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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 A 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.

ROSTERING

At a planning meeting in April 1981, Network participants agreed to resurvey persons whose CVs were included in the initial roster and to seek additional CVs from new or newly interested staff. This effort is well under way, and an updated second roster using the same categories as the first can be submitted to AID's WID Office in the spring of 1982.

Concern continues to be expressed by Network participants that little or no use is being made by AID of the original roster. At the time this report is being written, there is no evidence that anyone listed has been contacted by AID for consultancy or other services. It is increasingly difficult to maintain interest in the effort.

NEWSLETTERS

By the terms of this grant, production of the Newsletter is to be undertaken on a quarterly basis 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 issue 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>Ohio State</u> , with a focus on women's work.
Vol. III, no. 1 (Jan.-March 1982)	<u>Minnesota</u> , with a focus on resources for research on WID topics.

Issues no. 1 and no. 2 have appeared (the required 125 copies have been submitted to WID separately); Issue no. 3 is 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

The period covered by this report coincided with the member universities' traditional summer break, and with a concomitant rise in project activity (see below) by Network participants. As a result, only one Planning Meeting was held during this six-month period.

Planning Meeting III-1: On 16 November 1981, the Network held a one-day meeting in Chicago. Formal reports were presented by participants in our current field projects, all of which demonstrated heavy recent activity. The Coordinator discussed with meeting participants the progress made on a possible WID professional association, and on the development of a WID research agenda by AID and the National Academy of Sciences. The up-coming AID evaluation of Network activities was also discussed.

One outcome of this meeting was Network agreement on a major conference to be held at Indiana University, 15-17 April 1982. The project leaders of all three Network research efforts will present their

results, and discuss their methodology. Outside participants will be invited. We see this conference as an opportunity for substantive comparative analysis of methodology and findings of three field research projects which all focused on various aspects of women's economic activities.

A second outcome of the meeting was the decision to move forward on a project involving the International Agricultural Research Centers. Jean Weidemann (Wisconsin) and Barbara Knudson and Sonia Patten (Minnesota) presented the results of their recent research into the IARC system. An informational memo was distributed in advance of the meeting which outlined the location and focus of each center. After extended discussion it was agreed that a small project proposal group (self-identified) will come together before the end of 1981 to begin work on a proposal for presentation to the MUCIA Board of Directors seeking project development funds.

Unless the AID evaluation makes one necessary, the next Planning Meeting will be in conjunction with the Indiana conference in April 1982. This will leave us funds for a third such meeting before this contract expires in August 1983.

NETWORK PROJECTS

Women in Eastern Caribbean Agriculture: In January 1981, the MUCIA WID Network put its first project into the field. Drs. Barbara Yates of the University of Illinois and Barbara Knudson of the University of Minnesota began field work on a project entitled "The Economic Role of Women in Small-Scale Agriculture in the Eastern Caribbean." The work was undertaken on the island of St. Lucia between January and late March.

Initial funding for the project came in the form of a \$5,000 project development grant by the MUCIA Board of Directors to the University of Illinois. Field work for the project was funded by contracts from AID/Barbados and the Office of Women in Development, AID/Washington. The prime contractor for the field work was the Women and Development Unit (WAND) of the University of the West Indies, under the direction of Peggy Antrobus. WAND's participation in the project was directed by Ms. Pat Ellis. MUCIA and WID, Inc., a PVO located in Barbados, directed by Ms. Lynne Allison, were the sub-contractors. On St. Lucia, the Caribbean Research Center under the direction of Ms. Pat Charles provided facilities and support services to the MUCIA team.

A sample of more than 200 farms of 15 acres or less was drawn from an island-wide survey recently completed by the St. Lucia Ministry of Agriculture. Units in the sample were surveyed to secure information in the following general areas: the percentage of small-scale farmers who are female; the division of labor and allocation of time within farm households; economic decision-making in farm households; the socioeconomic characteristics of female farmers. A second questionnaire

was administered to a sub-set of women on these farm units; it concentrated on securing more personal and attitudinal kinds of information. Data on the field work were analyzed at Minnesota during the spring of 1981.

