

MUCIA WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Close cooperation both among its member institutions and between those institutions and the Consortium staff is central to MUCIA operations. The WID Network has tried to function in this mode by sharing grant resources with the individual campuses and by bringing campus representatives together in settings where they could interact with one another and with the executive staff. Each campus was provided grant resources over which it has complete control to staff up for WID activities. The Consortium asked that each university prepare a brief statement of the uses made of grant funds. These are presented in full as Annex B to this report.

Activities have centered around such goals as: increasing on-campus knowledge of WID concerns (courses, seminar series, study groups, conferences); developing and making available library resources; gaining better access to such other international programs as Title XII Strengthening Grants; undertaking project advisory activities; etc.

MAJOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

During this reporting period energies of Network participants and Coordinator were devoted to two major activities, only one of which was a part of our contract with AID/WID - our evaluation, and the events leading up to the formation of the new Association for Women in Development.

Evaluation

In late February the Network Coordinator met in Washington with officials of AID/WID and with counterparts from other funded consortia Networks. At that meeting ground rules for the evaluation were discussed, the items of most interest to AID were outlined, and a date for the exercise was chosen. The plan at that point was to conduct the evaluation at the same time as a major session on MUCIA Network research to be held at Indiana the week of April 12 (see below).

On March 9, one representative from each MUCIA university met with the Coordinator in Chicago to discuss evaluation procedure and strategy, including planning the timing of events at Indiana so as to allow time for the evaluation without cutting into time for the research review. At that meeting the group did the basic work to create a Log Frame for Network activities, and decided to prepare such a document for each university as well.

In early April we were informed by AID/WID of a change in the evaluation schedule made necessary by travel conflicts on the part of the AID team (Faye Thompson and John Wilkinson). The meetings were rescheduled for April 19-22. From MUCIA's point of view, this shift caused major difficulties: the team would lose the opportunity to meet with representatives of each campus, a real loss both because Network resources have been shared equally among the campuses from the very outset and because it eliminated their exposure to non-Title XII institutions (Indiana and Iowa); the team would lose the opportunity to hear full discussions of the methodology and findings of the Network's research projects for which it has received substantial non-WID funding.

A hasty revision of the schedule was undertaken by phone and confirmed at the Indiana meeting. On April 19 and early April 20 the team met with the Network Coordinator to review both the overall and the Wisconsin campus programs. In the afternoon of April 20 the group was joined by Professor Patricia Barnes-McConnell who described the Michigan State University program. On April 21 the Coordinator and the AID team traveled to Illinois where a program was scheduled by Professor Barbara Yates. On April 22 the group traveled to Minnesota where a program was scheduled by Professor Barbara Knudson.

This arrangement allowed the evaluators to get a sense of the overall Network program, and to see four individual campus programs--three quite strong (MSU, Illinois and Minnesota) and one relatively weak (Wisconsin). In addition, the team was introduced to members of the MUCIA Board of Directors on each campus: Wisconsin, Board Members Bryant E. Kears and Peter P. Dorner (also MUCIA Liaison Officer); Illinois, Board Member George Brinegar and Liaison Officer Vincent I. West; Minnesota, Board Members Malcolm Purvis and Phillip Porter (also Liaison Officer). These encounters allowed the team to be reassured of the Consortium's commitment to WID activities and to the Network in particular.

As of the date of this report, MUCIA has not received any report from AID on the evaluation exercise. Nevertheless, from our own point of view it was an extremely useful and helpful undertaking. We learned three main lessons: 1) how much the Network has accomplished in a relatively short time with relatively little outside funding; 2) how thinly stretched we continue to be, even on the strongest campuses like MSU; 3) how heavily dependent we are on Title XII Strengthening Grant funds. We presume that the results of the team will be available to assist in applications for further funding, but have no certainty that this will in fact be the case.

