



Featured Breakthrough Commitments

Inter-Religious Commitment

The Inter-Religious Commitment pairs religious leaders from around the world in the campaign to end gender-based violence and forward the directives expressed in the Millennium Development Goals. The alliance will work to call upon male religious leaders to become role models and promote education about gender-based violence. It will also partner with local interfaith organizations to aid women who are victims of domestic violence. Additionally, it will raise community and faith-based awareness about the MDGs as well as pressure governments to honor commitments made when signing the Millennium Declaration. See page 10 for list of signatures.

Whole Planet Foundation

Whole Planet Foundation commits to expanding its \$5.9 million pledge to support international microlending programs. It will extend its operations to Mexico, Kenya, Ethiopia, East Timor and Colombia, in 2008.

United Way

The United Way will leverage its global network to support work in financial stability and engagement with women leaders. Specifically, it will designate \$30 million to strengthen its global network in order to provide communities with tools and resources necessary to increase the financial capacity of women. It will also leverage United Way's Women's Leadership Councils to target issues focused on education, income and health that move women to financial stability.

UNDP

UNDP will build on its comparative advantage as the largest provider of electoral and parliament assistance worldwide to help increase the proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments, including by giving women the skills and strategies to mobilize support and raise campaign finance. In addition, through an Eight Point Agenda on gender equality in crisis prevention and recovery, UNDP is committed to strengthening women's voices during times of conflict, as well as peace. Finally, UNDP commits to continue working towards achieving gender parity at all levels of the organization.

Women's Environmental and Development Organization (WEDO), Oxfam, Mercy Corps (Cluster Commitment)

WEDO, Oxfam, Mercy Corps are teaming up to increase their programs for women and climate change. Among other work, WEDO is working with civil society in developing countries to ensure that national adaptation policies and planning includes a gender perspective and women's participation. Oxfam America has launched a domestic and international campaign to create equitable solutions

to the climate crisis. Mercy Corps is working in nearly 40 countries to promote secure, productive and just communities, all of which depend on the ability of civil society, private and public sector actors to adapt to climate impacts.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

ERD commits to launch the formation of a Women's Development Council, which will support women's empowerment strategies in all of ERD's programs. Their integrated community development programs give 1.6 million women in more than 45 countries access to resources and tools that promote self-reliance and are distinguished by a vow to move beyond recognizing women as recipients of development services. Based on previously successful fundraising efforts, ERD hopes to raise \$2 million over the next year to support the Council's programs and estimates that it will impact 1.6 million women and children.

UNFPA

Over five years, UNFPA commits \$500 million to launch a wide range of new programs. In partnership with key stakeholders, it will set up a fund to reduce maternal mortality, launch a campaign to end violence against women, and work to eliminate female genital mutilation in 17 countries and end fistula in 44 countries. Programs also include empowering adolescent girls and indigenous women, and strengthening collaboration with faith-based organizations.

Women's Learning Partnership (Cluster Commitment)

As a coalition of 20 human rights, women and development organizations, working in 20 countries across three continents, the Women's Learning Partnership commits to invest \$5 million dollars over three years toward increasing the number of women in decision-making at the household, community and national levels. This collaboration will multiply grassroots trainings, advocacy initiatives, media outreach, and the reach of the participatory leadership concept to grassroots constituencies, thus contributing to the transformation of discourse, and gender norms about women's role in society.

Sister Fund

This is the first time in the history of the world that women have funded women at the \$1 million level. Working in partnership with 130 women's funds around the world, The Sister Fund has raised \$850 million over the past twenty years with gifts at all levels. In this next year, their Women Moving Millions campaign will bring together donors making gifts of \$1 million or more toward the last \$150 million that will crash them through the \$1 billion mark.

World Vision

World Vision is committed to integrating a social change component into all of their expanded work on prevention of HIV/AIDS. This work will transform gender norms and harmful traditional practices that make women more vulnerable to HIV infection and its im-



pacts. Through engagement of over 6,000 faith leaders and their local communities, World Vision aims to scale up their social change work to 400 projects and districts in 20 African countries, directly impacting as many as seven million people by 2015, half of them women and girls under the age of 18.

