the UN was the launch in New York, at the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2018, of the Global Survey of Rural Women. Unfortunately the response to this survey by Members and Member Societies was not as great as we would have expected, but we still have some results which hopefully will prove useful in the future.

We have seen changes in staff and also improvements in office management and procedures. The introduction by the UK government of regulations regarding the General Data Protection Regulation has made work around statistics, research, privacy and record keeping significantly more onerous for the staff. Fortunately we were able to have all our procedures reviewed and approved by Sophie Chase-Borthwick, Director of Privacy at Calligo. This global company agreed for this work to be carried out pro-bono, as part of their corporate charitable responsibility, which saved us a considerable amount of money.

We have had a very pro-active Board of Trustees and everyone has been dedicated and looking to work together to see ACWW move forward as an organisation. In a world where there are so many organisations springing up, maintaining our position will take energy, effort and enthusiasm from both Trustees, Staff and Member Societies around the world. We made an important decision at the Board meeting in March 2017, to allow *"for representation of ACWW at many levels to be undertaken by the best person for the job, be they elected members or members of staff, in the most economical way, so as to promote our organisation in the best possible way."* This decision was made taking into consideration the fact that all members of the Executive lived many thousands of miles away, and a majority of the UN and WI invitations were essentially in or close to the UK. This has had a great effect on representation and I thank all members



who were asked to attend meetings or events on behalf of ACWW.

We have also increased our membership, both the number of Societies and the number of countries where we reach. This is great news and this is one of the areas where it is imperative for Area Presidents to communicate with members and also organisations who are potential members.

Unfortunately 2018 was not a good year in another way for the Board of Trustees. We reluctantly accepted the resignation of the Chair of the United Nations Committee, Mrs Kerry Maw-Smith in early April 2018, due to family concerns. Kerry made the difficult decision to be at home with her children at this particular time. We wished her well and I am sure ACWW would accept her back at some time in the future when things have settled down. At the June Executive meeting it was decided that, as there was only one more meeting of the UN committee to be held, the World President would become Acting Chair.

Then in July 2018, after a short illness, Mrs Margaret McMillan, the European Area President passed away. We missed Margaret's presence and her enthusiasm for ACWW in general and I know that the members of the European Area suffered from this loss. As there are no provisions in the Constitution for situations such as this, and there is no second in charge in the Area, the World President - in conjunction with the Central Office staff-continued communication with the Area and initially assisted the organising committee from Scottish Women's Institutes in preliminary arrangements for the European Area Conference for the next Triennium.

ACWW Specified Committees are an integral part of the working of ACWW and it is wonderful that there are women from around the world who are willing to give of their time, at their own expense, to support the work of ACWW. Unfortunately the fact that committee members must fund themselves has meant that membership of these committees has been restricted to those who can afford to do so. I believe with the advent of the amazing capabilities of Skype, Facetime, and other technologies, that this may mean that membership of these committees becomes more inclusive, for the betterment of all.

### Agriculture Committee

Chairman and Deputy President Mrs Margaret Yetman and her committee have introduced many constructive ideas and have provided much information in the area of Agriculture.

### Communications and Marketing Committee

This committee has been ably led by Mrs Magdie De Kock and if one looks at the improvement of *The Countrywoman* and our promotional brochures, you can see the evidence of the work of the committee.

### Finance and Membership Committee

Mrs Heather Brennan and the committee have kept our finances under the microscope and always consider very carefully how and where we invest our funds for the sustainability of ACWW.

### Projects Committee

Ably led by Mrs Anne Marit Hovstad, this committee has a great responsibility to care for and distribute the funds our members so willingly donate to promote the sustainability and improvement of life for women around the world.

### Triennial Conference Committee

Under the leadership of Mrs Henrietta Schoeman this committee, in conjunction with the organising committee of CWA of Victoria, have worked diligently to produce a wonderful conference “down-under” and I am certain everyone who attends will enjoy the results of their endeavours.

### United Nations Committee

Mrs Kerry Maw-Smith led this committee until April 2018, and she was very passionate about the connection we have with the UN and all its agencies. This Triennium has seen an increased

presence and attendance at many UN functions, culminating with a contingent of 14 members present at the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2018, with the added highlight being the launch of the Global Survey of Rural Women. The results of this will be promoted at the 2019 CSW, which being so close to our Conference will not have as good a representation as 2018. Since June 2018 we have continued with this work and have completed our quadrennial report to the UN which enables us to keep our Consultancy Status with the UN.

### Ad Hoc Committee on the Constitution

This committee consisted of Mrs Jenny Mitchell (Australia), Chair, Mrs Elizabeth Warden (Northern Ireland), Mrs Roslyn Cooper (UK), and HRH Princess Azizah Iskandar (Malaysia), and, of course, Ms Tish Collins, CEO of ACWW. These ladies worked diligently, continuing on from the last Triennium to complete this mammoth task, and we can now say the task has been completed successfully, although, as we all know, Constitutions are “living documents” and will always be open to changes to help us in the future.

### Overview

There was a post-Conference meeting of the Board in 2016, two other meetings in March 2017 and March 2018, and the pre-Conference Board meeting in 2019. For the first half of the Triennium the Executive Committee meetings consisted of the World President, Deputy World President, Secretary and Treasurer. As of October 2017, meetings have involved the Chairman of the Specified Committees as well. This has been found to be very beneficial for the decision making of ACWW and augurs well for the future. With the advent of the GDPR regulations, all members of the Board have been issued with iPads with secured software and communications facilities, and these will be passed on to the members who are elected to these positions. It has been a steep learning curve for those who were not used to Apple technology, however I think we are all okay with it now.

The committee meetings have proved successful especially since we moved to West Norwood as we have the room to have two committee meetings concurrently without having to hire another room. The Board meetings can

also now be held in our own offices, without the need for extra rooms. This has been a cost-saving venture, which was another extra reason for the move. We have much more space and it is light, airy, and open, and a very convivial space for the staff to come to work. We have also worked hard to find accommodation arrangements for Board and Committee meetings that are less expensive for ACWW and close to the office so that transport costs are a minimised.

### The World President's Diary: 2016

After travelling home from the Triennial Conference via Canada, as I mentioned previously, I attended and spoke at 3 functions closer to home, before setting off again in October for the scheduled Committee meetings in London. Whilst in London I attended and spoke at Kent West Kent Federation of WI as it fitted in with the time in London. Then home for a bit of Rest and Recreation!

### 2017

This year commenced with a visit to Canberra for a Country Women's Association of New South Wales function and the year was off to a running start. I was invited as the President of ACWW to present a paper at the Asian Institute of Poverty Alleviation summit in Kolkata, India and was able to fit this in on my way to London for Committee and Board meetings in March. After this, we travelled to New York for the CSW meetings, returned to London for a function in Hampshire and work in the office and then home. This meant leaving home on 21<sup>st</sup> February (missing my husband Greg's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 22) and arriving home on 25 March.

My next trip was a site visit to Melbourne regarding the Triennial Conference in April 2019, and then onto New Zealand for the South Pacific Area Conference. This Conference was well organised and presided over by South Pacific Area President Mrs Gail Commens. Also in attendance was Mrs Kerry Maw-Smith as she lives in New Zealand. Most of the island nations were represented at the conference, being sponsored by South Pacific Area Societies. As Ms Tish Collins had come to Melbourne for the site visit, she accompanied me to New Zealand to see what an Area Conference was all about.

I planted a tree on the Central Coast in honour of ACWW and after a week

at home, then attended the State Conference of CWA of NSW. This overlapped with the State Conference of Victoria and from there I flew to London. Whilst in London, just before the Executive and Finance meetings, I attended the conference of the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales in Liverpool.

After the meetings I flew on to Canada to attend the Ontario WI Annual meetings and then this was followed by the Canadian Area Conference. Area President Sheila Needham and the Canadians were very welcoming and the Conference was informative and friendly. Our Canadian Deputy President Margaret Yetman was in attendance, as was the Area President for USA Jo-Ellen Almond. This was followed by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada AGM. I reached home on 30 June after leaving on 20 May.

Eight functions in New South Wales in July and August kept me busy, before flying to Bucharest, Romania on 30 August (via London) to attend the European Area Conference in Târgu Mureş. The conference, presided over by Mrs Margaret McMillan was very well organised by the Women of Third Millennium Association, who had never organised such a function before. The Projects Committee Chairman Mrs Anne Marit Hovstad was also in attendance. They certainly left no stone unturned.

Following this conference, I visited Sibiu to monitor one of ACWW's projects before heading home again on 12 September. I was scheduled to visit Melbourne again but was unable to fly as the weather forced the cancellation of flights into and out of Dubbo. This is the first time in my memory that this has happened!

I visited the USA to attend the Area conference which is held in conjunction with the Country Women's Council meeting. This was hosted by Area President Jo-Ellen Almond, who also planned to hold a separate seminar for ACWW in 2018. Back to London on 5 October for Executive and Committee meetings, and attended a fundraising concert organised by member Phillipa Croft in Essex - this was a superb event which raised a significant amount of money for ACWW. Leaving straight from the concert, I caught the plane to South

Africa to attend the Southern Africa Area Conference. This was capably organised by Mrs Mabel Moyo, the Area President, and was also attended by Mrs Henrietta Schoeman, TCC Chairman and Mrs Magdie De Kock, Communications and Marketing Chairman, as they both live in South Africa. Mrs Irene Chinje, the Area President for East, West and Central Africa also attended as she had not been to an Area Conference and was wanting some advice and the experience of attending one, before she arranged her own.

I then monitored a project in Durban before leaving for home and arrived on 22 October. I was to travel to South Australia to attend the Centenary of the Women's Agricultural Bureau in early November. Unfortunately my husband Greg became ill and spent some time in hospital, then I underwent Cataract surgery, and so ended 2017.

## 2018

The year started with the annual Country Women's Association of New South Wales International weekend in Canberra. CWA of NSW studies a different country every year and starts the celebrations with a weekend of lectures, food and cultural experiences of the particular country. There is always a segment for ACWW at this event and is a great way to introduce International work and ACWW to the members.

On 19 February I commenced a trip to Indonesia to attend the South East Asia and the Far East Area Conference, in Jakarta. This was presided over by Mrs Maria Abdul Karim and her committee. This was also a good conference and in attendance was former World President Dato Ursula Goh, a resident of Malaysia. There were some wonderful speakers and a great day out visiting the headquarters of PERWARI and listening to a band which had been funded initially with money from ACWW. From Jakarta on to London for the Committee and Board meetings with some very productive meetings taking place.

From London we then flew to New York for the Commission on the Status of Women, with a contingent of 14 ACWW members. This was a very exciting time as this was the time of the launch of the Global Survey of Rural Women. There was a lot of enthusiasm from outside

ACWW, but apparently this did not equate to as much enthusiasm as we thought, within ACWW.

We had been involved with the UK Government Equality Office through the work of Nick Newland, our Policy and Communications Manager. Through his hard work we had a paragraph included in the final Agreed Conclusions of the Commission, an international treaty signed by every national government represented at the UN.

We were also able to firm up relationships with other women's organisations such as Soroptimist International. After attending functions, sometimes more than one every day, it was time to go home on 18 March. Over the 7 days we were in New York, our delegation attended 37 meetings, whilst we provided speakers for 7, and made interventions at a number of others. One particular highlight was being invited to Chair a session of the UN Women: Leave No-one Behind for Planet 50/50 by 2030.

I attended a local function before flying to Melbourne to attend a function to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of CWA of Victoria. Area President Gail Commens and myself were able to discuss some detail as for the Triennial Conference. On 28 April I visited the CWA of NSW State Conference in Armidale and a very well attended Women Walk the World Event in the park before heading home on 6 May.

A week later I was headed to South Australia to both WAB and CWA of SA, and then home again on 22 May. Local 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations for a CWA of NSW branch before travelling to Melbourne on 28 May to meet with Henrietta Schoeman for her site visit to Melbourne and then to attend the CWA of Victoria Conference. We then continued on to London on 2 June, commencing with a visit to NFWI meeting in Cardiff, Wales, followed by a few days in Scotland with Alison Burnett, and finally back to London for the first of the Executive meetings with the 6 members, minus 1 as the UN Chair had previously resigned.

Following these meetings, 18 June saw me travelling to Trinidad and Tobago for the Area Conference for Caribbean, Central and South America, chaired by Mrs Dotsie Gordon, the Area President. The Ladies of Trinidad and Tobago





wonderful guest speakers and field trips. This was followed by a trip to Indiana, USA to attend the USA Area Seminar, which was the first time an Area Meeting had been held as a separate event. This was a small start to hopefully the commencement of an Area Conference involving all the societies in the USA.

Arrived home on 2 July I left again to travel to Canada on 9 July, to attend the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Conference in Winnipeg, then onto Texas, USA to attend the AGM of the FCEA of USA. This was the first time they had had a presiding World President attend their meeting, and there was a great deal of enthusiasm about ACWW. Home again 21 July!



On August 13 I was scheduled to go to India, to monitor some projects on the way to Sri Lanka for the Central and South Asia Area Conference. Unfortunately Greg had been unwell and I cancelled the beginning of the trip to India. I then travelled to Sri Lanka and this was something special as I had been unable to attend the Central and South Asia Area Conference last Triennium as the Australian Government deemed it unsafe to travel to Bangladesh. Area President Mrs Thilaka Perera had organised a wonderful conference with some inspiring speakers and many members able to be present, as they did not have to travel too far. I then also monitored a couple of projects whilst there. I left Colombo, Sri Lanka on 25 September on my way to Canberra for the CWA of Australia Triennial Conference.



Unfortunately Greg had a turn for the worse and I went directly to home where he had surgery the following week. He recovered quite well, however I felt it was important to be at home with him and I had to cancel a trip to Russia to speak at a conference in St Petersburg and also on the way back I was to travel to Uganda to attend the Area Conference for East, West and Central Africa.

#### Photographs

Our delegation to CSW62; Ruth Shanks with Andreas Heraclides (UK Government), Mariet Verhoef-Cohen (President, Soroptomist International), Margaret Clark (Soroptomist International), Tish Collins and Nick Newland (ACWW); and Ruth with Fiona Gower (President, Rural Women New Zealand), Alison Burnett, and Tish Collins and Nick Newland at CSW62.

As my trip was cancelled at short notice, Tish Collins, who was accompanying me to Russia, presented papers at two events and represented us well. I was disappointed not to attend the conference in Uganda and I felt so sorry for the Area President. I had not been able to attend this conference last Triennium again because the Australian Government deemed it not safe to travel to Cameroon. Mrs Maybel Moyo, the Area President from Southern Africa, who was scheduled to attend the conference, represented ACWW very capably in my stead and Sr Viji was an amazing guest speaker about Human Trafficking. This conference was also well attended and was the first time an Area Conference had been held outside Cameroon, thanks to the efforts of Area President Mrs Irene Chinje.

17 October saw a visit to Dubbo by Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, on their Australian Tour. After making 200 scones, I was able to gift them a copy of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History book and inform them of the existence of ACWW and issue an invitation to visit the office in London. I then hopped on another plane on 19 October to travel back to London for the usual committee meetings.

These were to be the final meetings for the Triennium as the Conference was to be in April 2019. Whilst in London I again attended West Kent Federation as a speaker at their Federation meeting. After leaving London I then travelled to Sarawak, Malaysia for a long-planned visit to the Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes, then onto Brunei for a visit. Dato Ursula Goh, former World President, had invited me for a visit early in the last Triennium but it had taken this long to arrange to visit on my way home. The members in Brunei were also excited to have a visit as the last time I was there was in the last Triennium.

We had a reasonably quiet Christmas and holiday season at home, although it was extremely hot and there was no relief of the drought conditions which have been relentless for the last few years in NSW and Eastern Australia in general. Next saw a quick drive to Melbourne (around 12 hours) on 8 January, to have a meeting with the organising committee and home again on 13- 2019 was starting as busily as 2018 ended.

## 2019

The usual International Weekend for CWA of NSW, but this time it was held in my home town of Dubbo. A few weeks at home, then 28 February saw me leaving for London again, this time the last official visit. Prior to having four days in the office, just tidying up loose ends and the last few things for the Conference, I travel to Glasgow to meet with the organising committee for the European Area Conference to be held there in 2020, to give a little advice and be a sounding board for their ideas. Then back to London and finally on 8 March to go to New York to again attend the UN CSW meetings and present some of the results of the Global Survey of Rural Women. A week in New York, meeting with like minded organisations, such as Soroptimist International and also speaking at an event organised by the British government. I'll then head home again, arriving on 21 March, in order to get organised to travel to Melbourne on 31 March for the Triennial World Conference.

As I read this report through, it seems a lot of things happened this Triennium, and all of it we can be very proud of. However, none of this could be achieved with the dedicated staff in Central Office. I know there are some of you who maybe think it is not appropriate for the staff to promote our organisation. As I stated before, when most of the Board of Trustees live out of the UK, it makes much more sense to send someone who is closer, to save many of the costs associated with these visits. When we finally signed the lease for the new office, it was 6 days prior to the October 2017 meetings, the office staff put in many extra hours of time and effort to get things ship shape for all of us to land on them, and for them to have organised agendas, papers, etc ready for our meetings. We have a very dedicated staff, who, as they work with the administration for 5 days a week, (much more than many of us put in), really do know about our work and are very keen to promote ACWW in any forum they are able, even with their friends and family.

We have continued to train our staff, as it is an employment obligation and we continue to upgrade our office equipment so we keep up with technology. The staff have worked very hard and are very conscious of

costs and the production costs of *The Countrywoman* and our brochures have been kept very competitive. It is the postal costs which contribute mostly to *The Countrywoman*. Our President's E Newsletter is also a great means of communication which costs very little to produce and distribute.

Please, I ask all members to treat the members of staff with respect. I understand they are staff, but they are also NOT servants and I expect civility to all.

I am most grateful to all members around the world, those I have met, and those I have not met. I am amazed by the amount of work done individually and collectively to improve the lives of women and families everywhere.

There are many people I need to thank and most of all my family. As you can see, I have been away from home for a considerable amount of time in the past 3 years, and of course the 3 before that, but they have been very accepting of my absences and, I hope, are looking forward to having me around more often. If I start naming names, I am sure to miss someone, but I am sure you all know who you are.

For those putting your names forward for office in ACWW, thank you for having the courage to do so. I am sure the members will elect the right person for the position. If you are not elected, please don't give up, as I am sure your organisation can use your enthusiasm in the future.

We have a great organisation here and to have lasted 90 years is a credit in itself. I hope that we can continue for another 90 years.

My message to you all is: I have not been here to impress you, but hopefully to inspire you all.



Ruth Shanks AM  
ACWW World President  
2013-2019

# Central Office Report

## Ms Tish Collins, Chief Executive Officer

ACWW began the Triennium as an unincorporated not for profit entity, registered in England and Wales as Charity number 290367 in 1984, governed by a constitution last revised in 2010. The 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference, held at the University of Warwick, England in August 2016 passed the following resolution:

*"The members, having been informed of the incorporation process and consulted on the new constitution, hereby resolve that:*

*1. incorporation of the Charity ACWW into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation is in the best interests of the Charity and its beneficiaries; and*

*2. the trustees may use the power under Article IX d. of the ACWW Constitution to take all necessary steps to incorporate the Charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, including making minor amendments only to the constitution as the Charity Commission may require and that following the incorporation the trustees may dissolve the present Charity."*

The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status was approved by the Charity Commission on 22 September 2017 and ACWW is registered as CIO 1174798. Thus 2017-18 was a transition period whilst the associated charities and trusts were brought into line and the old charity was dissolved. 2019 will be the first year of accounting for the CIO as a separate charity. With the transition to the new CIO Constitution society categories were renumbered from I, II, III, IVa to 1, 2, 3 and 4 and individuals changed from IVb to 5.

The Triennium was characterised by the Board developing a strategic plan, increasing advocacy activities, putting project funding on a more robust footing and a review of internal policies and procedures ensuring the organisation continues to be compliant as new legislation came in to play. The Board also approved an update of the Bye-Laws in line with the new constitution. This substantial piece of work was assisted by Jenny Mitchell, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Constitution, and Alison Burnett.

The administration of ACWW is vested in the elected Board of sixteen Trustees. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Executive Committee who employ Central Office staff in London. Following the incorporation in September 2017, the Executive was strengthened from four members (being the World President and three other officers) to seven members (being the World President and all six specified committee chairman) who met together for the first time in October 2017. In the course of the Triennium some Central Office staff job titles were changed to better reflect their work and are listed at the front of this booklet. There were some personnel changes mainly due to retirement and staff moving to better paid full-time posts elsewhere. Following the retirement of the Finance Manager in 2016 a Service Level Agreement was signed with the accountants Wilkins Kennedy to conduct a financial health check on ACWW systems, to take on responsibility for the payroll and pensions and assist with formal tax returns. This was reviewed annually.

In 2016 there were a total of 412 Member Societies, this rose to 445 in 2017 and fell back to 428 in 2018. Some of the decline was due to amalgamations or society closures and in some cases inability to pay in a difficult economic climate. In addition, there were 50 'subscribers' in the process of transitioning to Category 4 members and another 49 still paying with the old 'subscriber' status. At the end of the Triennium there were 1,427 individual members (including 328 Life members who joined prior to 1992). Current active membership exists in 82 countries.

The first Board meeting of the 2016-2019 Triennium addressed the presentation of ACWW's vision and confirmed the vision statement: *'An improved quality of life for women and communities worldwide'* with a mission to *'empower women and communities worldwide through ACWW's membership and networks of rural and non-rural women by partnership, advocacy, sharing of knowledge and local activities.'*

ACWW continued to organise its work on policy objectives through the six Specified Committees: Agriculture, Communications and Marketing, Finance and Membership, Projects, Triennial Conference and United Nations. Whilst each is responsible for a particular aspect, they are all interlinked towards a common goal. Committee meetings are facilitated by staff administrators based at Central Office in London and supported by research and documents generated by the staff. The Specified Committees generally met twice a year except for the Executive and Finance and Membership Committees which met three times annually and the Triennial Conference Committee which had an additional meeting in 2018. With the improvement in technology, some members participated once per year via Skype. Recommendations from the Specified Committees are subject to the approval of the Board or Executive, whichever meets soonest. Each Triennium the Specified Committees complete a review of their Policy Papers to be approved at the following Board meeting, to ensure they meet current priorities and developing needs.

The World President, who lives in Australia, and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) had weekly meetings via Skype. The CEO and Central Office staff carry on the day-to-day administration of the organisation's financial and membership record keeping, projects administration and publications, research and information to support and administer the work of the specified committees and the Board. Email communications are used between committee meetings, as the elected members are spread geographically, and each Board member has a dedicated ACWW email address in compliance with GDPR and to facilitate continuity Triennium to Triennium.

Most Area Presidents utilised emailed newsletters and Facebook to keep in touch with their members in addition to attending meetings. Area conferences were held in each of the nine Areas and reports were published on the ACWW website and in *The Countrywoman*. The following Area Conferences took place:

## 2017

### South Pacific

30 April to 3 May  
New Plymouth, New Zealand

### Canada

23 to 25 June  
Pembroke, Ontario

### Europe

4 to 8 September  
Târgu Mureş, Romania

### USA Area Meeting

2 to 4 October  
Huntsville, Alabama

### Southern Africa

17 to 19 October  
Pretoria, South Africa

## 2018

### South East Asia and the Far East

21 to 25 February  
Jakarta, Indonesia

### Caribbean, Central & South America

21 to 23 June  
Trinidad & Tobago

### USA Area Summit

24 to 27 June  
Indianapolis

### Central & South Asia

20 to 22 August  
Colombo, Sri Lanka

### East, West & Central Africa

25 to 27 September  
Kampala, Uganda.

### Central Office

The landlord of Mary Sumner House gave notice that there would be a substantial rent increase and, or, the building at 24 Tufton Street may be sold. This led the Board to instruct the CEO to look for alternative premises. New offices were found and approved. On 28 September 2017 a lease was taken on A04 Parkhall, 40 Martell Road, London SE21 8EN, which would be a substantial saving once the initial overlap of lease was completed. The Office Relocation and Maintenance Fund was used for fitting out the office and this is reflected in the 2017 accounts. The then Media and Communications Manager produced concept and actual designs to convert the open space into suitable offices, and meeting rooms. Some members of staff worked with him on the physical build with very pleasing results. The last meeting at Mary Sumner House was the Southern Counties ACWW Support

Group on 26 September amidst the packing. The keys were obtained on 29 September and staff worked over the weekend enabling the Finance Committee to be the first meeting to take place in the fully equipped new office on 6 October.

For many years, the World President, Deputy President and Treasurer were, additionally, Trustees of three connected charities. These were established by ACWW to fulfil the following objectives:

**The Elsie Zimmern Memorial Fund** to provide scholarships in the field of social welfare particularly training in organisation and leadership; **The Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund** to provide scholarships in the field of social welfare particularly education in nutrition, conservation, community welfare, exchanges and study visits; and the **ACWW Nutrition Education Fund** for the promotion and encouragement of education in nutrition among women in areas where malnutrition and attendant deficiencies put families at risk. There were an increased number of applications for funding from the trusts in 2017, all of which were granted following support from the Projects Committee. However, due to the diminishing return on the depleted funds, as indicated at the 2016 Triennial Conference, these trust funds were formally wound up in November 2018 and their assets transferred to ACWW. Remaining balances were recorded so that allocations can be made in line with previous practice, until the funds are spent.

In the course of the Triennium, ACWW continued to pursue its objectives of the relief of poverty, the relief of sickness, the protection and preservation of health, and the advancement of education for women in both rural and non-rural areas worldwide in order to empower women and improve the quality of life for all people. These objects were not changed with the transition to the new CIO constitution. Mandates set by the resolutions passed at the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference guided this work. The resolution to increase membership subscriptions came into force on 1 January 2017.

Research documents, infographics, posters and articles related to the resolutions adopted by the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial

Conference appeared regularly in *The Countrywoman* magazine and on our website. Members' activities have also been featured to show local engagement. Social media, in particular Facebook, has been used to great effect particularly in the last two years supplementing postal communications and face-to-face meetings.

In addition to the constitutional and subscription resolutions the following were approved for action:

**Food sovereignty:** Be it resolved that the ACWW accept Food Sovereignty as part of ACWW agricultural policy and that the ACWW begin a campaign to bring awareness and understanding of Food Sovereignty to the organisation and its members during the next Triennium (2016- 2019).

**Fructose:** Be it resolved that the ACWW and its member organisations strongly urge their governments to ban food and drink manufacturers from claiming their sweetened products are healthier if they use fructose as sweetener.

**Sustainable energy:** As 2014 opened the UN decade of Sustainable Energy for All, be it resolved that the member societies of ACWW promote and support community energy projects and access to sustainable energy for all.

**Shale gas:** Be it resolved that ACWW members request their governments to, before allowing shale gas exploration to commence, gather as much as possible information from more than just the oil and gas companies applying for the fracking licences.

**Protecting the supply of water:** Be it resolved that ACWW urges all countries to vigorously protect the supply of potable, farming and industrial water through the best technical information available that will provide sustainability of life.

**Vaccination against potentially eradicable diseases:** Be it resolved that ACWW societies and members urge their governments and health organisations to continue local vaccination efforts of potentially eradicable diseases in order to work toward area elimination which would then result in global eradication.

**Individual membership for Board & Committee candidates:** Be it resolved

that it is a prerequisite for any candidate seeking office as a member of the Board of ACWW, a Committee Chairman or a member of a Specified Committee, to hold individual membership of ACWW.

**Civil society and gender:** Be it resolved that member societies of ACWW strongly urge their governments to integrate a gender-perspective in their policies to create an enabling environment for economic and social development especially in rural areas.

#### **Women in refugee camps and shelters:**

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organisations to take action to stop the increasing worldwide sexual abuse of women and children in refugee camps and shelters.

Recommendations approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference were:

**Illegal immigrant border children:** Be it recommended that ACWW member societies urge their governments to develop comprehensive plans to identify and care for illegal immigrant border children as to their safety, health and education.

**Refugees:** ACWW calls for all governments affected by the current refugee crisis impacting Africa, Europe and Asia to afford such compassion, humanity and assistance as is necessary to those refugees who find themselves in this situation.

#### **Regulation of the gold mining industry:**

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organisations strongly urge their governments to regulate the gold mining industry.

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### **ACWW seeks to empower women and communities through: Partnership**

Throughout its eighty-nine-year history ACWW has forged partnerships with like-minded organisations in order to further its aims connecting and supporting women and communities worldwide. Through its member societies, ACWW represents over 9 million women. The World President and some Area Presidents travelled to carry out extension work and give presentations to member societies, speaking at meetings and conferences throughout the world. Relationships with the United Nations

and the various agencies with which ACWW has consultative status have been strengthened over the Triennium, particularly with representation at the Commission on the Status of Women, UNESCO and Food and Agriculture Organisation meetings. We are proud of the fact that these relationships have been continued since, in some cases, 1947. The status of our relationships are more detailed, and more developed than they have been for many years and we will continue to grow and strengthen them in the next Triennium.

The Sustainable Development Goals were adopted by the Board and embraced by members worldwide. A particular focus for the Agriculture Committee has been continuing to work on the Zero Food Hunger programme (launched by then UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon in 2015) and ACWW partners the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) working to reduce food waste. Data on inputs and yields from four ACWW funded projects have informed these offices and were cited on the FAO website as examples of good practice.

2018 was the sixth year that ACWW members have staged Women Walk the World events. Members, family and friends promoted ACWW by walking on or around ACWW Day (29 April) to raise awareness and, where possible, funds, to help support women and communities worldwide. This event brings together women in fellowship, a core function of ACWW, and a winning photograph from the event was published on the front cover of the Countrywoman magazine each year.

In March 2018 the Board decided to dedicate Central Office as the 'virtual' home of Madge Watt and to name the current or subsequent location 'Madge Watt House'. Although not officially recognised by the Post Office a space dedicated to Mrs Watt was established within Central Office. The Canadian Area President published a booklet of the event unveiling an official plaque to Madge Watt in her home state (at which event the World President was delighted to have been able to participate).

Preparations for the 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference to be held Melbourne proceeded throughout the Triennium.

### **ACWW seeks to empower women and communities through: Advocacy**

The charity's Consultative status as a Non-Governmental Organisation at the United Nations, UNESCO and the FAO enables the voice of rural women to be heard particularly on policies addressing poverty, hunger and women's empowerment. Policies and resolutions decided at ACWW Triennial Conferences are thus pursued by the member societies and specified Committees. Such advocacy and consultation bring potential benefits on a global scale, not restricted to ACWW membership.

In line with usual practice, ACWW was represented at the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York in March each year of the Triennium. At CSW61 in 2017 the Chairman of our United Nations Committee and the World President took the opportunity to honour long-standing ACWW UN Representative Patricia Altschuler who is resident in New York. The Area President of the USA participated in a teleconference on Cities for CEDAW as the USA is one of the few countries in the world not to have signed up to ending violence against women. In 2018, as the theme of CSW62 was Rural Women and ACWW were launching the International Forum on Rural Women and Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women an unprecedented team of 14 represented ACWW at CSW. This included most of the UN committee and a number of Board members (at their own expense plus the CEO who was privately funded) who attended to give their support and attend parallel and side events. Member society Rural Women New Zealand led a parallel event hosted by the New Zealand government. World President Ruth Shanks spoke at a number of events during the week, including events organised by partners Soroptimist International and Business and Professional Women International, and a Side Event hosted by the UK NGO CSW Alliance and the UK Government. One of the highlights of the week was the World President chairing a UN Women event at UN Headquarters.

Aware of the challenges presented by the Sustainable Development Goals, and specifically the data 'gap' surrounding women in rural communities, the Board decided that undertaking a survey of the

living conditions of rural women would be in the best interest of the members, and help establish a baseline upon which further research could be based.

ACWW carried out a similar process in the 1930's. Prior to the Commission on the Status of Women in 2018 (CSW62), the United Nations decried the fact that there was a data gap regarding rural women. Therefore, it was decided to broaden our survey idea to include other NGOs with a view to producing data that could be used to influence policy makers and, when repeated, allow measurement of change over time. The questions were designed to be answered by rural women rather than as an academic study, with input and ethical assessment undertaken by Dr Rachael Skews of Goldsmiths College, University of London. The launch took place at CSW62 in New York on 15 March 2018. Funding for this International Forum on Rural Women was allocated from a legacy and sponsorship received for that purpose.

The United Nations Committee members monitor the work of the UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, OHCHR, UN Habitat, DPI-NGO, ECOSOC and other agencies as required. Additionally, the Agriculture Committee involve themselves with the work of FAO. Member societies are encouraged to learn about the UN special days and decades and celebrate the many achievements while supporting the need to encourage change for a better life and empowering those whose voice has not been heard. Please see the UN section for more detail.

Following on from the Millennium Development Goals, the focus of the UN agenda for 2015-2030 has been the Sustainable Development Goals, and ACWW influenced the inclusion of some official indicators more relevant to rural women. Resources to assist members with their local work have been developed and made available as articles and downloadable posters via the website. The President's E-newsletter carried agreed statements on core specific issues and we post pre-planned messages most days, particularly on Facebook with a view to widening our reach and disseminating information.

In 2017 a breakfast networking event was held on 8 March, International Women's Day. Over seventy people

attended including members of the UK and European Parliaments, women members of the House of Lords, including the Minister of State at the Home Office, some journalists, a Westminster Councillor, the Chair of the Equality & Human Rights Commission, the Deputy High Commissioner of the Australian High Commission, the Naval Attaché of the Republic of Cameroon, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary of the US Embassy as well as representatives of ACWW member societies. The purpose of this event was to inform and launch the concept of the International Forum on Rural Women and the global survey.

As a key function of the Advocacy remit, ACWW representatives also actively participated in the following meetings:

**2016:** In September, the former European Area President, Valerie Stevens and the ACWW UN Representative based in Geneva went to Winterthur, Switzerland, to join a meeting of the leaders of women farmers' groups from five European countries where they heard about the difficulties and financial challenges caused by tariffs, sanctions, subsidies, declining profits and the many take-overs of small processors by the food industry.

ACWW UN Representative Joanna Koch also attended the meeting of the Committee responsible for monitoring and implementation of the 'Convention on All Forms of Discrimination Against Women' (CEDAW) at their UN Office in Geneva, on 24 October. The Committee on CEDAW scrutinises progress reports submitted by States that have signed up to the Convention.

In November, the Operations Manager representing the World President, the Communications and Marketing Manager and European Area President Mrs Margaret McMillan attended the Women's Dialogue: Infinite Charity conference in Ufa in the Russian Republic of Bashkortostan. Here they met with leaders of the Russian Senate and the Women's Union of Bashkortostan. Travelling via Moscow, they met with leaders of member society, the Women's Union of Russia, discussing future partnership working and had a useful exchange with the Senator responsible for Women's Affairs.

In December, the Operations Manager and Media & Communications Manager

attended the UNESCO NGO Forum in Paris. The theme was the challenge of the digital revolution for NGOs. They were able to present ACWW goals and policy as part of our strategy of engagement on the global stage with decision makers.

ACWW UN Representative in Rome, Bettina Corke, who attended meetings of the Food & Agriculture Organisation Ad Hoc Group of International NGOs, stepped down due to ill-health in 2016, and sadly passed away in 2018.

There are further details of meetings attended in the reports of the Agriculture and United Nations Committees.

**2017:** The CEO accompanied the World President on a facility visit to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre to view the facilities in preparation for the 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference. Whilst in the Area, she was invited to attend and speak at the South Pacific Area Conference in New Zealand.

In April 2017, UNESCO organised the first UN Youth Forum in an Arab state in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Communications and Marketing Manager Nick Newland attended as a Youth Delegate, accompanied by ACWW Members Mrs Suraiya Moiz and Mrs Natasha Ozier, who attended at their own expense. This meeting was reported in *The Countrywoman*, and led to new members joining ACWW and several positive strategic partnerships being established.

**2018:** As has been detailed previously, ACWW sent a strong delegation of 14 to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York, USA. The UN Committee members and several board members attended at their own expense, and the CEO was privately sponsored.

Before CSW, ACWW was invited to participate in meetings with the UK NGO CSW Alliance and UK Government Equality Office (GEO) A new opportunity, this led to ACWW being invited to join the Zero Draft Text Group, working directly with the GEO, UK Department for International Development (DfID), and two other NGOs to refine the UK Government's negotiating position for the forthcoming Commission. Working directly with the UK Chief Negotiator Mr Aaron Holtz MBE, Senior Policy Adviser

on Human Rights and Gender at the UK Mission to the UN, this led to now Policy and Communications Manager Nick Newland contributing a paragraph of text to the Zero Draft. This paragraph was then included in the official UK version of the text with 16 pages of supportive evidence gathered by Central Office staff members Viktoria Dimitrova (Projects Development Administrator), Sydney Salter (then Office and Social Media Administrator) and Rebecca Ramsey (then Office Admin Assistant). This paragraph was further adopted by the European Union negotiating team, and then included in the main Treaty document. After two weeks of meetings and negotiations, the final text of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session was published in the form of Agreed Conclusions and included the paragraph from ACWW with only minor adjustments.