Formation of the Association for Women in Development:

Shortly after the November 11 luncheon in connection with the NASULGC Meetings for 1981, which was reported on in a previous document, MUCIA received definite word from the Johnson Foundation that it would sponsor a conference to discuss the formation of a new professional association for individuals concerned with women in development. In December 1981 an ad hoc committee which came out of the discussions at the November NASULGC luncheon came together at SECID headquarters in Washington to begin the task of assembling an agenda for the projected Wingspread meeting and of deciding on the nature and names of participants. At that meeting a date for the Wingspread session was chosen (May 12-14). A Washington-based subcommittee under the leadership of Ellen Fenoglio of SECID took over responsibility for selecting organizations to be represented at Wingspread. That list, including in some cases names of individuals in others names of officials from whom nominees should be solicited, was transmitted to MUCIA in February 1982.

On this basis, the Network Coordinator undertook the task of writing letters of invitation, and assembling the final list of Wingspread participants. Simultaneously, a series of conference telephone calls with members of the December committee and other concerned individuals set the final agenda for the meeting. As the agenda and the list of participants were being formed, the Coordinator also undertook the task of preparing a paper for Wingspread on the financial realities of forming a professional association. This involved considerable discussion with staff of the American Council of Learned Societies, and later research in materials provided by ACLS.

The Wingspread session was held as scheduled from the evening of Wednesday, May 12, through mid-day on Friday, May 14. Approximately 27 women attended. At the final session on Friday morning, chaired by Francille Finbaugh of Ohio State University, the decision was taken to form a new professional association, AWID--the Association for Women in Development. A temporary dues structure was set up, and SECID offered to receive funds on behalf of the group. A major conference on the general theme of Women and Food was tentatively scheduled for Washington in the Fall of 1983, with Senator Percy as a possible keynoter in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Percy Amendment. A temporary governance structure was established, and preliminary publicity and mailings decided upon. Goals for AWID were agreed on.

MUCIA played a pivotal role in the organizational matters leading up to Wingspread, as provided for in our contract with AID/WID. Further developments with AWID will depend on the appeal of the organization for a large number of individuals and institutions, successful start-up fund raising, and the program for the Fall 1983 conference. Once Wingspread was over, MUCIA has no more special role to play in AWID's affairs, though the Network Coordinator will continue to remain active in the organization.

NEWSLETTERS

By the terms of this grant, production of the Newsletter is to be undertaken under the general supervision of the Network Coordinator, though individual universities will maintain responsibility for the content of individual issues. The following schedule has been developed for Volume II and the first issues of Volume III.

Vol. II, no. 1 (Jan.-March 1981)	<u>Wisconsin</u> , with a focus on women's access to resources.
Vol. II, no. 2 (April-June 1981)	<u>Illinois</u> , with a focus on women and food in Africa.
Vol. II, no. 3 (July-Sept. 1981)	<u>Iowa</u> , with a focus on women as refugees.
Vol. II, no. 4 (Oct.-Dec. 1981)	<u>Minnesota</u> , with a focus on resources for research on WID topics.
Vol. III, no. 1 (Jan-Mar. 1982)	<u>Ohio State</u> , with a focus on women's work.
Vol. III, no. 2 (April-June 1982)	<u>Indiana</u> , proceedings of conference on "The Economic Roles of Women."

Issues no 1, no. 2, and no. 3 have appeared (the required 125 copies have been submitted to WID separately); Issue no. 4 will soon be in press.

A newly enlarged mailing list is maintained at Wisconsin. All requests to be included in the list are being fulfilled. There are now about 100 "non-MUCIA" names on the list, with requests to be included coming in steadily.

PLANNING MEETINGS

During this reporting period, the Network only had one major Planning Meeting--a session at Indiana University April 15, 16, and 17, which examined "Economic Roles of Women: The Latin American Perspective," from the points of view of the three major field projects the MUCIA WID Network has undertaken to date. These include the complete research project on "The Economic Role of Women in Small-Scale Agriculture in the Eastern Caribbean" and the still in-progress studies of women's economic roles in Juchitan, Mexico, and of modernization as it affects these roles in Michoacan, Mexico. The full program of this conference is attached as Annex A. The conference reviewed both the research results and the methodologies of these projects. Papers on more general issues (including a very provocative presentation on "Women's Work and Economic Development") were presented by Indiana University faculty and staff.