In mid-June 1981, Knudson and Yates presented their findings to a regional workshop organized by WAND and held on St. Lucia. Yates discussed the recent economic performance of St. Lucia, with special emphasis on the agricultural sector and the position of women in the island's work force; she also concentrated on the access of St. Lucian women to education, both formal and informal, which might enhance their economic participation. Knudson focused on her analysis of the data generated by the field work. The workshop was designed by WAND to include a very broad cross-section of individuals from the Eastern Caribbean region, including a number of people with specific professional responsibility for women's programs. Workshop discussions were very wide-ranging and productive. From the discussions emerged a set of policy recommendations, based substantially on the field data generated by the MUCIA project, which will be both a part of the final project report and a formal presentation to the appropriate officials in the Government of St. Lucia.

Following the workshop, Yates traveled to Barbados where she worked on the final draft of the formal project report with Ms. Ellis and other WAND staff members. A paper of close to 80 pages, with numerous tables, was prepared, and left with WAND for final printing. It had not yet reached the MUCIA Network participants by the close of this reporting period, and was not expected to do so before early 1982. A rough draft of the paper has been submitted to AID/WID in partial fulfillment of contractual obligations.

Women's Economic Activities: This project is intended to be a more general review of women's economic activities, in both the household and the formal and informal sectors of the economy. The MUCIA Board of Directors awarded a \$5,000 project development grant to Michigan State University, under the direction of Dr. Susan Tiano, to begin work on this project.

During the summer of 1981, Dr. Tiano and two Michigan State colleagues (Dr. Scott Whiteford of Anthropology and Laura Montgomery, a Ph.D. student), and one other WID Network participant (Dr. Joan Herr of Ohio State) traveled to Mexico to undertake feasibility studies for further field work. They concentrated on three sets of issues: the status of women factory workers in the Mexicali area (Tiano); social implications of problems with a negative impact on agricultural workers and small farmers in the Mexicali Valley (Whiteford and Montgomery); and the nutritional status of women and children in the same region (Herr). A formal trip report will be forthcoming.

One major outcome of this project will be a paper by Tiano to be entitled "The Separation of Women's Remunerated and Household Work: Theoretical Perspectives on 'Women in Development'." The paper will

appear in late 1981 or early 1982 as part of MSU's WID Working Papers Series.

Aside from these written outcomes, the status of this project is very uncertain. Dr. Tiano has left MSU, and is now a faculty member at Arizona. Whether her MSU colleagues are willing to work with the Network, and whether their research interests are such that the Network can play any kind of a brokering role in seeking further funding for them, are very unclear. The Network will continue to work with MSU in seeking a positive result from this effort.

Indiana University Project: Dr. Anya Peterson Royce, of the Department of Anthropology at Indiana University, was awarded a \$5,000 project development grant by the MUCIA Board to help in continuing her ongoing research on household composition and economic activity in Juchitan, Mexico.

Royce, along with a group of graduate students which included another Network participant, Mary Hurt, undertook the field work which this grant was to support in the summer of 1981. Her original plan was for a household survey approach to examine economic cooperation, the extended family, and supportive social networks within a traditional community. When she arrived in Mexico, however, she discovered that a new political administration had come into power in Juchitan, one which was hostile to her plan for a questionnaire to be administered to members of statistically selected households. As a result, she had to change her research design. Because Dr. Royce has been on leave for the fall term, the results of this redesigned field work are not yet analyzed and available. They will be presented to the April conference at Indiana (described above), which will be partially funded by the MUCIA project development grant.

International Agricultural Research Centers Project: The initial idea for some kind of joint effort with the IARC Network, and its parent group, the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), was first presented to the Network by Dr. Jean Weidemann of Wisconsin in late 1980 at a Planning Meeting. Weidemann, and Jane Knowles have continued to discuss the project over the past year, and to raise it as a possibility with such people as Rebecca Pollard of BIFAD (June and July 1981), but no real progress was made. Now, however, the time seems ripe to move. The recently completed Quinquennial Review of the IARCs specifically urges them to begin to involve women agriculturists and scientists in their work. BIFAD has sent similar messages to the centers, and is drawing up plans for some collaborative work with them. Network participants who were initially busy with other projects (e.g., Barbara Knudson of Minnesota in St. Lucia) are now free to participate. Accordingly, the Network agreed to draw up a proposal for presentation to the MUCIA Board of Directors for project development funds to begin to explore collaborative possibilities with a sub-set of IARCs so as to develop a larger project for non-MUCIA (foundation? AID? World Bank?) funding. Work will begin on the proposal before the end of 1981, and it will be submitted to MUCIA in early 1982.

We 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 U.S. 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.