In September the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eurasian Women's Forum was held in St Petersburg, Russia. Chief Executive Officer represented the World President and gave two keynote addresses as well as two television interviews focussing on the role of ACWW and the global survey.

For the 15 October International Day of Rural Women, the CEO spoke at the North Caucasus regional meeting of the Women's Union of Russia in Pyatigorsk and gave four television interviews focussing on the Day of Rural Women and the global survey.

In December the CEO was invited to visit Colombia where she learned about the transformation of society, particularly the situation of rural women, over the last twenty years and tried to revive contacts with former member societies near Bogota. This trip was sponsored by the Best Cities Group, and did not incur any costs for ACWW.

Also in December the CEO and Policy and Communications Manager attended the UNESCO NGO Liaison meeting in Paris, where ACWW stood for election to the NGO Liaison Committee. In a field of 24, ACWW came 7<sup>th</sup>, one shy of election to the Committee, but a respectable result and a positive awareness-raising exercise.

### ACWW seeks to empower women and communities through: Local Activities

Unlike many charities, ACWW does not implement projects but rather

funds grassroots projects, led by local women's organisations. Also, ACWW does not employ field workers. Recommendations to award grants are made by the Projects Committee. Whilst some of the funding for this has been repaid from targeted fundraising by its network of member societies and individual supporters, in recent years the time lag between awards and receipt of donations has resulted in the use of 'unrestricted' funds to pay for projects, their monitoring and administration resulting in the 'unrestricted' funds becoming depleted.

The Board addressed this issue in 2016 and some incoming funds 'paid back' the unrestricted funds expended on Projects via the 'adoption' scheme – which is reflected in the accounts. This has resulted in a more realistic picture of what funds are available to be spent on projects, albeit at a relatively low level. This was further addressed by launching the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal for £150,000 to mark the forty years since the Projects committee first met to award grants. The Board review of this in March 2018 resulted in the development of the Women Empowered or WE Fund.

There are two part-time members of staff whose sole work is to administer the project application process, dealing with applicants, grantees and donors on behalf of the Committee. Currently over 80% of projects are monitored on the ground and the costs of this amount to, on average, 20% of grant allocations. It is considered vital good practice that such evaluation is carried out to assure members' donations are being used appropriately and the aim is to monitor every funded project. Please see more details in the Projects section.

### ACWW seeks to empower women and communities through: Sharing Knowledge & Learning from Each Other

Members receive *The Countrywoman* magazine four times per year by post. Some of the content is also available online as a major communication tool. Edited by the Policy and Communications Manager under the direction of the Communications and Marketing Committee, our magazine and website provide a wealth of shared information on relevant issues keeping members and the public in touch with the

organisation, its policies and activities. Information sheets, flyers, posters and brochures were also produced on topical subjects. UN Observance Days featured significantly on the website and, increasingly, in social media. With greater use of social media, viewing of ACWW material rose substantially through the Triennium and regularly received over one million 'hits' on the ACWW website [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk).

Following the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation in May 2018 organisations may no longer send unsolicited mailings. Therefore, all members have been asked to 'opt in' and confirm they wish to receive communications from ACWW. Without this we cannot send email news. Please be assured that ACWW does not share or sell members' data and keeps such things securely in the office.

A major focus for sharing, awareness, fellowship and fundraising was Women Walk the World, held on or around ACWW Day, 29 April. Reports and pictures from these walks and fundraising activities were presented in *The Countrywoman* and on the website. The Pen Friend Scheme was re-launched as Friendship Links at the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference. Friendship Links provides an opportunity for members to learn about each other's lives and cultures, and to develop friendships between Societies and individual members in other countries. The introduction of new Data Protection regulations has made access to personal contact details highly regulated and the impact on Friendship Links has not been evaluated yet.

All members of the Board, and some staff, carried out extension work by visiting and speaking at meetings of members about the work of ACWW. Most of the Area Presidents were able to travel throughout their regions meeting with member societies and making contact with potential members. The World President was invited to annual general meetings and special celebrations by member societies throughout the world. These engagements she undertook willingly and, wherever possible, combined it with project monitoring or scheduled them consecutively to maximise the use of time and minimise the costs of travel.

The ACWW Board and Committee members are volunteers who contribute considerable time, resources, and energy to further the aims of the Charity. Within many member societies there are international officers or ACWW representatives who liaise with Central Office and act as volunteer fundraisers. We are very grateful for the support and recognise the huge contribution that these members make.

### Achievements and Performance

This report of work contains reports from the Committee Chairmen and Area Presidents, highlighting their achievements over the Triennium. Beneficiaries and impact are reported in the Projects section of this report.

In the Triennium ACWW approved Project funding and monitoring as shown

### Financial Review

The major sources of incoming funds were voluntary income (membership dues, donations and legacies) and investment income. Volunteers generated donations for 'Pennies for Friendship' (unrestricted) and the Projects Fund or WIPFF Fund (both restricted towards projects).

As the financial year end for ACWW is 31 December the audited accounts were not available at the time of writing this report. They will be available at the 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference together with the complete years 2016 and 2017 together with the Triennial Estimates of budget

As is ACWW financial convention, all income and expenditure towards the Triennial World Conference is reported in the year the Conference takes place. Most expenditure (including all staff costs) were incurred supporting the charitable activities of the organisation and these have been apportioned against the headings in the table. Costs are incurred for the maintenance of an information network and magazine, sustaining the international membership organisation, representation at the United Nations and related activities to ensure our consultative status is secure; education, outreach and the facilitation of meetings and functioning of the Board and the six Specified Committees – all of which give ACWW its truly global reach. The direct funding of projects

in developing countries and their evaluation necessarily incurs support costs. Two administrators (together working the equivalent of just a 1.2 full-time post) have their work solely directed towards all aspects of ACWW projects activities.

The Trustees reviewed the risks faced by the Charity and confirm that systems are in place to manage those risks and accompanying procedures have been strengthened as appropriate. As a substantial part of the Charity's income derives from membership fees, strategies to increase membership numbers and retention continue to need to be addressed. The major source of unrestricted funds is donations to Pennies for Friendship, to which all voting member societies are obliged to contribute. Although the need to increase this income was discussed in the Triennium, greater emphasis has been placed on increasing restricted funds for projects. Investments and investment policy are regularly reviewed with investment managers to avoid unnecessary losses. The Board's Reserves policy is to maintain sufficient financial reserve for project commitments and 12 months operational commitments with support costs. Attention continues to be given to minimizing the risk of project grants being misspent and, guided by the Projects Committee Chairman, staff have strengthened their working with project partners to agree project outcomes in advance. This has helped form the basis for effective monitoring and evaluation.

Board investment policy continued towards the retention of the organisation's capital reserves and to raise funds towards operating expenses. Funds invested were managed on a 'medium risk' strategy through the holding of a range of different types of assets and the annual target of 4% growth has been met. Restrictions continued to be disallowed on investments in armaments, negative environmental impact, oppressive regimes, pornography and no additional investment in tobacco products.

ACWW's strategic plan for 2016-2020 was developed with input from all six Specified Committees and agreed at the Board meeting in March 2017. This was reviewed in March 2018 and re-presented to show linkages

with the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals.

### Specified Committee Members

It is important to note the commitment of the members of the Specified Committees who attend meetings and undertake to do so at their own expense. We thank them for their efforts. For the 2016-2019 Triennium, they were:

#### Agriculture Committee

Mrs Donna Jebb (Canada)  
Mrs Joan Brady (Canada)  
Mrs Pamela Brown (Northern Ireland)  
Mrs Therese Casemore (Wales)

#### Communications & Marketing

Mrs Deborah Reardon (England) *removed 2018*  
Mrs Marie O'Toole (Ireland)  
Mrs Moira Hammond (England)  
Miss Rehanon Mackenzie (England) *until 2017*

#### Finance

Mrs Alison Burnett (Scotland) *from 2017*  
Mrs Maggie Simons (England)

#### Projects

Mrs Edwina Marr (Northern Ireland)  
Mrs Hazel Armstrong (England)  
Mrs Paddy Blake (Ireland)  
Mrs Roma Patten (England) *resigned 2017*  
Sr Viji Dali (India)

#### Triennial Conference

Mrs Afrodita Roman (Romania)  
Mrs Lynette Harris (Australia)  
Mrs Lynn MacLean (Canada)  
Mrs Sue Watkins (England)

#### United Nations

Mrs Christine Reaburn (Canada)  
Mrs Christine Treweek (England)  
Mrs Patricia Twiss (Australia)  
Mrs Susan Jonas (England)  
Mrs Suzanne Garrett (Australia) *resigned 2016*



## ACWW Projects Approved for Funding and Monitoring in 2016-2019

	Number of Projects	Number of Countries	Project & Monitoring	Smallest Grant	Largest Grant
2016 from October	6	6	£36,118	£3,792	£6,990
2017	15	10	£70,360	£2,649	£6,169
2018	14	6	£66,661	£2,690	£8,497

## Countries Receiving ACWW Grants in the Triennium

ACWW Area	Country	Number of Projects	£
Central & South Asia	Bangladesh	1	£5,782
	India	10 <sup>1</sup>	£55,127
	Pakistan	1	£5,083
	Sri Lanka	2	£10,184
		14	£76,177
Caribbean, Central & South America	Guatemala	1	£5,807
East, West & Central Africa	Cameroon	1	£5,262
	Ghana	2	£6,407
	Kenya	5	£21,394
	Tanzania	2	£6,986
	Uganda	4	£16,484
		14	£56,533
Europe	Romania	1	£8,388
South East Asia & the Far East	Mongolia	1	£3,312
	Philippines	1	£5,807
		2	£9,119
South Pacific	Papua New Guinea	1	£5,143
Southern Africa	Zimbabwe	1	£6,273
	Global Total	34	£167,439

### Note 1

11 projects were approved from India in this Triennium. The funds for one project were not released as the beneficiary organisation's FCRA application was rejected and the amount earmarked for this project was put back into the General Projects Fund.

## ACWW Projects Funded in the 2016-2019 Triennium

Country	Project No.	Organisation	Project Title	Grant (inc. Monitoring)
Bangladesh	1029	Women Empowerment and Environmental Development Organisation (WEEDO)	Providing agricultural training and production inputs for empowering vulnerable women and enhancing family level food security	£5,782
Cameroon	1031	Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch (CAMEGEW)	Improving the livelihoods of indigenous Mbororo women around Kilum-Ijim forest	£5,262
Ghana	1038	Grass-Root Rural Opportunities for Women	Growing better sweet potato for improved nutrition security	£3,228
	1034	Faith Women Self Help Group of EPC-Todze (FWDWP)	Faith women community weanmix project	£3,179
Guatemala	1022	Fundación Junkabál	Fertilise your future	£5,807
India	1046	Grama Valar Nirai (GVN)	Organic cultivation of indigenous millets	£3,938
	1044	Society for Women Education and Economic Thrust (SWEET)	Improved access to water in Villuparam district	£4,639
	1043	Rural People Development Society (RPDS)	Cow rearing for income generation	£6,659
	1042	People's Association for Community Health Education (PACHE Trust)	Sexual and reproductive health education	£10,196
	1037	Success Trust	Cultivation of indigenous rice among women farmers	£4,765
	1036	ASHA Association for the Social Education and Charitable Activities for the Poor Communities	Revolving loans for local businesses led by women	£5,368
	1033	Socio Economic Development Association (SEDA)	Sexual and reproductive health awareness	£4,747
	1030	SWADD Society for Women Downtrodden Development	Income generation for rural women and girls by establishing provision of hygienic cost-effective sanitary napkins	£3,992
	1023	Deepam Trust	Enhancement of nutritional health security through home gardens for Dalit women	£3,420
	1021	Rural People Development Society (RPDS)	Releasing marginalised tribal women from poverty through goat rearing and organic kitchen gardens	£7,403
	1020	Women and Rural Development (WORLD) Trust	Cooperative dairy development project to educate and empower Dalit widows	£5,700

Country	Project No.	Organisation	Project Title	Grant (inc. Monitoring)
Kenya	1048	Slow But Sure Self Help Group (SBSSHG)	Beekeeping for sustainable income	£3,419
	1047	Eldoret Women for Development (ELWOFOD)	Walking on eggshells	£3,998
	1025	Uyoma Food Security Self Help Project	Agok women revolving credit scheme for food security, nutrition, and education support	£4,576
	1024	Upendo Okatekok Women Group	Grassroots engagement for sustainable sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescent girls	£4,850
	1017	Coast Development Lobby Group (CDLG)	Enhancing women's participation in leadership and economic activities in Kwale County	£4,550
Mongolia	1032	Sain Tus Centre	Women's economic empowerment	£3,312
Pakistan	1026	Public Welfare Foundation	Women empowerment through skill training programme	£5,083
Papua New Guinea	1045	Mubalu Women of Hope Federation (MWHF)	Education for life	£5,143
Philippines	1018	Water, Agroforestry, Nutrition and Development (WAND)	Women's action against climate change and hunger	£5,807
Romania	1015	Women's Association from Sibiu	Art therapy	£8,388
Sri Lanka	1028	Lanka Mahila Samiti	Strengthening English language teaching skills of pre-school teachers	£4,784
Sri Lanka	1019	Nest	HIV and AIDS prevention, education, caring and improving attitudes for women and children	£5,400
Tanzania	1040	Women Social Economic Development Organization (WOSOEDEO)	Sewing skills for social independence	£3,244
	1039	LifeLine Counselling Centre & Gender Empowerment (LCC&GE)	Rice and maize for a better tomorrow	£3,743
Uganda	1049	Community Concerns Uganda (CCUG)	Sanitary facilities for improved menstrual hygiene	£3,761
	1041	Foundation for Uganda women Development (FFUWD)	Improved water security for the girl child	£4,560
	1035	Kasese District Women with Disabilities (KADIWOD)	Mushroom growing for social and economic development	£4,458

# Report of the Agriculture Committee

## Mrs Margaret Yetman - Committee Chairman and Deputy World President

As Deputy President and a member of the Executive Committee, it has been a privilege to serve the organisation in this role and to work with the World President, Ruth Shanks whose leadership embraced 'teamwork' that encouraged all team players to work toward carrying out the aims and objectives of the organisation.

One of my responsibilities was that of Agriculture Committee Chairman. The Committee was set up in 2001 to stress the importance of Agriculture among members and their societies and to promoting links with international UN agencies, civil organisations and government institutions working on food and women's empowerment as it relates to agriculture. During the Triennium, I have been privileged to have the support of four enthusiastic members with diverse backgrounds from various geographical areas, namely, Donna Jebb (Canada), Pamela Brown (Northern Ireland), Joan Brady (Canada) and Therese Casemore (Wales).

For this term, the Committee decided to focus on raising awareness and sharing knowledge relating to three focal points: Food Sovereignty, reduction in food waste, and breast feeding. These all relate specifically to target indicators for Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger, and one indicator for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

### The Need to Reduce Food Waste

Committee members gave talks and presentations to societies and other women's groups in their respective areas. Activities were carried out by members on how they were working to lessen food waste in their homes and communities. Posters were placed in many public eating places to raise awareness of the importance of reducing food waste, particularly in places where buffet meals are being served, asking people only to pick up the portions they could eat rather than picking up more than needed. Members contacted local supermarkets as to what they do with unsold items and learnt that in many cases they were giving these items to various local needy groups rather than bringing it to the landfill; when not the case, this solution was recommended.

### Importance of Breastfeeding Infants

The World Health Organisation (WHO) statistics state that globally only 38% of infants are breastfed, and that they are seeking to achieve at least a 50% increase on this by 2025.

Agriculture Committee members carried out various activities to promote the value and benefits of breastfeeding.

A poster outlining the importance of breast-feeding infants was produced and circulated to member societies and printed in The Countrywoman magazine. These posters were also posted in local medical clinics and other public places. Committee members gave talks and presentations within their own areas.

### Food Sovereignty

At the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference in 2016, a resolution was passed that *"ACWW accept Food Sovereignty as part of ACWW agricultural policy and... begin a campaign to bring awareness and understanding of Food Sovereignty to the organisation's members during the next Triennium (2016-2019)"*.

In support of the Zero Hunger Challenge and SDG 2, the Agriculture Committee promoted implementation of resilient agricultural practices and worked to raise awareness of drought, flooding, natural disasters and improving soil quality. ACWW Member Societies called on their local and national governments for action on this issue, highlighting their own local communities, food producers and consumers. Society members were encouraged to get to know their local farmers, promote locally produced food, working with nature, eat food in season, and building knowledge and skills.

### Links with UN Agencies

The Committee is committed to working in an effective way with UN Agencies to help with the many agricultural problems facing rural women around the world. It was my privilege to be part of the ACWW delegation attending CSW62 in New York, USA, in March 2018. I attended many of the parallel events which helped me become more aware of the many problems and needs that exist in our world today. For example, rural women suffer inequality relating to land rights, are often the most affected by the negative impacts of war, urbanisation, and climate change. My experience at CSW62 provided me with a better

insight of the many problems facing rural women worldwide, especially in the area of agriculture.

The committee encouraged collaboration with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and has put provisions in place for fruitful collaboration in the year ahead.

### Observances of UN Days

The Committee observed and supported ACWW's promotion of the International Day of Rural Women (15 October), World Food Day (16 October), World Soil Day (5 December), and World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August).

### Conventions and Meetings

It was my opportunity to meet personally with members and others and am grateful for the kindness extended to me during these events. Our CEO attended the FAO Europe Asia Forum in Voronezh, Russia in May 2018.

### Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women

The Agriculture Committee supported ACWW's Global Survey, launched in March 2018. Committee members promoted the Survey within their areas, encouraging society members, their colleagues, friends and families to participate in this crucial survey. Survey information cards were placed in public buildings in their various communities.

### Conclusion

My appreciation to the President, Executive, Board members, and staff at Central Office for your co-operation, kindness, and friendship during the Triennium. To my own society, the Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes, for the support given to me during the past three years, I thank you.

I am proud and honoured to have had the pleasure to serve as ACWW Deputy President and wish you well as you go forward to another 90 years of opportunities working for ACWW.

In conclusion, I leave you with these words spoken by Past World President, Mrs. Aroti Dutt some years ago: *"ACWW creates an unseen bond of friendship among women of the world whose skin, colour, religion, social customs and way of living are different, and devoted services of many, kept it alive"*.

# Report of the Triennial Conference Committee

## Mrs Henrietta Schoeman - Committee Chairman

*“Teamwork is the ability to work together towards a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results” – Andrew Carnegie*

With those words I can in all honesty say that it has been a privilege and honour to serve in the position of Secretary for ACWW this last Triennium, giving all credit to the team members of TCC.

The Triennial Conference Committee consists of four members. Three were appointed by the Board. They are Afrodita Roman (Romania), Susan Watkins (England) and Lynn McLean (Canada). The fourth member is a representative from the Hostess Society Coordinating Committee, Lynette Harris from CWA of Victoria in Australia. With Skype at our disposal, all the meetings were attended by all the TCC members. If they could not attend in person, they were an integral part of the meeting via Skype. This ensured that everybody's input could be obtained at all times. TCC met on 5 occasions in this Triennium as it was shorter than usual with only 2 years and 8 months separating the two World Conferences.

Precious lessons learned from organizing the previous ACWW World Conference in England, made some of the planning easier. All attempts were made to make this a great and unforgettable experience for all attending.

As always, feedback was given after the previous World Conference to help make decisions for the next conference, trying to streamline the whole experience without downsizing the importance of the work of ACWW. TCC members as well as the Staff in the office gave thorough and workable feedback. After discussion, the Registration Form was redesigned to include necessary detail that must be available to the Staff when receiving these forms.

The timetable for sending out Circulars with all the relevant information was set up. All Circulars are now available on the ACWW website and all members have



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access to it. In making this system work effectively, the Staff and in particular Nick Newland, our Policy and Communications Manager, played a crucial role. He was also responsible for the setting up of electronic Registration for Conference, the electronic voting system and many other actions required for the smooth running of the work of our committee. All 9 Areas have indicated that they would prefer to make use of the postal or electronic voting system when an Area President is elected. This ensures that all the societies in an Area can participate in these elections and not just those attending the World Conference. We want to thank him for his enthusiasm and interest in the work of the TCC.

Registering for a World Conference has never been so easy. We are positive that all problems have been addressed and that from the comfort of your own home, you can register and pay. All but a few members have registered via our website. Thank you to all for accepting the changes and working with us to make it successful.

During this Triennium the World President Ruth Shanks, the CEO Tish Collins, Nick Newland and myself had the opportunity at different times to visit the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This helped a lot to familiarize ourselves with the setup of the venue, the possibilities of what is available but also to plan the programme with all that in mind. With the important and indispensable contributions from Lynette Harris and her hostess committee, a myriad of decisions have been made necessary for the smooth running of all aspects of this Triennial World Conference, from when the members arrive in Australia to when

they leave again. CWA of Victoria also decided on the beautiful badge everyone will receive when they register.

The Resolutions and Recommendations received from our members societies were discussed by the Ad-Hoc committee. As a person whose home language is not English must be part of this committee, two of the TCC members met that requirement. We were also supported by the World President and the CEO during these deliberations. Thank you to all member societies who submitted Resolutions and Recommendations. It is wonderful to see women standing up for issues that they feel must be addressed. If all the member societies who act on Resolutions and Recommendations report regularly on what they do, it will contribute so much to the work of ACWW and will help in getting our message to the world.

ACWW has always been able to move with the times. Having been on the Board for 6 years, it is obvious that this indeed is true. A special thanks to the Staff, Tish Collins, Nick Newland, Sydney Salter, Rebecca Ramsey, Monica Tomlins, Viktoria Dimitrova and Jessica Bailey for their hard work for TCC, but also for ACWW in general. My thanks also goes to the Executive and Board, who supported TCC, gave us ideas and embraced the changes made. To the members of TCC – you are the best! Your willingness to travel at you own expense to attend meetings, your inputs but also your friendship – I salute you.

Thank you to ACWW members for travelling long distances to attend a World Conference. For TCC it has been an honour and privilege to serve ACWW.

# Report of the Finance and Membership Committee

## Mrs Heather Brennan - Committee Chairman

At the start of this Triennium, as ACWW operated under the previous constitution, the Treasurer's position sat as Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as on the four-member Executive Committee along with the World President, Deputy World President, and Secretary. With the adoption of the new Constitution, the Executive Committee now has seven members, but the Treasurer remains responsible for the 'good governance' of the finances of the Association.

It has been a very interesting Triennium during which many financial aspects have been modernised, changed, or modified, resulting in reduced costs in many aspects of our work. A huge thank you to both our CEO Tish Collins and our former Finance Administrator Mrs Manisha Vora for completing the enormous and sometimes overwhelming task of overhauling the financial processes we use, and ensuring that our accounts are clearer and more easily understood than ever before.

ACWW has been fortunate to receive legacies during this Triennium. This decision has enabled us to increase our involvement in the UN activities which had been sadly lacking for many years. It has become necessary for the Association to become more involved with the UN to maintain our Consultative status. Each year we must present a statement of commitment to showcase how and where we are working to progress the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

There have been periods of frustration when change has taken longer to be accomplished. The Banks in the UK are often slow to resolve issues, which is sometimes inexplicable, however when the issues are resolved it will make the Office procedures much simpler.

The General account is 'unrestricted'. This means that funds in this account can be spent on all aspects of ACWW. The funds are from 'Pennies', investment dividends and legacies. Pennies for Friendship (PFF) are still the main source of income and we are sincerely grateful to the Societies who constantly continue to support this fund.

We have been calling it the 'enabling' fund as it enables us to communicate with Societies and their members world wide.

### What does this 'enabling' fund cover?

The short answer is 'everything except Projects', but here are a few items to draw your attention to:

#### The Countrywoman

It covers the printing and mailing of *The Countrywomen* to all of the Societies and individual members. The cost of producing the magazine has consistently decreased as a result of the Policy and Communications administrator, Nick Newland, and the contracts he has managed to negotiate.

#### Board Extension Work

When the Area Presidents visit Societies in their Area, they are generally hosted by those Societies, but there are costs associated with that travel and the visits, and often those Societies most in need of visits and support are in areas with very limited resources. Further to this, the travel and accommodation of the Board Members when they are travelling to our official meetings are paid for, ensuring that those candidates standing for election are the best available, not just those who have personal wealth. At all times, the Board Members are donating their time and their services.

#### Area and Triennial World Conferences

All conferences organised by ACWW will include a registration fee for members which helps offset the cost of organising the event. Our Hostess Societies do a lot to help, but these events will always have a cost to them and sponsorship is encouraged.

#### Central Office and Staff

Without an enthusiastic staff we don't have an efficient Association. Over the past Triennium there have been many changes as well as the new office location. This has resulted in a very modern working environment where all of the staff are included in carrying out the decisions of the Board and Executive, and where innovations are facilitated by the more sensible working conditions.

The professionalism of our staff is higher than ever before, and we constantly see the benefit. The Office costs have been reduced as a result of this move.

### Sources of income beyond PFF

Women Walk the World continues to be popular with many Member Societies, and whilst the specific activities and dates differ, this is a helpful source of fundraising opportunities, income, and publicity.

Our investments with Close Brothers continue to provide a healthy return in dividends. They are very aware that ACWW has asked that our investments are used diligently and there is an ethical obligation to which they are bound. Our investments are in the 'Medium Risk' category, aiming at a 4% return per year, in line with our ethical policy as reviewed by the Board each year. Considering all of the financial upheaval which has occurred globally in the last three years, we must be satisfied with our returns.

### Restricted Income

Donations that are received with specific directions for how they should be used are called 'restricted income'. This mainly relates to ACWW's projects work, and we are careful to ensure that all donations received for projects are specifically used for this purpose.

Up until the end of the first quarter of 2018, and since the start of the 2000s, ACWW offered supporters the chance to 'adopt' specific projects. Whilst this was popular, it wasn't sustainable as the actual process was this: Projects were approved by the Projects Committee, and were funded from unrestricted general funds. The projects were then advertised, adopted, and fundraising began. This meant that we often waited several years for the money to be recouped, and of course these donations were all restricted to Projects, meaning that the unrestricted funds were being used to pay for Projects. There was an attempt to rectify this in 2016, but the nature of the system meant that we were able to fund fewer and fewer projects each year as our available money dwindled. In 2018, we launched a new initiative to solve this.



## The Women Empowered Fund

In response to requests from members for more information, updates, and the need to diversify sources of funding, as well as making the whole process more sustainable, the Women Empowered, or WE Fund, was launched in mid-2018.

Our six Priority Focus areas or 'pots' reflect the traditional types of projects ACWW has always funded, and members can now see much more clearly how these Projects directly relate to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and have a better understanding of the real impact their support makes on the lives of women in rural communities.

Critically, the WE Fund means that we are raising money in the 6 pots, and then funding new Projects from them. The totals are displayed on our website and updated, so members can see their donations come in, and then see the drop in a specific pot once a project has been funded from it. We have had fantastic feedback on the WE Fund, and between April and December 2018, around £34,680 was raised by our generous members for the WE Fund.

## Membership

As has been the case for many years, ACWW Membership renewals are due on 1 January. Unless you have paid by 31 March, your membership is lapsed and cancelled. It is so important that Member Societies keep Central Office updated with changes of officers and those responsible so that they get the reminders, and we are hugely grateful for members all over the world being proactive in renewing their memberships. For the majority of this Triennium, Sydney Salter dealt with Memberships, and I would like to extend my thanks to her. With Sydney's move to the UN and Agriculture role, we welcome Jessica Bailey as the new Office Administrator, with responsibility for Membership.

I am pleased to report that our Society Membership has continued to grow, with a significant number of new countries now represented within ACWW. Our individual membership numbers have stayed rather more static, with natural shrinkage offset by new members joining.

Our Area Presidents play a crucial role in promoting membership to individuals and Societies. The enthusiasm of our individual members in their work to promote ACWW is often significantly more effective than the financial gain received from their membership. Individual efforts at fundraising and even organisation have wielded some significant donations this Triennium, and we are so grateful for this support.

## Reducing incurred costs

The increased use of the email has been beneficial in reducing mailing costs. Other than new members who receive a welcoming pack of information, the vast majority of our correspondence is carried out by email. Increasingly, and contrary to some people's assumptions, those countries in the developing world which struggle with traditional, or 'snail', mail, have ever improving digital connections and stay in touch with us using email and social media.

Bank costs remain difficult! They remain a large expense, and we do all we can to encourage the use of bank transfers, online banking and other digital facilities to reduce our costs. We know that traditional cheques are often the only option, and we will gratefully accept these, but in some instances the bank charges for processing a cheque actually outweigh the value of small cheque donations. Whenever possible, consider whether amounts can be merged between friends or colleagues, and send just one cheque to Central Office, rather than tens or even hundreds of cheques in a bundle.

## The Committee

During this Triennium, the Board approved that the Finance Committee should change its name, and adopt a new title of Finance and Membership Committee. Sadly, the low number of Committee members has made it difficult to maintain a quorum, and this has meant that the participation of Maggie Simons (England) and Alison Burnett (Scotland) has been even more crucial.

I am grateful for their enthusiastic discussions, which have resulted in most of our recommendations being accepted by the Executive. Thanks are also due to Tish Collins, our CEO, for her work taking the minutes and keeping the Committee, and ACWW as a whole, compliant with current legislation and guidelines.

I would further like to thank the Staff of Central Office for their continued support over the past three years. I have been involved with them previously as a member of the Finance Committee, and now in my role as Treasurer, and value their friendship and hard work. It has been a privilege and a great learning experience working with a system similar to my own but also very different.

I would like to offer very special thanks to our auditors Wilkins Kennedy who were presented with the task of preparing the last year's financial statements in order to be ready for this Conference.

It has been an interesting period to be a member of the Executive and Board for ACWW. I thank them for their support in accepting some difficult decisions and the changes which resulted. It has been a journey which under normal conditions one could only dream but I have been privileged to travel with the company of very special people all devoted to a cause which can hopefully improve the lives of many not as fortunate.

# Report of the Communications & Marketing Committee

## Mrs Magdie de Kock - Committee Chairman

The C&M Committee is one of ACWW's six specified Committees and responsible for the various aspects of communication and marketing – externally as well as internally - to promote ACWW as one of the largest women's organizations in the world, successfully connecting women and communities worldwide.

Steering this Committee, after being re-elected as Chairman for a second term at the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference in 2016, is Magdie de Kock. Members of the Committee are Moira Hammond and Marie O'Toole. Supported by the Office staff and in particular the Policy and Communications Manager, Nick Newland as administrator, the Committee works in compliance with the Constitution and the Terms of Reference and the Bye laws of ACWW.

### ACWW Website

Striving to update and to improve the ACWW website, social media, e-News bulletins, promotional material – which includes regularly updated PowerPoint presentations, brochures, and quarterly magazine - the Committee succeeded in reaching members as well as other organizations during the past Triennium. Updates on policies and publications ensure that ACWW is legally compliant with new UK and EU laws and regulations. Better and more developed mobile accessibility has opened ACWW's website to new audiences, particularly in developing countries where 'smart' phones are more prevalent than actual computers.

### Social Media

A very important aspect of ACWW's communication which has developed and expanded over the past three years are our social media channels; Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The Facebook page acts as a news stream as well as a forum, allowing messages and content to be sent to our audience covering events, pictures and news in general. When we started in May 2016 there were 688 members. The number of posts on this page has increased hugely, with very good feedback in light of Women Walk the World and other promotions. In the past 3 years, more than 2 million people have directly

engaged with ACWW content through our Facebook page.

Our Twitter channels have been revised and re-focused, mainly used when we have events and other campaigns that are relevant to the pace of the platform. Our Instagram channel continues to be successful, and the number of followers have increased over the past three years.

Recent analysis indicated that the ACWW social media is active, well managed and numbers of followers are ever increasing.

### The Countrywoman

With a fresh approach to contributions for *The Countrywoman* our readers' views are expanded and with certain pages being allocated to the Specified Committees, their work is also highlighted and promoted. In the past three years, guidelines were provided to members and Area Presidents to encourage contributions and the new layout and informative articles were testimony of the new approach.

The magazine also communicates a large variety of informative reading material to our readers on advocacy, resolutions, Sustainable Development Goals, reports, feedback on projects etc. The printing costs are constantly under review and quotes are periodically obtained from various printers to ensure good value for money. In the past year, the Editor, Nick Newland, succeeded in lowering the printing costs of the magazine whilst not compromising on quality.

After a specific request from the East, West, and Central Africa Area Conference, the Executive Committee have approved the trialling of a digital version of the magazine, made available to members in this Area, to overcome challenges of the postal system and evaluate whether this would be a positive programme to expand globally.

The C&M Committee appreciates the huge impact of the Editor, Nick Newland, for his visionary approach and editing skills.

### ACWW History Book

The privilege to produce a History book was bestowed upon the Committee. A proposal for the production of an ACWW

History Book at 90 years was the recommendation of the C&M Committee and to assign Nick Newland to produce the History Book, was approved by the Board. The brief to the author was to compile, write and edit a new history book commemorating 90 years of ACWW, and reflecting the 90 years of opportunities. The book is to be published in time for the Triennial World Conference in 2019. This was a major task, and even though the existing history books previously published, and the resources at Central Office made the project manageable, it was still a significant undertaking for the production of a wonderful token of ACWW's existence, as well as a useful research resource for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2029.

We could not have wished for a better author. Nick Newland's passion for ACWW, his ingenuity as writer and his sensitive and insightful approach to the subject contributed to the excellent product to be released at this 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference.

### Publications for the 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference

The artwork of the Triennial Report of the Work of ACWW as well as the Programme and all other promotional material including posters for exhibitions as well as all reports, were designed by the Policy and Communications Manager and approved by the C&M Committee.

### Publicity Materials

During the past three years, great care was taken to continuously update and reprint promotional and publication material to provide for the growing demand of members. Various versions of PowerPoint presentations have been developed and regularly updated to be used by members. The successful branding initiated during the previous term, proved to be still applicable to continue the strategic focus. Branding secured uniformity of our message in printed and online resources, and will provide strong pillars for the next Committee to build on.

### ACWW Friendship Links Programme

In 2016 a decision was taken to revive the Pen Friend scheme of ACWW. With the assistance of Area co-ordinators the



newly established *Friendship Links* Programme offers members and societies across the globe, connections through letters, emails, newsletters, as well as social media.

Contributing to the programme's success are the promotion of the programme on Area level, networking and idea sharing among the Area Co-ordinators as well as the support by Area Presidents. Interesting articles on these special friendships were published in the magazine and the guidance received from Central Office took this programme to new heights.

### Women Walk the World

Various promotional events, initiated by the C&M Committee, were implemented with great success and proved to be very popular. With this annual event people in many countries all over the world celebrate ACWW's international network by joining together to Walk the World on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April which is considered to be ACWW day – though walks can take place at other dates around that time as well. The aim is to raise awareness of ACWW's work, promote the organisation and raise funds.

### Orange the World

In 2017, during the 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, ACWW joined the world to draw global attention to the issue by changing the branding colours of our website and media channels from green to orange, the official colour of the campaign, symbolizing hope for a violence-free world, raising awareness of the urgent need to end violence against women and girls. When the campaign ended in December, 24,415 people had seen our statements online and responded, 503 specific engagements and 368 people shared our posts. In 2018 the response was even more remarkable.

### International Women's Day

The 8<sup>th</sup> of March marks International Women's Day which is an occasion to celebrate the progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment but also to critically reflect on those accomplishments and strive for a greater momentum towards gender equality worldwide. It is a day to recognize the extraordinary acts of women and to stand together, as a united force, to advance gender equality around the world.

In 2016 the Committee's recommendation to the Board for ACWW to celebrate

this event, was approved. In 2017 it was celebrated at St John's Smith Square with The Amadè Players conducted by Nick Newland. Works from Vivaldi's time at the Pietà were performed. The all-female choir brought Vivaldi's much-loved Kyrie and Gloria to life much as he himself would have heard them.

In 2017, ACWW hosted a networking breakfast at the Emmanuel Centre, London. The event was a great success for ACWW as it introduced many new and influential people to our work. The announcement of the Global Survey which was to be undertaken by ACWW in 2018 was met with enthusiasm. The event also created quite a buzz on social media. The World President's speech was filmed and broadcast live on the internet, and in just seven days more than 2,700 people watched it - with more than 1,100 viewing the full 19 minutes. This event included attendees from the UK Parliament, and five embassies in London.

Following the successful promotional events of the two previous years, The Amadè Players returned to St John Smith's Square on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 when ACWW once again celebrated International Women's Day with music. Handel's *Messiah* was performed and part of the concert was broadcast by Classic FM and more than 1.3 million listeners were reached.

### Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women

The Global Survey was launched in March 2018 at CSW62 in New York, to establish a baseline understanding of the lives of women in rural communities. We know that the voices of rural women are the hardest to hear, and we want to change this. The data from this survey will be published, presented at key international forums, reviewed and refreshed on a three-year cycle. The survey will give a ground-breaking data pack on the conditions of rural women. Data will support funding bids (for ACWW members, other NGOs, and partners) and help set the agenda and influence policy on rural women for global bodies.

It is linked to the Sustainable Development Goals, and the 3-yearly cycle will build data, identify changes over time, and identify the impacts of local initiatives, funding and social changes.