There were a number of useful results from this Planning Meeting. First, the research undertaken by participants in the WID Network, using largely MUCIA or other non AID/WID funding, is impressive in its volume and variety. A decision was taken to feature its results in a forthcoming issue of MUCIA WID Network Notes. Second, the nature of the Michigan State University study on modernization in Mexico, and the effects of this process on women's economic roles, was clarified for all Network participants. It is not clear whether or not there is any larger role for the Network to play in this project, but it was very helpful indeed to have its assumptions, rationales, and goals fully explained to us. Third, it was decided to hold a Planning Meeting in Chicago in early June at which formal decisions would be taken about providing financial support to development of additional research and other types of field projects.

The Network agreed to entertain proposals from groups of individuals located at different universities for international travel needed to bring projects to the stage of completion necessary to seek outside funding. It was agreed that the proposals should: build on what the Network has already done; be genuinely collaborative; be of real use to women; demonstrate geographical spread; have real chances of securing outside funding; and not exceed \$3,000 in total amount. This action was made necessary in large part by the decision of the MUCIA Board to terminate the small grants program on which Network projects have depended heavily for development monies. While this is not necessarily a problem for the Network, it does end one institutionalized source of funds which we have become accustomed to using.

MISCELLANEOUS NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Network Research Projects: The MSU project on Women's Economic Activities and the Indiana project on household composition and economic activity were both fully described at the meeting at Indiana in April. Further work on these projects is to be the primary responsibility of the two institutions concerned; Network involvement will be at the decision of these institutions.

The completed project on The Economic Role of Women In Small-Scale Agriculture in the Eastern Caribbean was also fully described at that meeting. That project did, however, run into one major problem during this reporting period. MUCIA did not receive, as expected, copies of the final research report from the Women and Development Unit of the University of the West Indies. Failure to deliver this final report put the Network into an unsatisfactory status with AID/WID, which had provided part of the funds for the project. As a result, in March 1982, the Network produced an Interim Report of the Research, made multiple copies and distributed the paper within the Consortium, to AID, and to selected Caribbean colleagues. Although the need to undertake this action was clear, it nevertheless occupied time and funds which might better have been spent on developing new activities. The utility of having a report of this major project, which we are free to distribute, is undeniable.

International Agricultural Research Centers Project: This reporting period saw a great deal of activity on this project. A small group of Network participants came together in Madison to work up a formal proposal for presentation to the MUCIA Board of Directors as a request for a \$5,000 project development grant. That presentation was made in February. However, at its February meeting the Board chose to abolish the project development grant funding. Since the Network request was before the Board at that time, the Executive Director was instructed by the Board to make available to Network participant some of his discretionary funds specifically for the IARC project. In April, the Network was invited by Dr. Norman Collins of the Ford Foundation to present the project to him and his staff. Knowles, Knudson, and Weidemann made the trip to New York. Ford was extremely encouraging about the project. Dr. Collins volunteered information about the Foundation's decision to pressure the Centers it funds on the whole question of how they include women in their programs, and he also agreed to make initial contacts on behalf of the Network in the Latin American Centers to which Ford contributes. Since that visit, we have had very encouraging correspondence with Dr. Collins. It is our firm impression that Ford will look favorably on a proposal to develop a WID program with one or more of the Centers it funds. Nevertheless, it will be up to the Network to become sufficiently familiar with the work of the Centers to be able to develop a proposal for Ford consideration. By the end of this reporting period, the Network was assured of up to \$5,000 in travel funds from the MUCIA Executive Director, and the decision was taken to approach the Network Planning Meeting scheduled for June 1982 for a similar sum.

We continue to anticipate that this project will require the talents of many more people than are in our Network. We see it as a way to develop linking mechanisms between our Network, those of other consortia in the United States, and those of various groups of women in developing countries. In particular, we see it as a means to develop relationships between our universities and colleagues in universities in countries where the IARCs are located. We will keep the other US Consortia Networks in touch with our plans as they develop, and will interact with such overseas groups as that created by the International Training Center for Women in Addis Ababa.

NETWORKING AND INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The AWID efforts involved an enormous amount of correspondence and time, one side benefit of which was the opportunity to inform people around the country of the MUCIA WID activities. In addition to this, a formal query about MUCIA and about WID in general was received from Dr. Carmen Padgett of the College of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas, where WID activities are under discussion.