MISCELLANEOUS NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Participation in MUCIA Project Proposal Writing: Network participants played important roles in the preparation of Consortium responses to two possible AID projects in the Eastern Caribbean: Identification, Design and Implementation of High Priority Development Projects in the Eastern Caribbean (PDAP), and the Technical Services to Mission (TSM) contract for the Regional Development Office in Barbados.

Jane Knowles attended the MUCIA meeting to organize a response to the PDAP proposal, and ended up assuming major responsibility for assembling the various parts of the proposal as they came from interested universities, and for collecting resumés to be included. Barbara Yates of Illinois also attended that meeting, and was largely responsible for submitting the Illinois materials that made up part of the final proposal. Some nontraditional sources were used on campuses to turn up these resumés, and as a direct result they included an unusually large number of women (this also had something to do with the nature of the proposal, which was nonagricultural in nature and could draw upon people with skills in, for example, urban and regional planning). Unfortunately, MUCIA was not selected as the contractor for this project.

Knowles, Yates, and Barbara Knudson of Minnesota were all part of the group that met to prepare MUCIA's response to the TSM contract. All played a role in preparing their universities' submissions to the final document, and Knowles prepared some general statements about MUCIA's WID effort. Michigan State was selected as the lead university for this project, and the final document was prepared there. WID staffers at MSU played an advisory role in preparing the document. Network participants were disappointed at the relatively small number of women's resumés that were attached to the document, and have expressed their concerns to the MSU project leader and to the MUCIA executive staff. Nevertheless, it was rewarding to be asked to participate in the preparation of this important paper, and to see WID concerns thoroughly covered in its prose. No final decision has been made by AID on this project.

Possible Professional Association for WID: MUCIA has played a leading role in this effort. The possibility of such a group began to be talked about during the October 1980 Title XII WID meeting in

Washington. It was pursued during the spring of 1981 at various meetings around the country with different primary purposes, but with an opportunity for discussion of a possible professional organization. MUCIA held such a discussion at its April 1981 meeting in Illinois. Response was very favorable, and in a conference call in late June 1981 between Knowles, Kate Cloud of CID/WID and the Women and Food Information Network, and Ellen Fenoglio of SECID, it was decided to proceed by seeking a funder for a conference to discuss an organization. MUCIA approached the Johnson Foundation of Racine, Wisconsin, asking it to support such a conference in early 1982 at its Wingspread Conference facility. Initial response was favorable, and discussions continued in the late summer and early fall of 1981.

Margaret Fahs of the NASULGC staff offered an opportunity for a WID luncheon at the annual meetings in Washington. On 11 November, a group which had been organized via mailings from the Women and Food Information Network came together for further discussion. Following a presentation on possible association with NASULGC via the Association of U.S. Directors of International Agricultural Programs, the group received a proposal from Rebecca Pollard of the North East Council on Women in Development to organize an ad hoc committee to plan a conference. After considerable discussion, Pollard's suggestion for such a committee was broadened to include representatives of the four organized university Consortia WID groups, of AHEA, of the research centers, of PVOs, of women's groups, and of development professionals. This committee will meet before the end of 1981 to establish criteria for the selection of participants in the proposed conference, and to set up a working agenda.

Networking and Informational Activities: The Network Coordinator responded to the following requests for information and/or assistance:

- from UNIDO for information on the St. Lucia project;
- from Jean Ellickson of AID/WID for possible staff for a farming systems research project;
- from Peggy Antrobus of the Women and Development Unit of the University of the West Indies for a consultant to help on a time budget study;
- from MIAC for advice on setting up a WID Network in that Consortium.

Two letters were sent to AID expressing the Network's concern about possible funding cuts in the AID/WID Office, and about a contract with ICRW to "coordinate" activities relating to WID which completely leaves out universities. Network members were informed about the job possibilities inherent in the Ellickson and Antrobus queries cited above, and about actual job openings at Utah State, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and as IPAs in the AID/WID Office.

Finally, a series of international contacts were undertaken. Formal letters were written to a set of people within FAO who have WID concerns: Nural Islam, Ruth Finney, Rafael Moreno, and Ralph Nicolisi. The letters were intended to introduce the MUCIA WID Network to FAO,

and to offer help on some projects which arose out of the 1979 World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development. Responses have been received from Islam and Finney (on behalf of both herself and Moreno); although cordial, they did not suggest any immediate possibilities for collaborative work. Also, a letter was sent to a female official of the Ugandan government who met with the Network Coordinator during a visit to Madison; it was intended to reinforce the suggestion made in the discussion that the Network would be happy to consider joint projects with women's groups in Uganda.