UNICEF

UNICEF will collaborate with a broad array of organizational partners, including Religions for Peace, in order to promote such imperative issues as equal rights and protection against gender-based violence. They will also work to advance policies and legislation that promote gender-equality as well as foster economic growth in order to empower women to engage in economic activities and receive equal pay for equal work. Furthermore, UNICEF will collect and analyze data disaggregated by gender and age to reveal the extent of gender inequality in all spheres of life.

Population Services International/Youth Aids

Population Services International (PSI) is committing to reach over 15 million people with safe drinking water in 24 countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America this year. PSI will support millions of women and children to lead healthier lives by placing the solution in their hands. Through increased access to safe water and education about disease prevention and management, women all over the world can prevent the devastating effects of diarrhea and cholera on their families.

Breakthrough Commitments

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA International)

ADRA International commits \$1.5 million in funding and resources for initiatives that directly address existing gaps in women's literacy and girls' access to education. Funds generated through awareness raising campaigns will be used to prioritize gender in a way that impacts the entire international development program. To do so, ADRA International will identify and fund unmet needs for women's literacy and girls' access to education in locations where they have existing or plan new programs.

American Islamic Congress

The American Islamic Congress commits to reduce global poverty by investing in young women across the Middle East. It will unite women's activists from the region and facilitate effective networking between women's groups for the first time in this area. The network will represent the entire Middle East and draw upon testimony from women in Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Morocco. Ultimately, a best practices guide for empowering Middle Eastern women will also be developed.

American Society of Muslim Advancement

(ASMA)

American Society of Muslim Advancement is launching the first international Muslim Women's Fund for Social Justice to strengthen Muslim women's leadership and address religious and cultural traditions that discriminate against women. Led by and for Muslim women, the Fund will partner with faith and feminism groups and philanthropists to achieve economic independence for Muslim women's initiatives and promote women as leaders in philanthropic projects and sponsors of social change.

Amnesty International USA (AIUSA)

AIUSA pledges approximately \$280,000 to launch a nation-wide study on maternal mortality in the United States, which focuses on the disproportionate risk faced by minority, Indigenous, refugee and migrant women living in poverty. After the report is launched, AIUSA will commit additional funds to campaign and mobilize grassroots activists around this issue. This report has the potential to impact the 4.4 million women that give birth in the U.S. per year, reducing the 18,000 complications and 600 deaths that occur per year.

Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE)

AWE will launch a Gender Financing & Budget Toolkit that will educate the public about, and increase opportunities for the financing of women's projects. At the grassroots level, it will give women a voice in resource allocation and engage Anglican women to serve as liaisons between women in need and financing institutions. A global network of Anglican women will disseminate the toolkit through churches, dioceses, and local communities. The toolkit is estimated to impact 75 million Anglicans from 165 countries, more than half of whom are women and girls.

Basic Education Coalition (BEC)

Members of Basic Education Coalition (BEC) are highly committed to improving the quality of education for girls through their programs. The Coalition renews its commitment to achieve passage of the Education for All Act, which recognizes that "investing in girls' education delivers substantial returns not only in educational attainment but also in increasing women's incomes, delaying the start of sexual activity, reducing infant mortality, increasing women's political participation, and spurring economic growth."

BeadforLife

Income Opportunities for Ugandan Women

BeadforLife will expand income generating activities that help can Ugandan women lift themselves out of poverty. These initiatives include community development programs in business, entrepreneurial training, housing, and savings. This is predicted to impact 120 women in Uganda, as well as at least 1,000 family and community members that these women directly or indirectly support.

Market Development Initiative

BeadforLife will also pilot a new initiative aimed at increasing opportunities for impoverished Ugandans. Using BeadforLife's successful model of connecting Ugandan suppliers to North American buyers, the organization will expand the project's success by remov-



ing itself as the “middle man.” This project has the potential to directly affect up to 900 producers.

