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INTRODUCTION

At the first instance, one who seeks written information on Swazi Women's Income-generating Programmes, may become very disappointed. Due to the lack of documents on such programmes it is easy to erroneously conclude that not much is happening in this area of non-formal education. However, after a more thorough investigation, one can see that relative to the size of the country, there are many programmes and projects aimed at training women for self employment.

The purpose of this short directory is to document the existing programmes and to acquaint the public with their activities. It is hoped that besides facilitating the coordinating efforts of the existing organizations, this document can also provide an initial guidance to those individuals and organisations interested in the development of entrepreneurship or other related topics.

The information has been collected through personal interviews with the contact persons, as well as the study of the available documents on these programmes.

Besides the seven programmes mentioned here, there are several others which focus on the rural communities as a whole and not just on women. For that reason they are left out of the directory. The seven women's programmes are :

1. Swaziland Catholic Mission,
2. Home Economic 8-month training course,
3. Women's Associations,
4. Women in Development,
5. Lubhaca - Swaziland,
6. Lundzi - Mpuluzi Pig Project,
7. Lutsango Vocational Centre.

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Any suggestions regarding other Women's Income-generating Programmes which may have been overlooked by the researcher will be welcomed.

SWAZILAND CATHOLIC MISSION

In 1980 a research study was carried out by the Diocesan Development Commission to identify the training needs of unemployed women in all the Parishes. Results of the study indicated that women were interested to learn handicraft skills in order to be able to become self-employed. Since 1981 training programmes have been set up in Manzini and Siteki, and at St. Philips.

Programme:

1. Siteki area:

(a) Shewula Centre - at present women are doing handicraft. Training in farming, raising poultry and further upgrading of handicraft are parts of future plans,

(b) Good Shepherd Mission - sewing courses (started in 1982),

(c) Mphundle Centre - sewing courses (started in 1982).

2. Manzini area:

Sewing courses (started in 1981).

3. St. Philips area:

Women are taught handicrafts. There are plans for adding farming and poultry raising to the present courses as soon as funds become available.

Funding Source(s):

Unitarian Service Committee (Canada),
Misereor (Germany)

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Contact Person(s)

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Catholic Mission
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HOME ECONOMICS 8-MONTH TRAINING COURSE

Established in 1962 by the Home Economic Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, this course was originally six months long. The purpose of the course is to teach women skills which will enable them to upgrade their living standards, and to secure a source of income. Courses are taught by Home Economists with the assistance of officers from other Departments within the Ministry, such as poultry, fisheries, agriculture and from the Health Education Centre in the Ministry of Health.

Programme:

A set curriculum is taught at three Farmer Training Centres in Ngonini, Nhlangano and Big Bend. It includes :-

1. Home Economics
 - (a) Nutrition
 - (b) Child care
 - (c) House wifery
 - (d) Dressmaking
 - (e) Handicrafts
 - (f) Money Management

2. Animal Production
 - (a) Poultry
 - (b) Dairy farming
 - (c) Fish farming

3. Plant Production
 - (a) Horticulture and fruits
 - (b) Crop production and grain storage

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Funding Source(s)

Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives
Government of Swaziland

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Women's Association are working groups formed by women across the country. Some have been set up with the help of the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, who approached women through their chiefs, and some others are old Zenzele groups. It is estimated that about 90 Women's Association now exist in the country.

The Home Economics Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives as well as the Handicrafts Section of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Tourism provide extension services to these groups. The objective is to help women upgrade the standard of living of themselves and their families, and to acquire skills which enable them to become self-employed.

Programme:

1. Home Economics Section:

With the assistance of other sections within the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, a variety of seminars are offered in home-making, nutrition, child care, cookery, farming, poultry-raising, sewing, knitting and crocketing.

2. Handicraft Section:

Handicraft officers assist women in producing various handicraft items. Women are taught such skills as weaving, pottery, basketry, leather work and bead-work.

Funding Source(s)

Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, and
Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Tourism.

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WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

Located at Entfonjeni, this project started its training in 1978. It has four components: mobilizing, day care, appropriate technology, and income-generating. The aim of the project is to improve the living standard of the rural families through training women in income-generating skills. Some 500 women have been trained at this project so far.

The programme is presently being expanded into other areas of the country: Mahlangatsha, Mahamba-Zombodze, Sithobela and Siphofaneni.

Programme:

Courses are offered in :-

- batik
- weaving
- leather work
- printing
- tie and dye
- sewing (general)
- sewing (school uniforms)
- shoe making
- appropriate technology

There are also occasional seminars on nutrition, family planning, accounts, costing, quality control, and marketing.

Funding Source(s)

UNDTCD,

Netherlands Government,

United States Agency for International Development

~~Swaziland Government~~

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Contact Person(s)

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ENTFONJENI
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LUBHACA - SWAZILAND

In 1981, Lubhaca was established as a training/production unit. The project was started by Father Sommers (Catholic Church) at the request of the Ministry of Education. The aim is to teach school drop-outs skills for self-employment. The project set off with a loan from the bank and has managed to become self-sufficient in this short period. So far, 20 women have been trained and employed by the centre.

Programme:

Knitting is taught using machines.

Funding Source(s):

In the beginning a bank loan was needed but now the programme is self-sufficient.

Contact Person(s):

Father Sommers
Catholic Church
MANZINI

LUNDZI - MPULUZI PIG PROJECT

At the request of Lutsango Women, the National Council of Negro Women in the United States started this project in 1978 to improve the standard of living of women and their families through a pig-raising programme. The target group will ultimately consist of 75 families working as a marketing co-operative.

So far, infrastructure has been laid out and buildings built. It is hoped that production will soon start.

Programme:

Community education in areas such as Home Economics, nutrition, etc. as well as technical assistance in raising and marketing pigs will be provided.

Funding Sources(s):

United States Agency for International Development,
The National Council of Negro Women,
Swaziland Government.

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LUTSANGO VOCATIONAL CENTRE

This centre was established by the Lutsango Women in 1977 as an experimental programme. The purpose of the project is to teach women, especially the school drop-outs, self-employment skills through an eight-month residential course.

The centre is planning to expand the project into other parts of the country and to provide training for both men and women, as soon as funds are available.

Programme:

The programme contains home-making, sewing, knitting and crocheting.

Funding Source(s):

Menonite Central Committee,
Lutsango Women,
Swaziland Government

Contact Person(s):

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