OFFICE OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Interim Report to MUCIA/WID, June - November, 1981

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). It has continued to operate as an office since that time, but has expanded all aspects of its program. 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. Dr. Sally Gordon has served as half-time Assistant to the Director since August, 1981. There is an Executive Committee consisting of ten faculty members and two graduate students representing twelve different campus departments and administrative units. For the period in question (June-November 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 MUCIA/WID.

B. Instruction

During the period June - November 1981, the WID Office continued to support and disseminate information on related academic instruction. A list of WID related courses for fall semester 1981 was prepared (10 courses representing 10 different departments), with a total enrollment of 720

students for that semester (up from 507 students for academic year 1980-81).

Also, the WID Office encouraged the strengthening of WID 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 early 1982. The library research was prepared by the Library's Women's Studies Bibliographer; the WID Office also provided funds for library acquisitions of WID-related materials.

C. Program

The WID Office sponsored a seminar series including three presentations.

1. One seminar utilized a visiting professor in the School of Human Resources and Family Studies, Dr. Carolyn Brettell, entitled, "Women, Migration and Agricultural Change in Northern Portugal."
2. Another seminar was presented by Pat Ellis, Field Program Coordinator, Women and Development Unit, University of the West Indies; it was entitled, "Women and Development in the Eastern Caribbean." We took advantage of the fact that Ms. Ellis was enroute to Canada for other business to invite her to the UIUC.
3. The final seminar was part of a visit to campus by Dr. Irene Tinker, founder and director of the Equity Policy Center, Washington, D.C. This visit was cosponsored by the Miller Committee, a university resource for supporting distinguished visitors, and four departments and units, as well as the WID Office. Her major lecture was "Energy Needs Among the Poor in Third World Countries;" her more informal seminar as part of the WID series was "Basic Needs Strategies for Women in Third World Countries."

The total attendance at the seminar series was 155 people.

The WID Office also initiated a newsletter early in the 1981-82 academic year that was published on October 1, November 1, and December 1 (copies attached). 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.

D. 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 Technical Service to Mission (TSM) in the Caribbean and an agricultural research and development project in Zambia; the latter, an AID contract, was awarded to the University of Illinois.

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

Finally, in the WID office a library of "fugitive literature" on WID issues is being catalogued. It includes, for example, research reports and data documents which are sometimes difficult to locate or not available in a conventional library, such as the excellent documents distributed by USAID/WID.

E. Research

Efforts to further research on and participation in international projects on WID issues have continued. About a dozen faculty and advanced graduate students are engaged in research related to WID issues.

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Report on Activities June - November 1981

Following is a report on the activities of the Women in Development Committee at The University of Iowa during the period June through November 1981. This Committee is a member of the MUCIA/AID Network; however, only campus based activities will be included herein.

The WID Committee itself meets monthly throughout the year. The Committee is made up of nine (9) members, two co-covenors and one staff assistant. From time to time special guests are invited if it seems appropriate. Over the summer months, the Committee directed its attention to altering its composition to reflect better the range of interests in WID on the Iowa campus. It also chose a successor to one of its co-covenors who was killed in June. Since the opening of the academic year, in September, this group has been carrying out a schedule of activities which will be mentioned later in this report. It has also become a constituent member of a larger University committee, the Committee on International and Comparative Studies (CICS). This latter group is bringing together programs on the campus that have an international focus with the hope of creating from them a University Institute. As a member of CICS, Women in Development Committee representatives attend all CICS meetings and are integral to the discussion of future directions.

Specific WID sponsored activities on the Iowa campus during the period June - November 1981 include:



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- A panel discussion series, in cooperation with the University Film Board, following the showing of films with a development focus. The films included One Way or Another, Blood of the Condor, and Simplemte Jenny. Attendance at the discussions ranged from 15 - 40.
- Two sessions, in a year-long series of study groups, devoted to Women in Development issues. The topics covered were: "The World Economic System and the Status of Women: The Underside of Development", and "The Relevance of Academic Research to Women in the Development Process". Attendance ranged from 15 - 20.
- An informal conversation with Chinese writer and feminist Ding Ling. Ms. Ding spoke on the changing roles of women in modern China and their impact on individual women's lives. Approximately 15 in attendance.
- A presentation on the changing role of women in India by writer, poet and journalist, Kabita Sinha. Approximately 20 in attendance.
- Assisted with the visit to Iowa City of Mira Savara, an Indian feminist currently coordinator of the Feminist Resource Center in Bombay. The WID Committee arranged for Ms. Savara to visit a woman's health clinic, a women's center and a spouse abuse shelter, all in Iowa City.

