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LONG TERM PROJECT:

Four suggested project models are with the SI Board. Decision time approaches so watch out for updates.

Dec 10th Appeal:

SI President Hanne urges you all to support this appeal:

FUNDING THE FUTURE SOROPTIMISTS FOR EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

Your contributions to the December 10th appeal will allow us to support *OUTSTANDING* Soroptimist projects around the world that empower women and girls through education and leadership. For the first time ever in an international project Soroptimists can directly support other Soroptimists in partnership and friendship.

"Action speaks louder than words"

For more information and to download a brochure go to: www.soroptimistinternational.org
Click on December 10th appeal

WAGGGS:

Responding to President Liz's challenge to you all in her conference speech-do make contact with your local girl guides association and see if you work with them over the coming year.

PROJECT SIERRA:

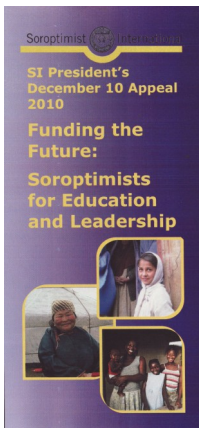
Your last chance to do something for this fantastic project. We want to achieve our target of £1million so if every club does something this year we will. The project finishes at the International Convention in Montreal, July 2011. So I am throwing down the challenge to you all.

Last but not least

LOOS FOR LYNN

We need still to raise several thousand to complete the toilets. Do send in the money you have raised and have one last push so that there will be a lasting legacy to the memory of International President Lynn.

Hilary Ratcliffe SIGBI Programme Director



UNICEF PAK 2010

SIGBI/UNICEF New Partnership Project SOROPTIMISTS FOR PAKISTAN APPEAL

Calling all Soroptimists throughout the Federation working with our partners UNICEF Please support the Appeal to raise desperately needed funds to help Pakistan recover after the terrible floods.

More details will be on the SIGBI web site this month
Sue Challoner APD Economic and Social Development and Jane Hastings UKPAC representative to UNICEF

The Brave Women Deminers of Sri Lanka

Valmathi Jegadas is a deminer and a farmer's wife in northern Sri Lanka. She earns 200 dollars a month risking her life, and admits being scared each time she steps into the minefields that are a legacy of the long and bloody civil war. "This is the best-paying job in my village," said Jegadas, who has three children. Her mother and husband were both killed in 2007 by artillery attacks. Since joining the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD) nearly a year ago, Jegadas says she has disabled more than 700 mines in Mannar district. Increasingly, international humanitarian organisations are training women to find and defuse mines. "Women carry the burden after the war in most homes. They want the money, and they don't take short-cuts when clearing mines," said a technical advisor for FSD in Mannar. "Deminig is probably one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, but these ladies are very committed. They do a better job than the boys."



"Wearing heavy body armour, a ballistic face-shield and helmet, and carrying their tools, each day they crawl into minefields laid in jungle shrubs and muddy trenches. The army runs the largest de-mining operation, while

organisations like FSD, the Mine Action Group and the Halo Trust are also working in Sri Lanka.

The United Nations estimates it takes only three dollars to lay a mine, and 1,000 dollars to remove one. **Talat Pasha APD International Goodwill and Understanding**



HOT OFF THE PRESS! International Women's Day 2011:

if you are planning a 'Join Me on the Bridge' event to celebrate the centenary of International Women's Day go to the 'Women for Women International' website dedicated to this event and email them for a toolkit to help you plan your event.

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/bridge/index.php>

**ARE YOU PLANNING FOR 2011 AND BEYOND?
26TH MARCH 2011 EARTH HOUR
(Date not fixed, always the Last Saturday in
March)**

This is a simple way to show your support for action against climate change. Your actions can range from a personal switch off of your lights to a club event or lobbying local businesses and local councils or governments to participate.

<http://www.earthhour.org/FAQ.aspx>
<http://www.earthhour.org/TakeAction.aspx>

World Water Day 22nd March

The WaterAid site has ideas and resources for fund raising, but you could also hold an awareness-raising event. WaterAid will provide leaflets etc

<http://www.wateraid.org/uk>

The United Nations General Assembly has declared **2011** as the **International Year of Forests** to raise awareness on sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests.



**INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF FORESTS • 2011**

<http://www.un.org/en/events/iyof2011/index.shtml>

World Environment Day 5th June

The focus for this day in 2011 has not yet been announced but will possibly be forest related

Ruth Dodd APD Environment



**1st December World Aids Day.
Is your club doing anything to
mark this important day?**

African Grandmothers' Gathering

Earlier this year, grandmothers from across sub-Saharan Africa gathered in Swaziland for the first international Grandmother's Gathering on the continent. On May 8th up to 2,000 grandmothers held a solidarity march in Manzini to call for support and action throughout the world to support them as they struggle at the frontlines of the AIDS pandemic to create a hopeful future for their families.

African grandmothers congregated to share their experiences and concerns, and to lay the groundwork for a strong regional network to support one another as they strive to turn the tide of AIDS. These courageous women, who are caring for scores of grandchildren orphaned by AIDS, made their voices heard, amplifying the urgent need for increased support, the recognition of their leadership, and the pivotal role they play in resurrecting families and communities damaged by the loss and strife of the AIDS pandemic

Rita Allen APD Health



CALENDAR GIRLS



MADE IN DAGENHAM: Don't miss this film! When 187 women who sewed seat covers at the Ford Dagenham Plant walked out over a grading dispute in May 1968, they triggered something much bigger than they ever imagined: namely, the Equal Pay Act. This film is about their struggle to achieve equality in the workplace.

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN THE UK: In the UK, an estimated 24,000 girls under the age of 15 are at risk of FGM, this is carried out in many African countries, parts of Asia and the Middle East. Girls are taken abroad for the operation or their families may bring a traditional circumciser over from their home country. A group of schoolgirls from ethnic minority communities in Bristol have made a documentary drama to highlight the practice of FGM. Although the practice is illegal in the UK, no prosecutions have taken place.

GANGS GROOM AND SEXUALLY EXPLOIT CHILDREN IN BRITAIN:

The UK Human Trafficking Centre is raising awareness of British children who suffer sexual exploitation through grooming and internal trafficking. The Centre says the problem is rife with boys and girls from all classes and locations being targeted. A 12 year old girl was groomed with the gift of a mobile phone which was used to contact her. A gang member acted as her boy friend, dumped her and passed her around the gang as a sex object. If she protested, she was gang raped. Useful websites: UK Human Trafficking Centre www.soca.gov.uk; The National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Children & Young People www.nationalworkinggroup.org and the My Dangerous Lover Boy Campaign www.mydangerousloverboy.com *Judi Chaddock APD Human Rights & the Status of Women*

SI Bonaberi's Adult Literacy Project has produced its first graduates.

We had been teaching ten illiterate women in our Adult Literacy Programme in the past one and the half years. We sent them in for the National First School Certificate Exam in June 2010. All of them passed. These women could not read nor write.

But today they can do all these.

Members of SI Bonaberi are very happy with the support of the Midland East



clubs for their support in paying our capitation fees. The Clubs in the nation are proceeding with the same project. *Ada Kesi SI Bonaberi Douala Cameroon*

Visit this website; <http://www.ungei.org/index.php> for the latest news, background information and events relating to the education of girls around the world.

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