Bread for the World

Bread for the World will use its 2009 Annual Hunger Report on the Millennium Development Goals to provide deeper analysis of the central role of women in development, and how U.S. development assistance can address the specific needs and situations facing women in developing countries. One section of the report will focus on the particular contribution women make to economic growth and poverty reduction, and the interventions needed to ensure increases in economic growth positively affect women.

Bonobo Conservation Institute (BCI)

BCI commits to support women living in the Democratic Republic of Congo’s Cuvette Centrale (Central Basin), by increasing their opportunities and access to education, health services, trade and enterprise, and employment. Meanwhile, they will sustain the rain-forest ecosystems by partnering with Congolese communities and local cooperatives and establishing a network of community-based nature reserves supported by sustainable development.

CARE

CARE will mobilize \$150 million over the next seven years to launch a signature initiative to combat maternal mortality in 10 countries. The project will reach an estimated 30 million women globally. While challenging gender norms and power structures that deny women the right to a safe and healthy pregnancy, CARE will also focus on health systems strengthening and advocacy for women’s equal access to health resources.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Building Expertise on Gender-Based Violence

CRS commits to fund a new staff position to strengthen the agency’s capacity to understand, respond to and prevent gender-based violence, with particular focus on the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As part of the commitment, CRS will also develop educational resources for its Catholic constituency in the U.S. on the issues of sexual and gender-based violence. The estimated value of this commitment is over \$1.2 million.

Pushing for PEPFAR Reauthorization

CRS will also advocate for the reauthorization of The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in order to continue its basic services for women in the areas of education, healthcare, agriculture, rural development, micro-enterprise and emergency assistance.

The Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)

CEDPA commits to take its work to the next level by equipping and empowering women from around the world with the knowledge and skills needed to strengthen and lead the global response to AIDS regionally, nationally, and globally. While building the leader-

ship, advocacy, and technical expertise of women working on the frontlines against AIDS, CEDPA will strengthen the capacity of their organizations to push for AIDS policies, programs, and resources that meet women’s real needs, thus raising women’s voices in the global policy debates that will impact their lives.

Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)

CHANGE commits to alleviating global poverty by ensuring that U.S. global policies, funding, and programs support comprehensive sexual and reproductive health. In the next year, CHANGE will develop an evidence-based, comprehensive framework for creating, funding and assessing family planning and HIV prevention programs; gain acceptance for use of a comprehensive framework within U.S. foreign assistance; and eliminate barriers to comprehensive approaches to family planning and HIV prevention within U.S. policy.

Church Women United (CWU)

CWU has launched a national action project, called Building a World Fit for Children, which is mobilizing women to advocate for the United States Senate’s ratification of the UN’s Convention on the Rights of the Child through, a national petition drive, an intergenerational art project, and ongoing participation in the Campaign for Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Church World Service (CWS)

CWS commits to break through the barriers that keep women from quality and basic needs by building on its successful education and advocacy model that demonstrates pragmatic inspiration for mobilizing political will, community empowerment and citizen engagement. They will do this through the “Enough for All” campaign which renews Church World Services’ commitment to “Water for All” and women’s empowerment campaigns; and establishes the important link climate change has to these issues.

Episcopal Diocese of Washington (EDOW)

EDOW (41,500 members in 90 parishes in the District of Columbia and four Maryland counties) will facilitate the formation of Beijing Circles, which is a parish-based tool to discuss, promote, and take action on gender equality. Beijing Circles reflects the 1995 Platform of Action created at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. Implementation will occur through the EDOW/MDG committee, using an existing and diverse multi-media communications strategies within the Diocese. EDOW aims to engage 1,000 participants in the next year.

