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ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REVIEW 2007-2008

TRUSTEES REPORT

Women to Women International (W2W) was registered as a charity in 2005, and we are pleased to present our second annual review. Our aim when establishing W2W was to work in partnership with local organisations and women's groups to bring about positive and lasting change to women's lives and that of their families.

We have built on last year's achievements by expanding our current projects in Dharavi, Mumbai, India, one of the largest slums in Asia, in partnership with the Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action (SNEHA). Our initial programme to prevent early childhood malnutrition has been expanded by the request of the women from participating communities, to include:

- The establishment of self-help groups for social enterprise and income generation
- Formation of a crèche for at risk children to

provide additional care and nutritional support whilst their mothers are at work

- Development of slum action committees involving local women which aim to ensure that governmental health services are functional, accessible, and appropriate.

We have recently signed an MoU with Khwendor Kor, a women's rights organisation based in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and the Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) of Pakistan. We look forward to supporting their vital work on health and education (particularly of the girl child) in one of the most challenging environments. We feel truly humbled by the positive results they are achieving in NWFP and FATA and anticipate a long lasting, productive partnership.

Looking to the future, we are committed to continued expansion of our work in Dharavi to support the whole community in reducing early childhood malnutrition and increasing livelihoods opportunities for women. We will also expand the educational component of the women's groups to encompass maternal and older child health.

In Pakistan, we will work closely with Khwendor Kor to support their organisation, particularly in terms of monitoring, evaluation, and training. Our first project with Khwendor Kor focuses on the development of women's community groups, to promote the nutrition and development of pregnant women and young children in selected villages in NWFP.

Finally, we'd like to welcome our newest board member, Meghan Cady. Meghan is a marketing director with many years of experience with BT, Z GROUP and Nokia, and we are delighted with the experience she can bring to our organisation. We would also like to congratulate her and her family on the birth of her daughter Tilley in

December 2008.

None of this work is possible without the organisations and people who have supported W2W. We would like to thank them all, because without their help these achievements would not have happened.

Founding Trustees and Directors

Susan Erb
Jennifer Georgeson
Aisha Yousafzai

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ABOUT WOMEN TO WOMEN INTERNATIONAL

Women to Women International works in cooperation with marginalised and impoverished women throughout the world to develop innovative practical local solutions to improve their social, physical, and economic wellbeing

HOW WE WORK

At the heart of our team are partnerships with local organisations and women's groups with whom we carry out community programmes. We are currently working with two partner organisations: SNEHA, in Mumbai, India and Khwendo Kor in FATA and NWFP, Pakistan. Our projects are developed between the local organisation, women's groups and W2W. We feel strongly that by partnering with local organisations, given their intimate knowledge of the communities, and by working with the women in the community our work will be sustainable and long lasting.

WHERE WE WORK

Currently, Women to Women International works in Dharavi, Mumbai, India, one of the largest slums in Asia. Over one million people live in Dharavi in an area of roughly 1.75 km, settling here from all over India searching for improved economic opportunity. In addition to being an ethnic melting pot, Mumbai hosts members of all major Indian religions including Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Buddhists. While many resources exist for women within Dharavi, the standard of life remains well below an acceptable line. Literacy rates for women are low, many have experienced fewer than four years of formal education and, in some areas, rates of malnutrition are as high as 80%. Many of the mothers in Dharavi have two or three children before they have reached their 18th birthday.

We have also started work in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), one of the most under-developed areas of Pakistan. It faces many challenges in improving health and education status of its population, particularly in gender parity. Many villages lack basic health care facilities, with only one health facility every 50km. Maternal and infant mortality rates are among the highest in Pakistan and adult literacy rates are low - 17% for men and 3% for women. Development in the region faces many challenges due to conflict resulting in mass destruction of girls' schools, basic health care being severely compromised, and more than a million people displaced living in camps. The numbers of displaced grow daily, and the population throughout FATA is vulnerable to malnutrition and poor health.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Childhood malnutrition is prevalent throughout the slum of Dharavi, Mumbai, with over 50% of children suffering from some form of malnutrition, in girl children this rate rises to 70%. We are active in some of the most seriously affected areas. Children suffering from malnutrition have lowered resistance to infection and are more likely to die from common childhood ailments such as diarrhoeal diseases and respiratory infections.

We operate through a dozen local women's groups to increase mothers' awareness of the causes and prevention of childhood malnutrition. Expanding on the success of this project last year, we are now working with the women to form social enterprises as much of the problems of malnutrition are due to financial insecurities. We have also started working with a crèche to provide care and nutritional support to the most vulnerable children in the community. Our pro-

gramme has led to significant empowerment of the women and a number of them have subsequently been elected to slum action committees to ensure the local government is providing adequate health and educational services to their communities.

Women to Women International's first project in Pakistan will see the capacity development of community groups, in particular women's group, to promote the nutrition and development of pregnant women and young children in selected villages in NWFP. We will also provide ongoing support to Khwendo Kor through training in identified needs. Through this ongoing partnership, we aim to build capacity of local people and the team to develop other initiatives in selected sites.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In 2007/08, our total income was £14,550, and we completed the year with unrestricted reserves of £14,785. This reserve will enable Women to Women to fulfill financial obligations for six months as well as retaining an estimated three months of expenditure as reserve. During 2008/09, we anticipate increasing our income by £5,000 our income and maintaining our unrestricted reserve. We are currently improving our financial planning by developing 3-year funding cycles and projections to help us to increase our ability to manage change and expand programme coverage.

An independent audit will be available for the year ending 31 October, 2008 by June 2009. Please contact us for a copy of this report from Women to Women International, 69 Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 5JJ

	2008	2007	2006
Income	£14,550	£11,658	£6,932
Expenditure	£ 9,041	£11,462	£3,952
Cost of charitable activities	£ 8,589	£11,396	£3,934
Fundraising	£ 0	£ 66	£ 18
Governance	£ 452	£ 0	£ 0
Unrestricted reserves	£ 14,785	£ 9,276	£9,080
Earmarked for programmes	£ 12,000	£ 6,500	£6,000

We would like to thank all of you who have support our work over the last year. Our major supporters include:

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Matt Adams

Lucinda Bromfield

Constance Coles

Charles and Rebecca Erb

Walter and Beryl Fry

Martin and Christine Georgeson

Carolynne Merrel

J Metcalfe

Dave Muller

Sonia Sequeira

And many others.

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We need your financial support to continue our important work. We welcome individual donations and longer term commitments. You can donate by cheque made payable to Women to Women International, 69 Cambridge Road, Great Shelford CB22 5JJ UK or donate online at: www.womenwowomeninternal.org.uk.



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Women to Women International is dedicated to working with women to promote access to basic economic, health and educational rights benefiting themselves, their families, and the whole community.



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