Participants in the MUCIA Network were informed about two new IPAs in AID's Africa Bureau, and about a Boston conference sponsored by the Women and Food Information Network. Correspondence with MUCIA included a statement of our concern that the paper for the TSM contract to Barbados included some very optimistic and promising rhetoric concerning the Consortium's WID Network, but almost no vitas for women scholars were sent in with the submission. The Network also made a formal offer to the Consortium to assist in activities surrounding a bid for a major contract to handle participant trainees.

Activities outside the Consortium included the following:

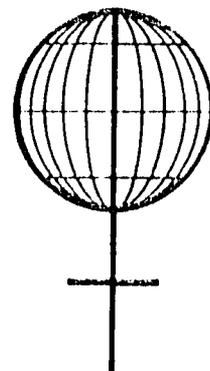
- a letter to Elizabeth Dole expressing our concern at the lack of women members of BIFAD, and offering our help in identifying women with the proper technical capacities for political review by the administration;
- a letter to Lynne Teitelbaum of ITC/OICD/USDA expressing our willingness to undertake short-term training programs for participant trainees in the US under USDA auspices;
- a letter to the Non Formal Education Center at MSU expressing support for their activities and regret at their funding problems.

Finally, the Network agreed during this reporting period to be a co-sponsor of the conference on US farm women to be held at Wingspread under the direction of the Equity Policy Center of Washington. The Coordinator will participate in the conference, and the member institutions were canvassed for other interested participants. Three CVs were sent off to EPOC with the understanding they would choose the individual who best complemented other strengths on the program.

ANNEX A

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ECONOMIC ROLES OF WOMEN: THE LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE
INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA
APRIL 15-17, 1982



Thursday, April 15

- 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Registration at the Poplars
7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reception at Mary Hurt's home, 120 Concord Rd.

Friday, April 16

- Poplars 103
9:00 to 9:45 Population Components in Women in Development Projects:
Melody Trott, Population, Agency for International Development
9:45 to 10:00 Coffee break
10:00 to 12:00 Three Projects: Research Findings
Eastern Caribbean Project: Barbara Yates
Oaxaca Project: Anya Royce
Mexicali Project: Laura Montgomery
12:00 to 1:30 Luncheon--Poplars
1:45 to 2:30 Women's Work and Economic Development: Elyce Rotella
2:30 to 3:15 Women and Work: The Mazatec of the Oaxaca Sierra: Cynthia Pearlman
3:15 to 3:30 Break
3:30 to 5:30 Three Projects: Methodologies
Eastern Caribbean Project: Barbara Knudson
Oaxaca Project: Anya Royce
Mexicali Project: Susan Tiano
6:00 to 7:45 Wine, hors d'oeuvres and dinner at The Terrace, 420 E. 4th St.
8:30 University Theater: The Three Penny Opera

Saturday, April 17

- Poplars 103
9:00 to 9:45 The Death of Makola and Other Tragedies: Male Strategies
against a Female Dominated System: Claire Robertson
9:45 to 10:00 Coffee break
10:00 to 11:00 Future Directions--group discussion

Adjourn

ANNEX B

OFFICE OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Report

December, 1981 - May, 1982

In May 1980, the University of Illinois Women in Development Committee, after one year of operation, became the Office of Women in International Development (WID Office). The WID Office is an interdisciplinary, academic unit linked administratively to the Office of International Programs and Studies.

A. Administration

Dr. Barbara A. Yates, Associate Professor of Comparative Education (Department of Educational Policy Studies), has served as the Director of the WID Office since May 1980. Dr. Sally Gordon has served as half-time Assistant to the Director since August, 1981. An Executive Committee, consisting of ten faculty members and two graduate students, represents twelve different campus departments and administrative units. For 1981 the Office received program funds from the Title XII Strengthening Grant at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and administrative support from the Office of International Programs and Studies as well as from the USAID grant to EUCIA/WID.

A primary administrative task during 1981-82 has been to try to establish outside funding for the continuation and expansion of the WID program at Illinois. To that end, a program proposal was prepared for presentation to several foundations. Preliminary discussions were held with five foundations in New York in March, 1982, and further funding sources will be approached.

