

Launching of the Basic Living Skills Program



IWSAW director Mona Khalaf, IWSAW program officer Anita Nassar with participants in the BLSP workshop

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) at the Lebanese American University launched on October 21, 2003 its Basic Living Skills Program (BLSP). The BLSP is a non-formal integrated educational kit in Arabic, geared towards illiterate and semi-literate women in the Arab World. The Program consists of 11 units that tackle the issues of health, environment, nutrition, reproductive health, childhood to adolescence, civic education, legal rights, women empowerment, women empowerment through work, chronic diseases, and special needs. The BLSP was funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and facilitated by Mercy Corps-Lebanon.

Professor Dr. Rita Süßmuth Visits IWSAW

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) and Goethe-Institut hosted on November 5, 2003 Professor Dr. Rita Süßmuth, former President of the German Bundestag. Professor Dr. Süßmuth held a press conference in the presence of MPs Bahia Hariri, Nayla Mouawad and Ghinwa Jalloul on "How Can Women Reach Top Political Positions?" After the press conference, Professor Dr. Süßmuth gave a lecture on the status of women in Germany.

Left to right: IWSAW director Mona Khalaf, MP Ghinwa Jalloul, Mr. Rolf Stehle, director of Goethe Institut, MP Bahia Hariri, Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth, former President of the German Bundestag, MP Nayla Mouawad.