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR was agreed into European Union Law in May 2016 with an implementation date of 25 May 2018. ACWW has been updating and implementing new policies and procedures to ensure that we comply with the new laws, but also maintain the highest standards of protection for our members and their data. This subject was very well communicated and explained by Nick Newland in *The Countrywoman* Issue 3 of 2018, as well as on the website with a special link to the GDPR issue.

### Promoting ACWW

During the recent term in office, I was invited to promote ACWW at the South Pacific Area Conference in New Zealand in 2017, as well as the Southern Africa Area Conference in Johannesburg later that year. Over the past three years I also attended the Annual Conferences of nine ACWW affiliated societies in South Africa and Namibia. Moira Hammond, Marie O'Toole and Nick Newland have attended various events in the UK, Northern Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Russia, France, and the USA to promote ACWW.

### Conclusion

To conclude this report, I quote Committee member Moira Hammond:

*"When I was invited to serve on the C&M Committee, I was enthusiastic. However, I was totally unprepared for the sheer excitement it would bring me. This committee is the absolute 'hub' of ACWW and, as such, is probably one of the busiest because it deals with such a wide spectrum of ACWW's affairs. It is so exhilarating to be part of the birth of new ideas and events that are going to benefit a charity so dear to my heart".*

In conclusion, I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude towards my fellow C&M Committee members, the Staff of Central Office and in particular the Policy and Communications Manager as well as the CEO for their dedication and hard work to enable us to reach the goals set out for this Triennium.

I am thankful to members of ACWW who gave me this opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Communications and Marketing Committee for a period of six years. It has been a rewarding experience.

# Report of the Projects Committee

## Mrs Anne Marit Hovstad - Committee Chairman

When making decisions on which projects to fund, the Committee endeavoured to observe the resolutions approved at the 2016 Triennial World Conference on food sovereignty, sustainable energy and the supply of potable, farming, and industrial water. Further to this, our education and capacity building projects, as well as the income generation and agricultural training ones, aim to create an “enabling environment for economic and social development [for women and girls] especially in rural areas” (Civil Society & Gender, passed 2016).

### Committee Members

The Projects Committee members for the 2016-2019 Triennium were Mrs Hazel Armstrong (England), Sr Viji Dali (India), Mrs Roma Patten (England), Mrs Edwina Marr (Northern Ireland), and Mrs Patricia Blake (Ireland). Mrs Patten resigned from the Committee in October 2017 and Mrs Blake was unable to attend most of the meetings in this Triennium due to family matters, further compounded by her poor health.

### Policy Document Review

The Committee did not make any changes to the Policy Paper at their first meeting in October 2016. However, several amendments ensued from discussions over the Triennium.

Because of complications with evaluation visits in countries labelled as unsafe by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) travel advice, it was agreed that an applicant should be considered for funding only if it is safe to organise an evaluation visit to the project location. A pre-application eligibility questionnaire was introduced to reduce the number of unsuitable applications from non-member organisations. This resulted in 40% decrease in the time required to process new applications, offsetting the nearly 300% increase in the number of applications between 2016 and 2017.

Feedback from the Area President’s workshop held in March 2017 indicated that societies from within their areas would benefit from further assistance from the administrators to complete the Projects application form.

In February 2018, the Committee decided to put a stronger emphasis on Maternal and Reproductive Health and to set it as a separate projects criterion which has now become the 6<sup>th</sup> priority focus area of the WE Fund.

Several amendments related to Projects procedures were recommended by the Committee during the Triennium and approved by the Executive Committee in November 2018 and in previous meetings.

### Fundraising

The 2016-2019 Triennium was incredibly eventful when it comes to rendering ACWW Projects more efficient and financially sustainable.

At the beginning of this Triennium, it was brought to the attention of the Board that in the recent years, the time lag between the awarding of grants and completion of pledges had resulted in the extended use of Unrestricted Funds to pay for approved projects’ grants. In March 2016, the Board decided to follow ACWW’s auditor’s advice on best practice and replenish the Unrestricted Funds with donations received in Restricted Funds in 2016 for projects that were already paid out from the Unrestricted funds. This led to a healthier financial situation for the organisation at the year end and shed light on the imperfections of the adoption scheme.

The time lag between grant allocation and the completion of donor pledges made it clear that without an injection of funds to deal with this discrepancy, the Committee would only ever be able to approve the same or smaller number of projects at each subsequent meeting.

In 2017, the Committee celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Committee, with the administrators’ support, took this opportunity to launch the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal in June. The appeal aimed to raise £150,000 to guarantee support for the next generation of empowerment projects. However, ten months after its launch, the year-long initiative had raised only about 7% of its target and the need for an alternative fundraising approach became apparent.

In April 2018, ACWW changed the way projects are funded. It replaced the adoption scheme introduced at the beginning of the 2000s with the Women Empowered Fund (WE Fund) and its six funding priority focus areas. This means that restricted funds are raised and then allocated to specific Projects rather than the other way around. Previously the money received towards pledges made to specific projects was used to replenish the Projects Fund for money already spent.

The WE Fund priority focus areas fall within criteria set by the ACWW policy and constitution: Education and Capacity Building; Nutrition, Good Health, and Wellbeing; Sustainable Agriculture, Training and Development; Income Generation and Livelihood; Sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Energy; and Maternal and Reproductive Health. They also align with the previously used funding criteria the Committee worked to. Donors can now choose to support one or more of these areas and through these donations, they also declare their interest in a specific area of ACWW’s development work. The list of projects relative to the six “pots” approved at the November 2018 meeting was available on the ACWW website a week after their approval was ratified by the Executive Committee.

Between April and the beginning of December 2018 this new initiative raised £42,720 (inclusive of the £8,040 from the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal) and was positively received by the donors. This initial energy in donations gives an optimistic prognosis for the suitability of the WE Fund to ACWW’s work and it is hoped that its flexibility, inclusiveness, and clarity will provide a more sustainable funding model for ACWW Projects for the years to come.

### Project Funding

In their five meetings since the Conference at the University of Warwick in August 2016, the Projects Committee considered 117 applications for funding from 24 countries. 35 applications were approved, 14 from member societies and 21 from non-member organisations. The total amount spent and committed in the Triennium is £167,439 for 34 projects.

## Progress and Final Reports

These Reports provide ACWW with invaluable updates on the implementation of a project, and any immediate outputs and outcomes after the project has been completed. In the current Triennium (August 2016 until the date of publication of this document, January 2019), 34 Progress and 35 Final reports had been received from beneficiary organisations. The summaries of the reports were shared with their respective supporters and employed as engagement material on the ACWW website and the social profiles.

## Project Evaluation

41 projects were visited for routine evaluation in this Triennium, and 8 follow-up visits to projects completed two or more years ago also took place. 7 of the 8 follow-up reports showed that facilities and programmes set up as part of these projects were sustainable. This speaks for the efficiency of the ACWW funding model and encourages us to continue our work with development projects with the knowledge that they serve the beneficiary communities for years after their implementation period has been completed.

The Committee together with the Project Administrators have been working to further develop the evaluation capacity of ACWW Projects through combining follow-up visits to older projects with routine evaluation visits to ongoing projects. This effort will hopefully result in more reliable data on the sustainability of the projects we fund and the impact ACWW funding has on the communities we work with.

## Scholarships

Two projects were funded from the Lady Aberdeen Fund – No.1028 'Strengthening English language teaching skills of pre-school teachers', with Lanka Mahila Samiti, Sri Lanka, and No.1033 'Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness', with Socio-Economic Development Association (SEDA). Both have submitted satisfactory progress reports and have been visited by ACWW Resource Persons. The reports returned are positive and optimistic for their sustainability.

A grant was approved from the Elsie Zimmern Memorial Fund to enable Mrs Irene Chinje, the Area President of East, West, and Central Africa to attend the Southern Africa Area Conference and gain

experience of an ACWW Area Conference in advance of organising her own Area Conference. This event was successfully held in Kampala, Uganda in September 2018 and the Area President confirmed the benefit of her experience in South Africa.

## Conclusion

Though the members of the Committee decreased to three from five during this period, we went through with the work as stated in the report above. Thank you, members of the Committee for fruitful discussions and good communication!

A considerable number of projects have been monitored this Triennium. Thanks to Resource Persons who visit and evaluate ACWW projects. To visit projects and doing the important monitoring work is both interesting and meaningful. ACWW will need financial resources, but also engaged and competent Committee members and staff. Thanks to current Projects Development Administrator Viktoria Dimitrova and to our former administrators Juliet Childs and Sarah Kenningham for all hard work, expertise and friendship.

## ACWW Projects 2016 - 2019



## ACWW Projects by Type

Education and Capacity Building	6
Nutrition, Good Health, and Wellbeing	5
Sustainable Agriculture, Training and Development	4
Income Generation and Livelihood	10
Sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Energy	5
Maternal and Reproductive Health	5

from Final Reports received in 2016-2019

70,915

total beneficiaries



14,183

direct beneficiaries



56,732

indirect family beneficiaries\*

\*following standard UN population guidelines, this figure is based on average household size in the Project countries

# Report of ACWW's Work with the United Nations

ACWW has been committed to the United Nations since its inception, and our Member Societies have passed resolutions in support of the UN and its agencies over many years. We have held Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Consultative Status with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) since 1947. The following year ACWW joined the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN (CoNGO) as a Full Member, and in 1949 was granted Consultative Status with the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The 2016-2019 Triennium has seen a significant rise in the scope of ACWW's engagement with the United Nations and its Agencies, and we believe that this is a rightful return to the closer working relationships that we enjoyed in the past.

## Commission on the Status of Women

In March 2017 the World President Mrs Ruth Shanks AM and then-Chairman of the UN Committee Mrs Kerry Maw-Smith attended the Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York. They were joined by ACWW Secretary Mrs Henrietta Schoeman who attended at her own expense. The delegation participated in a series of meetings, but CSW61 was somewhat disturbed by the very heavy snow which closed meetings and the UN building.

In 2018, a much larger delegation attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, with members of the UN Committee and Board travelling at their own expense. Over the 7 days the group of 14 was in New York, they attended 37 meetings. World President Ruth Shanks AM spoke at 5 meetings, including one chaired by UK parliamentarian Maria Miller MP. The World President also chaired a focal session of the UN Women event 'Leave No-one Behind for Planet 50/50 by 2030'. As well as participating in events organised by other NGOs, ACWW made interventions in NGO Committee meetings, and participated in round-table sessions with partner organisations like Soroptimist International.

The focus of the week for our delegation was the launch of the International Forum on Rural Women and the Global Survey

of the Living Conditions of Rural Women. As has been noted in the reports from the World President and Chief Executive Officer, the launch of the survey saw pledges of collaboration from several other Non-Governmental Organisations, including the World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations, Soroptimist International, and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

ACWW's participation in the Zero Draft preparation for CSW was a first in 2018, and the Policy and Communications Manager has already met with the UK Government Equality Office, Department for International Development and other parties in preparation for the text drafting process in 2019.

In March 2019 ACWW's delegation to CSW will consist of the World President, CEO Tish Collins, and Policy and Communications Manager Nick Newland. They will present the initial findings of the Global Survey, and report these to various NGOs and UN Agencies. The World President will also be speaking at an event organised by the British Government and hosted by the UK NGO CSW Alliance.

## UNESCO

In December 2016 the CEO and Media and Communications Manager attended the International Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with UNESCO in Paris, and established a good working relationship with the newly elected Chairman of the NGO Liaison Committee Mr Philippe Beaussant.

The relationship with UNESCO was further strengthened by participation at the UN Youth Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in April 2017, and recognition of ACWW as a digital influencer. This led to the invitation to take part in an event in March 2018 at UNESCO supported by the Wikimedia Foundation and sponsored by the Swedish Government, aimed at promoting women in the digital sphere and working to increase global representation of women online. This included giving an interview for Swedish television, promoting ACWW and the Global Survey.

As noted earlier in this document, ACWW stood for election to the NGO

Liaison Committee at the International Conference of NGOs in December 2018, further raising the profile of the Association.

## High Level Political Forum on the SDGs

The HLPF was held at UN Headquarters in July 2018, and ACWW was able to make interventions in several meetings, and met with with representatives from Small Island States and other rural women's organisations. Further meetings with the Advocacy Director for Soroptimist International were held in advance of CSW63.

In 2019 the UK will present their Voluntary National Review of progress on the SDGs and, in recognition of the input to the CSW Agreed Conclusions, ACWW was invited to participate in the UK Government's consultation in preparation for the VNR. This took place in February 2019 and there will be further opportunities for input as HLPF approaches. This opportunity is afforded to ACWW because, though we are an international organisation, we are a UK registered charity and so have recognised status in that country.

## CEDAW

ACWW UN Representative Joanna Koch attended the meeting of the Committee responsible for monitoring and implementation of the 'Convention on All Forms of Discrimination Against Women' (CEDAW) at their UN Office in Geneva, on 24 October 2016.

In 2019 the UK Government will be examined by CEDAW for its compliance. With the data gathered from the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women, Nick Newland will attend CEDAW in February to give evidence and engage with the Committee alongside headquarters staffers of other UK-based NGOs.

## Food and Agriculture Organisation

In May 2018 the Policy and Communications Manager attended meetings in Rome at the Headquarters of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation. He met with the Ad Hoc Group of NGOs in Consultative Status with FAO, as well as meeting with Mr Luka Vukadinovic, the Liaison Officer for Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS) of FAO, and Mr Guilherme Brady, Civil Society Team

Coordinator for FAO. Following up, Nick met with Mrs Christiane Monsieur, Dimitra Project Coordinator. This led to the establishment of collaborative working arrangements on the Global Survey and further development of the relationship between ACWW and FAO.

In May 2018, as mentioned in the Agriculture Committee report, the CEO participated in the FAO Regional Forum for Europe and Central Asia. The main topic was mitigating the impact of climate change on rural communities.

Throughout 2019, ACWW will work with the FAO and Dimitra Clubs to gather data on rural women in Mali, Niger, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. This will add to the information collected through the Global Survey of Rural Women, and continue the work of the International Forum on Rural Women. ACWW's role as a coordinating agency, connecting rural women's organisations across the world is crucial, and our mandate to both report data to, and feedback information from, the United Nations is a critical part of our work.

### International Days

ACWW celebrates and marks UN International Days across the year. This Triennium our efforts have included issuing public statements, and introducing mini-campaigns on our social media channels to raise awareness of the issues. The following International Days have been marked:

- Zero Tolerance of FGM (6 February)
- International Women's Day (8 March)
- Families (15 May)
- End to Obstetric Fistula (23 May)
- Environment (5 June)
- Oceans (8 June)
- Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (19 June)
- World's Indigenous People (9 August)
- Peace (21 September)
- Girl Child (11 October)
- Rural Women (15 October)
- World Food Day (16 October)
- Eradication of Poverty (17 October)
- UN Day (24 October)
- World Toilet Day (10 November)
- Violence Against Women (25 November)
- Soil (5 December)
- Human Rights Day (10 December).

### Orange the World

ACWW participated in the international campaign to celebrate 16 Days of Global Activism against Gender-Based Violence for the first time in 2017. This involved

re-branding our website and all social media channels, replacing all of the normal green with a strident orange, and pursuing an online campaign of awareness-raising. This proved very popular with members, and we saw a positive spike in responses to our posts. In 2018 it was decided to increase our efforts and, between the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November and Human Rights Day on 10 December, we once again re-branded our online presence. Alongside this, we released 17 public statements and advice worksheets which offered our membership ideas and suggestions for how they could get involved in this crucial campaign.

Over the 16 Days our online campaign reached 36,978 people. We were delighted to receive reports from several members and Societies with updates on their efforts to support the campaign, and we are looking forward to expanding this effort further in 2019.

### Sustainable Development Goals

Whilst the previous UN Committee decided not to support the Sustainable Development Goals, the first meeting of the 2016-2019 Triennium saw a motion from the new Committee to formally and fully adopt the SDGs. Furthermore, during this Triennium, the Board approved the integration of specific SDG targets and indicators into the ACWW Strategic Plan, and all policy and publicity efforts are now aligned with promoting the success of the Global Goals.

Awareness raising efforts have been undertaken in *The Countrywoman* magazine, on our website via an interactive tool, and via our social media channels and publicity materials. These have been communicated to all Member Societies, and many have reported their use in local campaigns.

### ACWW Projects

The projects funded by ACWW have always been intended to empower rural women and improve their living conditions. This Triennium there has been a significant push to increase the sustainability of the projects we fund, and to establish a clearer process for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting the impacts of our projects.

All ACWW project reports are now published with a breakdown of the relevant SDG Targets and Indicators. This informs members and supporters,

and assists with reporting progress back to the UN.

The launch of the Women Empowered Fund is also tied to the Sustainable Development Goals, and ensures the connection remains for the future.

In 2016-2019, ACWW undertook specific work relating to SDG1, SDG2, SDG3, SDG4, SDG5, SDG6, SDG10 and SDG17.

The full list of indicators is shown here:

1.a	1.1	2.a	2.1
2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
3.1	3.4	3.7	4.a
4.3	4.4	4.6	5.a
5.1	5.2	5.6	6.a
6.b	6.1	6.3	6.4
6.5	10.2	10.3	10.4



# Area Report: Canada

## Mrs Sheila Needham - Area President

When I received the support of the Canada Area members for a second term as Area President, it was an honour I will never forget. Thank you! The 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference held at Warwick University was a very busy one and held many momentous occasions throughout our time spent together.

Now, already, it is time to report on my activities of the past Triennium 2016-2019. In fact, 2019 will be a short year for my term but will require quite a lot of effort for a short period of time. There are reports and preparation for the Area Meetings as well as the ACWW Board meeting and the Conference itself, not to mention making plans for traveling halfway around the world!

Following the 2016 Triennial World Conference in England, British Columbia Women's Institutes were very pleased to welcome World President Ruth Shanks to a special ceremony and plaque installation by Parks Canada in Metchoisin, British Columbia. The plaque honoured Madge Watt for her contributions to the WI in Canada as well as in Britain and for being the driving force behind the formation of an international rural women's organization, ACWW. Also in attendance at this ceremony was Dr. Helen Geissinger, the great niece of Madge Watt.

My first year of the Triennium (2017), started out with visits to Alberta Women's Institutes in Camrose, Alberta in May and then in June to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario in Pembroke which preceded the Canada Area Conference also held in Pembroke at the same venue. Thank you to the Planning Committee for a super job in putting together a great Area conference. As Pembroke is close to Ottawa, Canada's capital city, a tour enabled members to visit Ottawa, which was in celebration mode for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation! We were also privileged to have the World President in attendance and enjoyed her wit and inspiration and her passion for all things ACWW!

Ruth and myself were interviewed for a radio show featured locally and then we travelled across the Ottawa River and spoke at the board meeting of the

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in Pontiac County, Quebec.

In July it was off to visit BCWI provincial convention held in Vanderhoof, which is right in the middle of the province and was close to the nearby fires that raged throughout the summer.

My husband Neil and I drove to Huntsville, Alabama in September for the CWC Area meeting chaired by Jo Ellen Almond and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet up with ACWW members in the USA. Also I brought greetings from Canada's ACWW members and emphasized our support and friendship and stressed how important our continued exchanges are to this close relationship we share as neighbouring countries and ACWW friends.

In this same vein I was invited to visit the Plymouth NH state meeting of New Hampshire Homemakers Clubs in November. It was a great visit and learning experience.

In March of 2018 I attended the ACWW Board meeting in London, and the board members had input and reviewed the Bye-Laws that are ready for acceptance at this conference in Melbourne. The board also agreed to gather material from the members in their areas and I received a fantastic response and pieces from all different parts of the world. This material will be featured in Quilted Wall Hangings and articles to be sold and/or auctioned off in Melbourne 2019. The artist for this project is Donna Henderson, a WI member who lives in Ontario and is a quilt artist of some renown! The money raised is in tribute to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Projects Fund.

The board also unanimously agreed to honour the first World President, Mrs. Madge Watt, by naming the ACWW Central Office as Madge Watt House, to be in effect in perpetuity wherever the office is located!

Following the board meeting I flew home via New York and attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women. It was at my own expense but I was very pleased to be a part of the largest

ACWW delegation to ever attend CSW. I attended 7 sessions plus the Launch of Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women.

2018 was another busy year as in June I spoke about ACWW at the Saskatchewan WI convention in Lake Lenore and then in July I was pleased to attend, along with Ruth Shanks, the national convention of WI Canada where we both had the opportunity to speak about ACWW, the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women, the importance of Pennies for Friendship and how the WE Fund works.

Les Cercles de Fermières du Quebec invited me to their banquet in Chicoutimi, but as I was unable to attend I provided them with a short "selfie" video in French about ACWW, which was warmly received and appreciated. Then in August I wrapped up the year with a very pleasant visit and warm welcome in Truro, Nova Scotia for their provincial WI convention where I attempted for the first solo time to explain the WE Fund and how it works!

I received and accepted, with much appreciation for their support and interest in ACWW, the invitation from British Columbia WI to host the next Canada Area Conference in 2019, which will take place in Sidney on Vancouver Island.

Special thanks to Hania White who attended the ACWW Europe Area Conference held in Târgu Mureș, Romania and delivered greetings on behalf of Canada's ACWW members.

My best wishes and thanks go out to Margaret Yetman, Deputy President, for her personal support and mentoring and for all the great work she has done in her position as Agriculture Committee Chair.

Also my thanks and great appreciation to the following members for their dedication and always being willing to share their experiences and knowledge during ACWW presentations: Christine Reaburn, UN Committee; Lynn MacLean, Triennial Conference Committee; Donna Jebb and Joan Brady, both on the Agriculture Committee.

# Area Report: Caribbean, Central and South America

## Mrs Dotsie M. Gordon - Area President

First I would like to acknowledge the support of all Board Members, members in my area, and relatives and friends who have supported my participation in ACWW.

I had the privilege of staging two Area Conferences, one in the first Triennium in Jamaica, November 18-20, 2015 and the second in Trinidad & Tobago, June 21-23, 2018. Both conferences focussed on Sustainable Development within our homes, communities and country. All presenters volunteered their services and members and participants expressed their appreciation for the information they received.

Caribbean, Central and South America presently has six national institutes serving many branches and districts at the community level in Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Dominican Republic, and Jamaica.

We have faced many challenges during the past six years caused by natural disasters and many of our members have died hence we are now focussed on rebuilding branch networks and encouraging new and youthful members to join our organisations.

Feedback received on the Trinidad & Tobago Conference was that it was well organised and the Minister of Agriculture made special reference to educating rural women and teaching them to use smart phones. Mrs. George spoke of her life in a rural community which was very amazing. Having heard testimonials of rural women in the community, everyone agreed that the meeting was very interesting and enjoyable.

### Institute Feature

Mrs. Pauline John (Secretary) and Ms. Merlyn Kellman (Treasurer) of Guyana Federation of Women's Institute reported that they presently have three functioning Institutes, namely: Buxton, Kitty and Parika. Buxton has fifteen members and are working on handicraft, knitting, fabric painting and sewing – meeting weekly; Kitty has a golden age club with membership of twenty-five

who are involved in handicraft, knitting and tie dye – meeting weekly while Parika has a membership of fifteen and are dedicated to Agriculture. Despite the decline of other groups, they are determined to resuscitate them so that they will be successful in their future endeavours.

Mrs. Lucy Daniels of the Grenada Home Makers Association reports that they continue to serve their members through regular meetings and focus on various income generating products such as crochet, art and craft.

The Jamaica Federation of Women is also working on resuscitating branches and starting new branches. The Stadium Gardens branch was recently launched on Saturday, September 29, 2018 with a membership of over twenty-five under the leadership of Mrs. Jodian Henry.

It is my hope that the ACWW will continue to grow from strength to strength in the development of branch and individual networks in keeping with the mission of our World President to sustain *“confidence in the work that we do for the betterment of women of many cultures, many races and many creeds”*.

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

# Area Report: Central and South Asia

## Mrs Thilaka Perera - Area President

It was a great honour and a privilege to be elected as the Area President at the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference held at the University of Warwick, UK, in August 2016. It is indeed a big responsibility to hold this position which gave me a great opportunity to dedicate myself to encourage and motivate under-privileged rural members in my region to uplift their living conditions.

Central and South Asia is one of the nine areas of the ACWW. This area covers 5 countries; Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. I am sad to mention that I did not get much response from Nepal and Pakistan maybe due to various situations in their countries.

On capacity building it was very difficult to get new member societies to join despite their interest, as the membership fees are quite high and they were reluctant to enrol. I had close association and active participation and collaboration with most of the other member societies specially from India. It helped a lot to strengthen and consolidate the unity of women of different cultures and communities to ensure our commitment to the promotion of the status of women.

There are about 35 member societies of ACWW in this area and they are actively involved in doing various development projects for the community. As the Area President I very much appreciate the fact that the ACWW has granted funds to carry out their projects successfully.

Some of the major Projects are:-

Extending services to Destitute and Marginalized community to animate, inspire and mobilize the poorest among the population towards their own emancipation and empowerment. The priorities include children and women's development. On environment, Education, Nutrition, Health and AIDS Awareness.

Prevention of spreading STD/HIV/AIDS among high risk groups prevention of Non-communicable diseases and Diabetes. Agriculture and home gardening, safe drinking water, Elders programmes, Mental Health and

care, vocational training programmes. Breast Cancer detection and awareness programmes, Legal programmes. Support programs for autistic children. English Language skills training for pre-school teachers in Pre-school and Daycare centres. Skills training and Handicrafts, Sanitation and various other programmes are conducted in most of our member societies.

ACWW Women Walk the World, Raise awareness on elimination on Violence Against Women. Gender based violence, Tree planting campaign, Agriculture programmes on World Food Day to promote zero hunger challenge by 2030. Raising funds for Pennies for Friendship is also a task we are promoting.

It was a very good opportunity for me to visit and monitor a few projects in India at the request of ACWW Central Office. I was very satisfied with how they were handling the projects with dedication and commitment.

Lanka Mahila Samiti hosted the ACWW 29<sup>th</sup> Central and South Asia conference in Sri Lanka (20-22 August 2018). I am happy to mention that it was a very grand and well-attended event. We were proud and much honoured to have ACWW World President Ruth Shanks gracing the occasion at this very special event. It was such a strength for us that she was with us. The opening ceremony was held with pomp and pageantry with Kandian Dancers and Drummers. Our Conference theme was *"Innovation for Women's Empowerment"*

We were proud to have Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaratunga – the past President of Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as our chief guest, Mrs Ruth Shanks AM as our guest of honour and there were few other special invitees who graced this occasion. There were number of foreign Delegates from the area and in all about 200 local guests in attendance.

On the second day, religious observances took place. Country reports were presented and 5 eminent lectures presented very inspiring presentations: Innovation for Women's Empowerment of Sri Lankan experiences, Presentation on Diabetes, Presentation on

Environment, Presentation on Nutrition, Presentation on Human Rights. Then the closing down session address was given by the World President Ruth Shanks AM.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Field Trip was hosted by Nest, an affiliate of ACWW. Visiting "Halfway Home" at the psychiatric hospital. Most of the patients are almost well, but their families are not taking them home and therefore they are stuck in hospital forever. Nest is doing a marvellous project by looking after all the wards and the people there and have undertaken several projects to rehabilitate and empower them.

I had a very enjoyable time visiting London twice for Board meetings and I got the opportunity to make new friends and learn a lot. It was so lovely to meet all the Board Members working together with harmony and joy. It was very nice to meet the CEO and the other staff members at the Central office. They were always kind and helpful. I take this opportunity to thank all the staff members for their kind support extended to all of us.

It was so lovely to meet our World President Ruth Shanks who is so dynamic, knowledgeable, and a great leader. She is such an inspiration to all of us. To the Deputy President, Executive Committee and the Board members a big thank you to everyone and wish you a great future and all the success in your future endeavours.

In conclusion of my report, for the future:-

With the commencement of a new term of office in 2019 and the dawn of the New Year we look back retrospectively at our three year performance in uplifting and promoting the qualitative and quantitative development of rural communities in our region. We also look forward with a high sense of dedication and commitment to make more and more our involvement for the successful implementation of the rural community development programmes.



# Area Report: East, West and Central Africa

## Mrs Irene Chinje - Area President

Our Triennial Conference in Melbourne in 2019 closes our activities for the Triennium. The East, West and Central Africa Area has had lots of experiences to share as well as looking forward to the next Triennium with hope and expectations for the continuous growth of ACWW and its activities within the Area. We are very grateful to our Board members, the Executive and administrative staff for all the support and contributions in assisting with the work in the field.

The year 2016-2017 was spent getting to know the Area better and opportunities came that made this easy through the Monitoring and Evaluation visits to ACWW funded projects. This included member and non-member societies and a visit to each of these opened up the needed contact to meet and know the members as well as create a working relationship. This was a wonderful experience, though not all roses. I witnessed some disappointing results relating to the transparency and execution of projects. Well executed projects are durable and it is a strong sign of the presence of ACWW within the community that as the beneficiaries experience the positive impacts of these development projects, make use of the products, and see the improvements, we see the trickle down effect. We should ensure these projects get the best results as we monitor and evaluate to make our goal of empowerment a reality.

2018—2019 is almost rounding up with some fulfilment as the different society members converged in Kampala Uganda for its Area Conference. The preparations for the Area Conference started in 2017 during the Monitoring and Evaluation of projects as this was the opportunity to meet the members. I will here like to say a big 'Thank You' to all of us, Board members, Executive and Administration for encouragement and total support in ensuring we get what it takes to achieve our objectives. It is true we are stronger standing together and I hope and pray this spirit stays on to make ACWW go on in strength.

A visit was paid to the East African Women's League of Nairobi, Kenya which is a strong and powerful society in terms

of numbers and operations as they are very well organised in their activities and try to be self sufficient. I was most grateful I had the opportunity to visit the League in June 2018. Communication was not sufficient to get them all involved so during the visit there was a presentation on ACWW (thanks to Nick at Central Office for assisting with the PowerPoint presentation).

It was surprising that some members claimed to be hearing about ACWW for the first time. The chair anyway corrected them, reminding them of their permanent member who attends the World Conference and comes back with a report. I will like to appreciate in a special way Laelia Anderson for all her commitment and encouragement in the work of ACWW in this area and especially with the East African Women's League. I also want to appreciate the Chair of the League, Clare Jethwa, for her hospitality. Clare was the lone member who was communicative on the Area group mails and had registered for the Area conference but after the visit there was more interest from other members, with three eventually registering and two finally attending.

The Area Conference took place in September 2018. It was not an easy task but much was achieved. Thanks to all members who participated, but a bigger thanks to the organising committee. Your time, sacrifices, and every input are well appreciated and this is the spirit I believe we take along to as a driving force for the success of our ACWW story of making our communities/ societies a better place for women, children, the family, and our nations. To those who carried the brunt of the Conference my thanks can't be enough but you were, and are, wonderful. Those who left their comfort zones to travel all the distances to Kampala, as I laud your efforts, I pray we all keep the spirit of being a part of our activities and group. Thank you.

After the conference, I monitored two projects in Mbale, Uganda. As I mentioned earlier it's not always roses visiting projects so there was the good and the bad, but it was so heart warming visiting a good and well executed project impacting the beneficiaries' lives and

so well appreciated and received by them. I equally benefited from the follow up as I got some experiences on activities that could be transferred. The funding of water projects in a lot of the communities within this area has always met with some debate in my mind as per funding. Most often the end result has been the same as the catchments dry up leaving the women and children to the same old drudgery. The rainwater catchment I visited was something to emulate with improvements on capacity.

Before I round up I will express my gratitude to you all who make ACWW move for the wonderful experiences I have got from working with you especially the leadership of Mrs Ruth Shanks AM.

Ruth, your leadership is a big teacher and from your teaching I say thank you as I see my career moving on in diverse directions. Through my activities and interaction in a part of Africa there was a need and I was recommended by a member of ACWW here in Cameroon to a group in the U.S. They visited the ACWW website, and called me and asked for some information. This I sent and the next day I got a mail saying I have been elected goodwill Ambassador for Cameroon and the Governor for Africa by the entrepreneurial group Changing Flames. Their website is [www.changingflames.com/ambassadors](http://www.changingflames.com/ambassadors)

This is an opportunity I want to use to solidify the sponsored projects in agriculture and crafts to use the Network market for the women.

I participated and facilitated a UNECA program in Ghana between 10-13 December on, "*Enhancing Gender Engagement in Uptake and Use of Climate Information and Services*". Here again I went with ACWW projects in mind and the information received will help educate the women in their farming activities as per the changing climate and the challenges.

Best Wishes for the season, and a Happy New Year to you all. I am looking forward to Melbourne come April.

# Area Report: Europe

Presented on behalf of Mrs Margaret McMillan, European Area President (2016-2018)

*The following report has been compiled from the Area Newsletters written by Mrs Margaret McMillan, who sadly passed away on 20 July 2018.*

"I was delighted and honoured to be elected to represent you at the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference at the University of Warwick, UK in August 2016.

In September 2016 Past Area President Valerie Stevens represented ACWW at the conference of six German-speaking women's groups in Switzerland. The conference certainly highlighted the deep problems of food production, not just in Europe but world-wide; problems which ACWW might work to address more strongly, in light of the new Resolution on Food Sovereignty and security.

As European Area President I accepted invitations to North Yorkshire West WI Federation, where ACWW Reps from West & East Federation also attended. Then Ceredigion WI Federation in Wales welcomed Margery Thompson and I to an International Lunch. What wonderful promotion the NFWI-ACWW reps are doing. My own Federation of WI's in Northern Ireland had their Rural Women's Day on October 15 with a mini version of the Conference and raised money for ACWW.

17-18 November, I was invited as European Area President to the "Women's Dialogue: Infinite Charity" in Ufa, Republic of Bashkortostan, Russia. First there was a reception in Moscow with the Women's Union of Russia (WUR) organised Helena Bashun in their excellent premises. Senator Irina Gekht met with us, and our thanks go to Ekaterina Belotsvetova, Helena and Irina our ACWW friends who made this such a special visit, including sightseeing, meals and concerts. Then it was another flight to Ufa. The Forum was a very prestigious event with over 400 Russian women as well as international guests chaired by the Deputy Chairperson of the Council of the Federation. Tish Collins, ACWW Chief Executive Officer gave an excellent report on ACWW. At a special reception I brought ACWW Greetings as European Area President. The Russian rural women delegates were making a difference with their charities

for those in need and acknowledged by their Government with special presentations."

In February 2018 Margaret announced her intention not to stand for re-election to the Board of Trustees, and sent the following message to members in the European Area:

"I have had wonderful support, correspondence and involvement from all European Societies and am very honoured to have been your Area President 2016-2019. In 2017 we had an excellent European Area Conference hosted by Afrodita Roman and The Women of the Third Millennium in Romania. Over 120 women gathered in an excellent venue with first class speakers on important topics such as Violence against Women and Depression, with follow up World Health Organisation workshops and some of these were the first in Europe.

Funds were raised for Pennies for Friendship and Special Anniversary Projects as well as contributions for local women in need. The young and active host committee in Târgu Mureş, welcomed and sorted registration, organised walking tours, Romanian Craft classes, Traditional dancing and a Sighişoara tour day, another historical town introducing most of us to a fascinating European country that we are proud to have as members of ACWW. Indeed two new societies have since joined.

Countries and societies in Norway, Netherland and Latvia and the Women's Union of Russia are extremely active, not only voicing ACWW's concerns but also achieving action from their governments on issues such as Helping the Rural Woman, Violence against women, Migrants and safety of women and children (Netherlands) and abused women (Latvia).

Societies in Europe are excellent fundraisers for Projects, through walks and all sorts of activities. Many in Europe also volunteer on ACWW committees at their own travel and accommodation cost. Well done Europe. Keep up the good work. I do wish my successor my full support and best wishes."

## International Women's Day in Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire County Federation of WIs marked UN International Women's Day, by holding a 'Day of Action'. Over 80 women joined in with learning about micro plastics in water, and what difference they could themselves make to this issue. We learnt also about Female Genital Mutilation, of the problem this is in the UK, as well as around the world. Then, after a delicious homemade lunch, received an illustrated talk from Mrs Margaret McMillan, the European Area President of ACWW.

## Thank you from Târgu Mureş

The European Area Conference was a wonderful gathering of over 100 members from all over Europe, but also from other parts of the world, who attended the Opening Ceremony at the Palace of Culture in Târgu Mureş, and the conference sessions, workshops, day out and Gala Dinner.

The conference was successful, with interesting and touching speeches from Ruth Shanks AM, World President and Margaret McMillan, European Area President. We also heard from our Guest speaker from the WHO office in Romania, and Joanna Koch from the Alliance for Health Promotion.

Members from different countries brought over many items to help women and children in need: knitted items and toys, baby clothing, scarves, hygienic products, cosmetics, school supplies, pens, pencils, carioaca, etc., which after the conference, were donated to our target group of women and children in Târgu Mureş, and to the other WThM branches in Romania (in Brasov, Zau de Campie and Sighetu Marmatiei). A donation was also made to a kindergarten in Dumbravioara, in the Mures County, to the Kiwi Foundation, and to the Maternal Centre in Târgu Mureş – this Centre hosts 10 young mothers at a time, with their babies, ensuring them a roof over their heads and basic food, clothing and medication for a limited time.

