
Women in Development

The **Report on Women in Development**, compiled by the Office of Women in Development of the United States Agency for International Development, has submitted a comprehensive report on its global proposed activities beginning in 1978. This is the result of the Act of the United States Congress which called for assistance to those programs and activities which integrate women into the national economies of Foreign countries (The Percy Amendment).¹

Stated goals include literacy, technical and vocational training, compulsory primary school training, increased employment for women, equal opportunities for employment, health education and services, economic value of women's work in domestic food production and marketing, development of rural technology (e.g. cottage

industry, preschool centers, etc.)

Each separate project is described for countries of Africa and Southeast Asia (the latter including only the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand), Latin America, and the Near East.

The largest undertaking is an interregional population program for which a total of \$135,054,000 has been granted.

Latin America and the Caribbean received the largest amount of aid (\$84,138,200), Africa and Southeast Asia the least (\$46,172,582), while the Near East came in for \$58,535,000. The figures would apparently indicate the countries which A.I.D. finds most in need of assistance for development in the areas which particularly concern women.

(1) Department of State, Washington, D.C., August 1978.