B. Program

The programs organized by the WID Office have been designed to increase the awareness of the university community of WID issues and to expand and sustain the ability of students and faculty to incorporate such concerns into their research and teaching of international development problems.

During the spring semester, 1982, the program included both a series of seminars offered by local faculty and a series of lectures by off-campus speakers. The seminar series included the following presentations:

1. Evelyn Accad (Department of French), "Political and Feminist Commitment: More Recent Trends in the Works of Arab Women Writers from 1965 to the Present."
2. Susan Rogers (Visiting Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Ecology), "Modernization and the Reinforcement of Tradition: Another Look at Women in Agricultural Development."
3. Judy Lisansky (Department of Psychology), "Changes in Women's Roles in Developing Countries: Case Study of an Amazonian Town."
4. Jean Peterson (Department of Anthropology and Human Development and Family Ecology), "Women and Social and Technological Changes in the Philippines."

The outside speakers for the spring semester were the following:

1. Carmel Chiswick (Department of Economics, Northwestern University), "Women and Income Distribution in Thailand."
2. Elizabeth Fernea (Center for the Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas), "Adapting Tradition to the Modern Life: Middle Eastern Women" (cancelled because of the speaker's illness). In anticipation of this lecture, the film, "Women of Marakesh" for which Elizabeth Fernea was the ethnographic consultant was shown.

The total attendance at the spring semester speakers' series and seminars was 116.

C. Instruction

During 1981 the WID Office continued to support and disseminate information on related academic instruction. A list of WID-related and core courses was prepared for academic year 1980-81. A total of 507 students enrolled in that year in 7 core courses and 7 related courses spanning 13 different departments. The list for 1981-82 included 19 courses representing 11 different departments, with a total enrollment of 1066 students, more than twice the enrollment for the previous academic year. The increase in the number of courses and the student enrollments indicates a growing interest in and awareness of WID concerns and therefore progress toward one of the fundamental goals of the WID program.

D. Research

Efforts to further research on WID issues have continued. Beginning in the fall semester 1981 the WID Office organized a Research Committee consisting of 17 faculty and graduate students from 14 different departments, under the direction of chairperson Professor Jean Peterson, Department of Human Development and Family Ecology. That committee planned three activities which are now under way.

1. Research awards: modest stipends to faculty and graduate students for WID-related research; the first awards will be made in September, 1982.
2. Student paper competition: modest prizes for graduate and undergraduate papers which treat WID issues and exhibit high quality; the first awards will be announced in August, 1982.
3. Research statement, "Households and Their Resources: Changing Relationships": summary of some especially important problems which need to be addressed. While the statement is not meant to be comprehensive, it does discuss a variety of issues. A draft of the research statement was circulated to several faculty and students in May, 1982 for comments and suggestions. A slightly revised version will be available early in the fall semester, 1982.

E. Library

The WID Office allocated a modest amount of money to the Women's Studies Bibliographer (Beth Stafford) at the University of Illinois Library for the acquisition of WID-related components in existing courses by collating a bibliography of recent library acquisitions and current holdings of WID-related materials; that bibliography will be circulated in fall, 1982. The library research was prepared by the Library's Women's Studies Bibliographer. Finally, in the WID Office a library of "fugitive literature" on WID issues has been catalogued. It includes for example, USAID research reports and documents which are sometimes difficult to locate or not available in a conventional library. Such activities are designed to facilitate faculty inclusion of WID issues in relevant courses.

F. Service

The WID Office has continued to cooperate with the Office of International Agriculture in reviewing prospective international projects and assisting, at their invitation, in developing WID components for these projects. WID components were incorporated into a proposal for a USAID Technical Service to Mission (TSM) in the Caribbean and an agricultural research and extension project in Zambia. The latter, an AID contract, was awarded to the University of Illinois.

The WID Office also initiated a newsletter early in the 1981-82 academic year that was published three times during each semester of the academic year. The goal was to provide current information informally and quickly to the 220 people on our mailing list. That information includes speakers and guests on campus, international development activities with WID concerns, conferences, seminars, special publications, calls for papers, and employment opportunities.

The Illinois section of the AID/WID consulting roster was updated in the summer of 1981.