We want to thank all the ladies and their respective groups for bringing along everything.

# IN MEMORIAM

## We mark the passing of European Area President Margaret McMillan

It is with sorrow that we inform members of the passing of Mrs Margaret McMillan, the sitting European Area President, on Friday 20 July 2018 after a short illness. A long-term member of both ACWW and the Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland, Margaret was well known by members in the European area and more broadly.

ACWW World President Mrs Ruth Shanks commented: *"We send our thoughts and prayers to her family. It is always difficult to lose a relative, especially so when they were so active and engaged with all that they did. I, and the Board of ACWW, will miss having Margaret with us as we hold the last meetings of this Triennium, and thank her for her service and commitment to ACWW over the many years she was involved."*

The following obituary has been compiled by Agnes Black, also from Northern Ireland:

*"It is with great shock and sorrow that the Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland share the news of the passing of Mrs Margaret McMillan, ACWW European Area President and Board Member. She was an enthusiastic and loyal member who was totally committed to the aims and objectives of ACWW. She always put her best effort into everything she did. Margaret achieved a gold award for craftwork from the N Ireland Federation and was a keen golfer and gardener.*

*After raising her 4 daughters and nursing her late husband through Motor Neurone Disease, Margaret became Chairman of NI Federation International Committee and then spent 6 years on ACWW Finance Committee. She gave freely of her time and energy to her local community and hosted many ACWW visitors.*

*Margaret was constantly thinking up new initiatives for fundraising for ACWW, whether in Northern Ireland or at European and World conferences.*

*Many thousands of pounds were raised through her unstinting efforts. Her death came after a short illness and she will be greatly missed by her many friends around the world."*

Margaret McMillan was elected as ACWW European Area President in August 2016, and passed away on Friday, 20 July 2018. Any messages or queries can be sent to Central Office, by emailing Tish Collins at [tish.c@acww.org.uk](mailto:tish.c@acww.org.uk)



*"We would like to thank members for their acts of kindness and support during our mum's short illness. Also for the generous donations to the Federation of W.I. of N.I. for International Work in Mum's name. As you know, supporting people less fortunate than ourselves was a passion for mum for many years. Your donation was the perfect way to honour her memory."*

The daughters of Margaret McMillan: Louise, Hilary, Alison and Julie.



(top) Margaret McMillan

(left) With Afrodita Roman of Asociatia Femeia Mileniului 111 at the 2017 European Area Conference

(bottom left) with Afrodita and World President Ruth Shanks AM at the Area Conference

(bottom) Margaret at the Infinite Charity Forum in Ufa, Russian Federation in 2016.



# Area Report: Southern Africa

## Mrs Maybel Moyo - Area President

I'm humbled to give my three year Area report: 2016 – 2019 has come to pass and we thank God for seeing us through.

There are a number of good events and memorable times Southern Africa Area has gone through. The area has so much to love, each border touches another with a lot of diversity the countries share. Geographically these countries touch, share and bless each other through a number of issues.

The Sustainable Development Goals are recognised and realised with a number of activities that lead to the achievements of these goals. ACWW is the mother body of all the activities and this gives so much light with quality work to empower women and communities.

ACWW has brought nations together in Southern Africa and this is our pride. Being Area President for Southern Africa has enabled me to visit the countries in Southern Africa Area. The countries below are those I have visited during the Triennium.

### South Africa

90% of societies were visited through their congress and society visits. This was a time to acknowledge the value of women's work in different societies.

Just to name a few: Cape Women's Agricultural Association I was astonished by the work they do, the embroidery industry that they have, the history of ACWW and their embroidery made me realize that women have the talent and if given the opportunity they don't fail. The longest journey was at the Western Cape where I had the privilege of meeting women from South African Union of Homemakers. The breeze of the Indian Ocean right at the end of Africa added value to my visit. Nine societies hosted me and I was amazed by the hard working women who showed me beautiful hand work that gives them income to support their families. After my proceeding from Western Cape to the Eastern Cape, driving 500km to my destination through East London to the village in the Eastern Cape made me feel that ACWW as a worldwide organization touches the poorest of the poor and even people living with disabilities. What a wonderful work of recycled materials is turned into beautiful handbags etc.

**Zambia** Three Societies hosted me and I was invited by the Ministry of Women for a chat about ACWW. The visit to Zambia was hosted by The Trust of Daughters of Mary Immaculate and Collaborators.

**Botswana** Societies are doing great work in their country. They have social activities and they also work hand in with the Ministry of Gender and the Ministry of Women Affairs.

**Namibia** Namibian Women's Society at their 2018 Congress hosted me whose theme was: Women in Trauma. What a hard working group of women with different professions they are.

**Lesotho** The Societies in Lesotho are specialist in herbs and I had a lot to learn from these women.

**Swaziland** was exciting as well as I visited ACWW funded groups and this encouraged the members to be associated with ACWW.

**Zimbabwe** Charity begins at home, so this was easy for me to walk to them on monthly basis to share and be involved in their special events.

The reception that I receive from all Societies in Southern Africa has been overwhelming and this made me realize that ACWW was known and heard of in loud voices of women.

Our Southern Africa Area Conference enabled me to talk to individuals and brush shoulders with all. The World President and Board members attended the Area Conference and helped me in my duties which I greatly appreciated. My term of office comes to an end this Triennium and I would like to appreciate the support I received from all Central Office staff in London, to Tish Collins and Heather Brennan for the prompt support they gave me, Nick Newland for the technical support he rendered to me.

What a manageable journey it was. May I also take this opportunity to thank past Area Presidents Anna Boshof and Dr Semane Memmogolo for being there when I needed their assistance and to all my societies for doing well.

The highlight of my life as Area President was when I was delegated to attend the East West Central Africa Area Conference

in representing the World President Ruth Shanks who was unable to attend because of her husband's ill health, Oh! Women have one similar life and work that they do which makes them live marvellous lives and above all their objectives are similar of raising awareness about Social, Political, Economic and Cultural knowledge. Women are capable of managing and making informed choices about their lives.

This has been a long journey with obstacles, rough roads, and rainy days but I told myself that soft nature of a person does not mean weakness. Remember, nothing is softer than water, but its force can break the strongest of rocks. The ACWW journey taught me not to promise when you are happy, not to reply when you're angry, and not to decide when you're sad.

To my successor I want to congratulate her and tell her that with love for the Societies whether in dusty villages, poor and marginalized you will make it. Have the people at heart regardless of colour, race, creed or tribe. Enjoy the road and you will be the happiest Area President in Southern Africa.

We have journeyed together ACWW 90 Years of Achievements, Building 90 years of Opportunities. There is a lot of work to be done, and the road is a long one – but we have seen a first-hand the strength of collaboration: when women get together to create space where they can collectively plan solutions for real and lasting change and, therefore affect the lives of many.

I hope every participant at this special Triennium will find this initiative rich and fulfilling and that this Triennium will grow from strength to strength in our countries and on the rest of the continent. The time is now and is the youth say, the future is so bright we need our glasses on.

Thank you for taking this journey with me.

The report is from Southern Africa Area full of laughter.

# Area Report: South Pacific

## Mrs Gail Commens JP - Area President

The South Pacific Area encompasses over 30 Societies in 10 countries.

Between 30 April and 3 May 2017 we held our South Pacific Area Conference in beautiful New Plymouth, New Zealand with 290 in attendance. The Host Society, Taranaki Area Rural Women NZ, and the committee, did an excellent job and we were fortunate to have twenty-three women from the Islands attend through funding from Australian and New Zealand Societies. A successful workshop for the Island women was held prior to the Conference. Women Walked the World in the rain following our Church Service and we raised lots of 'pennies' for enabling the Association to carry out the wonderful work that it does. Our walk was so successful that a photograph won the annual Cover Photo competition in *The Countrywoman* magazine. A number of motions were carried, some of which are on the agenda for this World conference.

In Australia I have attended and spoken at The Northern Territory Annual Conference, Queensland International week-end, 2 CWA New South Wales State Conferences and International Seminars, The Victorian CWA 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Garden Party and 2 Victoria CWA State Conferences. I have also spoken at a number of International days in CWA NSW.

I attended the Rural Women New Zealand Conference in 2016 where I was thrown out of bed at 12.10am owing to the massive earthquake that NZ experienced. In my area I have spoken to Rotary and View Clubs, enlightening them on the works of ACWW and giving Rotary a BIG surprise at the number of members we have throughout the World.

I accompanied the World President, Mrs Shanks AM, to Tonga to monitor a project there and to meet with the two ACWW Societies. When visiting Fiji with my family on two occasions, we took suitcases of aid to distribute to members and those in need and I also attended two meetings there with Society members. When my family returned home in 2017 I travelled on to Tuvalu where I met with the Society members

there and ascertained how they could be helped through ACWW grants.

At the end of June 2018 I flew to Papua New Guinea with Mrs Jenny Mitchell OAM, where we booked the venue and accommodation for the South Pacific Area Conference which will be held in June 2020. While there we met with women on the organising committee for this conference as well as a number of Government officials who we hope will help towards the conference both financially and "in kind". Travelling to the Highlands we met with another four Societies and were fortunate to observe the work that these resilient women are doing with grant money and how they are educating and empowering other women in their communities.

In September I will visit The Solomon Islands and meet with a number of women's organisations who are working with help through Micro Credit Schemes.

Minhi, my doll travelling companion and 'fund raiser', goes with me everywhere and she has raised many, many 'pennies' for the Association.

The South Pacific Societies in Australia and New Zealand, and some individual members, have raised funds for grants to the Island women. Some of these funds have been for: Tuvalu - printer, water purifier & sewing machines; Tonga – Micro Credit Scheme seed funding, water tanks & Cyclone relief; Fiji – printer, funding for women from outer Islands to attend National Conference on mainland, water tank, school uniforms; PNG – Adult literacy classes, tanks, sewing classes, sewing machines, fabrics and earthquake relief. We also sent funds for 100 birthing kits to be made and then distributed in Fiji.

Our members have also sent numerous parcels of sewing goods to all the Islands and this seems to be an on-going project which is very much appreciated by the Island women. CWA in Western Australia have had two working parties travel to Timor-Leste where they have painted and renovated pre-school buildings.

The women in Fiji marched in protest of Violence against Women as did the

women in PNG, who also dressed in orange, joining ACWW's support of the global Orange the World campaign.

Many Societies in the South Pacific raise money by both Women Walk the World and Tea Time.

Our membership seems to be up a little and I must declare that I am VERY PROUD to be the President of the beautiful, gifted and giving women of the South Pacific Area.

**Area Report:  
South East Asia  
and the Far East  
Mrs Maria Abdul Karim  
Area President**

No report was received from the Area President in time for publication.

# Area Report: United States of America

## Mrs Jo Ellen Almond - Area President

The United States of America is one area out of nine within the Associated Country Women of the World. We consist of 24 state societies and 5 National organizations.

Each National organisation consists of member state societies, within all organizations there are approximately 70,000 individual members. Our states range from bordering oceans, to mountains, to flatlands and forest.

We are proud of our United States and all the characteristics they have to offer. The USA Area society members include these states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

My past three years have been a wonderful experience. I have been able to attend many societies state conference's along with national conferences. I also had the opportunity to attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City. While attending these functions I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful and interesting individuals and members from all over the country and the world.

I have experienced enormous generosity and kindness from all facets of my travels. Being able to reaching out to the grassroots members is by far the most rewarding and most influential part of the Area President's position.

The honour of sitting on the Board for ACWW as a trustee is a wonderful experience. Meeting the other Area Presidents from around the world, well, there are no words to explain how impressed and amazed I am at how well we worked together and the friendships we have made. Even though we come from different parts of the world we all worry about the same issues, hopes and desires for our societies to succeed. Thank you, Area Presidents, for all your support.

Throughout the Triennium I selected and sponsored a campaign for Zero Hunger. The members have supported this with great enthusiasm. Many states, through my suggestion, used empty water bottles that were distributed with the ACWW and Zero Hunger Logo's adhered to them to promote this campaign at state and local meetings. I was overwhelmed with the response and monies raised.

During the three years of my term, I was privileged to be able to hold the first ever ACWW USA Area Summit. This was held in June of 2018. The location was Indianapolis, Indiana. There were 16 states, with 30 individuals in attendance. Topics that were covered included human trafficking, involving youth within our organization, partnering with higher education establishments, partnering with other organizations to help promote ACWW, the "WE" Fund, Resolutions and Recommendations, Donations to Pennies and many more. Our World President Ruth Shanks AM and ACWW Treasurer, Heather Brennan were in attendance with much to offer about ACWW. It was accepted with overwhelming good comments. The future for the USA summit is very bright and with the next Triennium upon us I hope more societies and members will be able to attend the next one.

Many of our societies in the United States support international special projects along with monetary support for the WE fund that ACWW supports. I have included a few of the special projects that our societies are supporting.

Country Women's Council USA as a group sponsored and supported two completed projects through the Projects Committee. They also heavily promote resolutions and recommendations that were voted on at the 2013 Triennial conference held in Warwick, England.

National Volunteer Outreach Network, NVON, choose a special project that supports clean water. The project's name is "Water Around the World." This project distributes water filters worldwide. This group has raised over \$130,000.00 since development.\*

Our State societies also take on international projects, some of these are Dresses for Africa, Library in the Village, International Scholarship Program, Nicaraguans Learning Centre, and FCE India Project. These are very important projects and make a real difference throughout the world.\*

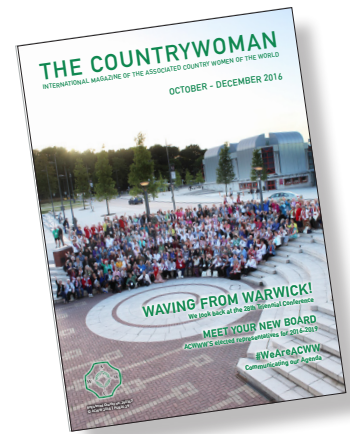
I would like to say "Thank you" to all the members within the United States for your support and generosity during my three-year term as your Area President.

Thank you also for your generous donations of time and money to ACWW. My hopes and prayers are that the USA

*\* These projects are not administered by, or connected with ACWW, nor have the funds been processed or received by ACWW.*

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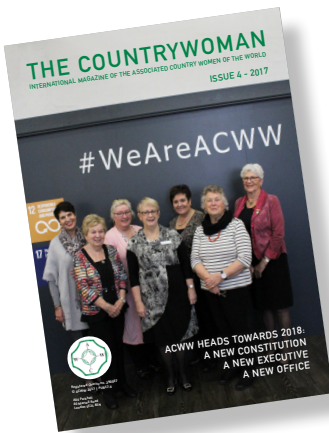
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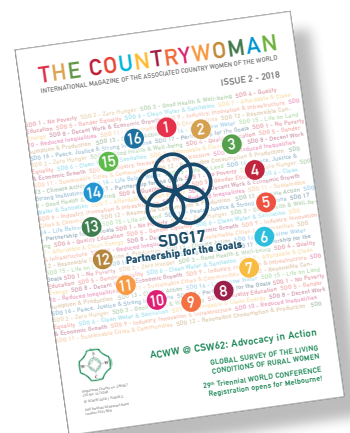
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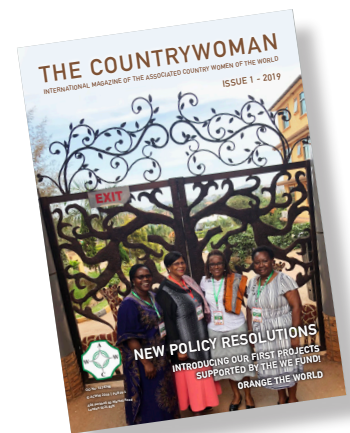
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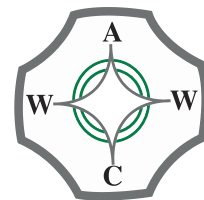
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# Oral Statement to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

From the Associated Country Women of the World  
Delivered 21 March 2018



Presented by the Associated Country Women of the World on behalf of the undersigned non-governmental organisations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to the participants of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Commission the Status of Women.

Associated Country Women of World (ACWW); World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations (WAITRO); Solar Cookers International (SCI); Soroptomist International (SI); Soroptomist International Great Britain & Ireland (SIGBI).

## Statement:

We welcome the CSW62 theme examining challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls, particularly in a period of increasing challenges for these most vulnerable members of our societies. With one third of women globally having suffered physical or sexual violence, and campaigns for equality not yet overcoming the challenges of populism, engrained sexism and societal injustice, we must work harder, and faster, to improve the living conditions of rural women.

Rural women are disproportionately affected by the darkest actions of humanity, whether this is in time of war or peace, and those from rural communities who flee conflict are at even greater risk. Whilst it is recognised that these women are being 'left behind', there has not yet been enough done to ensure that their voices are heard.

The view that rural women are one homogenous group is a false narrative as, whilst they may face many similar and consistent challenges, additional considerations must include their traditions and ethnicity, social standing, sexual rights, freedom and safety, religious freedoms, environmental considerations and respective locations. Grouping all rural women as one is not only erroneous, but dangerous, and we risk further marginalising those in greatest jeopardy from the frequent and significant shifts in global development.

It is with this in mind that the Associated Country Women of the World, in collaboration with the World Organisation of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations, is convening the International Forum on Rural Women. This body, a network of organisations around the world in more than 100 countries, is uniquely poised to reach women in rural communities and advocate for their needs.

We are pleased to announce that on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, we will launch a Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women. This survey will establish a baseline for continued monitoring and reporting, with the results published and available to all UN bodies, NGOs and partners.

As organisations, we are deeply committed to the Sustainable Development Goals, and the survey results will assist in reporting on the SDG indicators and assessing the impact of policy, funding and publicity priorities in those communities which are hardest to reach.

Information will be gathered on healthcare access, breast-feeding, education, the use of information technology and the internet, birth records, land rights and access to clean water, and safe sanitary facilities. Additional questions will gather data relating to the Zero Hunger Challenge.

We are inviting all delegates to CSW to consider participating in the deployment and execution of this survey and ensuring its successful reporting to UN bodies and partner organisations. Our attendance here is proof of our commitment to collective and collaborative action.

Please visit [www.ifrw.org.uk](http://www.ifrw.org.uk) for more information, and consider how your organisation might play a role in this initiative.



ACWW's Oral Statement was presented to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women by Princess Sekyere of Ghana, who kindly agreed to represent World President Ruth Shanks as our delegation had left New York several days earlier.





# International Day of Families

## A public statement from the Associated Country Women of the World 15 May 2018

The Associated Country Women of the World has worked for many years to ensure recognition of the role played by families in every country and community. On 15 May 2018, the world will mark the International Day of Families, and will focus on the crucial place of families in achieving positive, inclusive and strong societies.

'Family' can take many forms, and we endorse with enthusiasm greater recognition of all models of the family unit. The strength and stability of the family is critical if we are to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and the United Nations has drawn particular attention to SDG 16, 'Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions', as a focal point for this year's celebration of the International Day of Families.

We know that for living standards, safety, and global prosperity to improve, we must achieve peaceful, just, and inclusive societies. Families are key to this and we must ensure that each member of the family is respected, regardless of gender, age, sexuality, social class or other characteristics. Children must be protected, and adults informed, respected, and supported in maintaining and providing for their families.

For our societies to be strong, we must have fair recognition of all those within them. The births of children must be properly recorded, and these records maintained securely to ensure that all legal protections are available. Whilst we recognise that the scope of this will vary from country to country and culture to culture, it is important that this includes access to state resources and fundamental human rights. It is of particular importance that girls are included in the birth registration process, and that the full legal equality of women is established at birth.

The Associated Country Women of the World launched the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women in March 2018 in an effort to address the data gap in the Sustainable Development Goals, and to ensure that the voices of women and girls in rural communities are heard on the global stage. The survey will give a ground-breaking data pack on the conditions of rural women and help set the agenda and influence policy on rural women for global bodies. It is linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the 3-year cycle will build data, identify changes over time, and identify the impacts of local and international initiatives, funding, and social changes.

As we mark the International Day of Families we urge all States Parties, NGOs, Societies, and individuals to promote and distribute the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women to ensure fair representation and participation of women and their families on the global stage.

**Mrs Ruth Shanks AM**  
**ACWW World President**

### NOTES

For more information on Birth Registration, visit: <https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-protection/birth-registration/#>

For more information on the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women, visit: [www.ifrw.org.uk](http://www.ifrw.org.uk)

# International Day of the Girl Child

## A public statement from the Associated Country Women of the World 11 October 2018

Since 2012, ACWW has joined the United Nations and organisations all over the world in celebrating 11 October as the International Day of the Girl Child. This day celebrates the rights of girls everywhere, and reminds each of us to ensure their development, safety, and legal enforcement, globally.

Between 1959 and 2018, ACWW Member Societies in more than 80 countries have passed eleven resolutions and policy directives in support of the rights of the girl child, her education, health, and welfare. Whilst we recognise that progress has been made in the past two decades, we are also very concerned that this progress is insufficient to ensure achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and in particular SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 10: Reduced Inequality, and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, by 2030.

Evidence shows that enrolment in primary school will lead to key vaccinations, better nutrition, improved long-term employment prospects, and all the well established benefits of a better educated child, but there are continuing concerns about global availability and affordability of primary education. Lack of access to secondary education, early and child marriage, sexual and reproductive health and education, gender based violence, including harmful traditional practices, continue to be highlighted by our members as significant problems. In every case, these issues are complicated and compounded by conflict, violence and societal unrest.

The United Nations states that *'Of the 1 billion young people – including 600 million adolescent girls – that will enter the workforce in the next decade, more than 90% of those living in developing countries will work in the informal sector, where low or no pay, abuse and exploitation are common.'* This is supported by the information gathered by our members, and we must ensure that we are working to address problems now, rather than waiting for imagined solutions to appear.

From Romania where ACWW member societies are working to improve the living conditions and options for women and girl child victims of trafficking and prostitution, to South Sudan, where they are establishing schools and educational opportunities for children in Internally Displaced Person camps in post-conflict situations, the Associated Country Women of the World is committed to changing the lives of girls for the better. These efforts must not stop, nor be allowed to become complacent. Action is necessary in every nation on earth, and at local, regional, national and international levels.

It is the responsibility of us all to ensure that our governments are fully committed to the rights of the Girl Child, and we call upon the final government yet to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child to do so before the world marks the Day of the Girl Child in October 2019. As our members noted in 2001, *'this should not be just a meaningless gesture, but a tool for giving all children in the world a decent life'*.

**Mrs Ruth Shanks AM**  
**ACWW World President**

### NOTES

The UN Resolution Adopting 11 October as International Day of the Girl Child - <http://undocs.org/A/RES/65/189>

Convention on the Rights of the Child - <https://www.unicef.org/crc/>

International Day of the Girl Child - <http://www.un.org/en/events/girlchild/>

# A Statement to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

From the Associated Country Women of the World and Soroptimist International  
Issued 14 November 2018

## Priority Theme:

Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;

## Statement:

The Sustainable Development Goals stand as waypoints along the road to accomplishing the 2030 Agenda, and first among them is 'No Poverty'. Member States, Civil Society and individuals have collectively agreed that these Goals must be achieved, but we must also recognise that these Goals are a starting point for genuine social change. Poverty is not a binary issue. Those currently in poverty may escape, may fall back, may barely survive on the edge. Others may prosper, only to suffer from economic, natural or health disaster. Social Protection Systems must be implemented, and Member States commit to ensuring their availability across the whole life course – targeting not just poverty- but addressing the risk of poverty and broader causes and impacts on women in every nation.

Whilst we have seen positive impacts made in the provision of pensions for those in older age groups, there remains a lot to be done in terms of access to social protections globally. Those in indigenous communities, ethnic minorities, migrants, those with disabilities, widows and young people are all less likely to secure decent, paid work and stability. These challenges are compounded if you are a woman, and more so when you live in a rural community.

Social protection systems must include an informed, gender-sensitive approach in their construction. Without this, the specific obstacles to women's involvement will always remain, and the system will fail to consider their needs and priorities. Women must be included in the decision-making processes that determine criteria for eligibility, or programmes will fall foul of inequality in household or family dynamics. Programmes must target individuals – and women in particular – rather than households if they are to overcome issues surrounding women's access to, and control of, resources.

The likelihood of women's access is further reduced when we take into account traditional assumptions about the role and responsibilities of women, particularly around childcare and mobility outside the home. Women with less education will be less connected to opportunities for social protections, and in particular those with complicated procedures for enrolling. Formal processes, such as birth registration, will support access to social protection programmes, but Member States must also address the complications of legal identification when considering migrants, homeless persons, those in rural communities who have fallen outside of formal registrations, and those without the education or literacy skills necessary to apply for support.

Social sensibility is important and must be combined with educational campaigns to remove the stigma surrounding the need for reliance on social protection programmes, as well as a wider approach to social change so that this reliance is genuinely transitory, and beneficiaries are able to progress to more stable, comfortable, and sustainable lives.

In rural communities women are at the forefront of the labour market, where income and job insecurity are greater, work often revolves around casual and seasonal terms, and climate change is having the greatest impact. They are over-represented in informal, non-standard or temporary work, and continue to be the main providers of care work. This leaves reduced time for formal education, employment, and political activity. Even in countries with developed social protection programmes, the overall impact is a gender gap in contributory social protection coverage, including old-age pensions.

Whilst it is understood that reaching rural communities is more expensive, it must be remembered that accessing services becomes harder and more expensive for people in these areas, thus aggravating an already challenging situation. Funds must therefore be prioritised, and locally appropriate methods implemented. Some countries have made specific efforts to reach their citizens in rural communities, but much more must be done to support those most distanced from the reality of existing social protection programmes and ensure that they are consulted regarding the creation of new ones.

We welcome the commitment Member States have made to the Sustainable Development Goals, and that all participants in the Sixty-Third Session of the Commission on the Status of Women are committed to ensuring progress and agreed conclusions on social protections for women globally. We call on all those at the negotiating table to further ensure that women in rural communities are not forgotten, and that those voices hardest to hear resonate with us all in these two weeks.

**From:** Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and Soroptimist International (SI)

## Co-Signed by:

Institute of Cultural Affairs International (ICAI); Solar Cookers International (SCI); World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS); World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations (WAITRO); Women's Union of Russia (WUR).

# International Day of Rural Women & World Food Day

## A public statement from the Associated Country Women of the World 15 November 2018

In March 2018, the Associated Country Women of the World and a coalition of partner organisations including the World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations, Soroptimist International, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and BPW International, launched the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women.

This Survey seeks to gather the input of women in rural communities all over the world and to frame responses in a format which will inform those who make policy and funding decisions which affect the lives of these women. We know that almost every situation which impacts on the lives of women does so more negatively on those women living in rural areas, or who have been raised in rural communities and who are now living elsewhere.

From the earliest responses to the Survey, we are seeing that the negative impacts of forced urbanisation, rural to urban migration amongst young people, and the affects of climate change are the biggest challenges for these women and their families. This reinforces the significance of issues that ACWW Member Societies and our colleagues globally have been raising awareness of for many years.

Around the world, women represent around 43% of the agricultural workforce, which highlights their position and importance as relating to food security and community resources. Despite this, women continue to suffer from discriminatory practices and policies, with reduced access to land rights, finance, water, energy, technology, education, and appropriate support and infrastructure.

Supporting women in the development and implementation of climate-resilient agricultural practices and systems must be a priority. ACWW has made interventions on these issues with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, and national governments, at meetings including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eurasian Women's Forum held in St Petersburg, Russia, in September 2018.

When women have equality of access to land, inheritance rights, and agricultural processes, the world will benefit. Management of climate change, food security, and gender equality are inextricably linked, and must be tackled in a cohesive way if we are truly to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Women in rural communities remain lowest in the chain of benefit, and yet are responsible for the foundation on which these systems are built. We must do more to support, elevate the voice of, and recognise the importance of, rural women and their critical role in food security and the everyday lives of every person everywhere.

**Mrs Ruth Shanks AM**  
**ACWW World President**

### NOTES

The UN Resolution Adopting 15 October as International Day of Rural Women - <http://undocs.org/A/RES/62/136>

International Day of Rural Women - <http://www.un.org/en/events/ruralwomenday/>

World Food Day - <http://www.fao.org/world-food-day>

# A Statement for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

From the Associated Country Women of the World  
Issued 25 November 2018

In every city and town, every rural village, and every community in the world, there are women of all ages suffering the physical, emotional and psychological impact of gender-based violence. Whilst this is tolerated, accepted or ignored, we will never be able to achieve the stronger, more stable communities that the world desperately needs, and which almost every nation on earth declares are their objective. As long as women and girls are subjected to violence, manipulation, control and subjugation, and as long as the world stands by and accepts these abuses, we will never achieve the 2030 Agenda.

It is well established that gender-based violence is, unless challenged, passed from generation to generation. This challenge must be effective, embedded in education and positivity, and immediate. Our children must grow up with a basic understanding of equality. This must extend beyond girls and boys, women and men, and fully encompass the reality of our modern world. Rural women continue to be isolated from full and fair implementation of laws protecting them, and are often far from the societal changes their urban counterparts are beginning to see. With the forthcoming Commission on the Status of Women focusing on implementation of social protection systems, we remind all parties that rural women must be prioritised and involved in the creation of these systems and laws.

Our local, national and international laws must be strong and, where necessary, strengthened. Moreover, they must be enforced fairly and equally, with those who have suffered from gender-based violence protected from re-victimisation. Support and treatment programmes for those who have survived violence must be better funded, and expanded to make their impact an accessible reality. The voices of survivors must be heard, and amplified. Whilst we must dedicate educational efforts to protect our younger generations and encourage their safe and enlightened growth, we must not forget those women already caught in the mire of violence or those who may have escaped, but bear the physical and psychological scars of their experiences.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is hugely important, but it is crucial that we use this period as a springboard for genuine change in the year ahead. Since October 2017, the #MeToo movement has seen many millions of women globally come forward and report either current, ongoing, or historical accounts of sexual harassment, abuse, intimidation, and violence. Though digital platforms have raised awareness of this campaign to unprecedented levels, and at a speed never before seen, the reality is that many are still in a position that stops them from speaking out. Situational threats, societal shame, the fear of judgement or continued danger, and perhaps most critically, isolation, mean that women around the world cannot escape their situation, nor speak out for themselves. We must use our power, voice, and privilege to help raise the voice of those women not being heard.

Over the next 16 days, ACWW will be joining with colleagues all over the world in campaigning to end gender-based violence. Each of us, whether individuals, civil society actors, or governments, must take responsibility for change. Do not tolerate the status quo in your community. Speak out for change, and for a final end to gender-based violence.

**Ruth Shanks AM**  
ACWW World President

## NOTES

UN Women - <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures>

#16Days Campaign - <https://16dayscwg1.rutgers.edu/>

16 Days - <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>



# Society Reports: Canada 2016-2019

## Alberta Women's Institutes

Canada

91015

Members: 269

Website: [www.awialberta.wordpress.com](http://www.awialberta.wordpress.com)

Social Media: Facebook: Alberta Women's Institutes

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

ACWW Canada Area President Sheila Needham attended our society's convention in 2017 and spoke to the membership about the work that ACWW does and how we can and are involved in it.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Pennies for Friendship are collected at all our functions. Donations towards ACWW Projects and Pennies for Friendship are forwarded to Canada Area President, Sheila Needham, once a year. Members also participated in Women Walk the World.

**What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?** The main activities that our society has worked on are making caps for cancer patients, blankets for premature babies, and knitted knockers. We are currently working on fidget books and footbags for wheelchair users.

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?** Gone down

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## British Columbia Women's Institute

Canada

91016

Members: 539

Website: [www.bcwi.ca](http://www.bcwi.ca)

Social Media:

Facebook: British Columbia Women's Institute

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Between 1st Feb 2016 and 10th Sep 2018, BCWI donated \$6,626 CAD to Pennies for Friendship, \$3,750 CAD to Projects, \$1505 CAD to Women Walk the World, and \$1,181 CAD to other ACWW fundraising initiatives.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We keep our membership informed about ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations through BCWI Network News.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We organised a walk for Women Walk the World for the BCWI Annual and Triennial General Meetings and promote ACWW during the Women's Union week in February of each year.

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?** Gone down

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## Cercles de Fermières du Québec

Canada

91017

Members: 32,000

Website: [www.cfq.qc.ca](http://www.cfq.qc.ca)

Social Media:

Facebook: Les CFQ (Cercles de Fermières du Québec)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Les Cercles de Fermières du Québec have been a partner with ACWW since 1941. We promote ACWW in all our pamphlets and brochures, as well as on our web site. We inform our Cercles of the projects we adopt each year in solidarity of women from other countries.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

During 2017 we raised \$12,109.45 CAD for ACWW and supported women in Bangladesh through ACWW project 1029.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We took notice of these and published them for our members.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We partner with many charitable organisations in our province.

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?** Gone down

## Federated Women's Institute of Canada

Canada

91018

Members: 7,091

Website: [www.fwic.ca](http://www.fwic.ca)

Social Media: [facebook.com/WomensInstitutes](https://facebook.com/WomensInstitutes)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Women Walk the World events were organised by many of our members societies. We also celebrated International Women's Day and promoted important issues on our website and in the information emails to our membership.

FWIC board members, as well as the ACWW World President and Deputy President, attended the ACWW Canada Area Conference held in Pembroke, Ontario June 2017.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Societies within the Federated Institutes of Canada contribute to various ACWW projects along with donations to Pennies for Friendship.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

The FWIC Resolutions Committee contacted the respective government departments in response to the ACWW Resolutions passed at the 2016 World Conference in Warwick England.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

- Federated Women's Institute of Canada are approaching the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an organization which began in February 1919 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- The Manitoba Women's Institute hosted the 2018 Triennial Convention- July 2018 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- A logo has been developed to identifying Canadian Women's Institute members as WI Canada.
- The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award started in 2015 and has been awarded annually since.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

Canada

91019

Members: 3,058

Website: [www.fwio.on.ca](http://www.fwio.on.ca)

Social Media: Facebook: FWIOntario

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

In support of Zero Hunger Challenge, we took part in the Good Food Bag programme which makes local produce available to individuals lacking transport. For the Orange the World campaign 2017, we took part in an initiative to ensure the safety of physical and sexual abuse survivors by placing them in long term care facilities.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

In the period 2016-2018, we fundraised \$54,029 CAD for Pennies for Friendship and \$16,802 CAD for ACWW Projects Funds, including water projects, nutrition projects, and the Lady Aberdeen Scholarship fund

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

On Clean Water Supply, we work for improved sustainability of our water sources and submitted a proposal to increase the fees for water bottling industries. We organised training sessions on food literacy and cooking skills and campaigned for subjects on human nutrition and wellness practices to be introduced in secondary school curriculum to enhance health of future generations. FWIO was also vocal on the necessity for accurate food labelling and policy to avoid food wastage.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

FWIO worked also on the following major activities:

- Digitisation of the Tweedsmuir Community History collections
- Canada 150 Project: 150 stories from WI members were published in a book titled "Ordinary to Extraordinary"
- WI Project 120: documenting WI involvement in monuments, plaques, halls, and cairns in their communities

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone Down

## Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia

Canada

91028

Members: 516

Website: [www.winovascotia.ca](http://www.winovascotia.ca)

Social Media:

[www.facebook.com/WomensInstitutesofNovaScotia/](https://www.facebook.com/WomensInstitutesofNovaScotia/)

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

WE fundraised \$5,3010 CAD for Pennies for Friendship, including funds raised by the Women Walk the World and Tea Time Campaigns. We raised \$805 CAD for ACWW Projects Funds, including \$105 for water projects.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We contacted the following government representatives regarding several ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations:

- Hon Lawrence MacAulay from the Ministry of Environment on Food Sovereignty
- Hon Jane Philpot from the Ministry of Health on Fructose
- Hon Catherine McKenna from the Ministry of Environment on Sustainable Energy
- Hon Lawrence MacAulay on Shale Gas –he forwarded our letter to Hon Jim Carr from Min Natural Resources who responded to our concerns
- Hon Lawrence MacAulay on Protecting Supply of Water
- Hon Jane Philpot on Vaccination against Potentially Eradicable Diseases
- Hon Maryam Monsef from the Ministry of Status of Women, Civil Society & Gender

The following did not reply:

- Hon. Jane Philpot
- Hon Marc Garneau from the Ministry of Transportation
- Hon Bardish Chagget from the Ministry of Small Business & Tourism

The Federal Ministers who replied thanked us for informing them of these issues.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Canada Area Friendship Link Coordinator Judy Parks has connected many Nova Scotians with Friendship Link ladies from across the world. At every meeting she attends (local, provincial, or federal), Judy has a list of potential friendship links with her.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone Down

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## Eastern Ontario Women's Institute

Canada

92429

Members: 300

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Members are conscious of the need to protect the environment and have given presentations on reducing food waste and tree planting.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Branches collect Pennies for Friendship at their monthly meetings, Annual District meetings and the Area Convention. They also support the Projects undertaken by Canada Area and send funds for Water Projects.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Members acquaint their Provincial and Federal Members of Parliament, the appropriate Provincial and Federal Ministers as well as the Provincial and Federal Opposition Parties Critics with the Resolutions passed by ACWW. They also talk about ACWW with their families, friends, and neighbours.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

At the 2017 Provincial Conference, an ACWW Committee member gave a PowerPoint presentation on CEDAW. Eastern Area members were thrilled to co-host the 2017 ACWW Canada Area Conference with many attending for the first time. An ACWW Committee member gave a power point presentation on CSW 2018. Many Eastern Area Members took time to complete the Global Survey.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Stayed the same



**What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?**

- We send out copies of ACWW resolutions to our Board and Resolutions Committee Members.
- We look at all the resolutions and share the ones that apply to our members and correspond to our advocacy role and goals in our local regions, our province and our country.
- We study those resolutions and see if we have similar concerns.
- We make our own resolutions that fit with our 3- year strategic plan, send them out to each local & member in February's newsletter.
- We vote on the merits of each resolution at our annual AGM in April
- We meet with the Minister of Agriculture each year, as well as with other appropriate ministers/staff that are responsible for the areas of the carried resolutions from the AGM
- We consult with other Canadian provinces on their actions, resolutions, and projects
- We send representatives to vote on resolutions at ACWW conventions.

**Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?**

We contribute financially to ACWW international projects. We also collect for the pennies for friendship at our monthly local meetings and then cheques are handed in at our AGM. Special raffle draws and other events were organised to introduce ACWW projects to members and fundraise for them.

**What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?**

We send letters to our Prime Minister, Provincial Premier, Municipal Reeves, and private agencies that reflect ACWW & MWI concerns. Their written responses are then shared with our members.

**What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?**

We support many women's shelters through our Locals for Families in Abusive and Unsafe Homes. We provide purses filled with personal hygiene products, make-up, and small gifts, as well as diaper bags with baby care supplies, bibs and toys.

We partner with and have an MWI member on the board of the Manitoba Provincial Status of Women and share our advocacy focus on resolution goals affecting all women and their families.

An MWI member is on the advisory committee for the Manitoba Farm, Rural and Northern Support Services (mental health crisis line and support staff). Our MWI representative presented their information on a panel at the WI Canada Triennial Convention in July 2018. ACWW president Ruth Shanks was in attendance and spoke to our Canadian members and guests about ACWW projects and concerns.

MWI will be part of the June meeting hosted in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2019, on a Canada wide conference on challenges facing Canadian women living in poverty.

We organize and present 2 yearly Manitoba Rural Women's Day educational presentations and interactive events on issues like mental health services, health care & alternative medicine, planning for sustaining and passing on family farms, and youth led philanthropy projects in our province. These event days are open to all women and a few men attend. and about 200 women attend each year

MWI also recognizes the social shock that moving away from rural communities can cause and more limited access to educational support funding in rural areas. We offer 2 x \$1000 scholarships to individuals with future goals to support rural communities.

We are exploring the option to offer associate memberships with youth groups, such as high schools and university groups. Networking with our First Nations peoples is also a goal in our near future that was supported by applause at the WI Canada Triennial Convention.

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down**

# Society Reports: Caribbean, Central & South America 2016-2019

## Jamaica Federation of Women

**Jamaica**

**91048**

**Members: Undeclared**

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

The Jamaica Federation of Women undertook two major fundraising projects of Fish Fry, one at Easter and the other at Heritage Weekend. Both were successful as the traditional fried fish and bammy was served. Members of the executive organised the activity and sold tickets.

A Women Walk the World event took place on the scheduled date commencing at 6am at Emancipation Park in New Kingston. The group of friends and family members completed the walk and refreshments were provided by contributions from our membership.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

The Jamaica Federation of Women undertook the following projects in addition to our annual calendar of events:

- **Health Fair and Bazaar 2018**

The Jamaica Federation of Women, in partnership with the Lions Club of St. Andrew, hosted a Health Fair and Bazaar at our headquarters 74 Arnold Road. 66 persons attended the Health Clinic. Screening Tests ranging from blood sugar, hypertension, weight management, and cholesterol were conducted. The Lions Club of Kingston organised eye testing sessions and distributed 30 pairs of eye glasses to persons attending the Health Clinic. At the bazaar, plants, condiments, and clothing were donated by members. The proceeds received from the sales went towards the refurbishing of the Lilly-Mae Burke Hall. Commendations to our Vice President and Lioness Dr Paulette McGregor for making this combined arrangement

- **Refurbishing of The Lilly-Mae Burke Hall**

The refurbishment of Lilly- Mae Burke Hall was coordinated by our President who took on this project. The Hall will be made available for Weddings and other events. The buildings and grounds were treated for termites, the rafters were changed, and the Hall was painted over. Our commendations to our President Mrs. Gloria Millwood who oversaw this project which was completed in record time.

- **Launch of the Stadium Gardens Branch**

The members of the executive journeyed to the Stadium Gardens community to launch a new Branch. This was planned and coordinated by Mrs. Elaine Fagan, a former member of the Lady Huggins Branch. The meeting was held at the community centre, with over 50 persons attending. We fellowshipped together and outlined the guidelines and benefits of joining the organisation and the importance empowering other women.

- **Annual Labour Day Activity**

Our Annual Labour Day activity took the form of a general clean-up of our premises, which included planting of flowers and trees. Approximately 10 members and friends participated in this exercise.

- **Launch of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activities**

We prepare to commence our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will be launched in November and will commence with a church service at the St. Luke's Anglican Church in Cross Roads, Kingston 5. Some of the events planned thus far will be the recognition of Rural Woman of the Year (15<sup>th</sup> October 2018) and the publication of a Magazine in celebration of JFW's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (to be made available for July 2019).

# Society Reports: Central & South Asia 2016-2019

## Country Women's Association of India

India

93480

Members: 566

Website: [www.cwaiindia.org.in](http://www.cwaiindia.org.in)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Country Women's Association of India (CWAI) is working in 13 States of India and has 46 Units/Individual Societies and 566 Life Members. Our main aim is to uplift the Livelihood of underprivileged women and children, giving emphasis on education, health & hygiene, income generation programmes, counselling of battered women, home for senior citizens and destitute, awareness programmes throughout the year. We stand for courage, willingness, assurance & inspiration.

- All units celebrate important national and international days in a befitting manner and impart various skill development trainings including computer, yoga, and remedial classes for students from primary to secondary school.
- During this Triennium, the units held 10 medical camps, 1 dental camp, 2 blood donation camps, 2 eye camps where 50 patients benefited from cataract operation, 1 medical project where 75 patients suffering from tuberculosis benefited from free DOT (Directly Observed Treatment) treatments, 5 awareness generation camps and group discussion camps on domestic violence, social evils, health & hygiene and legal assistance.
- Computer Literacy Project of CWAI Kolkata Unit was sponsored by ACWW under Project 1000 for one year (2016-2017) with 20 underprivileged women. Sister Viji visited the Project in its Mid-Term for evaluation. 1 old age home started by Jorhat Unit of CWAI during the said Period.
- CWAI hold 3 Bi-Annual and 3 Annual Conferences during the said years on different current social issues.
- ACWW Area Conference 2016 was attended by 7 Members of CWAI and the ACWW Triennial Conference 2016 was attended by Ms. Shahnaz Ahmed, who was the President of CWAI then.

The main Advocacy carried out by CWAI on ACWW Policies and Issues was for Empowerment of Women.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

No

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

To Promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations, CWAI arranged different activities / trainings to uplift the livelihood of underprivileged women and children.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Income Generation Programmes, Vocational Training, Education for Adult & Children, Counselling of Battered Women, Home for Senior Citizens and Destitute, Awareness Programmes throughout the year.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

## Sarojini Naidu Rural Welfare and Educational Trust

India

95276

Members: 7

Website: [www.sarojininaidutrust.org](http://www.sarojininaidutrust.org)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We aim to raise the standard of living of rural women and their families.

- So far, 120 rural women underwent tailoring training and sessions were organised to educate and assist them to take part in National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development community schemes
- Provided practical support to 60 rural farmworkers in cow rearing and vermicompost preparation as income generating activities
- Organised basic literacy classes for 20 rural women to provide them with more equal opportunities in their communities

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes, can contribute to Pennies for Friendship

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

ACWW funded Project 957 (Empowering Rural Women in Economic and Nutrition) in 2014, which was carried out by Sarojini Naidu Rural Welfare and Educational Trust. During this project, 25 rural women were trained in cow rearing and how to prepare organic fertilisers and vermicompost. They were also provided with one cow each and could let their cows graze in public green spaces which decreased their input costs. To render this activity more profitable, they also used the dung from their cows as fertiliser. So far, each cow has delivered 2 calves. The beneficiaries can now meet their children's school expenses, as well as any unexpected medical expenses. Hence, we consider this project successful and sustainable. In 2016, ACWW supported a second proposal from our organisation- Innovative Education for Adolescent Health and Skill Development Training for Women. This project aimed to provide yoga training, as well as kitchen and garden maintenance advice for 60 adolescent girls. The training centre established as a result of this project is still functioning.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

#### Yoga Centre

Two hours per day during the weekend, yoga class is conducted by the Trust for students and drop outs for free. This helps them clear their mind and focus better during the week.

#### Non-formal Education (organised after school hours and during the school holidays)

After school hours, we offer classes in all subjects for children year 1 to 5. More attention is committed to students from years 6 to 12 in English, Maths and Science. These children are studying in the local government school. 80% of the parents there are below poverty line and engaged in hard-labour jobs where the daily-wage is around 200 INR. They leave home at 8 am and come back at 7 pm, when women must start cooking for their families on top of their daily job. During the absence of the parents after school hours, the children are left unattended and would often drop out of school. Our non-formal school aims to keep children in education and we currently have 90 students at a time. Four teachers work there every week day between 5 and 7.30 pm. A small temple (Shirdi Sai Baba) is built within the premises of the trust and following the afternoon classes, the children participate in the Night Aarathy and are provided with dinner. They can then return home around 8 pm. This helps parents who are grateful that their children are looked after when nobody's home. Every year during summer vacation, the trust organises excursions to historical places.

#### Vocational Training

To help school dropouts, the Trust provides them with computer literacy training.

We also conduct English language classes for all students for two hours each Sunday. This linguistic knowledge improves their employability prospects in local hotels and shops.

#### Skill Development Training

The Trust founded a tailoring centre to train young widows and 14 to 18-year-old girls who dropped out of school. 15 women and girls at a time benefit from three-month long tailoring and embroidery course which takes place twice a year. We also organise vermicompost preparation training for small farmers and farmworkers in rural areas. This type of training is raining is conducted during summer season only.

#### Old Age and Elderly Care Home

Sri Annai Old Age Home was started in 2003 for the destitute elders and currently 20 people are in the home. All of them are from the rural areas and various districts in Tamil Nadu State. Some have been estranged from their families, whilst others have no children to look after them. The home caters for their needs and gives them a sense of belonging. We provide regular healthy meals for them all, as well as counselling sessions to help them cope with their feelings of loneliness. The temple of Shirdi Sai Baba on the premises further accommodates the elderly and they attend 4 times of Aarathy and get Prasad. They spend their days peacefully and the communication with the children from the evening classes lightens their mood. This kind of life keeps the mind of elders peaceful and happy, so they can meet their end without any fear.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Stayed the same

## Lanka Mahila Samiti

Sri Lanka

91075

Members: 9,000

Website: [www.lankamahilasamiti.com](http://www.lankamahilasamiti.com)

Social Media: Facebook: Lanka Mahila Samiti

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We advocate for improved standard of living for rural women and their families and work for the empowerment of women through basic literacy and health education, as well as through the organisation income generation and agricultural projects.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes, Lanka Mahila Samiti has contributed to ACWW Pennies for Friendship

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

- Food sovereignty – our programmes target rural poverty through agricultural training and the use of organic inputs for home gardening and the production of healthy nutritious food.
- Quality education.
- Skill development training for pre-school teachers (Funded by ACWW)- We worked with pre-school teachers in 6 districts of Sri Lanka to improve their quality of teaching English and making it more appealing to learners. The activities have been designed to motivate the children's interest, to take their attention, to broaden their knowledge of the English language and the ability to use it with comfort.
- Diploma in pre-school teaching.
- Good health and well-being.
- Community wide health education programmes – we train LMS volunteers to take the leadership in their communities in Diabetes and Cardiovascular diseases prevention campaigns and to provide support for patients with Diabetes and Gestational Diabetes and advise them on lifestyle modifications for better health outcomes.
- Well women clinics
- Nutrition programs – we work in cooperation with the Nutrition Unit of the Wayamba University to educate communities how to improve their diets and personal hygiene

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

- Prevention of non-communicable diseases
- Activity based nutrition programmes
- Healthy living programmes for elders
- Income generating training programmes

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

## All Pakistan Women's Association

Pakistan

91065

Members: 1,000

Website: [www.apwapakistan.com.pk](http://www.apwapakistan.com.pk)

Social Media: Facebook: APWA Punjab  
Twitter: @APWAPunjab

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Gender Violence: APWA HQ has advocated against and released a newspaper statement condemning gender violence and has held a child safety seminar for parents at APWA Liaquatabad School. APWA Punjab joined the Campaign for 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence with a programme for "Zero Tolerance – End Violence Against Women and Girls".

Additionally, APWA Punjab has held an interactive awareness session in Manga Mandi and Peer Colony in collaboration with the Human Rights Crisis Centre for women for the 16 Days of activism to end Gender Based Violence. Part of a larger campaign of awareness sessions against abuse & violence entitled "AWARE TO EMPOWER" the APWA Manga Mandi community meeting introduced participants to their legal rights and the services of the Human Rights Crisis Centre for Women. The session was about listening to the concerns of community women and explaining the access to toll-free helplines, existing pro-women legislation and relevant state service delivery networks. Focus Group Discussions are also underway, as is information dissemination about current pro-women legislation and forums of implementation through flyers, posters displayed and distributed in community Centres of APWA. The Campaign also includes a seminar in Girls College along with public service messages on electronic, social and print media. APWA maintains that these 16 Days of activism, through "Aware to Empower", will yield increased awareness with the goal to prevent future violence.

Gender Equality: APWA Punjab branch has also collaborated with the Women's Development Department Punjab, ILO and COTHM to offer training and economic opportunity to domestic workers for decent wage in line with ILO policies. APWA Punjab continues to advocate for the recognition of domestic workers and their inclusion into the recognised workforce, including assuring minimum wage, introduction of a written contract between worker and employer which should clearly outline the type of tasks/responsibilities; work timing; wages; time of payment; leave and other benefits; deductions and a notice period, regulating and registering placement service providers and establishing a grievance-redress system.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

APWA has not been able to contribute to ACWW fund raising but APWA has assisted in the monitoring of an ACWW project in Narowal Punjab. APWA officers personally visited the project and completed the report provided.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Where ACWW Resolutions have coincided with the APWA mandate, we have addressed those resolutions at a grassroots level through direct implementation and work with beneficiaries. Citizenship and Women's Responsibilities: APWA has encouraged the training of women community leaders in APWA schools through mentorship programmes with partner NGO INJAZ and via good citizenship classes which first operated in the early days of APWA and are now being reintroduced.

Additionally, APWA conducts extensive teacher training programmes, giving teachers the tools to act as leaders in their community and assist parents, many of whom may be unable to read and write. Teachers play a significant role with local mothers and are often able to introduce them to a variety of topics. Additionally, APWA has opened a Women's Library in the APWA Liaquatabad School in recognition of the importance of mothers in educating a family. Since the beginning of APWA in 1949, our founder Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan had always maintained that if "you educate a mother, you educate a family". With this library, we are attempting to create an environment where mothers can congregate and exchange ideas in the company of trained teachers. Education and the Eradication of Illiteracy (including Childhood Education and Adult Literacy): Education is APWA's strong suit, with 32 schools across the nation; we cater to impoverished and disenfranchised communities in both urban and rural areas. APWA is committed to promote early childhood education through the establishment of EC Early childhood education in all APWA Schools. Additionally, Non-Formal Basic Education (NFBE) is operational in both APWA Yousufgoth School and APWA Korangi School in collaboration with partner NGOs and the Government of Sindh. In recognition of the importance of tolerance in communities, APWA has partnered with NGO Badal Do to foster harmony and the respect for others in the student body. It is important to teach these valuable lessons at an early age and APWA believes that a character education curriculum in schools for children and young people is vital for a cohesive community.

Nutrition: APWA has recently partnered with NGO Robin Hood Army to provide healthy meals to some of the APWA Schools in the most impoverished areas. APWA also provides milk through the kind donation of Nestle to most of its Karachi schools as well as lessons on the importance of cleanliness and good nutrition. APWA has run various nutrition programmes since 1949 and continues to do so. Next year, in 2019, we are beginning a new kitchen garden programme with the help of local horticulturists. Environment: In conjunction with the kitchen garden programme slated for 2019, APWA will also roll out a tree plantation drive in all APWA Karachi schools in the spring. Each class will be given responsibility for watering the trees as a learning opportunity and will be taught the importance of caring for our earth. Earth day was celebrated in APWA Schools with debates and a painting competition at the school assembly.

Population: APWA ran a successful family planning project for many years until lack of funding eventually affected the project, though basic family planning and MCH services are still available at APWA Health Centres. The original APWA Family Planning Project was forwarded to the NGOCC (Non-Governmental Organisation Co-ordinating Council), set up by the Pakistan Government in 1985, for reference and funding was sought from CEDPA, ODA and UNFPA. With the setting up of these centres, and with the staff and lady doctors providing Mother and Child Health (MCH) and family planning services, awareness about the advantages of a small family norm was created. The many centres attracted a good number of family planning acceptors and, by 1991, the CEDPA funded project reached 5000 new acceptors, 80% of its 3-year objective. The project, which was running smoothly for years, faced funding difficulties in 1993 after which it was forced to wind down and family planning was restricted to the overall MCH provided by APWA Health Centres.

Mother and Child Health Services: APWA continues to provide basic MCH services and provides health safety awareness at various APWA Health Centres across Pakistan and through some mobile unit programmes. APWA operates 5 Health Centres and one Maternity Centre in Karachi, 16 Health Centres in Punjab, 1 in Sindh and mobile camps in KPK province of Pakistan. APWA also retains a Health Card and Immunisation Record for many of its schools.

#### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Currently, APWA is focused on improving its strengths and resources. With this goal in mind, APWA has registered with PCP Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy. Our commitment to SGDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 remains strong as we strive to advance our current facilities and extend the services we provide to our beneficiaries.

APWA projects revolve around women's empowerment through economic independence, health and education. APWA aims to offer community led and integrated developments with a holistic approach, therefore, APWA schools are often spaces which house adult literacy, family health and nutritional services as well.

New projects are slated for next year and our new website is under construction with updated information and access. Our offices too are in the process of streamlining and refurbishment. Our social media will be updated when the website is complete. A new Women's Library for school mothers is now operational and new skill development ventures are underway.

With 32 schools across Pakistan, APWA offers affordable education and hope to low income areas. Last year in Karachi, APWA teamed up with Art Khatola, a mobile art project, to give children living in depressed communities an avenue for creative expression. APWA has also partnered with a local NGO to provide weekly meals to impoverished students in Karachi Korangi Labour Colony. We aim to extend this project.

Additionally, APWA had recently secured a pledge to re-build a school to increased capacity. This school is now close to completion and offers a non-formal education project for street children and late learners.

APWA has 23 health facilities including family welfare centres and maternity homes. APWA has also led outreach programmes for the awareness of immunisations and family planning, as well as adolescent health camps at Korangi. We are currently introducing new training for our maternity homes in Karachi and updating the health and immunisation records of students at our various Karachi schools through the linked health centres.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

# Society Reports: East, West, and Central Africa 2016-2019

## Vocational Agency for Wisdom

Cameroon

92530

Members: Undeclared

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We carried out advocacy work on domestic violence against women and children and organised small business training for young girls and women.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

We contributed to Pennies for Friendship during the recent meeting held on 26th January 2018. We also fundraised for our annual contributions to ACWW.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

On 26 January 2018 we took part in the ACWW Cameroon preparatory meeting for the Area Conference which took place in Uganda. Then we attended the budgeting and fundraising meeting in September 2018 and the planning and development meeting in December 2018.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We organised a seminar on women's empowerment, which took place in Limbe from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and was supported by the ACWW East, West and Central Africa Area President. A sub-delegate from the Department of Women Empowerment and Family attended the final ceremony and awarded certificates to the participants. We were awarded a certificate for participation at Limbe Festival of Arts and Culture abbreviated in French "FESTAC". We acquired a piece of land to build a permanent structure for VAOW. In October 2016 VAOW participated in Women Empowerment and Family exhibition where we were awarded a gift for excellent work.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up



## Women's Empowerment Enterprise Network (WEEN)

Cameroon

92504

Members: 115

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Advocacy work on ACWW policies included Violence against women, avoiding food waste, skill training for girls.

On violence against women, there were seminars and workshops in which WEEN participated as resource persons. There was a presentation on cohabiting as some of the situations that instigate domestic violence. The different concepts of cohabiting and the need for a legalisation of the relationship especially when children are part of it is vital. Most often instability in relationship and lack of trust breeds lots of emotional growth which ends in violence. Women who have been in long relationships were encouraged to legalise their union.

WEEN also participate at a workshop where it facilitated different forms of violence against women and brought out more on Woman to woman violence especially of some cultural activities that women encourage which violates the personality of the women with the glaring example of the widowhood rights performed by women on a woman whose husband dies as an initiation into widowhood. There was a lot of debate on this but the outcome was quite interesting. There were others that came in especially in the struggle for leadership how women would run down others in the struggle and most often would support a male over a woman.

WEEN had adopted the training of your girls in any desired skill and for the year 2018 two girls were sponsored in dressmaking and at the end of their training they were offered sewing machines. With the crisis there was no ceremony for their end of course award but hopefully when things return to normal this will be done.

There is also an ongoing mentoring for quality production of sewing articles for those sewing to build up their capacity and help them meet the challenges, as well as cake decorating. There was also training carried out in food processing, baking and pastry making.

A two day workshop was organised and successfully carried out on Entrepreneurial and leadership skills all to reinforce skill training for gainful self employment.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Unfortunately we have never participated in any fundraising for ACWW but contributed to the Pennies for Friendship when we pay our dues. We hope to take the challenge to be more participative in fundraising.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

In the Promotion of ACWW resolutions and recommendations, WEEN actively participated in debates and round table conferences to bring some of the messages to the population through the media. Equally talking to other members of other groups in which they participated or belong.

As mentioned above we organised workshop and training of youths. We carry out sensitisation as for the Zero hunger goal mostly as regards food waste and ensuring food sustainability by helping our female farmers to store their products properly after harvest and try to educate them to avoid post harvest loss. During organised meetings and parties we caution guests to take just what can be eaten and avoid taking too much to throw away. Guest are encouraged to go as many times as they can rather than serve too much and waste. What is left over is given to families in lack. Thus we have tried during death celebrations, small meeting groups and weddings and other small group festivities

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

As regards Development Goal 4 on Education WEEN have met some proprietors of nursery and primary school to introduce a mobile library to inculcate the reading attitude which is very lacking in our society. Some parents too have been sensitized as we want them to be very involved by reading some of the bedtime stories to the children. We will be appealing for books. Already we have just fifty we bought but want to increase the number before starting.

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?** Membership has dropped due to the ongoing crisis but hopefully will have a boom when peace will be restored as most of the members will be back to their homes and will need rehabilitation.

# Society Reports: Europe 2016-2019

## Aociatia Femeia Mileniului III

Romania

92555

Members: 60

Website: [www.femeiamileniului3.ro](http://www.femeiamileniului3.ro)

Social Media: Facebook: Femeia Mileniului III

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Asociatia Femeia Mileniului III marks and celebrates each year the International Women's Day and members attend the meetings specially organized for them. It is an opportunity to get together, to socialize, to spread the word about ACWW and its activities, projects, policies, but also to learn about other groups' achievements.

Asociatia Femeia Mileniului III also marks the International Rural Women's Day by collecting information about important women's issues that affect both urban and rural women, keeps in touch with members of the Branches and tries to address the problems faced by them. The Association also continues to connect women from rural and urban communities and make the women's voices heard through its 4 existing Branches, of which one is based in a village. During this Triennium a new Branch was set up in Bucharest, the capital of Romania, and is in the process of setting up a new one in another village of the Mures County.

In 2016 the Association was invited and attended the Multiplying event related to the Strategic Partnership KA2 "Gender Equality and Entrepreneurship for All", project run by Fundatia Professional from Tirgu Mures. It was a new occasion to speak about our society and to raise awareness about ACWW to make it's aims, objectives and projects known to participants.

Women's voices are also heard through the members of the Association that are involved in Gender based issues through projects implemented and run by other societies from Tirgu Mures and Brasov.

In 2017 we were in contact with a representative of the Ukrainian Women's Union who was seeking for cooperation with a Romanian similar organization. We wrote letters at the beginning and later she came to Tirgu Mures, in Romania and we had the opportunity to speak about our Association, about our activities and achievements during these 15 years of existence, as well as about ACWW and what we learnt from it, and about the possibility for them to join this wonderful international organization.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Each year since our affiliation to ACWW we were able to send small contributions to the Pennies for Friendship Fund and furthermore, after the last year European Conference held in Romania we sent back to ACWW €1150 unused money from the Sponsorship Fund as well as €1515 from raffle, quilt, ACWW items/cards/scarves sales, etc. Small amounts of money are also collected each year at the Women Walk the World.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Members of the Association who attended the European Conference in 2017, had the opportunity to encounter their fellow members from all over Europe, to talk on these issues and became more aware and interested about the importance of the Resolutions and Recommendations that will be passed on to the World Conference to be considered and approved. We plan to give more attention and work on these items in the future, to translate and discuss them at meetings with members, and present and introduce them to our rural Branches as well.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

The most important and extended activity of this Triennial was related to plan, organize and host the European Area conference. Before the Conference Invitations were sent out to Sponsors, Local authorities, Partners, mass-media, etc., the event was announced through all the possible media channels, including Facebook and local press, a new opportunity to speak about ACWW and its objectives, projects, values and principles. The response from the members was excellent, 120 participants from Europe, Australia, South Africa, Canada and Kenya attended the ACWW Conference in Tirgu Mures, Romania, September 2017.

Mrs. Ruth Shanks, the World President, had an interesting and motivating speech, presentations of the ACWW Committees were made, Resolutions and Recommendations were discussed and approved, a key note speaker from the WHO office in Bucharest spoke about Depression, Mrs. Joanna Koch from the Alliance for Health Promotion and Mrs. Veronica Shiroya from Kenya held a workshop on health issues, crafts workshops were held, an exceptional traditional Romanian evening was organized, participants had also their own speeches, including our Branches representatives, friendships were made or renewed. Participants loved to see each other again, to socialize and have fun together. The Conference itself was a success.

Each year since 2012 we organize Women Walk the World and members, as well as the beneficiaries of our services, love to attend and take part in the walks in parks or recreation areas of the town, having again the opportunity to make ACWW known.

Asociatia Femeia Mileniului III offered members the possibility to get training in Personal Development, at workshops held/organized by professional motivational trainers, in subjects like: Parenting, Self-confidence and self-esteem, Managing the emotions, Relations. The members who attend the workshops like the activity itself, the quality of the trainer and they feel it as a new and empowering opportunity.

The knowledge and abilities gained are a plus for every one's personality and they are properly used by members at the meetings and activities carried during the year with the beneficiaries of our services- the group of disadvantaged women and children, which continues on a regular basis and gives the people in the target group new ways of improving their lives. At the conference we found out that the crafts workshop held by Maria Szabo was a real success, more than 50 women attended, and it was a success. This made us think further and for the near future, the next few months, we plan to organize crafts workshops both for interested members, but mainly for the beneficiaries- the disadvantaged women, to give them an opportunity to learn something new.

We also continue to support every year the disadvantaged children with the necessary school supplies, books, personal hygiene items, but also with clothes collected from members and friends, as well as computers were donated to 3 of them. Most of the items brought all the way and donated by European members at the Conference last year, were also donated to this group of women and children, but also to our Branches and to other local schools, charities and maternal centres.

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?** Gone down

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## **Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes**

**England** **92428** **Members: 3,000**

**Website:** [www.thewi.org.uk/berkshire](http://www.thewi.org.uk/berkshire)

### **What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?**

Berkshire Federation has created a role of ACWW Link which is currently filled by Mrs Jan Guiver. The ACWW Link aims to raise awareness of ACWW and its policies with the membership. Monthly articles in the Berkshire Federation Newsletter promote ACWW. Special focus was given to ACWW on the International Women's Day, International Day for Rural Women, and to promote the Women Walk the World initiative. This is done to help members focus on the aims and objectives of ACWW and to strengthen Berkshire's fundraising capacity. Further to this, every new WI member receives information about ACWW when she joins the WI.

### **Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?**

When invited by individual Women's Institutes, the ACWW Link travels to these institutes to tell the members about ACWW and its work to encourage the members to actively support ACWW. At their monthly meetings each WI raises money for the ACWW Pennies for Friendship Scheme. This money is collected at the end of March and a cheque is then submitted to ACWW. The sum varies from year to year but is usually in the region of £2000. Every two years the Federation Trustees select an individual project for the members to support. This is in addition to the Pennies for Friendship Scheme. During 2017-2018 £1500 has been raised towards ACWW-Funded projects. The promotion was so successful that, at the time of writing, there will be a surplus of approximately £700 which will also be donated to ACWW projects. At the annual meeting, the ACWW Link is given time to speak to the members about ACWW and its work to keep them up to date about what is happening

### **What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?**

Berkshire Federation usually fully discuss any ACWW resolution or recommendation that has come through the National Federation of Women's Institutes. In the past we have discussed many issues that have been highlighted at Triennial Conferences. Examples of this include, campaigns on chemicals and the environment, the trafficking of women, maternal health, prevention of FGM, and environmental issues. Berkshire Federation actively support the ACWW Link and endeavour to send a delegate to attend Triennial Conferences as they occur. This allows the Trustees to keep up to date on any resolutions or recommendations that are voted upon at each conference.

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?** Gone up

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## **Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes**

**England** **93460** **Members: 3,302**

**Website:** [www.cornwallwi.org.uk](http://www.cornwallwi.org.uk) **Social Media:** Facebook: Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes

### **What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?**

Talks given to member groups. Items in member publication.

### **Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?**

Yes

### **What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?**

Talks to member groups – by Federation Representative, updates on website and newsletters. Items in member publication

**Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?** Gone down

## East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes

England

92366

Members: Undeclared

Website: [www.esfwi.org.uk](http://www.esfwi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

As WI ACWW Rep I have many invitations to speak at WI meetings. I am pleased to say there is now a growing awareness and increasing knowledge of the history and work of ACWW amongst our WI members.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Many WI's in East Sussex are prolific knitters and provided beautiful baby clothes for Romanian charities at the Conference. Plans are afoot for Women Walk the World events too. I encourage all WI members and their families to declutter and recycle for ACWW, currency, jewellery, stamps, phones, tablets and postcards. Two huge sacks containing a selection of these items have been sent to recyclers. I have also raised funds selling second hand jewellery items at a local village market and at our AGM. All WI's are encouraged to have an ACWW collection piggy bank out at their monthly meetings, for PFF. Thanks to the generosity of the members, donations exceeded £3,000 a year. I am pleased to say through two big events Christmas Crumbs (an open house with lots of cake and fun games for Christmas) and beading raffle (an older lady was unable to use her bedding equipment any longer, so I raffled it, books, beads, loom), so not only one ACWW project was funded but two!

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Information not supplied

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## Essex Federation of Women's Institutes

England

91211

Members: 8,500

Website: [www.essexwi.org.uk](http://www.essexwi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: WI Essex

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Our ACWW Representative provides talks to members and writes regular articles in our Federation's monthly magazine. She also sets up display stands at County events, gives presentations to a range of groups and has put together a reference booklet about ACWW to inform members and raise the profile of the organisation. We maintain links with other Federation's ACWW Representatives to exchange ideas on fund-raising and promotion and to engender 'togetherness'.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Our members regularly contribute to Pennies for Friendship through a variety of activities, and since 2016 have additionally donated over £5,000 towards projects in Papua New Guinea and Southern India. In 2018 we challenged all our members to each raise £1 (100 pennies) for ACWW to mark 100 years of Votes for Women in the UK, and published a fund-raising 'World-Wide Women' Quiz.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Our Federation has arranged events to highlight and act on food waste and funded projects which provide fresh safe water supplies for poorer communities. Members also make cot blankets for neo-natal maternity wards. We encourage participation in 'Women Walk the World' to increase awareness of ACWW's work.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We organised an 'Awareness' day with Tish Collins (CEO) and Moira Hammond as speakers. Three of our WI choirs participated in a fund-raising Song Festival held in a local prestigious concert hall, where 200 singers entertained an audience of over 700, including ACWW World President Ruth Shanks and members of ACWW's Executive.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Federated Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland

91080

Members: 5,100

Website: [www.wini.org.uk](http://www.wini.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

An International Day for Rural Women is held annually. The late Margaret McMillan, European Area President of ACWW and a member of our Federation, and Anne-Marit Hovstad, ACWW Projects Committee Chairman, have been speakers at these meetings. Most of our Institutes have an International Officer and the Federation has an International Sub-committee with representatives from our Area Groups. We publish ACWW information in our monthly magazine.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Our members are constantly raising funds for Pennies for Friendship and ACWW Projects. They have continued to support the Women Walk the World event. We also supported the fundraising events at both the Triennial and the European Conferences. Through a variety of activities our members have donated over £72,000 to ACWW over the past three years.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Our delegates report all resolutions and recommendations which are passed at conference to the Executive Committee of our Federation, who take every opportunity to advance ACWW aims to create a better future for all.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We have had representatives on the ACWW Agriculture and Projects Committee, and have provided sponsorship to enable Eastern European ladies to attend the European Conference. Our International Sub-committee have supported a group working with migrants and asylum seekers who have come from many different countries of the world.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Stayed the same

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## Hampshire County Federation of Women's Institutes

England

91257

Members: 8,830

Website: [www.hampshirewi.org.uk](http://www.hampshirewi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: Hampshire WI

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Hampshire held a pop up meeting with a speaker from the refugee community to look at the issues of refugees and their experiences in detention centres. A day looking at Climate Change was held in 2017. We have looked at the issue of homelessness and provided sanitary items for those in need. Many of our members have made support cushions for women suffering from breast cancer. We also have a programme of learning about the main world religions in order to promote better understanding between those of different faiths and cultures.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Since the Warwick Conference Hampshire has completed its support of 3 ACWW-funded projects, a water project, a maternal and reproductive health project, and a joint water, hygiene, sanitation project. Hampshire members have also supported WI Pennies for Friendship.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Despite the increase in subscriptions, the support for ACWW has increased, slowly with a number of WI's becoming members and a few individuals have become full members in their own right. Due to our centenary celebrations, there has not been time to work on ACWW resolutions, we hope to rectify this in the future.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Following the 2016 World Conference, Hampshire held an information session at a regular WI House Coffee Morning and did something similar following the European Area Conference in Romania in 2017.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

## Herefordshire Federation of Women's Institutes

England

92378

Members: 1,500

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

The ACWW Representative Brenda Drake attended the European Conference in Romania then, after 37 years, retired as Federation Representative. Both she and the current representative attended the Triennial Conference at Warwick University, Coventry and have attended the twice-yearly Midlands Supporters Group at WI House in Derby.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Our 60 individual branches continue to support Pennies for Friendship. WI's collected and donated bags of personal hygiene items to a local women's refuge

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Herefordshire Federation organises an annual International Evening, comprising a dinner and talk plus an Indian cookery demonstration.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Within HFWI, projects have been supported in Kenya for computer literacy and civic education and in Bangladesh for marginalised women growing produce to supplement the family diet and income. Funds for projects have been raised through events such as village lunches, a Folk music concert and a fashion show supported by local businesses.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Information not supplied

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## Kiskunsag Association of Women

Hungary

92511

Members: Undeclared

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Health and Food- Training courses, presentations for adults

- Raising awareness, promoting local, traditionally produced food as opposed to industrial, often synthetic products.
- The use of medicinal herbs, indigenous plants to fight super bacteria- in the face of which in our modern days people are otherwise defenceless.
- How to grow or collect, how to identify medicinal herbs.
- How to collect and identify mushrooms.
- Natural life style, including food, diet, traditional ways of preventing, curing diseases

Education- Programmes with schools

- Taste education- preparing food, arranging tastings in schools (primary and secondary) in the classroom
- Guided visits for children to the local market- how to identify the products of primary producers

Eco-farming- demonstrations for adults and children at Rendek Eco-farm /Olga Rendek is president of the Association/

- Eco-farming on the sandy soil of Kiskunság- indigenous, drought-resistant plants and crops
- Indigenous animal breeds (mangalitza pig, racka sheep, grey cattle)- how to raise, how to feed with their farm's produce
- Demonstrations on the traditional ways and means of preserving fruits, curing meat, baking bread, etc.
- Experiments and observations to maintain biological diversity- local forums for local farmers to exchange indigenous seeds.
- All these activities are offered either as a one-day study excursion, or as a one-week summer camp on the farm for children.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Information not supplied

## Koninklijk NVVH-VROUWENNETWERK

Netherlands

91058

Members: 6,365

Website: [www.nvvh.nl](http://www.nvvh.nl)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Via our member magazine and through lectures, we regularly inform our membership about ACWW and what it stands for.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Informed membership, notified all responsible Ministries in The Netherlands, notified all national political parties – both in our House of Representatives as in the European Council. Regarding the- by our society initiated- urgent ACWW resolution about the increasing worldwide sexual abuse of women & children in the refugee camps and shelters. In association with four other national women's organizations in 2017, we organized the national symposium 'Women Refugees Safety' in The Netherlands. We wrote and publicized a manifesto – both in Dutch and English- stating the outcome of this symposium. This manifesto officially has been handed over to our State Secretary of Justice & Security, and to national political parties, municipalities and asylum organisations.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes

England

95297

Members: 174 Institutes, > 8,000 Members

Website: [www.lancashirewi.org.uk](http://www.lancashirewi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: Lancashire Federation WI

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes. Several WI's collect pennies for friendship and fundraising events in the county included a jewellery collection, a table top sale and a luncheon. These events, together with various fundraising efforts of individual WI's, have raised over the £4,000 or ACWW-funded projects.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

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## Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes

England

92433

Members: 5,185

Website: [www.thewi.org.uk/norfolk](http://www.thewi.org.uk/norfolk)

Social Media: Facebook: Norfolk WI

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We are active locally and sometimes nationally, in putting before our MPs, local government officials and members of the public, matters of concern in the areas of health and well-being, the environment and infrastructure.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

All Norfolk WIs' Pennies for Friendship and other ACWW fund-raising has gone to their current adopted project. (Now WE Fund's Sustainable Water, Sanitation and Energy pot.) Occasional donations are specific. eg. conference travel fund. Our Women Walk the World event has generated good sums in the last 4 years and ACWW presentations by Norfolk's rep. bring in a little. If individual Institutes arrange their own event they choose whether to add it to Norfolk's project or send it direct to ACWW.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Ending violence against women and girls is an on-going WI campaign. We had a big white ribbon, 'Say No to Violence', in Norwich Forum and then on tour. At the Royal Norfolk Show we gave out Global Survey cards, featured care for the environment, and gathered suggestions about how to improve things.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Norfolk has 2 big showcase events in the year: International Women's Day, which members of our Federation convene and mastermind, and the Royal Norfolk Show, where we always have a marquee. ACWW and its projects are promoted at both. On Valentine's Day we hung Green Hearts bunting around the railings of the parish church in the middle of Norwich, to show what we love about the environment. Norfolk WI also chairs our bus-users forum and has seats on various councils concerned with medical, physical and social welfare including dementia.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone Down

## Northamptonshire Federation of Women's Institutes

England

92382

Members: 3,720

Website: [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: Northamptonshire Federation of WIs

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Members have communicated with their Members of Parliament on various issues, Climate Change, library closures, care not custody for offenders with psychiatric problems, food waste and food poverty. We celebrated International Women's Day and had a speaker on Female Genital Mutilation. Climate change was also looked at during this meeting, and microfibres in water systems discussed. Members were advised how they could make a difference. We have two Climate Ambassadors who write in the members newsletters, and letters have been written to our Parliamentary Representatives on these issues.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Members regularly contribute to Pennies for Friendship, some with regular collections, other groups with special fund-raising events. The voting for a competition at the Federation Centenary celebrations, was by money, and they all went to Pennies for Friendship. One of our members also organised a walk for Women Walk the World. Funds are also raised by recycling unwanted and broken jewellery, stamps, mobile phones, cameras and other items.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We have raised members awareness of ACWW issues with regular items in a monthly newsletter, and visits to WI meetings, where the work and objectives of ACWW are discussed. Individual groups act on the resolutions by supporting a food bank, looking at food waste, ect.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## North Yorkshire East Federation of Women's Institutes

England

92396

Members: 2,800

Website: [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: North Yorkshire East Federation of WIs

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Provided substantial support for ACWW-funded projects in the areas of Maternal and Reproductive Health, and Nutrition, Good Health, and Wellbeing.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Individual institutes have raised funds via coffee mornings, table sales, walks to support the above projects. We organised an international day with focus on Poland in November 2017.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## North Yorkshire West Federation of Women's Institutes

England

92395

Members: 2,500

Website: [www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest](http://www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Since the 2016 Conference, the Federation, through its newsletter and talks given to WI groups, has been made aware of relevant ACWW issues.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

The Federation has supported ACWW-funded projects and individual WI groups have fund-raised for ACWW or made donations following talks about ACWW

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Promotion of ACWW has been through talks and events and the Federation newsletter.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

In October 2016 a 'Time for Tea' event was held. The guest speaker was Margaret Macmillan, ACWW European Area President. In April 2017 our Federation supported 'Women Walk the World' when 35 ladies walked in Upper Nidderdale. As ACWW rep. I attended the 2017 European Conference and, shared information to WI groups.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up



## Norwegian Society of Rural Women - Norges Bygdekvinnelag

Norway

91063

Members: 13,000

Website: [www.bygdekvinnelaget.no](http://www.bygdekvinnelaget.no)

Social Media: Facebook: Norges Bygdekvinnelag

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Women's solidarity: Virtually all local groups support activities linked to local, national and international solidarity. Visits to women's businesses are encouraged in order to support female entrepreneurs such as e.g. owners of local cafés, shops such as knitting and yarn shops, art galleries and small-scale food producers.