In addition, to these public activities, the Women in Development Committee also continued to develop its special collections library which now consists of approximately 300-350 books, articles and papers. The library is open on a regular basis and is actively used by students taking WID courses as well as others pursuing an interest in the subject of WID.

Our survey of campus interest and expertise in various academic areas with a focus on Women in Development concerns continues. We now have a mailing list of 150 names who regularly receive information from the Committee. We also have added to our MUCIA/AID roster and currently have 13 people who have been identified

as appropriate for this listing.

During the period June to November 1981, we had our staff assistant, a graduate student in Library Science, resign. She has been replaced by a graduate student in Economics.

Michigan State University

REPORT FOR AID/MUCIA
June 1, 1981 to November 30, 1981

MUCIA/WID funds were used to enhance and expand the women in development network at MSU, nationally and internationally, between June 1 and November 30, 1981. Activities supported by MUCIA funds were integrated into the activities of the Office of Women in International Development to strengthen the overall program. June to November was an important transition period for the MSU Office of Women in International Development. A new Director and a full-time secretary began work. The office was physically moved from 11 rooms on the first floor of the MSU International Center to a 3-room-with-large-reception-area suite on the second floor of that building.

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

1. An MSU publication series was initiated. One Working Paper has been published and another will be published within the month. Several others are currently under review. One thousand copies of the first paper have been shared with interested scholars, including MUCIA colleagues. Subsequent publications will be available.

These activities have been coordinated by a one-quarter time faculty person as WID Editor and a multi-disciplinary editorial board, assisted by a graduate student.

A group of women from developing countries 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 has appointed a one-quarter time faculty Research Coordinator, assisted by a graduate student.

WID/MSU 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 graduate assistant has been hired to coordinate these activities.

4. A WID reading room was established. 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. Eight hundred copies were sent to individuals and organizations. The approximate breakdown of our distribution list is: At MSU, 450; MUCIA colleagues and other WID interested groups, 350.
6. Dr. Susan Tiano, in collaboration with colleagues from MSU and Ohio State University, conducted exploratory research on women's economic roles in Mexicali, Mexico, with support from MUCIA. The first product of this activity,

- a theoretical paper, is available from MSU/WID. It is intended that this research will serve as a basis for further research with other MUCIA universities for a larger, comprehensive, collaborative proposal on women's productive roles.
7. Representatives from MSU/WID played a major role in organizing and presenting papers in the special panel on Women in International Development at the August meetings of the American Sociological Association held in Toronto.
 8. The MSU/WID office is serving as the coordinating body to support faculty and student development related to WID. Support for two dissertation research fellowships, three internships and one faculty lectureship is available on a competitive basis.
 9. Members of the Curriculum Task Force have submitted a proposal to the Rockefeller Foundation for improving the curriculum offerings on issues pertaining to WID. This comes under a larger concern for increasing the attention within the courses and curricula to global issues generally for students at our own campus. Included within the proposal are possibilities for preparing some lesson materials for distribution via video cassette or other electronic means.

Funds received from AID/MUCIA have been expended from June 1, 1981, to November 30, 1981, as follows:

Student Wages	\$225.00
Supplies and Services	293.02
Indirect Costs	155.25
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Submitted by:

Pat Barnes-McConnell, Director

WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

University of Minnesota

Six Month Report

The MUCIA-WID network has provided many opportunities for University of Minnesota faculty women to expand their knowledge base and network of professional contacts. While the six months covered in the time period under evaluation is not our busiest time, the UWID group at the University of Minnesota has engaged in numerous campus based and community activities, been active in developing proposals and projects, and instituted a new major activity with the assistance of Title XII funds, very little of which would have been possible without the assistance of the WID-WID support.