The WID Office further provided advice to students interested in WID issues and possible professional opportunities in the field. Professional positions available were mentioned in the Newsletter and announced on a conveniently placed bulletin board, and both evoked many requests for further information and counseling. In addition, the Office was able to respond to several faculty requests for information on conferences, publications and "fugitive" literature.

Finally, in response to a request, the Assistant to the Director of the WID Office made an informal presentation to International Colloquium, a student-organized group which meets regularly to discuss issues related to international development. The group consists of both international and domestic graduate students and faculty, and the presentation examined some of the difficult issues related to women in international development.

Future Plans

For the fall semester, 1982 and for 1983 the WID Office plans to continue a series of seminars and guest speakers in order to continue to provide a forum for the discussion of WID issues. The list of the University of Illinois Library's acquisitions on WID topics will be available in Fall, 1982. This will hopefully make it easier for faculty to include such topics in relevant courses. The course list for each semester will again be circulated before registration in order to make it easier for students to identify courses which will contribute to their training for international development work. The continuation of the research awards to stimulate WID-related research and the student paper competition to encourage student interest in related issues and to reward high quality work on WID topics remains open to the evaluation of the 1982-83 experience with such awards. The research statement is now undergoing revision and may become the basis for a credit course in spring semester, 1983. Two important thrusts of the office next year will no doubt be a comparative research effort designed to collect comparable data about household economic strategies in the Philippines, the Eastern Caribbean, and Zambia. Related to that research will be an effort to coordinate with the College of Agriculture's Zambia project; precisely the form of that coordination will await some experience and feedback from the early members of the field team.

Efforts will also continue to secure outside funding.

ACTIVITY REPORT
WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT - DECEMBER 1981 to MAY 1982
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The WID Committee at the University of Iowa has developed, organized, and opened a special collections library devoted to women and development issues. It is called the Jane A. Weiss Memorial Library and is located on campus. It contains a wide range of articles, pamphlets, books, newsletters, and student research papers on subjects pertinent to WID. It is open every afternoon and is staffed by the WID Project Assistant who is a graduate student in Women's Studies.

In this reporting period, WID continued to offer study group sessions which are meant to explore, in depth, subjects relating to women and development. Study group leaders are faculty, staff, and/or graduate students who have particular expertise in a specific area of study. Materials collected for each session are then placed in the WID library.

Campus activities sponsored by WID included:

- A lecture series entitled "The Underside of Development" in conjunction with the Committee on International and Comparative Studies. Nadia Youssef, Research Director for the International Center for Research on Women, spoke on "Women-Headed Households: An Ignored Factor in Development." Ms. Youssef conducted a discussion following the presentation, spoke to the class, "Economic and Political Development: Effects on Women's Roles," and conducted a faculty and staff seminar. Irene Tinker, Director of the Equity Policy Center also spoke as a part of the "Underside of Development" series. Her lecture was entitled "The Differential Impact of Development: Reaching the Poor?" Ms. Tinker also conducted faculty and staff seminars for WID and for the Program in Asian Civilizations.

- WID submitted a grant proposal to the S & H Foundation Lectureship Program which makes awards to help fund speakers. The Foundation's purpose is to bring scholarly and public experts into direct contact with faculty and students and to extend the influence of the school into the nearby community through the presentation of public lectures by distinguished visitors.
- WID expanded its mailing list which now includes over 150 names.
- WID began the compilation of a bibliography and pathfinder of women and development materials contained in the University of Iowa library system.
- WID committee conducted monthly meetings. The committee consists of a convenor, a quarter-time project assistant, and 10 members who represent faculty, staff, and students from a variety of departments and university units. The committee is a working committee - each member takes part in the planning and instigation of all WID activities and helps in the carrying out of all WID goals.
- WID is now planning next year's activities. The committee will focus these activities on issues relating to Women, Health, and Development. This is a very appropriate focus for WID at the University of Iowa since Iowa City is the home of the largest research and tertiary care hospitals in the Mid-West (University Hospitals and Clinics) where a wide range of skilled experts in international medicine practice and conduct research. It is the committee's goal to tap this valuable resource in terms of information, speakers, and study group sessions.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

REPORT FOR AID/MUCIA
December 1981 to May 1982

MUCIA/WID funds were used to enhance and expand the women in development network at MSU, nationally and internationally, between December 1981 and May 1982. Activities supported by MUCIA funds were integrated into the activities of the Office of Women in International Development to strengthen the overall program.