Cultural evenings and food exchange with newcomers from home and abroad are a popular measure for many local groups. Some groups refer to their own international projects. Funding of Norway's Society of Rural Women's project in Mozambique is well supported by the members and local groups. In addition, cash donations are made to the ACWW- Pennies for Friendship fund.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

The Norwegian Society of Rural Women contributed to Pennies for friendship in 2016.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Many of the topics from the resolutions from the ACWW world congress in India and UK we have followed up through our work.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

The rural women throughout the country have been working to create active leisure and vibrant districts. The Society of Rural Women (Norges Bygdekvinnelag) is one of the organizations that positively makes a significant community commitment and countless hours to 'voluntary efforts'. The prosperity in rural Norway benefits greatly from our commitment.

During the last years we completed the project 'Countryside in Motion' (Bygda i Bevegelse). The Gjensidige Foundation has once again contributed project funds to close on 200 local groups that have brought over 18,000 people out and about, resulting in many having been helped to live more active lives.

Over 12,000 volunteer hours have been put into 'Countryside in Motion' alone. It is impressive what we can do together. I am pleased to see that many people choose to continue their involvement and activities even after the end of the project. It means a lot for public health that we can help to contribute to an active and vibrant rural environment, making the countryside a great place to live.

There are many other activities that have inspired us in 2016 and 2017: Members' trip to Jotunheimen, the society of rural women as co-organiser during The National porridge coking competition, the action for the use of edible plans in cooking, training of local trustees and much more. The national conference in Lyngdal and in Harstad was a major event in which the Society of Rural Women's working plan was adopted and our articles of association underwent significant changes. Major contributions were made by local groups and the executive board for a set of joint statutes for local groups, county groups and at central level.

In 2016, we have looked beyond our own borders and participated in the ACWW Triennial World Conference in the UK. A members' trip was organised there. It led to exciting encounters with women from all over the world. We have also had international commitment in Mozambique. I am delighted that the local groups have contributed almost NOK 100,000 for improving the day to day life of women in Mozambique. A contribution they need.

We have many important issues to promote, and in 2016, 2017, our inter-parliamentary work has received attention. Commitment to school meals, GMO-free food and feed, shop locally campaigns, combating violence against women, the Concessions Act and the agricultural report are some of the issues that have been important this year. Local groups, county groups and the executive have been actively promoting our issues. It is a strength that we are 13,000 women behind our shared commitment to active women and a living rural environment.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Passage, Christian Social Women's Movement - Passage Christelijk

Netherlands

91186

Members: Undeclared

Website: [www.passagevrouwen.nl](http://www.passagevrouwen.nl)

Social Media: Facebook: Passage Christelijk

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Passage, together with the two other Dutch women societies, took part in the execution of the urgent resolution (ACWW World Conference 2016): 'be it resolved that ACWW and its member organizations urge their governments to take action to stop the increasing worldwide sexual abuse of women and children in the refugee camps and shelters'. On 2 October 2017, a symposium was organized with five other Dutch women organizations on this subject. In March 2018 a manifesto 'Women Refugees Safety' was written and presented to the Dutch government. Passage cooperates with two other Dutch organizations in an ACWW working group. We meet six times a year.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Some members of Passage are now individual members of ACWW.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

2017 – 2020 Passage will work together with a rural women's organization Tegemeo Women Group in Tanzania. Each year we conduct advisory missions to meet with the women, to have conversations with them and stakeholders. We also train them through workshops with the focus on organization strengthening and economic activities.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Stayed the same

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## Scottish Women's Institutes

Scotland

91084

Members: 15,316

Website: [www.theswi.org.uk](http://www.theswi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: Scottish Women's Institutes

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

At the 2016 Triennial Conference SWI submitted a recommendation on the current refugee crisis and a letter was sent to the home office about the treatment of refugees and urging the support of the UK government within Europe to offer greater humanitarian assistance. SWI submitted a resolution on the Use of Plastics to the 2019 Triennial Conference, which has been accepted.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

In 2015/2016 members raised £12,761.47 for the ACWW 'Water for All' Fund. SWI members continue to support Pennies for Friendship.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

The Education and International Committee considered the Resolutions & Recommendations and took the necessary action.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

SWI continues its normal programme of educational events, schools, classes, sports, etc. at local, county and national level. 2017 was SWI's Centenary Year. Celebrations were held throughout the country, these included garden parties in each federation on the same day. There was a national garden party and a craft exhibition. Ninety-three children's garments made from two pillow cases were donated to a local charity who distributed them overseas on SWI's behalf

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Vrouwen van Nu

Netherlands

91057

Members: 42,000

Website: [www.vrouwenvannu.nl](http://www.vrouwenvannu.nl)

Social Media: Facebook: Vrouwen van Nu

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

To celebrate International Women's Day, 8 March, we have a campaign. We nominate yearly four women who made a difference in the public national arena. They present themselves at a seminar. Members and non-members choose a winner. Throughout a week we organise a digital platform with International Women's Day activities in the Netherlands.

Through partnerships we try to improve the position of rural women worldwide. With the Rabobank Foundation as partner the project with 'Mide', a women's-organisation in the highlands of south- Peru, contributed to their economic and organizational development. A tool-kit for local and regional branches supported the raising of donations and understanding. The rounding off of the Peru project took place in 2017. Agriterra supports farmers' organizations worldwide. As one of the founders of Agriterra, we participate in the board with two members. Through Agripool, a service of Agriterra, members with expertise on the field of agricultural, economic or organizational development share knowledge and experience in projects worldwide.

We facilitate the Women for Water Platform WFWP. Since 2017 their office is hosted in our national office in Den Haag.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

The urgency resolution 2016 Women in Refugee Camps was inspiration for a series of activities in 2017 together with the ACWW member-organisations. We developed a seminar with professionals which resulted in a Manifest, that we presented in 2018 at a national meeting.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We give on regular basis input on issues related to the position of women addressed by the Dutch Women's Council.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes

England

93477

Members: 3,700

Website: [www.warwickshirewi.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirewi.org.uk)

Social Media: Facebook: Warwickshire WIs

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

The ACWW representative in the Federation is active in promoting awareness of the work of the ACWW when she visits WIs throughout Warwickshire.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Warwickshire FWI have generously raised funds for many ACWW funded-projects, supporting women in India.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We organised an event in April 2018, at which representatives of four national organisations explained to the audience how their organisation was working to care for the environment. Subjects such as soil quality, flooding and use of pesticides were discussed

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Our members have enthusiastically collected their broken jewellery, old cameras and mobile phones, used stamps and foreign coins and raised nearly £2000 for ACWW projects, thereby both alleviating poverty and caring for our environment.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Stayed the same

## Wiltshire Federation of Women's Institutes

England

92505

Members: 4,000

Website: [www.thewi.org.uk/wiltshire](http://www.thewi.org.uk/wiltshire)

Social Media: Facebook: Wiltshire WI

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

August 2016: Triennial World Conference, presentation of the resolution 'Secure Sustainable Energy' which was carried.

September 2017: Attended the European Area Conference

September 2017: Scandinavia Day – presentations on history, culture with food and song + the Swedish 'Lagom' –

Focus on sustainable living

Encouraging members to take part in the Global Survey of Rural Women

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Continued funding of an ACWW Representative making visits to WIs, raising awareness and encouraging donations through Pennies for Friendship. Sponsoring particular projects brings ACWW's work alive and massively increases donations – now beginning our fourth project to support the SWADD society in Tamil Nadu, India.

May 2018: ACWW Coffee Morning – promoting present and future projects

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

- Food waste and healthy diets
- Clean water supply – with a visit to the local sewage treatment works
- SDG5 and Gender equality – Equal Pay Act 1970: Gender Pay Gap 2018 – changing the law is not enough
- Sustainable Energy- 'Pee-power' event + investment in community energy projects

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Work on up-coming resolutions + NFWI resolutions and campaigns

- Action on climate change – NFWI campaign
- Plastic pollution – NFWI resolution 'Plastic soup' 2017
- Protecting pollinators- further work arising from NFWI resolution 2009

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

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## Women's Union of Russia

Members: 2,000,000

Russia

92523

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Our international contacts were stronger in these three years. During this period representatives of WUR attended four times the OSCE Human dimension implementation meeting in Warsaw (three times) and in Vienna. The meetings addressed the implementation of pledges in the humanitarian sphere and, specifically, the issue of equality of rights and opportunities for men and women in political, economic, social and cultural spheres. WUR representatives contributed to debates and "round tables".

In 2017 we organized the first Eurasian meeting of women's organisations "Women's movement in Eurasia – diversity and solidarity" (participation of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldavia) and in 2018 – another one "Partnership of CIS women's organization: for peace, stability and sustainable development" (participation of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan).

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

In December 2017 – the 6-h Reporting and Election Conference was conducted. The Conference summarized achievements and outlined major activity areas for WUR and women's councils under endorsed programs, backed by strategic state documents, UN international documents and ACWW resolutions.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Organised more than 200 large scale events on different issues only in Moscow. This was in addition to regular activities (round tables, conferences, contests etc.) conducted by affiliations of the Women's Union of Russia in 82 regions of Russia.

All events are conducted in the framework of interrelated programs: "Solid family – stable country", "Spirituality, culture and healthy way of life", "For sustainable development and social security", "For guaranteed equal rights and opportunities for men and women".

For five years now, the Women's Union of Russia has been conducting the campaign "For clean homes, clean country and clean planet". The campaign slogan is "Let us save and preserve our nature and the national cultural heritage for future generations". Regional chapters of the Women's Union of Russia apply traditional best practices of women's councils and new initiatives in

order to involve into the movement all layers of the population; they conduct ecological interventions, voluntary Saturday work for landscaping and gardening local settlements; sanitary clean-up of forests, river and lake shores; removing illegal dump sites; removal of ecologically dangerous objects from the water preserved zone.

Other widely promoted activities include “Love your native land: do not litter, make it green!”; “Clean towns for families”; “Preserve rivers and lakes for future generations”; “Water springs are the life blood sources”, and “Lady of the village”. WUR members organize wastepaper collection, volunteer clean-up of streets, yards, squares, and parks and rural settlements, contests for the original layout of yards, household plots, flower beds, landscaped areas, and residential care and mural painting, etc. In 2017 we started a new project “Orderly Village- Prosperous Country”. In the framework of this project we organized already two Conferences for country women – in 2017 for 18 regions of the Central Russia and in 2018 for 13 regions of South and North-Caucasus regions (the Chief Executive Officer of the ACWW Tish Collins took part at it).

In May 2017 we arranged a vibrant ceremony to mark 10 years – jubilee of the project “Fairy theatres for all children”. This project combines the theatre with educational work. It is important because not all children have the opportunity to go to theatres and this project finds places where the small theatres can organize small performances. In ten years almost 80 theatres participated in this programme.

In 2017, we started a new creative project “Symbols of small motherland – Russia’s pride and glory”. In the framework of this project already 4 seminars and workshops were organized in Moscow and three in other cities of the country. The goal is – in addition to major state symbols – the national emblem, banner and anthem, there are many unofficial symbols. There are symbols on the regional level, too. Our task is to identify and promote them as part of our country, which builds its image.

Again in 2017, The Women’s Union of Russia actively participated in the development and discussion of the National Strategies for empowerment of women for 2017-2022. The Strategy was adopted by Government in March 2018. The Chair of the WUR is a member of the Coordinating Council under RF Government in charge of the implementation the Strategies. The Women’s Union of Russia is one of those responsible for implementation the Plan of Actions related to the Strategies.

The WUR is also actively conducting events related to the new Strategy “From National Strategies on Children – to the Decade of Childhood”.

# Society Reports: South East Asia & The Far East 2016-2019

## Persatuan Wanita Republik Indonesia (PERWARI)

Indonesia

91046

Members: 1,046

Website: [www.perwari.or.id](http://www.perwari.or.id)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

PERWARI works on women health care and with little children. We have about 50 kindergarteners and pre-kindergarteners (3 – 5 years). The teachers support parents with advice on basic health care and guide them in their bringing up of healthy children in rural and urban communities. We also work with elderly women. Every six months we visit a nursing home (we call it *panti werda*) to support the women there, as many of them do not have any family around. Further to this, PERWARI has two institutions where we work with children with disabilities - in Padang West Sumatra and Kuningan West Java. Both are supported with government funding.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes, PERWARI contributed to Pennies for Friendship at our Area Conference of South East Asia and the Far East in Jakarta 21-25 February 2018. At every meeting, our members collected some pennies for ACWW, and the total was given directly to the ACWW Treasurer.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

PERWARI work together with the Minister of Women Empowerment and Children Protection on the pressing issues of domestic violence, trafficking and child abuse.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

One of our major activities was rights and duties education programme for urban and rural men and women, PERWARI members, and young persons. This work was done in cooperation with Ministry of Law and Human Rights.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

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## Women's Institute of Brunei Darussalam

Brunei Darussalam

91182

Members: 600

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

WI Brunei is an active advocate for breast feeding, as it makes a significant impact on the well-being of women and girls locally. Further to this, we organise seminars and talks on how to facilitate action and change related to current social, environmental issues. We also provide advise on home economics to improve the quality of family healthcare.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

We contribute to Pennies for Friendship.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

In partnership with government agencies and local organizations, we organise projects on matters highlighted in ACWW resolutions and beneficial for our members. A seminar for single mothers on how to manage finances to support their children was one of these initiatives.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Supporting members in running small businesses (SMEs) which will contribute to the development of the nation's economy.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes

Malaysia

91054

Members: 15,316

Website: [www.ppws.org.my](http://www.ppws.org.my)

Social Media: Facebook: PPWS HQ

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

The Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes (SFWI) organised a walk in support of the "Stop Violence against Women and Children" campaign. Almost 800 people participated in it. In conjunction with this campaign, SFWI participated in a forum and sharing session related to the topic. SFWI also organised its inaugural run called the 'Wonder Women Run'. The objective of the run is to support breast cancer patients and survivors, as well as to raise funds for Sarawak Breast Cancer Support Group, Sarawak Breast Cancer Association and Sarawak Children's Cancer Society. At the state level, SFWI participate in the annual International Women's Day celebration organised by the Sarawak state government.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

SFWI contribute to ACWW through Pennies for Friendship and ACWW Women Walk the World every year.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

In the area of education, SFWI has worked closely with government agencies and other NGOs in helping to enhance skills in cooking, handicrafts and entrepreneurship. They have worked toward promoting the learning of English language among school children in rural areas through classes. In health education, SFWI has organised a free health screening for its members in collaboration with government agencies and private hospitals. They also participated in campaigns encouraging breast feeding among young mothers. To create greater awareness on aspects of cleanliness and environment, SFWI organises CSR programmes such as No Rubbish Campaign which include activities like cleaning of the beaches and recreational parks.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Within the year 2016-2017, SFWI successfully organised 420 activities for its members throughout Sarawak. Through SFWI's 'care and share' programme some needy individuals and families in urban and rural areas have received donations to relieve them during festive seasons. As part of its ongoing effort to uplift women's knowledge and skills, several activities were organised. They include conducting a demonstration on how to make gift hampers and decoration, a seminar on e-entrepreneurship for the youths, making and sewing baju kurung, women mentoring talks, and a seminar on the welfare and well-being of senior citizens. SFWI plans to initiate more programmes on empowering women in Sarawak to enable them to participate in digital economy and to leverage on it for their economic advancement and progress.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

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## Women's Institute of Pahang

Malaysia

91224

Members: 7,556

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Women's institute Pahang, NGO affiliated to the Ministry of Women and Development, constantly strives to participate in activities at state and national levels which promote awareness and understanding of women and family development in line with policies advocated by ACWW.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Women Walk the World, WI Pahang's Annual General Meeting and all related district activities have raised money for pennies for friendship and funds for local needs and disaster relief work in the state of Pahang. Fundraising activities were also constantly carried out through our charity shop.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

The Malaysian Government's Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development has specific programmes on women, children, family and the community. These programmes target maternal health, registration of births, professional development for women, and economic empowerment for women. They also have programmes which focus on the fight against all forms of violence. WI Pahang actively participates in all these programmes with the government, private sectors and other NGO's. Recycling through sewing and crafting of household items and entrepreneurship through government certified sewing classes is another of our activities.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Members in all branches continue to undertake activities in accordance with our yearly calendar of programmes. In March of 2018, we revisited one of the rehabilitated villages adopted under our collaborative initiative in handling disaster relief work which was started in 2014 under the direction of our president, HM Queen Azizah Iskandar. This was once again an integrated plan in collaboration with the respective district offices, private sectors and NGOs under HM Queen Azizah Iskandar.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

# Society Reports: Southern Africa 2016-2019

## Cape Women's Agricultural Association

South Africa

91068

Members: 3,938

Website: [www.vlv.co.za](http://www.vlv.co.za)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

The ACWW international prayer and "song of peace" are used during congress, conferences and branch meetings. Special days such as World Food Day and National Arbour Day are celebrated. International events and discussions of culture, dress and food of various countries are being done by branches.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Branches collect pennies for friendship throughout the year and CWAA contribute an average of more than R4000 per year to ACWW. A special fund enabled CWAA to send a delegate to the ACWW triennial conferences. Branches and Circles [like Circle SWD and the Hartswater Branch] took part in Women Walk the World to promote ACWW.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

The branches make a thorough study of the annual theme as laid down by Head Executive: 2015: Dream, Believe & Live, 2016: Adaptable Women, 2017: Tomorrow begins today, 2018: Leave a Footprint. An entrepreneur competition was sponsored and successfully launched in 2015/16 as well as a "Computer literacy" and a poverty project, CWAA touches hearts and hands". "Community involvement" was the CWAA project in 2016/17 and were eagerly supported by members. In August 2017 the new project, "Clear Up / Ruim Op" were launched. We encountered great challenges to manage to keep members positive and motivated. And to crush the myth that we are jam and jelly ladies! CWAA is not time bound. Our thinking has been renewed. We are adaptable, creative, innovative and inspiring women and we make a difference in communities. We are modern women who keep up with changes without giving up our values and norms. We will keep up the good work of our predecessors.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Die Dameskring

South Africa

1246

Members: 900

Website: [www.dameskring.co.za](http://www.dameskring.co.za)

Social Media: Facebook: Die Dameskring

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Being involved in a variety of outreaches and projects affords Dameskring-members the opportunity to serve their communities in a dynamic fashion and this is also the reason for their involvement in outreaches and projects: helping to relieve poverty, providing help for those in need and a better value education. Dameskring-members aspire to achieve good relationships with the peoples of this beautiful country, ensuring a meaningful existence for everyone. Die Dameskring has country-wide branches, with each and every branch geared towards addressing the specific needs in their given area. Every branch usually has a yearly community project they focus their energies on, making a difference in their area. We engage our efforts in schools, retirement homes and communities with great need – including people from all walks of life. Die Dameskring is recognised by more than 20 different Culture organisations and involved in partnerships with more than twelve recognised and well-respected Culture organisations in South Africa, involving an exchange of information and even joint efforts regarding projects. We use these partnerships by supporting and strengthening one another. Our members are involved in leadership positions in forums, including a DK-member serving as chairman on an ACWW Board. Dameskrings' liaison with the ACWW allows us the opportunity to be involved internationally and it enables us make a difference in a meaningful manner across the globe.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

No

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

The president of Die Dameskring attended the southern area conference. She gave a full report to the branches in South Africa.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Die Dameskring has launched a National Project aimed at teaching pre-school children core values. A manual was written, including the necessary guidelines and appropriate activities to enable teachers to instil core values. We are in awe at the success of the manual. The second phase of the project was launched in 2017. This time around- training teachers at workshops on how to effectively use the manual. The third phase, encompassing the translation of the manual into English and Sotho, is being finalised and we are looking forward to starting this project countrywide. We are convinced that this project (at National level) will bear fruit in achieving a higher level of core value principles for everyone in South Africa.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down



## Eastern Cape Zenzele Women's Association

South Africa

91181

Members: 410

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

These were observed from 1998-2018 with great success. Intergovernmental relationships have been established since 1998. Government Communication Services, Department of Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism, Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, Department of Labour and Health and Welfare have been supportive in terms of human resources for planning and development strategies in regions.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

We do donate annually to pennies for friendship although due to shortage of cash contributions have become less.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

At our Area Conference very good speakers were invited to talk/address all the Eight Millennium Development goals-and delegates left with informed knowledge of what M. Dg's are, also with the idea of how to address them. The Conference was followed by a number of awareness workshops on health matters, where the emphasis was on Type 2 diabetes. There were also talks on decision making and how to conduct fruitful meetings.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Educare Training: The Educare givers are being trained and in 2016 10 teachers obtained their diploma and graduated. In 2017 8 graduated and in 2018, 42 graduated.

There are 106 Community Pre-schools in this area and some of the teachers are not qualified because of financial constraints. These are school leavers, and housewives who do not have an income. Some pre-schools are funded by the Department of Welfare. 10 more pre-schools were built by the Transitional Council in the Northern Region after motivation form Northern Region District Women's Association built 29 Pre-school buildings. Skills Development Training Centres have been established for rural women, young people and men for training in sewing, knitting, candle making, polish making and baking. The Department of Public Works has provided the infrastructure.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Free State Women's Agricultural Union

South Africa

91070

Members: 891

Website: [www.vvlu.co.za](http://www.vvlu.co.za)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

The FSWAU uses its branch meetings to inform members on the policies and issues of ACWW

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Pennies for Friendship: Branches annually collect the equivalent of the price of a loaf of bread per member to donate to ACWW. Most of the FSWAU branches took part in the Women Walk the World project launched by ACWW.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Dignity Dreams: providing sanitary towels for underprivileged school girls. Milk for Change: more than 2100l long life milk was distributed amongst the less privileged. Shoes for teenagers: more than 1300 pairs of shoes/trainers were distributed. Food parcels are distributed at underprivileged schools on a regular basis. Homes for the mentally handicapped are helped in various ways: 2016: Agapé home in Winburg, 2017: Jakkies Opwaartssentrum in Jacobsdal, 2018: Ebenhaeser home for mentally handicapped adults

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Breadtags for wheelchairs provide wheel chairs to the needy. Baby clothes for babies who are abandoned at birth and cared for by different organizations. The president represented FSWAU at the 27<sup>th</sup> Triennial ACWW Conference on 17-23 August 2016 at the University of Warwick, UK. In November 2016 the President visited Russia to participate in "Women's Dialogue: Infinity Charity". In June 2017 the president again visited Russia to speak at "The first International Women's Congress of Shanghai Co-operation Organization and the BRICS member states".

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Kwazulu Natal Federation of Women's Institutes

South Africa

91069

Members: 987

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Using the theme "Uplift a woman", our society supports various charities – focusing on abused women and children. Providing food parcels, clothing, school books and sanitary towels thus uplifting communities. We also raise awareness about Human Trafficking.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

During the past year £345 was collected towards ACWW Pennies for Friendship. Set up the ACWW-Funded "Yezanathi Community Upliftment" Project.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Our society has protected our countries water supply in various ways especially in the extreme drought in parts of South Africa.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Kawnalu – plays a vital role in the affairs of our Agriculture. Thus contributing and uplifting the lives of the poorer local communities. We have members who are farmers on the Board.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Lesotho Homemakers' Association

Lesotho

92469

Members: 970

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We believe that empowerment of women and girl child starting in the homes and this is the shortest way in tackling gender issues. We have participated in the preliminary work for World Summit for Sustainable Development. Women should feed themselves-household sustainable food security, home garden, food processing, save food losses, fight persistent war against HIV/AIDS as a threat to families. War against poverty, observe in October World Food Day and World Rural Women's Day.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Self-employment sale of handicrafts, garden produce, cakes and jumble to pay for membership fees and Pennies for Friendship. Finance our local programmes of beekeeping, and should our Centre be electrified and furnished this will be a sustainable source of income to finance the Lesotho Homemaker's Association programmes as a training institution, not only for Lesotho Homemaker's Association but also for the government and other NGO's

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We have worked for the empowerment of women to get to decision-making positions so that they can fight for their rights. The establishment of the Law Reform Commission is the remit of women's struggle in Lesotho for the emancipation, conducted jointly with Lesotho National Council of Women and ended up with fifteen women parliamentarians and five cabinet ministers for the first time in the history of Lesotho. We fight for improvement of working conditions factory workers, the majority of whom are women. We also work to conserve soil and water.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Local fund raising, poverty eradication through self-help and self-employment. Fight against HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, diabetics, coronary diseases. Established a skills training centre as a seat of empowerment, information and education and children's rights being implemented.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone Down

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## Mapula Club

South Africa

95256

Members: 150

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Mapula Embroideries (initially called 'The Mapula Embroidery Project') was founded in 1991 by members of the Soroptimist International Club of Pretoria (now SI Pretoria-Tshwane) as part of an initiative to start an income-generating project for destitute and disempowered women in the Winterveld, within the Greater Metropolitan area of Tshwane, South Africa, and by doing so alleviate poverty in a very poor and marginalized socio-economic environment. Their individual and unique products include bags, cushion covers, placemats and wall hangings. They couple high levels of technical and visual artistry in the products with the wall hangings reflecting social and historical commentary in the designs. Mapula Embroideries is well known and considered an important community art project in South Africa. Its goals and objectives are to Educate, to Empower and to Enable.

## Namibian Women's Society

Namibia

92459

Members: 220

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

ACWW Triennial World Conference 2016 in Warwick, England: Two members attended this conference and acted as voting scrutineers and one did a practical demonstration for attendees. One member attended the Southern Area conference in Gauteng, South Africa in 2017. ACWW pamphlets, news from the Head Office as well as from the Area President were distributed

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Pennies for Friendship and affiliation fees were paid the past three years. Pennies are collected at meetings or at conferences.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Branch meetings, 7-11 per year with 70% attendance, were held. Demonstrations of various items like crocheting, knitting, quilting, baking and cooking as well as interesting outings took place. Annual Conferences were held, one in each region. An annual congress took place in Windhoek. The Themes for these congresses were: 2016: Invest in each other and 2017: Barbeque (meat); where a speaker from the Meat Board enlightened the members about the red meat industry in Namibia. In 2018 the theme was Uplift a woman and we opted to help members with a talk on Women in Trauma.

NWS National Projects: 2016 Invest in each Other (members were used for demonstrations and as speakers and entertainers) and 2017- 2018: Dare to Win. One branch cleaned up the local museum and garden for its 40th anniversary. Several exhibitions were organised and this huge task earned praise from the inhabitants of the town, the region as well as from all our members. Charity work: Food kitchens were held during pension and clinic days in the rural areas, Old age homes were supported by supplying eats and drinks as well as presents and small workshops were also held to keep the pensioners busy.

Fundraising efforts: 2016-2017: The executive board posed for a calendar similar to the one of WI Calendar Girls. These were sold to raise funds for the society. Several other events took place to hand over funds to the Cancer Association or a local effort to assist patients with medical costs or the needy.

Sponsors: The society received sponsorships from First National Bank for the congresses, Old Mutual for prizes and thank you gifts and from Namib Mills to help with the airfare to attend the ACWW triennial congress. We would like to thank them all for these efforts.

Funds/Goods were donated to Old Age Homes and pensioners, schools, patients, the impaired and needy people as well as our own society members who cannot afford membership fees or the funds to attend functions. A local children's institution was helped with a fundraising event, new bedding items, cleaning materials and other necessities, as well as birthday and Christmas presents.

Competitions: Members took part on branch, regional and congress levels in various competitions namely the annually sponsored baking competition by Namib Mills and the SAWAU prescribed competitions for 2018.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## North West Women's Agricultural Union

South Africa

91210

Members: 538

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

All branches strive to uplift women in their areas by means of workshops, children activity days, Marikawa Branch has embroidery workshops with less privileged ladies. Ten members attended the regional conference in 2017. Prize giving functions in the form of International days/evenings to enjoy info of other countries.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes, and separate donations are collected at "ACWW awareness days". Banners are used on such days. Five Pounds are annually paid over to ACWW specifically for Pennies. A small portion of money collected, is spent to send members to conference.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

The resolutions were published in our provincial magazine where all members take note. Letters to local institutions were written to request assistance in specific resolutions.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Members participated in various competitions, shows, conferences and sponsored competitions. This gave opportunity for members to qualify as Judges. Children Holiday programmes (approx. 300 Children) where skills were taught. Donations to various charity organisations, eg bed socks to elderly, book prizes to schools, cansa tea to collect money. Planting of trees, knowledge of health also done.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Overvaal Women's Agricultural Union

South Africa

91206

Members: 1,233

Social Media: Facebook: VLU Overvaal

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We receive the country woman magazine and distribute it to all the ladies around. We empower woman by teaching them life skills.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

We collected pennies for friendship throughout the province at each and every branch meeting and we handed over the money to ACWW.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We donated around 650 different clothing pieces yearly for foster home children. We hosted the ACWW area conference where our keynote speaker addressed human trafficking and we donated teddy bears to sooth and calm the children. We heard a talk about sustainable vegetable gardening. The need for immunisation was also discussed at this conference. Cape province experienced a drought and all the branches pulled together and collected water to help the community. The women invited underprivileged woman for tea and also gave them some knitting lessons

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We empower woman to cope with their daily stress and encourage woman to deal with struggles of their daily lives

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## South African Homemakers Organisation

South Africa

91235

Members: 7,300

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Activities to enhance international understanding: We linked with similar societies in Australia and shared their training methodology and assessment programmes. Two of our offices visited clubs in Australia. We are planning an exchange programme; some of our domestic workers will work abroad and domestic workers from abroad will work in South Africa and will be trained here. We attended the South African Area Conference and met members from societies in the nine other countries in the Area and shared ideas.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Although most of our members are domestic workers (the largest industry in the country with more than one million workers) and they are also the lowest paid, they do contribute to Pennies for Friendship throughout the year. We have a set target and have a "thermometer" which "measures" our donations, on a monthly basis.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We concentrated on the Millennium Development Goals No. 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. Our training for domestic workers included nutritional recipes to combat hunger (MDG 1). Workers could specialise in childcare and MDG 4 and 5 formed the basis of the course. MDG 3 is our main aim and objective: training to lead. Many members joined "Mothusi" programme to combat HIV/AIDS (MDG6)

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

- Training in general housekeeping (cleaning, laundry, cooking)= 21,750 domestic workers were trained and they received certificates.
- Childcare, frail care and HIV/AIDS assistance=7,325 women trained, careworkers to homes etc.
- Advanced courses: Home Managers=413 passed.
- Our members in the "Mothusi" programme supported child-headed households (where parents have died of AIDS)-children caring for siblings.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## South African Union of Homemakers Clubs

South Africa

91071

Members: 170

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

The President was invited at multiple occasions to speak on community development, quality time with my child and the importance of knowing how to handle your finances. Much effort and time was spent by both President and Vice President in providing counselling in all areas especially teenage pregnancy and career guidance.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Pennies for friendship. All clubs collected Pennies for Friendship. Different methods were used e.g. Filling of bottles with coins, cent laying.

For fundraising the following initiatives were organised:

- High teas
- Valentine's day
- Breakfast
- Christmas in July

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Most work was done on the Millennium Development Goals. Particularly eradication of poverty and hunger. Soup Kitchens were regularly made available to the hungry. Members were also taught skills which could be used towards income generation.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Unfortunately, we lost some members during the triennium for various reasons. Some of them had to go back to work, others wanted to devote more time to caring for their grandchildren or were unable to reach the meetings location because of bad transport. For a while now, we have had challenges to find a suitable venue for the club activities. Despite the decrease in numbers over the last few years however, the remaining clubs are still going from strength to strength and it is with great pleasure that we report on our activities.

We organised:

- Feeding schemes – soup kitchens at hospitals, churches and street corners
- Educate training and crèches
- Needlework, tapestry, embroidery, crocheting, and knitting classes
- Beading and a rich variety of other arts and crafts classes
- Furniture restoration workshops
- Spoil-a-lady day especially for the seniors are often done at clubs
- Some of the clubs have also started Adopt-a-child/teenager/senior initiatives
- Training on entrepreneurship and saving water/electricity for club members – this activity proved to be a great need in the community
- Chairladies also organised demonstrations and motivational talks at schools, prisons, and libraries

The Secretary has concentrated on her task to send info and ideas to clubs. Motivating them to be dedicated in their mission, always giving their best. She encouraged ladies to start their own business and assist where possible. Despite challenges the Secretary faced, with the strikes and closes of post offices and lost post, she never lost her vision- Uplifting the Women.