Equality Now

Equality Now’s strategy to end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) involves support of and collaboration with grassroots groups and the engagement in strong advocacy both nationally and internationally. They commit to: advocating for greater and more direct funding to these groups; strengthening the capacities of the grassroots movement by sharing skills and strategies, including litigation, with other women’s rights groups at all levels; raising awareness about FGM



as violence and discrimination against women and girls around the world through the media and other information dissemination through networks; to galvanizing the public into taking action; engaging in dialogue with governments, the United Nations and other international agencies and undertaking direct advocacy on behalf of, in consultation with, and as a channel for women and grassroots women's organizations.

FAIR Fund

Through FAIR Fund's JewelGirls economic empowerment and art therapy program, young women who have been victimized by sexual assault, violence, and exploitation are given the opportunity to make and sell their own high-end jewelry. The proceeds are used to help each woman gain access to documentation, safe housing, medical care, full-time employment, and critical education. FAIR Fund commits \$40,000 to expanding the JewelGirls program to reach over 100 young women in 2008-2009.

Family Care International (FCI) (*Cluster Commitment*)

Recognizing the significant role that faith-based organizations play in providing health care in poor communities worldwide, Family Care International is reaching out to faith communities while working to increase investments in maternal health as a human rights and development issue. They pledge to devote five percent of the Women Deliver outreach budget to connecting with faith-based organizations and will involve three faith leaders in the pre-planning process and implementation for the 2nd Women Deliver conference.

Firstworks International (FWI)

FWI commits to contributing to the struggle against negative ideological gender relations and institutionalized norms and biases that support women's unequal treatment in the private and public spheres, and undermine economic and political gains and leading to poverty and domestic violence. FWI will focus on youth education through the venue of educational, religious, and youth organizations. They will target both women and with men in their programs.

FLOW

FLOW commits to initiating a marketing campaign called Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs, which will reach millions of people through multiple communications channels. As part of the Global Women Entrepreneurs Movement, the campaign will bring together diverse partners to foster widespread recognition of social and economical value of supporting and increasing the rights of women entrepreneurs. Furthermore, FLOW will develop extensive local, regional, and global networks to promote women's mentoring, training, and networking.

Gender Action

Gender Action pledges to reduce global poverty by investing in women and girls through an innovative Gender Capacity-Building

Project for International Finance-Watchers. With the goal of promoting gender equality and human rights in International Financial Institution investments, Gender Action will work with six global IFI-watcher groups to help them engender their IFI environment and transparency monitoring projects, pressure IFIs to end loan requirements that negatively impact women and girls, and ensure IFI investments promote women's rights.

Heifer International

Heifer International commits to increasing the visibility of small-scale women farmers by creating opportunities and space for policy dialogue at international, national, and local levels. It will also strengthen local and global networks and build knowledge around agriculture, women farmers and sustainable livelihood issues that are critical to bring about positive changes for women farmers. This initiative is expected to impact millions of women and men farmers in 53 countries and 28 U.S. States.

Initiative for Inclusive Security

The Initiative for Inclusive Security is committed to the publication of groundbreaking research that demonstrates how women's leadership in a post-conflict country can be pivotal to the development and stabilization of society. The publications will document the Rwandan experience of women's leadership and provide policy-makers, donors, and program-planners with strategies for supporting women's leadership and promoting democracy. They will be distributed to women leaders in Rwanda who can use the publications as evidence of their contributions to governance and as tools to bolster re-election campaigns.

InterAction

InterAction plans to integrate gender equality into their expanded advocacy for poverty-focused U.S. government overseas assistance. InterAction also will raise gender equality and development in key global forums such as the G8 and OECD DAC Aid Effectiveness meetings. With 165 organizational members, InterAction is leading the charge for a transformation in U.S. overseas assistance, making poverty reduction the top priority and investments in women and girls its heart. InterAction is hiring new staff and expanding member working groups for ensuring that U.S. overseas assistance empowers women and girls.