In late May we were informed that we had been granted approximately \$20,000 from the University's Title XII funds for the establishment of a Research Center on Women in Developing Societies (proposal attached). The proposal, aiding us in moving towards our long range goal of being a major resource for comparative study of women in the world, was prepared by a subcommittee of the larger WID group; the grant was made to the group which will continue to be responsible for policy guidance, with designated staff persons responsible for implementation. The summer months, prior to the time when the funds actually became available, were used for preparation of plans to begin immediately on October 1st. Position descriptions were circulated in late August, hiring done in September, and when October (and the Title XII funds) arrived, we were ready to go. The official title of the Center has now become Women and International Development Research and Information

Center.

The Center has office space (hard to come by on this campus) and all of the other necessities of an academic research establishment. A major gathering of existing literature from many places throughout the campus is underway, with sources as diverse as the College of Agriculture, the Office of International Programs, the personal files of Arvonne Fraser (now on our campus as Visiting Fellow), and the Women's Resource Center (shipping us its international documents). As the materials arrive, we are cataloguing and organizing, and preparing for a large funding proposal which would permit us to design a computerized bibliographical data base, which would be widely available through University and public library systems across the nation. (Copy of proposal appended.)

Our estimate is that we will have catalogued more than 2,000 documents by the year's end; given that volume and the "difficult to locate" nature of much of the literature, the automated search potential seems clearly indicated. As can be seen from reading the proposal it is our intention to involve our colleagues throughout the country in this endeavor, both as contributors of documents in their own collections, and as users along with us. It is our conviction that scholarship in the area of women's contributions to development, and development's impact on women will be systematically furthered by making the existing literature far more easily available.

Several meetings of our organization were held in the time period. We organized two workshops in the spring. One, on Women in Morocco, highlighted the presence on our campus of many Moroccan students and the existence of a large AID project in which our University and a major Moroccan agricultural institute have long lasting relationship. The project, an institution-building type, has not focused on women in any way, and female students both in the Moroccan institution and here as graduate students are few in number. It was our hope to establish relationships with the Moroccan women here as

students, and perhaps to develop some easy way in which later projects could be proposed. Two of our colleagues have very recently returned to Morocco, new students have arrived, and we continue to try to develop these relationships in order that we can eventually "crack" the larger project.

Our second spring workshop focused on proposal writing and on ways in which the concerns of women could be integrated and evaluated. Much useful information was disseminated on the occasion, with speakers from AID, the University community, and an eminent scholar/practitioner, Irene Tinker of the Equity Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

In May, we co-sponsored a lecture and slide presentation by Stephanie Urdang. The presentation was based on research she had done on the situation of women in Mozambique. Her work there had been funded by a Ford Foundation grant. Urdang is a professional photojournalist who is currently an editor for Southern Africa Magazine.

At a final spring meeting, held in early June, we heard a report on the progress of the Caribbean research project conducted by Illinois and Minnesota faculty and graduate students. (A full report of the findings and the process used is available in a separate document.) In mid-summer, one of the four graduate students who worked on the project was hired by the Ag Extension project and is currently still employed in that capacity on the island nation of St. Vincent. One of the other graduate students on the project is now employed by a voluntary organization serving the needs of refugees in Somalia. The others are still in graduate school.

In mid-June, the faculty researchers returned to St. Lucia where a conference of agriculturists from several islands, government personnel, University of the West Indies representatives, AID staff, and the entire group of interviewers who worked on the field part of the project, assembled in St. Lucia to hear the results of our joint work. After discussing the findings and assisting in interpretation, the group made a set of recommendations to

the agricultural ministries and extension services of the Caribbean islands in the larger project. Full details of these findings and recommendations are available.

Following the summer break, during which time a substantial amount of volunteer effort went into preparing for the Research Center described above to become operative, the fall WID activities commenced. We have had, to date, three meetings of the overall membership, which now numbers about 100. At the first, discussion of future plans for the Center was the major topic. The second principally focused on new proposals which are in the process of being developed. The Center has a small Advisory group, which has also met twice, to confer and assist with the overall development of this activity.

A set of major activities are underway. The first involves an Inaugural Series of lectures on women, which will be held in February, as the formal announcement of the opening of the Research Center. One of the consistent hallmarks of the work done at Minnesota has been our belief that whenever possible, women should speak for themselves. As in our Caribbean conference, when Caribbean women talked on Caribbean women, this is the theme we intend to present in the inaugural series; we will focus on Morocco, sub-Saharan Africa, India, the Near East, and China, using visiting scholars and development practitioners as principal speakers, and graduate students and scholars of the topic as reactors. A detailed annotated bibliography will be presented on women of each area, drawing on the resources of the Research Center and the University library system.