Among the activities of the MSU/WID office for this period were the following:

1. Working papers numbers 3 through 10 have been published. The MSU/WID Office continues to receive manuscripts regularly.

These activities are coordinated by a one-quarter time faculty person who serves as editor and a multidisciplinary editorial board, assisted by a graduate student.

2. A group of women from developing countries continues to meet regularly to discuss research ideas, share research problems and identify common interests. Nearly 30 expressions of interest in pursuing WID-related research projects have been submitted to the WID Office by scholars at MSU. In response to this growing interest in WID-related research at MSU, the Office is searching for a one-quarter time faculty Research Coordinator.
3. MSU/WID is currently advising several ongoing projects and continues to monitor international activities to identify new projects. The PATF advises MSU international projects in various stages of development, covering topics ranging from tropical medicine to institution building to agricultural extension training. Current projects are located in Sudan, Senegal, Morocco and several countries in the Eastern Caribbean. A one-quarter time faculty person coordinates these activities.
4. A WID reading room continues to serve MSU faculty, staff and students. This small resource center contains several hundred publications, many of which are received on exchange, some are donated and others purchased.
5. During this period one issue of our newsletter was published. Fourteen hundred copies were sent to individuals and organizations. The approximate breakdown of our distribution list is: At MSU, 700; MUCIA colleagues and other WID-interested groups, 720.
6. Dr. Susan Tiano and Ms. Laura Montgomery shared their findings from the Mexicali Project with MUCIA/WID colleagues in April. Both researchers are returning to the field to complete products that will be made available to MUCIA for a larger, comprehensive collaborative proposal on women's productive roles.

7. The MSU/WID office is serving as the coordinating body to support faculty and student development related to WID. Support for four dissertation research fellowships, five internships, and five faculty awards have been made available on a competitive basis.

Funds received from AID/MUCIA have been expended from December 1981--May 1982 as follows:

Salaries	\$2349.00
Fringes	297.42
Supplies	<u>197.62</u>
Total	\$2844.04

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SUMMARY OF MINNESOTA WID ACTIVITIES

December 1981 - July 1982

1. Minnesota WID has begun to systematically create a network of female international professionals at the University of Minnesota. The network expands by making formal appointments of Honorary Research Fellow to visiting female international professionals, and by asking such individuals to make presentations about the economic roles of women in their home countries. To date, the following women have affiliated as Honorary Fellows:

Kasturi Gupta Menon
Indian Civil Service Officer
Calcutta, India

Ego Uche-Okeke
Curator, University Museum
University of Nigeria, Nsukka

Mona Eliasson
Director, Center for Research on Women
University of Uppsala, Sweden

Buvana Rajeswaran
Community Development Officer
World Bank Slum Rehabilitation Project
Madras, India

Their presentations are being issued in a series of working papers from the offices of the Women and International Development Research and Information Center (WIDRIC). The first such working paper was distributed in early 1982; the second will be distributed in September, 1982.

2. WIDRIC has negotiated with the National Council on Family Relations to establish a computerized bibliographic data base within the Family Resources Database. Abstracting of WID literature for entry into the database is underway. Eventually the database will be accessible through Bibliographic Retrieval Services (BRS) at university, college, and public libraries.

3. A Title XII proposal for 1982-83 was submitted and approved. The project is titled "Feasibility Study: Establishing a Delivery System for Agricultural Extension Services to Moroccan Women in Small-Scale Agriculture". Barbara Knudson is the Principal Investigator. A portion of the match has been secured in the form of a \$3,000 travel grant from MUCIA-WID.
4. In April 1982 Minnesota WID hosted two AID evaluators, Faye Thompson and John Wilkinson. The day-long visit included conferences with faculty active in WID as well as a Title XII officer and a Minnesota representative to the MUCIA Board.
5. Minnesota WID personnel are collaborating with Wisconsin on a project to promote WID concerns in the 13 International Agricultural Research Centers.
6. Buvana Rajeswaran, a Community Development Officer with the World Bank Slum Rehabilitation Project in Madras, India, has been serving a placement with WIDRIC over the summer as part of the Twin Cities International Program. She has been involved in community development activities with female international students and spouses. Buvana will be returning to Madras in mid-August.