The President and Vice President are also involved with The Historical Society of Elsie's River and the Afrikaans Language and Culture Association (ATKV). One of the clubs joined hands with the ATKV to support students with reading and writing.

The speakers that we invited to the Area Conference each dealt with a different Millennium Development Goals. Our link in the USA and a local link donated funds towards the purchase of sewing machines for "Sew to Survive" project. We train the poor sewing. Embroidery threads which we received from another Society in the USA was used to teach women embroidery-beautiful items were embroidered and sold for extra income. All our clubs concentrate on teaching members handwork and other skills which their families could benefit from. Correctional Services asked us to teach probationers to cook quick, cheap and easy dishes for families. We have been involved with the upliftment of probationers for the past 5 years.

Hats off to our focussed and hard-working chairladies who want the best for their members and a very warm welcome to our youngest club called Club Meraki.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016?

## South African Women's Agricultural Union

South Africa

93072

Members: 5,000

Website: [www.savlu.co.za](http://www.savlu.co.za)

Social Media: Facebook: Suid Afrikaanse Vroue Landbou Unie

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

At the heart of all of ACWW's activities is the Empowerment of Women. We focus on this important matter and our Theme for 2018 is- Uplift a woman. We arrange and attend discussion groups on relevant topics about the work of the ACWW. We prepare resolutions of national and international interest for discussion at meetings and Conferences. We also collect Information about issues that affect rural women from the Area President. International Women's Day is celebrated around the country during March each year. We also take part in the Global Survey

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes we do contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We spend a lot of time making members aware of the importance of Food Security. Food, care, and health are in the hearts of women. Working in these fields contributes to the development of life-standards and to the eradication of poverty.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

In striving to educate and uplift women to be role models in their community SAWAU provides an invaluable service to the women of South Africa. Members are also reaching out and making a difference to their communities and their environment

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Women's Agricultural Union Mpumalanga

Country

91028

Members: 886

Website: [www.vlumpumalanga.weebly.com](http://www.vlumpumalanga.weebly.com)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Members focussed on 'working together for a better future', encouraging women to take ownership of their own development to improve lives and uplift families and communities. Supported woman walk the world, international forum of rural women, teatime campaign, 16 days of violence against women and girls, colour the world orange and awareness month in April with colour carnaval. ACWW and sound of the south newsletters were circulated.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Contributed pennies for friendship (404, 308, 500) altogether £1212 Held international days were money was raised. 13 individual members and WAU MP received the country women. 7 members attended the southern Africa area conference in Gauteng. Chicken moulds were decorated and sold in aid of abused women. Recycling piggy banks were made and sold in aid of costs for spreading knitted dolls to schools as awareness for human trafficking.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Resolutions and recommendations were sent to members by e-mail and published in our own magazine the Communique as awareness. Members supported the use of plastic in packaging to reduce the impact on the environment. Awareness of food sovereignty was supported and members still supporting tree planting and the using of own shopping bags instead of plastic to contribute to the environment

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Quality programmes, training courses and skills such as embroidery, crafts, needle work, knit, crochet and baking. Supported women in prison with workshops and 'Christmas behind bars', human trafficking awareness in schools, supported Cansa, Alzheimer patients, old age homes, pre-schools, schools for disabled children and families in need with food, blankets and clothing. Supported project 'teach people to provide for themselves', recycling project helped starting crèche on farm.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Women's Agricultural Union North

South Africa

91207

Members: 498

Website: [www.vlunoord.co.za](http://www.vlunoord.co.za)

Social Media: Facebook: VLU Noord

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

WAU North try from branch level upwards to advocate policies by first of all enlightening the members. We have speakers on the polices to empower members to take the info into their communities.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes, the society pays Pennies for Friendship directly to the London office.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

WAU North received the resolutions and recommendations from the South African Women Agricultural Union and this information was then sent to all of the branches. The branches then tried to implement the resolutions and recommendations in their local community as far as possible.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

The main activity of our society is educating our members and incorporates it into all levels of our society, from branch level up to executive level. Some of our branches do training for young girls during the school holidays and the two Ellisras branches started training for domestic workers in 2015. Workshops are held, and demonstrations are given at the monthly meetings. To evaluate our members' skills our society has regional and provincial competitions. Almost all of the branches are involved in community work and projects. WAU North had a drive in 2017 to handout handmade toys to children cancer patients in hospitals and is now busy with knitted mittens for the children. We also collect used bread tags, for every 50kg we collect we can handout a wheelchair. Four wheelchairs where handed out. 2017. Our members are aware of and informed about human trafficking.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

# Society Reports: South Pacific 2016-2019

## Country Women's Association of New South Wales (CWA of NSW)

Australia

91003

Members: 8,200

Website: [www.cwaofnsw.org.au](http://www.cwaofnsw.org.au)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

To encourage further knowledge of ACWW, CWA of NSW donated \$15,000 towards delegate's expenses so that Island women could attend the ACWW South Pacific Area Conference in New Zealand 2017. As we sponsor the ACWW membership of the Solomon Islands, we are funding 2 delegates from this country, plus 2 delegates from Kiribati and 2 delegates from Tuvalu to attend this World Conference in Melbourne 2019.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Branches and Groups host International Days with monies raised from these events donated to ACWW. Members supported the Global Survey on the Living Conditions of Rural Women, Women Walk the World, International Women's Day, Rural Women's Day, the ACWW General Fund, Clean Water for All, Coins for Friendship, Doctors without Borders, Foreign Coins Collection as well as many other International projects.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

This past Triennium CWA of NSW has continued to distribute Material Aid, Mother & Baby Packs, Stationary Packs and School Supplies and uniforms, and donated bras and pants throughout our South Pacific Area. We thank all our members who support these programs and pack these items to send out to the Island communities.

Here at home, CWA of NSW is at the forefront of the current Drought Crisis in Australia, distributing \$millions of AUD to families in need and advising Governments on Drought Policy. As the largest women's lobbying group in NSW, CWA of NSW are instrumental on ensuring that women and their communities are supported, educated, have health facilities and a network of support for families in crisis. We encourage environmental accountability and want to ensure a positive safe future for all women in our World.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

CWA of NSW continues to promote International goodwill and friendship through the support of ACWW by our membership. Each year CWA of NSW studies a different country and holds a State International Seminar in Dubbo to highlight the current Nation. In 2019, our Country of Study is Papua New Guinea and members will be able to learn all about "PNG" in time for the ACWW South Pacific Conference to be held in Port Moresby in 2020.

CWA of NSW has funded many projects in our South Pacific Area. We sponsored Adult Literacy classes and supplied sewing machines for Papua New Guinea, donated \$50,000 to the New Zealand Earthquake Appeal, supplied water tanks to Tonga and supported the ACWW South Pacific President and the South Pacific Projects Fund.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down



## Country Women's Association Giligili

Papua New Guinea

95368

Members: 20

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

1. Gender Based Violence
2. Sexual Violence
3. Food Security – encouraging women to grow crops with high nutritional value around their homes
4. HIV/AIDS Awareness

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes, 2018, £70.00 through Women Walk the World Fund Raising

Sewing /craft, gardening; growing vegetables and selling them at affordable prices; assisting women and their families to alleviate the poverty level; assisting women to develop self-reliance.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Reduce Poverty - By carrying out sustainable projects, using available resources in the beneficiaries' communities.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Major activity Giligili has done so far is on "Learning and Doing It" teaching women from all walks of life to be independent. In order to do this, the CWA Giligili have conducted several trainings employing a network of skilled and talented women to teach:

- a. Leadership
- b. Using waste plastics, empty butter container, flex cards as part of waste recycle. One of their income generating methods was to use waste for flower decorations for homes, hospitals and offices.
- c. Floral decoration, using home grown natural flowers of all types-this is also for income generation, to sustain family living.
- d. Early Age child minding – introduction for young mothers

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

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## CWA Toongabbie Branch

Australia

95278

Members: 13

Social Media:

Facebook -Toongabbie CWA

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We support the policies of ACWW by ensuring our members are aware of the educational, practical and gender equality policies. By allocating funds to CWA State Office, from our members' fund raising each year, we help with financing ACWW work within these policies

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

As part of our CWA of NSW Group, we donate funds to Pennies for Friendship, which is collected at meetings and International Lunches

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Our State Office ensures that Group International Officers communicate the work of ACWW to individual Branches and supports the International State Seminar each year.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

As part of our CWA Group we have contributed to Material Aid and Mother and Baby Packs for PNG

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

## The Country Women's Association of Western Australia (Inc)

Australia

91007

Members: 2,203

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Countries of Study: Malta, Peru, and Papua New Guinea. Branches held International Days to improve understanding with guest speakers and delicious meals. International Days: Recognition and support of all ACWW Days with displays at branch and State level. ACWW Conferences: Attendance at the 28<sup>th</sup> World Conference in Warwick, England. ACWW Global Survey on Living Conditions of Rural Women – distributed information to members. 16<sup>th</sup> South Pacific Area Conference New Plymouth, New Zealand. Funds were given to assist delegates from South Pacific Societies to also attend. Donations of goods given to SP Island delegates.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

- ACWW Pennies for Friendship: Collected 1/4/2018 to 31/07/2018- \$86
- ACWW Women Walk The World: Collected 1/4/2018 to 31/07/2018- \$2918.80
- ACWW Pennies for Friendship: Collected 1/4/2017 to 31/03/2018- \$6794.75
- ACWW Women Walk the World: Collected 1/4/2017 to 31/03/2018- \$1271.45
- ACWW Pennies for Friendship: Collected 1/4/2016 to 31/03/2017- \$6125.15
- ACWW Women Walk the World: Collected 1/4/2016 to 31/03/2017- \$1260.22
- ACWW Pennies for Friendship: Collected 1/4/2015 to 31/03/2016- \$8439.29
- ACWW Women Walk the World: Collected 1/4/2015 to 31/03/2016- \$1881.85
- International Shipment of Goods to South Pacific Area: (December 2015 to August 2018): Goods donated by branches hand carried to East Timor

Support for Jiwaka CWA's Kingku Technical College – Donation of funds to purchase computers. As Timor-Leste is the closest South Pacific Area country to Western Australia, we have focussed there in 2017 – 2018. Bairo Pite Clinic – donations of funds for 'Baby Buckets' containing needs for new mothers. Kids Ark School – provision of education supplies. Casa Vida Home for abused girls – donations of baby clothes and pamper packs plus funding for a freezer, Christmas celebrations and nutrition programme. Maluk Timor – support for children in nutrition programme. A work party travelled to Timor Leste to paint murals, build playgrounds, construct buildings and carry out repairs at the above locations. Health talks were also given at the school. A second work party will depart in October 2018 to carry out similar projects. Casa Vida, with encouragement and fee payment by CWA of WA has become a member of ACWW. Donated 18 kg used spectacles to Lions and 18 kg of used postage stamps.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Maternal Health: Negotiations underway to assist with accommodation for migrant pregnant women in the south of Western Australia. A successful motion at the 91<sup>st</sup> State Conference for early diagnosis of gynaecological cancers.

South Pacific Area Conference 2017: Motion: Moved CWA of WA that 'Member societies of ACWW South Pacific Area request their governments and industries to take urgent action as appropriate to ensure the wise use and protection of the shared marine environment to protect the sustainability of coral reefs and fish stocks for future generations.'

Other Association Work: Continued support of health, education and welfare for families; transport and environmental issues; agricultural and rural sustainability.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Assistance from CWA of WA branches has been provided during and after droughts, floods, cyclones and bushfires. Assistance has been dispersed for emergencies, health needs, education assistance, and bursaries; breast prostheses for women who have undergone breast surgery; items for hospitals, women's refuges and outback communities in Western Australia. Rural Medical and Dental Scholarships offered which encourage students to return to rural areas to practice. \$AUS 90,000 raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA. At our 94th State Conference from 23-26 July 2018 the following motion was passed in relation to women's sanitary items- Preamble: Since the introduction of Goods and Services Tax in Australia, GST has applied to the cost of sanitary pads and tampons which were not included in the list of GST exempt health goods and it is believed these items are essential to the health and well-being of all menstruating females, it is moved that: "The Country Women's Association of Western Australia (Inc) request the Federal Government to amend the list of GST exempt health goods to include sanitary pads and tampons." The CWA of WA's held its first ever protest march and rally at State Parliament on 13 February 2018, protesting rural education cutbacks. The CWA of WA continues to protest State government cuts to agricultural colleges, farm schools and community resource centres.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? No answer given

## Queensland Country Women's Association

Australia

91008

Members: Undeclared

Website: [www.qcwa.org.au](http://www.qcwa.org.au)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Encouraged participation in ACWW's Rural Women's Forum survey.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes, members have collections at meetings at every level. Held Women Walk the World events and held jewellery sales. Donations have been made to SPA for water tanks, earthquake relief in Fiji; contributed to SPA President, ACWW 40th Anniversary Projects, Water for All, Feed the World and the fund to help women attend the TWC.

We have studied a different country since 1945 and sales of the current country recipe book and tea towel support ACWW.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Attended regular meetings with State Government to discuss education/gender equality/domestic violence/health/family and agricultural issues. Used our Express Newsletter and Facebook page to share events e.g. Diabetes Day, Blood donations and issues of concern. Held Region and State Conferences where resolutions/recommendations that may go beyond our state and country are encouraged.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Used the UN SDG Goals to focus our activities e.g. Goal 3- Country Kitchens programme to reduce obesity and related diseases; produced a cook book focusing on more fruit and vegetables and less sugar; joined Red Cross Blood Donation Programme; have a Mental Health Project. Provided birthing and school kits to SPA countries.

Due to ongoing drought conditions, managed a Public Rural Crisis Fund helping farmers, families and communities with vouchers and paying bills. \$789,466. has been given since 2016. Every dollar donated is given in aid. We also manage a disaster fund for floods, fire, etc.

We have implemented numerous policies to ensure safety of members and volunteers with issues such as Child Protection, Privacy, Bullying & Harassment.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

## Rural Women New Zealand

New Zealand

91062

Members: 1,850

Website: [www.ruralwomen.org.nz](http://www.ruralwomen.org.nz) Social Media: Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We wrote letters to all Ministers, party spokespeople, and government departments asking them to take appropriate action on the following: food sovereignty, protecting the shared marine environment, button batteries and cervical cancer prevention and treatment in the Pacific. Include reference to ACWW resolutions and recommendations in submissions and meetings as appropriate.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Since January 2016: \$10,464 to Pennies for Friendship and \$6593 – Projects for Pacific

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We reported on the ACWW conferences to our membership which included promoting ACWW resolutions and recommendations. In relation to button batteries, RWNZ were instrumental in the Government changing the manufacturers' safety obligations.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Enterprising Rural Women Awards – 2017 was the eighth year. This is well supported by partners, sponsors and media. We initiated these awards to empower and celebrate women in rural enterprise. In 2018, the Awards have had a refresh after feedback from Partners and Members and is now renamed Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards.

Hosted the South Pacific Area Conference in New Plymouth in 2017. Waipa King Country Provincial financially assisted delegates from the Pacific to attend the conference.

Sponsorship of events such as Golden Shears, Wool On, Young Farmers NZ Suicide Prevention programme and attendance, Sika Show, She Shears documentary film.

We attended two National Fielddays as part of the Health and Wellness Hub – this is one of the biggest events in the world of its kind with over 120,000 attendees over the four-day event.

Promoting Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women.

Hosted World President and South Pacific Area President at the National Conference in Wellington 2016.

Country of Study: 2018 Iceland and 2017 ACWW.

Submissions on legislation and reviews are included in our regular business as usual work and our policy is informed by surveys to Members and Stakeholders, SDGs, and international instruments such as CEDAW, ILO Conventions and CSW62 agreed outcomes. We always include a reference to gender and rural impact analyses in our submissions.

Rural Women NZ were instrumental in the adoption of the Rural Proofing Guidelines with the new Government. All government departments and agencies are expected to use this in their policy development and service delivery planning.

Members voted to have Conference and AGM as two separate events and we also hold regular regional conferences and events.

We continue to work closely with other groups and entities including the International Women's Caucus, Ministry for Women, Human Rights Commission, Women's Institute, Rural Education Reference Group, Rural Crime Prevention Stakeholders Partnership, MPI Industry Leaders group, Age Concern NZ, NZ College of Midwives, National Adverse Events Committee, Farming Mums NZ, Dairy Women's Network, Federated Farmers of NZ, Young Farmers NZ, Rural Support Trust, National Council of Women and others.

National President, Fiona Gower attended the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, representing RWNZ on the Pacific Women's Watch delegation and our National Chair, Penny Mudford was the civil society representative on the NZ Government Delegation. We were involved in organising a side event with the Human Rights Commission and Ministry for Women and we organised a parallel event at CSW62 which was a panel discussion with ACWW, NZ Federation of Business & Professional Women, Aotearoa Youth Leadership and Sticks and Stones. This was live-streamed by ACWW.

We were included in the collaborative alternate report to CEDAW and as a consequence we did an oral presentation at the CEDAW Committee in Geneva and also provided a fact sheet and questions for the Committee to consider asking our state party representatives.

We lodged a submission to New Zealand's Universal Periodic Review being undertaken by the UN Human Rights Council.

Since the last report RWNZ has lodged 32 submissions to Parliament and Commissions sharing our authoritative voice on rural issues. These are informed by the Board, Member surveys, current policy, Portfolio Hubs and their Convenors, and our Rapid Response teams.

We continue to build on the solid Government, Ministry and Commission relationships.

Since our last report, New Zealand suffered another large earthquake which impacted the Kaikoura, North Canterbury and Wellington regions. The Adverse Events Relief Fund which supports other rural people, groups and communities following an adverse event or natural disaster that disrupts their lives leaving them in need of financial assistance. Some funds are used for community-based events. We continue to promote the Aftersocks campaign to raise funds as well as the Branch and Provincial donations. Special thanks go to CWA of NSW for their generous contribution to the earthquake fund.

We are concerned about the issues facing migrant women working and living in New Zealand especially in our rural communities and we are beginning to assist other groups to support them.

Mycoplasma bovis (M. Bovis) has been found in our national cattle herd and we have been involved in the industry leaders' discussions and decision on managing eradication of the disease.

We were involved with the Government's announcement including National President, Fiona Gower speaking at the Prime Minister's Press Conference informing the media on the decision of phased eradication and accompanying her, the Minister of Agriculture and Biosecurity Hon Damien O'Connor, Government officials and industry leaders on farm visits. We continue to work in our communities to support those affected by M. Bovis.

Rural Women New Zealand Members continue to support ACWW Women Walk the World, International Women's Day and International Rural Women's Day.

This year we are celebrating 125 years of Suffrage.

RWNZ Theme of the Year: Women of the Land: Nga wāhine taiwhenua o Aotearoa

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Stayed the same

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## Solomon Islands Rural Women's Associations and Groups (SIRWAG)

Solomon Islands                      94600                      Members: 1,100

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

In our development approach, we focus on gender issues. We believe that gender equality should be a priority and will be pivotal step on the road to sustainable development.

We provide training for women's community groups and organise them into savings clubs. A Financial Inclusion survey conducted in 2013 by the Central Bank of Solomon Islands found that about 59% to 60% of women in Solomon Islands did not have bank accounts for various reasons: illiteracy, not having the identification to open bank accounts such as passports, no drivers licence, no National Provident Fund number. All of which a person in the rural area would not have because most of them would not have travelled overseas, owned a car or had an NPF account. The situation for rural women is further compounded by their gender role within the society which bounds them to rarely leave their homes unattended.

So, by setting up savings clubs, the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs is creating an environment which will allow women to team up and literally become their own banks. Savings clubs will bring closer some of the services that have so far been out of reach for them. They will have somewhere safe to make deposits and accumulate their wealth and assets or have a source of funds from which they can take out small loans, to start a business or to pay for school fees and church contributions.

So far, we have registered 100 such groups countrywide.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

No

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Our priority areas of work are as follows: 1. Gender responsive programmes / 2. Improve the economic status of women / 3. Equal participation of both women and men at all decision-making levels / 4. Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls / 5. Women, Peace and Security / 6. Education / 7. Health

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Coordination of the EAW (End Violence Against Women) Policy and Family Protection Act

Coordination of the Women's Economic Empowerment Strategy

Implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Programme

Building the capacity of the SAFENET, which is the national referral network for victims and survivors of domestic violence

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone up

## The South Australian Country Women's Association Inc

Australia

91009

Members: 1,649

Website: [www.sacwa.org.au](http://www.sacwa.org.au)

Social Media: Facebook

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

No information supplied

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

For the Triennium: South Pacific Assistance \$6,119 (Pig project, Lami Fiji; Stationary supplies for indigenous schools in south Australia and colourful knitted beanies for indigenous communities and Nepal. Pennies for Friendship \$9,183 South Pacific Island women were supported to attend ACWW conferences. Sale of Stamps \$550 for Committee work

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Conference delegates report to members so that they can disseminate information on Resolutions and Recommendations and promote discussion locally. SACWA members have been active in discussions on reducing waste and sustainability. Members and friends have been encouraged to do the survey on conditions of life for rural women.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

A regular ACWW awareness day in May each year organised by SACWA International committee. Information given on ACWW and country or study 2016 Nepal; 2017 Jamaica; 2018 Ireland and Guest speaker Mrs Ruth Shanks AM. Members around the state participate in Women Walk the World.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Stayed the same

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## Taranaki Rural Women New Zealand

New Zealand

92468

Members: 190

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We hosted the South Pacific Area Conference in New Plymouth Taranaki New Zealand – 30th April to 3rd May 2017

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Members donated 185 NZD (around £97) to Women Walk the World.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

No information supplied

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We are currently fundraising for a project in the South Pacific – the beneficiary project is to be decided upon once the fundraising is completed. So far, we have raised 2,600 NZD hosting a special international day with sales table and baking stall. There we catered a lunch for 80 people at the Holstein Friesian National Conference in New Plymouth.

In September 2017 we were given toddler and baby knitting from the Manaia Knitters which we gave to Magdie de Kock to pass on to women in her local communities. We were fortunate to have a member travelling to South Africa who was able to meet up with Madgie and personally hand over the knitting.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated

Australia

91006

Members: 5,500

Website: [www.cwaofvic.org.au](http://www.cwaofvic.org.au)

Social Media: Facebook

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Promoting Global Survey throughout Victoria.

Representative on United Nations Status of Women Committee Victoria.

Promoting 2019 ACWW Triennial World Conference to outside organisations as well as members.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Members have donated over \$50,000 to Pennies for Friendship between 2016-2018.

Women Walk the World donations over \$8,000.

Donated money to ACWW to help finish ACWW Pepik District Water Project.

Donated \$5,000 to South Pacific Area Fund to support and help victims of disasters in Tonga and Papua New Guinea.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Put forth 2019 Triennial World Conference resolution on Eradication of Rabies.

Supported ACWW resolutions from 2016 World Triennial Conference and 2017 South Pacific Area Conference in principle and where relevant and reported these throughout and via our membership.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Members travelling overseas deliver goods to Nepal, Fiji, Vanuatu, PNG as well as birthing kits sent to Kiribati and Kiunga PNG.

Continually sending goods to South Pacific Island areas.

Members raising money to sponsor women from South Pacific Islands to attend 2019 World Conference.

Local donations to hospitals and support agencies.

Support local disasters such as fires and floods.

Support homeless by donating scarves, beanies, rugs.

Donations of women's hygiene products to homeless and women affected by domestic violence.

Support of women in prison at Dame Phyllis Frost Centre.

Support refugee centre.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

# Society Reports: United States of America 2016-2019

## Country Women's Council

United States of America 93495

Members: Undeclared

Website: [www.cwcusa.org](http://www.cwcusa.org)

Social Media: Facebook: Country Women's Council USA

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

All societies have joined the Zero Hunger Challenge and members are collecting dimes that will be donated to the challenge. CWC societies participated in choosing 2 ACWW projects to support and donated monies to fully fund.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

All societies participate in fundraising for ACWW. Pennies for Friendship contributions to ACWW were \$32,190.00 and societies raised \$17,036.00 for Women Feed the World and Zero Hunger, Special Projects and Water for All. CWC Societies supported 2 ACWW-Funded projects. Members participated in Women Walk the World and Tea Parties to raise funds for Pennies.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Member societies conducted projects on water conservation and clean drinking water; Zero Hunger, Human Trafficking and the importance of Immunization.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Much needed water filters were sent to Tanzania and Nicaragua. Ruth Buxton Sayre scholarships were award to 4 recipients annually (\$500.00 each) for a total of 12 this Triennial.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Florida Association for Family and Community Education

United States of America 92461

Members: Undeclared

Website: [www.fahce.org](http://www.fahce.org)

Social Media: Facebook: FAHCE

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes. We have made donations to two ACWW-funded projects as well as an annual Pennies for Friendship donations. Local clubs participate in Women Walk the World events.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Support Zero Hunger Challenge through public awareness campaigns, food drives and fundraising efforts.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Worked with local school districts to provide training to teachers and administrators on options during an active shooter event on campus. Once training was completed, a 'toolbox' of items was presented to each teacher for use in the classroom.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down



## Illinois Association for Home and Community Education

United States of America 91110

Members: 6,264

Website: [www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org)

Social Media: Facebook: State IAHCE

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Currently promoting the Zero Hunger Challenge. Providing materials on how to limit waste. Producing a cookbook of recipes using only leftovers. Challenging each county to fill a small water bottle with dimes to aid the Zero Hunger Challenge. Several counties in our state also participated in the Women Walk the World Activity.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Each year the IAHCE contributes to the Pennies for Friendship cause. The money is divided among several different ACWW projects as well as some going to the general fund. Water projects have been supported for many years.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We encourage the membership to learn more about the world through focusing on one country of the world to learn about each year, our "country of study".

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We have restarted the International Exchange Programme which sends a member from our society to another country and that country in turns sends a representative from their country to our state. The people tour the state or country bringing information back to each other's membership about their journey. Provide financial support to the International Foreign Youth Exchange programme as well as the 4-H Labo programme. Both programmes support adults and youth in travels abroad. The Labo is based in Japan.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Indiana Extension Homemakers Association

United States of America 91111

Members: 8,340

Website: [www.ieha-families.org](http://www.ieha-families.org)

Social Media:

Facebook: Indiana Extension Homemakers Association

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Indiana Extension Homemakers Association members participated in the Eat Healthy, Eat Local challenge as affiliated NVON members. Members were asked to track visits to farmer's markets and roadside stands, cultivation in home gardens and leadership/education of others in those quests. Members reported more conscious eating habits and better nutritional health. World Hunger was discussed at other gatherings of the members and collections were taken to collect \$521 toward the Zero Hunger Challenge. World hunger and clean water topics continue to be a focus for educational lessons and conference sessions.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Yes. IEHA continues to collect Coins for Friendship at regularly State sponsored events, with collections also taken at the county and local levels. \$383 in 2016, \$539 in 2017 and \$892 was collected in 2018. Members helped to raise funds to support 3 ACWW-funded projects. Madison County (Indiana) Homemakers raised \$343 for their Women Walk the World event.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

World hunger and clean water topics continue to be a focus for lessons and conference sessions. Healthy eating and health concerns, such as immunizations, are topics for lessons to our members, as well. Club members are becoming more conscious of using recyclable goods and eliminating waste of food and other natural resources at meetings and other events.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Our organization raised over \$12,000 toward cancer research in 2018. Similar amounts were raised in 2017 & 2016. Over 1000 comfort shawls were made to be provided to families of organ donors throughout the state. Pillows, blankets, hats, gloves and quilts were made and provided to hospitalized children. Items such as lap robes, walker caddies and fidget quilts were provided to nursing homes. Collections of canned and boxed foods, toiletries and personal items and clothing were gathered to support local food pantries around the state. Leadership and educational activities providing basic homemaking skills were offered in a number of communities. IEHA offers a Host-a-Hoosier programme to exchange ideas and cultivate friendships around the state within our own organization. We support the Exchange Homemaker Programme and welcomed Margaret Christiansen from Canada in 2017. IEHA member and past State President, Nancy Jo Prue, visited Ontario, Canada for their provincial conference in June of 2018. Backpack programmes (providing food to school children for the weekend) and support of military families are also highly supported programmes. \$1000 was raised to purchase water filters through NVON.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild

United States of America 92114

Members: 79

Website: [www.iowamasterhomemaker.org](http://www.iowamasterhomemaker.org)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Iowa Master Farm Homemakers continue to expand their knowledge of world issues through personal travel in the world. In 2017 we did a WWW fund raiser to encourage walking as part of a healthy lifestyle. As an organization at our semi-annual meetings we always ask for funds to support health, water issues and educational funding for women.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

During the 2 meetings of 2017 and the first meeting of 2018 our membership contributed \$222 for Pennies For Friendship, \$129 for Save the Sight, \$172.50 Water For All, and \$221.75 for Women Walk the World.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Our membership continues to be very active on local, state and national levels to improve our communities and the lifestyles of the people who live there. We also join with NMFHG, CWC and ACWW on the projects that they support.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Iowa Master Farm Homemakers hosted the Country Women's Council (CWC) and the ACWW Area Meeting in Iowa September 9-12, 2018.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association

United States of America 91118

Members: 14,462

Website: [www.keha.ca.uky.edu](http://www.keha.ca.uky.edu)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

KEHA International Chair travelled to numerous county meetings and area meeting to promote the sustainable development goals with the emphasis on Zero Hunger and Climate Change.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

KEHA collected and donated \$7,632.11 for Pennies for Friendship. Donated \$200 for Women Walk the World. Donated \$1,000 for ACWW-funded projects.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Promoted the vaccination of children 2 and under throughout the state of Kentucky. Promoted and supported breastfeeding mothers by providing them with a place to breastfeeding room. 380 members participated in Clean Water and Sanitation Awareness Programme. KEHA throughout the state conducted programmes to have a better understanding about ACWW, it's work, and projects. Members made and donated 3,245 washable sanitary pads to girls in Haiti and Africa. Programmes to encourage members on Zero Food Waste.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Donated 210 quilts and 1080 pillowcases to Centre for Courageous. Donated the total of over \$1.4 million to Markey Cancer Centre beginning in 1978, supporting ovarian cancer research. Made and donated 583 girls dresses to Haiti. Made and donated 1,235 shoes to Uganda children (Sole Hope). Mentored school age girls on daily life etiquette. Women's Safety Programme. KEHA members continued to support scholarship to girls who wanted higher Education. Members throughout Kentucky studied culture and women's situation in 65 countries and invited individual native from that country as a speaker. Members supported the Women's Crisis Centre by donating personal items and toys for children. Members joined the Women's March in Washington D.C. to advocate human rights, women's right, immigration reform, health care reform etc. 993 members planted trees in public places and their home and conducted a programme of how important are our trees. 598 members now grow their own food and some started community gardens. 325 members continually donated food in Backpack Programme. Some KEHA members started a club in the rural area in the Philippines. One of the members now seated as one of the village council member. KEHA donated 140 Bucket Water Filters to the Philippines and 30 water filters to Huston Texas during flood. KEHA donated 16 sewing machines and 1 serger to start a sewing cooperative in 2 villages in Africa for marginal women to generate income while caring their children. Donated over 60 sewing kits (2 yards fabric, spools of thread, scissors, needles etc.) to Africa. Meade county donated \$1,800 to pay for sewing instructor for women in Africa. Finishing the \$35,000 library project in Adjeikrom, Ghana, West Africa.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Missouri Association for Family and Community Education

United States of America

19600

Members: 328

Website: [www.mafce.com](http://www.mafce.com)

Social Media: Missouri Association for Family and Community Education

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We have many projects, we join in the Women Walk the World on April 29<sup>th</sup>. This year we are working on the Zero hunger.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

yes, for water, nutrition, and general funds.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

ACWW has been promoted at all of the state meetings and our Spring District Meetings. We encourage members to give for financial help and to work on the projects ACWW promotes. This year we choose to use Zero Hunger for a project.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We asked the members to save their dimes to fill up a water bottle. This will bring in more coins for friendship for ACWW.

We are joining with the "No Child goes Hungry" where we help with back packs for the children to take home over the week end.

We give enough food for the family to eat over the weekend. This is a new project for us and we are just now getting started in the actual work. We are making weighted blankets for children over Missouri. Over 400 have been given to State Schools etc.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## National Association for Family and Community Education

United States of America

93090

Members: 3,299

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Wrote educational material and held workshops on sugar/fructose addiction. Wrote educational material and held workshops on Human Trafficking. Wrote educational material and held workshops on how to manage obesity. Produced educational materials and classes on controversial drug issues and how to keep communities safe.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

States participate in collecting "Pennies/Coins for Friendship"

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Have 3 main service project focuses – Human Trafficking, Slave Labour Trafficking, and Zero Hunger. Hold an annual "Character Counts!" Essay and Artwork contest for 4<sup>th</sup> grade children on one of the Six Pillars of Character. Annually produce educational materials and classes on leadership skills, we see the benefit of good leadership skills for both women and men. States participated in the Global Survey for rural women. Several states participate in Women Walk the World.

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## National Master Farm Homemakers Guild

United States of America

93091

Members: 374

Website: [www.nationalmasterfarmhomemakersguild.org](http://www.nationalmasterfarmhomemakersguild.org)

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Increase opportunities for further education for graduating high school girls who have had their educational training delayed or interrupted due to financial and/or family issues.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Pennies for friendship has been an on-going project for Master Farm Homemakers Guild members. Collections are taken at national meetings and at state meetings. Ruth B. Sayre scholarship fund is supported on an annual basis, through contributions from the national guild and from state guilds. Women walk the world is celebrated, each state planning their own activity.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Contributions have been made to the following efforts: water for all, feed the world, nutrition, and sight.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Foundation for agriculture is supported by MFHG state guilds. In Colorado, contributions made it possible to adopt classroom programmes that include distribution of the Colorado reader to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This newspaper contains information about the importance of agriculture and improve agricultural literacy. Also, scholarships have been awarded for teachers to attend a one-week summer institute on how to infuse agriculture in classroom curriculum. A special fundraiser to donate truckloads of hay was coordinated in the Iowa guild to support farmers in the state of Kansas who suffered fire damage to crops/livestock.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Oklahoma Home and Community Education

United States of America

91156

Members: 3,530

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We have promoted support of Pennies for Friendship, Water for All and the Zero Hunger Challenge.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

\$1808 USD for Pennies for Friendship, \$74.59 for Water for All

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Bringing awareness to our society of Food Sovereignty

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

La Preciosita Student Project - \$3600.00USD This project has allowed us to pay transport costs for 9 students in Mexico to attend High School. Finishing High School will obtain better paying jobs for these students some of which have gone on to college to give back to their villages and communities.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## Oregon Association for Family and Community Education

United States of America

91158

Members: 403

Website: [www.oregon-fce.org](http://www.oregon-fce.org)

Social Media: Facebook: Oregon Association for Family and Community Education

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

Present two or three workshops dealing with a different country. Since 2016 workshops have been presented on India, Canada, England and Iceland. We gave, developed, used, and presented programmes on Childhood Literacy, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and on Recycling

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

Pennies for Friendship collected each year. It is usually sent to National FCE to be included in their contribution. The money collected in 2016-17 was sent directly to ACWW in a check for about \$1,200.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

Work has been done on a Human Trafficking project. We understand that this is a global issue and we hope to be able to make a difference through education of our community members and working with legislators to pass stiffer laws for the perpetrators and have more help available for the Victims.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

Several groups hold "Women Walk the World" events. Many pounds of embroidery floss and yarn are collected each year. Floss is sent to The Dhutt Memorial in Calcutta India; and more recently to Henrietta Schoeman for the members in South Africa. We have written, developed and presented programme on helping adults understand their role in helping young people use Social Media and other internet uses. We support, develop, and use Character Education for all people. One of our groups taught a programme on the proper disposal of Electronic Waste. A programme was presented on "Precious Water" this dealt with the conservation of water.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone Down

## Shelby County Extension Homemakers Association

United States of America

92517

Members: 325

Social Media:

Facebook: Shelby County Extension Homemakers

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We have promoted ACWW through handouts, educational sessions, and word of mouth. We have shared on to other individuals the information that ACWW has posted on Facebook, and we have had educational lessons concerning the topics that most interest our ladies that ACWW supports.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

We have been able to support Women Walk the World and Pennies for Friendship

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We had a support group that promoted tree planting and we had a support group that held a session on Human Trafficking.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We held a lesson with 5 session on Adult skills and we donated 500 books to government supported day cares.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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## South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

United States of America

91164

Members: 855

Website: [www.scfcl.com](http://www.scfcl.com)

Social Media:

South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

SCFCL has had numerous programmes at meetings that have addressed the issue of Human Trafficking. We talk with local and state officials to let them know how important and concerned we are about this issue concerning women and children.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

SCFCL members, through their generous voluntary donations have given \$1516.18 to ACWW Pennies for Friendship. Pennies, coins, and paper money are collected at meetings and events to help support ACWW. Members support Women Walk the World Day by "walking and talking" about the good work ACWW does around the world. We place notices in our newsletters, take picture of activities and talk about this project at meetings for ACWW awareness. Members are participating in the Zero Hunger Challenge to eliminate food waste and reduce global hunger. At the recent ACWW USA Area Summit, each attendee was reminded about the Zero Hunger Challenge. At a previous meeting, members had been given an empty small water bottle with the hole just big enough for a US dime (\$.10). When full, the bottle holds about \$50.00. Half the money collected goes to ACWW and half goes to USA hunger programmes. Money will be collected at the end of 2018 and disbursed. We also support ACWW-funded projects.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

SCFCL has several Educational lessons that address Zero Hunger Challenge issues "Cleaning Up and Making the Environment Safe", and "Food Waste, ReSoil," a lesson that introduces members to compost made from leftover restaurant and grocery store foods. The leftover food is mixed with yard debris ending with a usable product keeping these items from entering landfills.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We support NVON's project "Water Around the World." Donations are collected from members. Water filters are purchased, taken by missionaries to areas of the world that are in much need of clean drinking water. Missionaries teach families how to use these simple water filters and a report is sent back to NVON to make sure families know how to take care of the water filters and how much better their lives are. \$130,000 worth of water filters have been sent to Haiti, Northern Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Sierra Leone, Thailand, and Zimbabwe.

Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

## Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

United States of America

91175

Members: 3,390

Website: [www.wahceinc.org](http://www.wahceinc.org)

Social Media: Facebook: Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

### What Advocacy work has your Society carried out on ACWW Policies or issues?

We have supported women and children through many presentations across the state with programmes throughout the state on violence and Human trafficking of women and children. We have discussed the needs of clean drinking water. We are helping the women in the remote areas to get instruction on good nutrition, the value of cleanliness and safe water, etc. This is another way we are working on the "Zero Hunger" initiative.

### Have you been able to contribute to ACWW Pennies for Friendship, ACWW projects or other Fundraising?

With undesignated Pennies we have purchased animals [not handled via ACWW and therefore, not reflected in ACWW annual accounts]. Our State ladies are very involved with Water around the World projects by donating funds for water filter and water wells. State members have participated in Women Walk the World on April 29<sup>th</sup> each year. Some Districts hosted Tea Time. Money from both events were donated to International projects.

### What work has your society done to promote ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations?

We have promoted the ACWW Resolution on Food Sovereignty with various written materials to members.

### What other major activities has your Society worked on or carried out?

We have contributed both money and items to the areas affected by the Hurricanes such as Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and several other Islands. Ladies throughout the state are very actively working on the Stove project to provide cinder block stoves to families so as they can eliminate the smoke intake into their bodies from their fires. Members have also done sewing projects and knitting projects that were sent with missionaries to very remote areas.

### Has your Membership gone up, down, or stayed the same since 2016? Gone down

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*"Every drop of water matters"* said Joyce\* to the ACWW resource person whilst demonstrating how she looks after her water harvesting jar.

An hour's drive east from Kampala, in Kabembe, ACWW Project 974 provided water harvesting jars for 19 grandmother's homes. Three years after the completion of the project, an ACWW resource person visited the project location and reported that the whole community has been working successfully towards ensuring the jar's proper maintenance and that their 4,500-litre capacity is being fully used.

Before the project, the beneficiaries had to walk 4 miles to fetch water and now they can save enough rain water for their daily needs and have learnt to use it wisely.

\* Beneficiary names are changed to protect privacy



# List of Attendees at the 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference

## In Alphabetical Order by Country

### Australia

Adams, Catherine Ann, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Caslake, Susan, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Adamson, Isla, Mrs	Observer	Chachs, Valerie, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Ades, Maree, Ms	Observer	Chapman, Joyce, Ms	Women in Agriculture and Business
Aistrope, Mignon Clarkson, Ms	Observer	Chobdzynski, Jenny, Mrs	Observer
Alderman, Joanne, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Christie, Alison, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Penrith Branch
Allen, Peter, Mr	Observer	Clark, Elizabeth, Miss	CWA Tasmania, Cressy Branch
Allen, Heather, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Clark, Faye, Miss	CWA of New South Wales
Althoff, Olga, Mrs	South Australian CWA, Ardrossan Branch	Claxton, Caroline, Mrs	CWA in Tasmania, Cressy Branch
Anderson, Jan, Mrs	Queensland CWA, Deeral Branch	Clay, Carol, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Anderson, Valda, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Cleeland, Lindy, Mrs	CWA of Tasmania
Andrew, Pamela, Mrs	Observer	Collette, Julianne Eve, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Angelov, Mirjana, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Boronia Branch	Commens J.P., Gail, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Eurongilly Branch
Anictomatis, Judy, Mrs	CWA of the Northern Territory	Cooper, Robyn, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Melton Thoroughbreds Branch
Armstrong, Faye, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Masedon Branch	Correll, Trevor Harold, Mr	Observer
Atkins, Joan, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Pascoe Vale Branch	Correll, Yvonne, Mrs	Women in Agriculture and Business
Ball, Glenys, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Coulter, Janette,	CWA of New South Wales, Morisset Branch
Barnbrook, Sarah	Observer	Cowan, Gay, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Port Macquarie Branch
Barnbrook, Shane, Mr	Observer	Crockett, Pamela, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Boroondara Branch
Barnett, Stephanie, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Daffern, Barbara, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Nelson Bay Branch
Barrand, Peter, Mr	Observer	Dale, Gwen, Mrs	Observer
Barrand, Rhonda, Mrs	Observer	Daly, Dorothy Ann, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Barrette, Janice, Ms	CWA of Victoria	Davies, Ann, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Warragul Evening Branch
Barrie, Wendy, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Melton Day Branch	Denereaz, Eileen Elizabeth, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Cranbourne Branch
Bartley, Lynette, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Belmont Branch	Denham, Judith, Ms	Queensland CWA
Baskerville, Nicole, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Altona Branch	Dewar, Marion Elinor, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Meeniyen Branch
Bastin, Barbara, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Warrnambool Night Owls	Dixon, Heather, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Bayside Branch
Batson, Kaye, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Birregurra Branch	Donaldson, Helana, Mrs	Observer
Battaini, Janet, Ms	CWA of Victoria	Donaldson, Maggie, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia
Batten, Pamela, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Donoghue, Aileen, Mrs	CWA of Tasmania, Sassafras/Wesley Vale
Battle, Gloria, Ms	Queensland CWA	Douglas, Sharon, Mrs	Observer
Beebe, Coral, Mrs	CWA of the Northern Territory	Dunn, Amy Hazel, Mrs	Queensland CWA, Condamine/Arubial Branch
Belfrage, Dorothy, Ms	CWA Geelong Group Central Nights Branch	Dunstan, Jane, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Castlemaine Branch
Benoy, Helen, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Foster Branch	Earwicker, Wendy Anne, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Bienvenu, Claire, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Buroonara Branch	East, Margery, Ms	Observer
Bjorksten, Elizabeth, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Edwards, Mary, Mrs	South Australian CWA
Black, Doreen Jean, Mrs	Observer	Evans, Jessamy, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Walton Branch
Blatch, Marjorie, Ms	Observer	Ferey, Marilyn, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Barnawartha Branch
Blinkhorn, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Field, Alison, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Boord, Jannette, Mrs	Lochaber Women in Agriculture and Business	Field, Juanita, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Borton, Denise, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Findlay, Emily, Ms	CWA of the Northern Territory, Alice Springs Branch
Boult, Barbara	CWA of Western Australia	Fleay, Dorothy, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Lilyana Branch
Bowe, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Moss Vale Branch	Fleming, Ronald, Mr	Observer
Bowman, Mary, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Fleming, Lyn, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Boys, Qona, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Maffra Branch	Forsyth, Annette, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Bradbery, Marie, Ms	CWA of New South Wales	Forsyth, Vickie, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Braddick, Jackie, Mrs	Queensland CWA, Willows Branch	Free, Rebecca Louise, Mrs	Observer
Braico, Lynette May, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Frohling, Beverley, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Pleasant Hills Branch
Brennan, Heather, Mrs	Queensland CWA, Bundaberg Branch	Fuller, June, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Medowie Branch
Breust, Margaret, Mrs	Observer	Gale, Elizabeth Jean, Mrs	Padthaway Women in Agriculture and Business
Brien, Beryl, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Lowanna Hills/Newborough	Galton, Helen, Mrs	Observer
Briggs, Jennifer Lynette, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Benalla Branch	Garrett, Suzanne Blodwen, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Britton, Penelope Anne, Ms	CWA of New South Wales	Gass, Susan, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Broughton, Jennifer,	CWA of Victoria	Gibbs, Val, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Canianbo Branch
Brown, Margaret, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Gillingham, Glenys, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Brown, Marie Ellen, Ms	CWA of NSW, Port Macquarie Evening Branch	Glasser, Margot Elizabeth, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, North Star Branch
Buck, Sharyn, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Glover, Faye, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Buist, Judith Ann, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Goodman, Cate, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Burgess, Betty, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Pascoe Vale Branch	Graham, Olwyn, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Burjorjee, Dianne, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Grahame, Alma Jean, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Boronia Branch
Button, Shirley, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Grainger, Noelene, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Belmont Branch
Byrnes, Rhonda, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Granger, Noel Joy, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Cameron, Tanya, Mrs	CWA of Australia	Grant, Mary, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Kurratong Branch
Cargill, Ruth, Miss	CWA of New South Wales	Green, Louise, Ms	Queensland CWA, Mackay Branch
Carr, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Grieves, Margaret Ann, Mrs	Queensland CWA



Grosvenor, Jane, Ms	CWA of Australia, Kingston & Channel Branch	Maguire, Rowena, Dr	Observer
Hadley, Dianne, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Kergunyah Branch	Mahony, Janette, Mrs	Observer
Haggarty, Rose, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Bacchus Marsh Branch	Marano, Ivy, Mrs	Queensland CWA, Ayr Branch
Hall, Patricia, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Mason, Lester, Mr	Observer
Hamling, Susan, Ms	CWA of NSW, Terrigal Evening Branch	Mason, Gwenda, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Hammon, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Yarrawonga & Border Branch	Mason, Janette, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Harkin, Catherine Lorne, Mrs	Barnawartha CWA	Materne, Julia, Mrs	South Australian CWA
Harris, Terry, Mr	Observer	Mawson, Pam, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Harris, Lynette, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Maxwell, Margaret, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Heaney, Rosslyn, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Swanpool Branch	Mccall, Gwynnyth, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Heard, Lorraine, Mrs	CWA Of Victoria, Drouin Branch	Mccarthy, Eleanor, Mrs	Queensland CWA, East Palmerston Branch
Heib, Louise Veronica, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Mcdonald, Joyce, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Myrtleford Branch
Henderson, Janet, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Mcfarlane, Robyn, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Hetherington, Paula, Mrs	Queensland CWA, St George Branch	McHale, Karen, Mrs	Observer
Hewat-Cameron, Merinda,	CWA of New South Wales	McKay, Margaret, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Hirst, Lynette, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	McKenzie, Fiona,	Queenland CWA
Hodgson, Elisabeth, Mrs	Observer	Mckinnon, Lynette, Mrs	Observer
Hodgson, Davinia, Ms	South Australian CWA	McMullen, Carolyn, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Bundarra Branch
Holtrop, Diane, Mrs	Observer	McNee, Lesley, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia
Hopcraft, Helen Elizabeth, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Rodney Branch	McRae, Noeleen Joy, Ms	Observer
Horrocks, Nola, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Grafton Branch	Mensforth, Ida, Mrs	Observer
Hudson, Faye Elizabeth, Miss	Queensland CWA	Merrett, Janice, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Drung South Branch
Hughes, Patricia, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Metzke, Della, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Potters Branch
Hummel, Vicki Lorraine, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Metzke, Gwenda Marie, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Karramomus Branch
Hunter, Margaret Ruby, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Dimboola Branch	Miles, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, The Rock Branch
Hyde, Stella, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Essendon Branch	Miller, Janice, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Monbulk Branch
Irvin, Catherine, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Boroondara Branch	Millman, Elizabeth, Ms	Observer
Irving, Patricia, Mrs	Observer	Mitchell, Ranald, Mr	Observer
Ivey, Henry, Mr	Observer	Mitchell, Nancy, Mrs	South Australian CWA, Gawer Branch
Ivey, Jenny, Mrs	CWA, Tasmania Cressy Branch	Mitchell, Nora Jayne, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Cones Branch
Jackson, Carol, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Mitchell, Jennifer , Mrs	CWA of New South Wales
Jackson, Karen Irene, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Hawkesdale Branch	Mitchell, Phoebe, Mrs	QCWA, Toowoomba Business Women
Jacobsen, Gwendalyn, Mrs	Pleasant Hills CWA	Mitchell, Carmel, Mrs	Coutry Women's Association of Victoria
Jager-Glover, Annette, Mrs	CWA Of Victoria, Drouin Branch	Moffatt, Elaine Avon, Mrs	Queensland CWA
Jeanes, Carol, Mrs	Observer	Molnar, Helena, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Drouin Branch
Johnstone, Helen, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Monckton, Gwendoline, Mrs	Observer
Jones, Lois, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia, Thornlie Branch	Morey, Narelle, Mrs	CWA of NSW, Pleasant Hills Branch
Jones, Lois Kathleen, Mrs	Suth Australian CWA, Woodside Branch	Morrison, Julie, Mrs	Observer
Jones, Rosemarie, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Lancefield Branch	Morton, Rebecca Elizabeth, Ms	CWA of Victoria
Joswig, Caroline, Miss	CWA of the Northern Territory, Darwin Branch	Moylan, Valerie, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia
Kelman, Madelyn L, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Murphy, Kaye, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Essendon Branch
Kenny, Sara, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Musgrove, Margaret, Mrs	Observer
Kerr, Heather, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Nancarrow, Victoria, Ms	Queensland CWA
Keys, Maria, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Nash, Iva, Mrs	Observer
Kimball, Elsie, Mrs	Observer	Newstead, Hilda, Mrs	CWA of NSW, Gilgandra Branch
Kinchington, Kathleen, Mrs	Observer	Noack, Ronda, Mrs	Women In Agriculture and Business
King, Christine, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Noble, Marcia, Mrs	Observer
King, Sadie , Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Nhill Twilight Branch	Nola, Jennifer, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
King, Sasheene, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Footscray Branch	O'Brien, Jane, Mrs	Observer
Kinrade, Lorraine, Mrs	CWA Of Victoria, Drouin Branch	O'Bryan, Darryl, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Newstead Branch
Kirby, Peter, Mr	Observer	O'Dwyer, Elizabeth, Mrs	Observer
Kirby, Gail, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales, Delungra Branch	O'Keefe, Janette, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Kitto, Dorothy, Miss	Observer	O'Neill, Helen, Mrs	CWA of Victoria , Bayside Branch
Knight, Coral Lynette, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Osborn, Trudy, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Altona Branch
Kotz, Anne, Mrs	CWA of New South Wales	Overeem, Petronella, Mrs	Observer
Laird, Valda Marie, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Macedon Branch	Parbery, Margaret, Mrs	Observer
Lally, Marie, Mrs	South Australian CWAs	Parker, Hellyn, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Lambert, Robert, Mr	Observer	Parsons, Rosina, Mrs	CWA NSW, East Maitland Branch
Lambert, Fay, Mrs	Queensland CWA, Townsville Branch	Peasnell, Jan, Ms	CWA of New South Wales
Laughton, Margaret, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Peck, Margaret , Miss	Observer
Laverty, Margaret, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Drung South	Peplar, Jennifer, Ms	CWA of Victoria, Frankston South Branch
Lay, Belinda, Mrs	CWA of Western Australia	Perkins, Amanda Lauraine, Mrs	CWA of Victoria
Le Gros, Jennifer, Mrs	Observer	Pinheiro, Linda,	CWA of Victoria
Lees, Meryl, Mrs	Observer	Pocock, Mary, Mrs	CWA of the Northern Territory
Lord, Dorothy, Mrs	CWA in Tasmania, Swansea Branch	Poole, Judith,	Observer
Lovelace, Norma, Mrs	Queensland CWA	Pulford, Gwenneth May, Mrs	Observer
Lowe, Joan Elaine, Mrs	Observer	Punch, Patricia, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Burswood Branch
Luscombe, Judith, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Radley, Lynette Rae, Mrs	CWA of NSW, Morisset Branch
Macfarlane, Myfanwy, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Tyntynder Branch	Reid, June, Mrs	Country Womens Association of Victoria
Mackie, Marilyn, Mrs	CWA of Victoria	Reid, Barbara	Observer
MacLeod, Noela Helen, Mrs	CWA of Victoria, Essendon Branch	Richards, Joyce, Mrs	Woodstock Branch CWA



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### Canada

#### CATEGORY 1

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Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario  
Federated Women's Institutes of Canada  
Les Cercles De Fermieres Du Quebec  
National Farmers Union  
Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes  
Prince Edward Island Women's Institutes  
Quebec Women's Institutes  
Saskatchewan Women's Institute  
Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia

#### CATEGORY 2

Eastern Ontario Women's Institutes  
Manitoba Women's Institutes

#### CATEGORY 3

Women's Community Institute of the Pacific Region

#### CATEGORY 4

Southern Ontario Support

### Caribbean, Central and South America

#### CATEGORY 1

Jamaica Federation of Women  
Trinidad and Tobago Federation of Women's Institutes

#### CATEGORY 2

Grenada Homemakers Association Birch Grove  
Guyana Federation of Women's Institutes

#### CATEGORY 4

St.Vincent And The Grenadines Federation of Women's Institutes

### Central and South Asia

#### CATEGORY 1

All Pakistan Women's Association  
Association for Social Education & Charitable Activities for Poor Communities  
Bangladesh Mahila Samity  
Institute for Integrated Rural Development  
Institution of Mass Awareness Initiatives  
Integrated Education and Development Society  
Lanka Mahila Samiti Training Centre  
Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association  
Snekithi Charitable Trust  
Society of Daughters Mary Immaculate  
Stella Maris Institute of Development Studies

#### CATEGORY 2

Arbor Foundation  
Bethany Ministries  
Disabled Women Development Organisation

#### CATEGORY 3

Country Women's Association of India  
Discipleship Centre  
Organisation for Community Development

#### CATEGORY 4

Bangladesh Poor Women Development Association  
Bro. Siga Social Services Guild  
Centre for the Development of Rural Women  
EXPO and Women  
FLAME Foundation  
Nari Unnayan Sangstha  
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People's Association for Community Health Education Trust  
People's Awareness and Literacy  
Rural People Development Society  
Samunnat Nepal  
Sarojini Naidu Rural Welfare and Education Trust  
Society for Agricultural, Cultural and Rural Educational Development  
Society for Rural Health and Development Project  
Society for Women Education and Economic Thrust  
Socio Economic Development Association  
Success Trust  
Vallioor Multipurpose Social Service Society  
Women's Organisation for Rural Development

### East, West and Central Africa

#### CATEGORY 1

Combined Efforts to Save Uganda  
East Africa Women's League  
Mambi Women's Group  
Mission Africa Foundation  
The Trust of Daughters of Mary Immaculate  
Vocational Agency for Wisdom

#### CATEGORY 2

Amis de l' Afrique Francophone-Benin  
Biwon Women Association  
Fonge Women's Group  
Lewoh Women Association  
Reach Out Cameroon  
Uganda Media Women's Association  
Women In Service Development Organisation Management  
Women's Empowerment Enterprise Network  
Youth Development Centre

#### CATEGORY 3

Changing Mentalities and Empowering Groups  
Greenlife Conservation Group

#### CATEGORY 4

Arise and Impact Chistian Project  
Cowa Centenary Vocational Training School  
Gender Environment and Sustainable Development  
Gorkha Women's Association  
MamaCare-Ghana Organisation  
Safeplan Uganda  
Shape Lives International  
Training of Rural Women in Uganda

### Europe

#### CATEGORY 1

Derbyshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Devon Federation of Women's Institutes  
Essex Federation of Women's Institutes  
Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland  
Gwent Federation of Women's Institutes  
Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Irish Countrywomn's Association  
Kent-West Kent Federation of Women's Institutes  
Koninklijk NVVH-VROUWENNETWERK  
Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Landfrauenverband Hessen Ev  
National Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales  
Norges Kvinne Og Familieforbund  
Passage Christelijk  
Riksförbundet Hem och Samhälle  
Schweizerischer Landfrauen-Verband  
Scottish Women's Institutes  
Somerset Federation of Women's Institutes  
Sudtiroler Bauerinnen Organisation

Vrouwen Van Nu  
West Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes  
Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

#### CATEGORY 2

Angus Federation Scottish Women's Institutes  
Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Cumbria- Westmorland Federation of Women's Institutes  
Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes  
Durham Federation of Women's Institutes  
East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes  
Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes  
Herefordshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Hertfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Kent-East Kent Federation of Women's Institutes  
Kiskunsag Association of Women  
Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes  
North Yorkshire East Federation of Women's Institutes  
North Yorkshire West Federation of Women's Institutes  
Northamptonshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes  
The Women of the Third Millennium  
West Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Wiltshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Women in Georgian Regions  
Women's Union of Russia  
Yorkshire East Federation of Women's Institutes

#### CATEGORY 3

Bedfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Ceredigion Federation of Women's Institutes  
Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes  
Gloucestershire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Kventilagasamband Islands  
Lincolnshire North Federation of Women's Institutes  
MARTA Centre  
Middlesex Federation of Women's Institutes  
Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Shropshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Sir Gar Carmarthenshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
South Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes  
Suffolk West Federation of Women's Institutes  
Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes

#### CATEGORY 4

Abberley Women's Institute  
Aberdeenshire Scottish Women's Institutes  
Aberporth Women's Institute  
Aldershot Women's Institute  
Allerton Women's Institute  
Allithwaite and Cartmel Women's Institute  
Amberwood - Highcliffe Afternoon Women's Institute  
Aperfield Women's Institute  
Arnside and Arnside Knott Women's Institute  
Aspull and Haigh Women's Institute  
Atherington and Umberleigh Women's Institute  
Audley End Women's Institute  
Avon Federation of Women's Institutes  
Ayton Branch SWomen's Institute  
Banstead Evening Women's Institute  
Bearsted and Thurnham Women's Institute  
Beckley Women's Institute  
Bideford Women's Institute  
Binegar Women's Institute  
Bishops Nympton Women's Institute  
Bisley Women's Institute  
Botley Women's Institute  
Bridgwater Firecrackers Women's Institute  
Brockham Evening Women's Institute  
Caerleon Women's Institute  
Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes

Castle Cary and Ansford Women's Institute  
Catsfield Women's Institute  
Cavan Guild Irish Countrywomen's Association  
Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Chewton Mendip Women's Institute  
Chislehurst Women's Institute  
Cleeve By Goring Women's Institute  
Coalbrookdale Women's Institute  
Colden Common Women's Institute  
Corbridge Women's Institute  
Cortachy Scottish Women's Institute  
Cove and Farnborough Women's Institute  
Cowplain Women's Institute  
Crawley Down Afternoon Women's Institute  
Crook Women's Institute  
Cumbria-Cumberland Federation of Women's Institutes  
Dunmow Women's Institute  
Earl Stonham Women's Institute  
Eastwick Women's Institute Women's Institute  
Farningham Women's Institute  
Four Marks Afternoon Women's Institute  
Giggleswick Women's Institute Women's Institute  
Glenisla Scottish Women's Institutes  
Guernsey Island Federation of Women's Institutes  
Guidepost and Sheepwash Women's Institute  
Gwynedd-Caernarfon Federation of Women's Institutes  
Hatch Beauchamp Women's Institute  
Heath Charnock Women's Institute  
Horsington Women's Institute  
Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation of Women's Institutes  
Hyden Women's Institute  
Institutul Femeilor  
Ightham Women's Institute  
Inverarity SWRI  
Irish Countrywomen's Association- Kerry Federation  
Isle of Ely Federation of Women's Institutes  
Jersey Federation of Women's Institutes  
Joydens Wood Women's Institute  
Killington Women's Institute  
Kingston Women's Institute  
Lake Women's Institute  
Langley Women's Institute  
Largie Scottish Women's Institute  
Leicestershire and Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes  
Lincolnshire South Federation of Women's Institutes  
Llanfairfechan Women's Institute  
Llantilio Crossenny Women's Institute  
Longfield Hill Women's Institute  
Loose Women's Institute  
Lundie Women's Institute  
Lyghe Women's Institute  
Magheraberry Women's Institute  
Marden Women's Institute  
Nateby and Wharton Women's Institute  
Northumberland Federation of Women's Institutes  
Oxford Evening Women's Institute  
Oxford Oast Women's Institute  
Outwood Women's Institute  
Overton Women's Institute  
Pembrokeshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
Ponther Women's Institute  
Pontllanfraith Women's Institute  
Rathfriland Women's Institute  
River Women's Institute  
Rolvenden Women's Institute  
Rudgwick Women's Institute  
Saaniku Village Development Society  
Scorton Women's Institute  
Seaforde Women's Institute  
Selborne Women's Institute  
Shoreham Beach Women's Institute  
Sidlesham Women's Institute  
South Petherton Women's Institute

South Street Women's Institute  
 St. Mellons Women's Institute  
 Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes  
 Standerwick Berkley and Beckington Women's Institutes  
 Steeple Ashton Women's Institutes  
 Stoke Road Sisters Women's Institutes  
 Sutton Waldron and Iwerne Minster Women's Institutes  
 Sway Women's Institutes  
 Teesside Federation of Women's Institutes  
 The Farleighs Women's Institutes  
 Titchfield Abbey Women's Institutes  
 Wadsley Women's Institutes  
 Warlingham Evening Women's Institutes  
 West Midlands Federation of Women's Institutes  
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 Portrush Women's Institutes  
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## South East Asia and the Far East

#### CATEGORY 1

Foundation for Empowerment of Rural Women  
 National Association of Women's Institutes of Peninsular Malaysia  
 PERWARI  
 Sarawak Federation of Womens Institutes  
 Women's Institutes of Brunei Darussalam  
 Women's Institutes of Pahang

#### CATEGORY 2

Sabah Nurses Association - SANA  
 The International Social Welfare Association of Korea

#### CATEGORY 3

National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines

#### CATEGORY 4

Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre  
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## South Pacific

#### CATEGORY 1

Country Women's Association in Tasmania (Inc.)  
 Country Women's Association of New South Wales  
 Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.  
 Country Women's Association of Western Australia  
 Mubalu Women of Hope Federation  
 Queensland Country Women's Association  
 Rural Women New Zealand  
 South Australian Country Women's Association  
 Voice for Change

#### CATEGORY 2

Alola Foundation  
 Aloua Ma'a Tonga Association  
 Christmas Island Women's Association  
 Country Womens Association of PNG Jiwaka Branch  
 Country Women's Association of the Northern Territory  
 Kafataha Women Development Association  
 Kiribati Irekenrao Women Organisation  
 Rimanui Rural Women New Zealand  
 Rural Women New Zealand - Central Taranaki Branch  
 Rural Women New Zealand Mid East Southland

Rural Women New Zealand North Taranaki Branch  
 Rural Women New Zealand South Taranaki  
 Women In Agriculture and Business of South Australia Inc.

#### CATEGORY 3

Country Women's Association of Australia

#### CATEGORY 4

Country Women's Association Jamberoo Branch  
 Ata'ata Women's Group  
 Casa Vida  
 Country Women's Association Altona Branch  
 Country Women's Association Armidale Branch  
 Country Women's Association Bangalow Branch  
 Country Women's Association Belconnen Branch  
 Country Women's Association Bellarwi Branch  
 Country Women's Association Bermagui and District Branch  
 Country Women's Association Berridale Branch  
 Country Women's Association Berry Branch  
 Country Women's Association Bowral Branch  
 Country Women's Association Bruny Island Branch  
 Country Women's Association Canberra Branch  
 Country Women's Association Carcoar-Mandurama Branch  
 Country Women's Association Central Western Group  
 Country Women's Association Coffs Harbour Evening/Sat  
 Country Women's Association Crookwell Evening Branch  
 Country Women's Association Dubbo Evening Branch  
 Country Women's Association East Launceston Branch  
 Country Women's Association Euberta Branch  
 Country Women's Association forster Branch  
 Country Women's Association Gilgandra Evening Branch  
 Country Women's Association Gilgili  
 Country Women's Association Gollan Branch  
 Country Women's Association Grafton Branch  
 Country Women's Association Gulgong Branch  
 Country Women's Association Gunnedah Branch  
 Country Women's Association Jerangle Peak View Branch  
 Country Women's Association Keiraville Branch  
 Country Women's Association Kew Branch  
 Country Women's Association Kwinana and Districts Branch  
 Country Women's Association Kyogle Evening Branch  
 Country Women's Association Leura  
 Country Women's Association Lismore  
 Country Women's Association Manilla Branch  
 Country Women's Association Manilla Evening Branch  
 Country Women's Association Manjimup Branch  
 Country Women's Association Mannering Park Branch  
 Country Women's Association Medowie Branch  
 Country Women's Association Mildura  
 Country Women's Association Milton District Branch  
 Country Women's Association Mittagong Branch  
 Country Women's Association Moss Vale Branch  
 Country Women's Association Mudgee Evening Branch  
 Country Women's Association Mullumbimby  
 Country Women's Association Nannup Branch  
 Country Women's Association Narooma Branch  
 Country Women's Association Narromine Branch  
 Country Women's Association Nowra Branch  
 Country Women's Association of NSW Nundle and District Branch  
 Country Women's Association Orange Branch  
 Country Women's Association Paterson Branch  
 Country Women's Association Port Macquarie Branch  
 Country Women's Association Port Macquarie Evening Branch  
 Country Women's Association Singleton Branch  
 Country Women's Association Tamworth Branch  
 Country Women's Association Tarcutta Branch  
 Country Women's Association The Rock Branch  
 Country Women's Association Toongabbie Branch  
 Country Women's Association Ungarie Branch  
 Country Women's Association Wallamba Branch  
 Country Women's Association Wauchope Branch  
 Country Women's Association Willala Branch  
 Milne Bay Estates Women's Group  
 Rural Women New Zealand North Otago Province



Rural Women New Zealand Oropi Branch  
Rural Women New Zealand South Canterbury Branch  
Rural Women New Zealand Southland Provincial  
Solomon Islands Rural Women's Associations and Groups  
Women in Agriculture and Business Cunliffe Branch  
Women in Agriculture and Business Kalangadoo Branch  
Women in Agriculture and Business Lochaber Branch  
Women in Agriculture and Business Online Branch  
Women in Agriculture and Business Stewarts' Range Branch

#### **SUBSCRIBER - To transition to Category 4**

Country Women's Association Avon Branch  
Country Women's Association Ballarat Dinner Branch  
Country Women's Association Balnarring Branch  
Country Women's Association Barnawartha Branch  
Country Women's Association Bayside Branch  
Country Women's Association Belmont Branch  
Country Women's Association Benalla Branch  
Country Women's Association Berridale Branch  
Country Women's Association Birregurra Branch  
Country Women's Association Boronia Branch  
Country Women's Association Bundalaguah  
Country Women's Association Buninyong Branch  
Country Women's Association Burswood Branch  
Country Women's Association Burwood Branch  
Country Women's Association Canberra Evening Branch  
Country Women's Association Coffs Harbour Branch  
Country Women's Association Cooma Branch  
Country Women's Association Corowa Branch  
Country Women's Association Cranbourne Branch  
Country Women's Association Darwin Branch  
Country Women's Association Dingley Village Branch  
Country Women's Association Donvale Branch  
Country Women's Association Drung South Branch  
Country Women's Association Drysdale Branch  
Country Women's Association Dunmunkle Branch  
Country Women's Association East Maitland Branch  
Country Women's Association forster Branch  
Country Women's Association Frankston South Branch  
Country Women's Association Gisborne Day Branch  
Country Women's Association Gollan Branch  
Country Women's Association Goulburn Branch  
Country Women's Association Healesville Night Chicks Branch  
Country Women's Association Henty Branch  
Country Women's Association Hopetoun Branch  
Country Women's Association Horsham Branch  
Country Women's Association Jamberoo Branch  
Country Women's Association Jerangle-Peak View Branch  
Country Women's Association Jindera Branch  
Country Women's Association Kiama Branch  
Country Women's Association Korumburra Branch  
Country Women's Association Kwinana and Districts Branch  
Country Women's Association Lara Branch  
Country Women's Association Lennox Head Branch  
Country Women's Association Leongatha Branch  
Country Women's Association Leongatha Twilight Branch  
Country Women's Association Lisarow-Ourimbah Branch  
Country Women's Association Maffra Branch  
Country Women's Association Maitland City Evening Branch  
Country Women's Association Manilla Branch  
Country Women's Association Manjimup Branch  
Country Women's Association Mannerling Park Branch  
Country Women's Association Maryborough Branch  
Country Women's Association Meeniyah Branch  
Country Women's Association Melton Thoroughbreds Branch  
Country Women's Association Merriwa Branch  
Country Women's Association Milloo Branch  
Country Women's Association Milton District Branch  
Country Women's Association Mittagong P.O. Box 268  
Country Women's Association Mooroolbark Branch  
Country Women's Association Morisset Branch  
Country Women's Association Mortlake Branch  
Country Women's Association Mortlake Evening Branch  
Country Women's Association Nelson Bay Branch

Country Women's Association Nhill / Twilight Branch  
Country Women's Association Noble Park Branch  
Country Women's Association North Star Branch  
Country Women's Association Northumberland  
Country Women's Association Orange Branch  
Country Women's Association Orange Branch  
Country Women's Association Oura Branch  
Country Women's Association Pakenham Branch  
Country Women's Association Panmure Branch  
Country Women's Association Pleasant Hills Branch  
Country Women's Association Portland Branch  
Country Women's Association Ringwood Branch  
Country Women's Association Rosebud Branch  
Country Women's Association Rosebud East Branch  
Country Women's Association Rosewhite Branch  
Country Women's Association Rowena Branch  
Country Women's Association St Mary's Branch  
Country Women's Association Sunbury Day Branch  
Country Women's Association Tarago Branch  
Country Women's Association Terrigal Evening Branch  
Country Women's Association Thoon Branch  
Country Women's Association Wagga Wagga Branch  
Country Women's Association Warracknabeal E. Branch  
Country Women's Association Warrnambool Night Owls Branch  
Country Women's Association Wellington Branch  
Country Women's Association Wilberforce Branch  
Country Women's Association Wingham Branch  
Country Women's Association Woolgoolga Branch  
Country Women's Association Woorayl Branch  
Country Women's Association Yarram Branch  
Queensland Country Women's Association Eumundi  
Queensland Country Women's Association Miva Branch  
Queensland Country Women's Association Tannum Sands Branch  
Queensland Country Women's Association Urangan Branch

## **Southern Africa**

### **CATEGORY 1**

Bafokeng Womens Club  
Boiteko Women's Association  
Cape Women's Agricultural Association  
Die Dameskring  
Eastern Cape Women's Zenzele Association  
Free State Womens Agricultural Union  
Jekesa Pflingwa Vllilingqondo  
Kwazulu-Natal Federation of Women's Institutes  
Lesotho Homemakers Association  
North West Women's Agricultural Union  
South African Homemakers Organisation  
South African Union of Homemakers Clubs  
Women's Agricultural Union North  
Women's Agricultural Union Overvaal  
Women's Agricultural Union Mpumalanga  
Zimbabwe Farmers Union

### **CATEGORY 2**

Mapula Club  
Namibia Women's Society  
Zambian Women in Agriculture

### **CATEGORY 3**

Ntengwe for Community Development  
South African Women's Agricultural Union  
Zambia Association of Women's Institutes

### **CATEGORY 4**

Forum for African Women Educationalists- Zimbabwe Chapter  
Francistown Women's Institute  
Programme for Vulnerable Children and Women  
Trust of Daughters of Mary Immaculate and Collaborators

## United States of America

### CATEGORY 1

Alabama Homemakers and Comm Leaders  
Arkansas Extension Homemaker Association  
Illinois Association for Home and Community Education  
Indiana Extension Homemakers Assoc  
Kansas Association for Family and Community Education  
Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association  
Michigan Division of WNF and GA  
Missouri Family and Community Education  
North Carolina Extension and Community Association, Inc  
Oklahoma Home and Community Education  
Oregon Association for Family and Community Education  
South Carolina Family And Community Leaders  
West Virginia Community Outreach Educational Service  
Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (WAHCE)

### CATEGORY 2

Arizona Family and Community Education  
Florida Association for Home and Community Education  
Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild  
Kansas National Master Farm Homemakers Guild  
Kosciusko County Extension Homemakers  
Maryland Family And Community Education  
Michigan Family And Community Education  
New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family  
North Dakota Family and Community Education  
Ohio Homemakers and Community Education  
Shelby County Extension Homemakers Association  
Washington State Home and Community Educators

### CATEGORY 3

Country Women's Council  
National Association for Family And Community Education  
National Master Farm Homemakers Guild  
National Volunteer Outreach Network Inc.  
Woman's National Farm and Garden Inc

### CATEGORY 4

Colorado State Master Farm Homemakers Guild  
Kentucky Master Farm Homemakers Guild  
Mississippi Family and Community Education





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