Our other major activity is the development of two large proposals for future projects. The first involves needs assessment, training activities, and research information utilization in connection with the World Bank's CGIAR and International Agricultural Research Centers. This is a very large concept and one which will utilize all of the MUCIA institutions plus personnel from the other consortia, all of whom will be involved in the development of the

proposal. Preliminary discussions with AID, and several of the center directors, are underway.

Our other large proposal concerns a process for establishment of a computerized bibliographical data base in the Women and Development area. We have thoroughly investigated existing bibliographical resource services, and found them all lacking the easy access which is required to facilitate rapid and excellent scholarship in the field. The process is now in place for virtually all other social and physical science fields; it is imperative that it occur quickly in this area of inquiry. We are in the process of drawing up a proposal to fund this need. As with the CGIAR proposal, we will consult widely with the other consortia, in order to insure their cooperation and interest, since all persons working in the field will be needed to facilitate complete inputting of the materials, and similarly, all will benefit by having this more complete information base readily available.

In the fall of 1981, WID provided financial assistance for a Peace Corps-Cultural Outreach Program. The Program has as its goal the utilization of University of Minnesota students and staff who are Peace Corps returnees in ways to sensitize the community-at-large to problems that exist in developing areas. Included in these concerns are problems specific to women.

Minnesota WID members also participated in the recent meetings held in conjunction with the NASULGC meetings. The MUCIA-WID network will continue to play a leading role in the deliberation about the need for a professional association to further networking among women working in this area.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

MUCIA-WID Report
June to November, 1981

Two special programs scheduled for 1982 were spearheaded by MUCIA-WID office as part of an effort to create awareness of problems of women in developing countries, to stimulate involvement of campus people, and to encourage cooperative efforts among people in various disciplines across campus.

First, plans for an interdepartmental seminar on Women in Development were finalized during autumn quarter. The seminar is scheduled for Spring quarter, 1982, and will be coordinated by Ericka Bourguignon, Anthropology, and Francille Firebaugh, Home Economics, with assistance of Marlene Longenecker, Office of Women's Studies. Topics to be covered in the ten-week course include the following and will draw upon faculty members across the campus as discussion leaders and resource people:

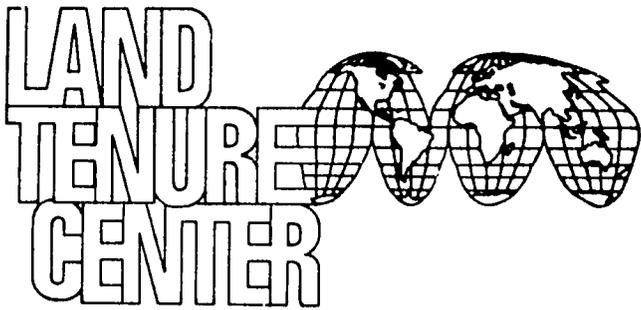
<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
1	Introduction The impact of development on women	
2	Diversity of women's roles and status in different cultures and societies	Bourguignon, Anthropology
3	Impact of religion on women in developing countries--Islam	Waldman, History
4	Division of labor in rural areas, food production	Firebaugh, Home Economics
5	Impact of energy and technology on women	Hunt, Home Economics
6	Family size, fertility, and family planning in developing countries	Kahrl, Adult Education
7	Child and maternal nutrition	Herr/Gussler, Human Nutrition
8	Literacy and the influence of education on women's roles	Sutton/Garnes, English
9	Women and migration, and impact of industrial development on women's roles, work and family life	Brown, Geography
10	Women's influence on development and change	

Second, many graduate students and faculty members have indicated interest in working on problems of women in development but have expressed uncertainty about ways of getting involved. In response to these concerns, an informal noontime program in winter quarter, 1982, has been planned on "Getting Started in International Work." Co-sponsors are MUCIA-WID, Office of Women's Studies and Office of International Studies.

During most of 1980-81, Afiong Akpan, a doctoral student from Nigeria, was our very capable assistant in the WID office. Her contributions included updating the roster of campus people interested or involved in international projects and cataloging and abstracting reference materials. Also she participated in a campus-wide noontime seminar on women in development. Afiong received the doctorate in June, 1981, and has returned to Nigeria to teach at the University of Nigeria-Nsukka. Her dissertation title is "A Preliminary Study of Household Energy Adjustment of Nigerian Urban Dwellers."