MUCIA WID Activity Report
The Ohio State University
December 1, 1981 - May 31, 1982

At the Ohio State University, the following activities were aimed at stimulating attention to WID concerns and strengthening faculty and student understanding and competence:

- 1) Weekly noon seminars on WID issues were held during Winter and most of Spring quarters.
- 2) A three-credit interdepartmental seminar on the roles of women in developing nations and women's potential impacts on economic development was offered in Spring quarter. Twenty students, both male and female, enrolled in the course which was offered jointly by Anthropology and Home Economics. Lecturers were from seven different departments.
- 3) Additional materials on women in development were selected and purchased for the library system.
- 4) Support was provided for speakers for two program sessions on Women in Africa for the Second Annual Symposium in the Humanities entitled, "Africa and the West: The Challenge of African Humanism."

In addition,

- 1) The directory of campus people with interests in women in development is continually up-dated and currently lists 85 persons.
- 2) Materials were collected for preparation of an issue of the MUCIA WID newsletter, WID Notes, on the interface between household and agricultural production.
- 3) A continuing effort is made to be aware of and become involved at the proposal development stage in international projects.

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Our campus activities during this six-month period were concentrated on our on-going work with the Women's Studies Research Center on a joint education and training proposal to the Ford Foundation, and on the continued development of a campus WID group.

On the Ford grant, a full proposal was made ready for submission to the Foundation in April. Dr. Marja-Liisa Swantz, Director of the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Helsinki and a veteran of many years of field experience in Tanzania, accepted an offer and will be on the Madison campus during the summer to offer a course on Women in Development. This will be the first such course taught on the campus. It will be funded by the planning portion of the Ford grant.

The nascent WID campus group continued to meet regularly. In November a group member, Paik Swan Low from Korea, organized a panel discussion by women from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Black and Native women of the US on the topic of "The Woman's Movement: A Global Perspective" under the auspices of the Student Union and the Madison Campus Ministry.

In February the group co-sponsored a noon-hour seminar by Ellen Maurer of the Agricultural Journalism Department on the topic "Women In Development: Workshop in Jamaica, Project in Nicaragua." Ms. Maurer participated in a Jamaica workshop run by the Partners of the Americas on joint project development by US women and counterparts from Central America. She then traveled to Nicaragua (Wisconsin's American partner) and worked with local women on a project to enhance the quality of life in an urban barrio. In her talk, Ms. Maurer described both the workshop and the subsequent work in Managua.

In March the group met to discuss outreach to women, both US and third world, who had once been on the Wisconsin campus but were now working somewhere overseas. A decision was taken to offer the services of the group and the resources of the Wisconsin campus to these women, and a letter was drafted up and sent to a group of women formerly associated with the African Studies program. The letter offered to undertake spot research on a topic of concern to any of the women, to seek advice from campus experts, and in general to provide continued access to such resources as our library system. A request for assistance with technical writing materials was received from Dr. Marie Umeh, who is now teaching in a Nigerian technical college; a response is pending.

In April the group had a luncheon meeting with the AID evaluators at which the different agendas of AID and the university community received a full and frank airing.

In May the group met to hear a paper on "Fertility and Nutrition in Nicaragua" by Professor Barbara Wolfe of the Institute for Research on Poverty and the Department of Preventive Medicine. Dr. Wolfe described a large data set on pre-revolutionary Nicaragua, with special emphasis on the status of women and secondarily of children.

The group does not plan to meet over the summer, but will resume regular sessions in the fall.

Collaboration with Women's Studies began to grow into areas outside the Ford proposal. In March, Jane Knowles received a request from a UW colleague temporarily in the Philippines to assist in securing a US visa for a woman activist in that country who wanted to visit America but whose plans were being blocked by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Director of the Women's Studies Research Center and Knowles wrote a joint letter of invitation, and plans were made for the visitor to address both the WID group and the Women's Studies colloquium series.