Rebecca Yust, a doctoral student who is on leave from the faculty of the University of Minnesota, has been employed as Afiong's replacement.

Joan Herr, Department of Human Nutrition, served as a member of the Michigan State University team for a site visit to the Mexicali Valley during the last week in June. Her role in the visit was to assess the potential for a nutrition component in the proposed larger study on social impact of the salinization of the Colorado River on households in Mexicali.



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WID ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

June - November 1981

Our campus activities during this six-month period were concentrated in four areas: our on-going work with the Women's Studies Research Center on a joint proposal to the Ford Foundation; preparing a response to an RFP on the Peanut CRSP; organization of a formal and regularly scheduled WID campus group; and development with staff of the School of Family Resources of an International Interest Seminar funded by Title XII. During late summer and early fall we also conducted a second round of rostering, asking people to either supply us with new CVs or to indicate that the ones already included were still up-to-date.

Activities funded by the planning portion of the Ford Foundation grant began in the late summer, with the establishment of a campus-wide planning group in which faculty and staff with WID interests are heavily represented. A preliminary decision was made to develop fairly full proposals for those portions of the seminar series which will deal with Women in Agriculture and Women in the Public Health System. A WID-based group composed of Florence Chenoweth, a candidate for the Ph.D. in Development Studies from Liberia, Susana Lastarria, a recent recipient of this degree from Peru, and Jane Knowles prepared a draft of the Women in Agriculture paper, which was later reviewed by the committee and revised for re-submission. It will be a part of the long proposal to be submitted to Ford in early 1982. Knowles also participated in the review of CVs received from candidates for the teaching position associated with this program, and she will undertake a canvass of possible Third World participants in the program.

In April 1981, the MUCIA WID Network agreed to submit a proposal to the Peanut CRSP organizers. In May, however, the University of Illinois decided to make an independent submission; under the then-existing rules of the Consortium, that made it impossible for the WID Network to compete. Since contact had already been made with Dr. Vasantha Narendran, the social scientist on the staff of CARDI, Wisconsin decided to make its own independent submission. A proposal for socio-economic and nutritional survey research (with a possible add-on of new product development) was prepared by a group organized by Jane Knowles and consisting of agricultural economists, sociologists, and nutritional scientists. The proposal was for work in the Caribbean only. Its reception by the Peanut CRSP organizers in the late summer was very enthusiastic; Wisconsin was asked to expand its proposal to include Thailand and the Philippines, which we were unable to do because of lack of qualified staff. We are reasonably confident, based on communications with the Georgia planners, that Wisconsin

will do the socio-economics and nutritional survey work in the Caribbean for this CRSP. Our proposal stressed the important role women play in both the agricultural production and marketing of this region, as well as in the sorts of nutritional decisions which are the province of women everywhere. We are very pleased that it met with such a favorable response.

After several unsuccessful previous attempts, a campus-wide WID group was organized at Madison during this reporting period. It includes students (mainly graduate, but a few undergraduates), faculty, staff, and women from the community--but not yet enough Third World women. The group meets regularly at the homes of members. Thus far it has occupied itself with exchange of CVs and sharing of other resources. A decision was taken at a November meeting to undertake activities in the area of providing such resources as access to library and other research materials for group members who are temporarily overseas and for other individuals and institutions in developing countries who need such assistance. An initial offer of this service will probably be made to WID, Inc., in Barbados.

Our Title XII Strengthening Grant provided some funds to the School of Family Resources to develop an International Interest Seminar for its faculty and staff. The goal of the seminar is to increase the level of information and interest in international work so as to attract more of the highly qualified staff of that School into our technical assistance programs. Jane Knowles and other WID group members have worked with the FRCS staff to arrange speakers and topics. The Seminar began with presentations on the Philippines, because one FRCS faculty member will undertake Title XII funded travel to that country in early 1982. Response thus far has been encouraging.

The news is not all good, however. Despite diligent efforts, the WID group was totally unsuccessful in securing any meaningful participation by (or indeed meaningful mention of) women in the Title XII sponsored Wisconsin Symposium on World Hunger held in October. The Committee organizing that event was utterly intransigent on the issue. The sub-committee structure which was supposed to ensure the inclusion of at least a token presentation of the role of women in world hunger failed to function, and the staff member charged with the presentation on the human resource side of the hunger issue did not mention women. We obviously still have a lot of work to do on this campus.

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