International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)

ICRW commits to increasing the priority and attention to women, girls, and gender issues in the global response to HIV/AIDS. ICRW will undertake advocacy activities aimed at institutionalizing gender within the major donor institutions responding to HIV/AIDS, including influencing U.S. legislation, engaging with U.S. and international donor agencies to shape their internal policies and programs, and monitoring their progress. It will also work to strengthen capacity and leadership by engaging 170 women over a three-year period in Asia, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa, who will engage much larger communities of women and girls in their respective countries.



International Medical Corps

International Medical Corps, working in collaboration with the pan-African NGO Africa Humanitarian Action, is launching a five-year program to address gender-based violence (GBV) in conflict areas in Africa. Focusing on the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and Sudan, this project aims to improve quality and coverage of medical and psychosocial treatment and support services provided to survivors, reduce GBV stigma and vulnerability in communities, and strengthen capacity for in-country stakeholders to address GBV.

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

The IRC commits to further strengthening their understanding of gender issues by retaining a consultant to produce and disseminate guidelines for field programs as well as assist in developing effective strategies. Additionally, the IRC will place a gender-based violence specialist in the Middle East, as well as conduct an assessment of gender-based violence among Iraqi refugees in Jordan and Syria. Over the next 5 years the organization pledges to impact over one million women and girls through \$500 million in multi-sectoral program services.

Justice for Women Working Group National Council of the Churches in the USA

The NCC Justice for Women Working Group commits to listening to the prayers, stories, and concerns of women living in poverty, and will also seek opportunities for these women to tell their own stories at decision-making tables within its communities. In this way, the NCC Justice for Women Working Group plans to increase participation and representation of women of all ages and economic levels. It will develop and distribute a brochure at all NCC meetings regarding sexual harassment, that will open honest conversation about the issue, and hopefully lead to preventative measures.

MADRE

MADRE proposes an innovative water and sanitation project in a small, rural community in Kenya, directly benefiting hundreds of women who are responsible for collecting household water and fuel. The organization will not only construct a well, but also build a potable water system equipped with collective containers and activated by solar energy. The goal is to ensure basic individual and collective human rights, and help women allocate their time more efficiently to allow participation in other social, cultural and economic activities.

Maternal Health Cluster Commitment

In the spirit of Millennium Development Goal 5, Family Care International and partner organizations are taking steps to further progress the "three pillars of maternal health": comprehensive reproductive health care; skilled care during and after pregnancy; and emergency care if life-threatening complications develop. It is shown that simply observing these steps could avert one-third of all maternal

deaths. The commitment will be demonstrated through published and online materials, training and orientation manuals for new and field staff, and in activities of programs and projects worldwide.

Metropolitan Community Church

The Metropolitan Community Church commits to redouble its efforts to support and implement the Millennium Development Goals. The Church will also teach gender-equality throughout its congregations and advocate for justice for all people regardless of their gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, class or race.

Mercy Corps

Mercy Corps commits to expand its Giving Leadership Opportunities to Young Women (GLOW) program in partnership with the Nike Foundation to incorporate and then expand institutionalized learning opportunities. Through InterAction's participatory Gender Audit process, they will also create an agency-wide survey of gender capacity in current programs. Through a Mercy Corps scholarship of \$100,000 (granted by Nike), Mercy Corps will help the Nike maximize the effectiveness of their grant-making with regards to adolescent girls in poverty.

Mission Life Center (MLC)

The Mission Life Center is a nonprofit that provides spiritual and medical care in local communities, supports community development in sub-Saharan Africa and pairs volunteers with global missionary opportunities. As its commitment for women and girls, the organization is starting new programming in Sudan focused on eradicating female genital mutilation. The MLC will partner with the leadership of Sudanese health clinics and schools to raise awareness about the severe effects of female genital mutilation. Furthermore, MLC will facilitate focus groups to determine and implement the best strategies for empowering women to begin eliminating this deep-seated practice.

Mobility International USA

Mobility International USA will provide consultation to committed Breakthrough partners to ensure their projects include at least five percent of women and girls with disabilities as beneficiaries, staff and/or advisors. Through these new partnerships, they will work toward ending the historical discrimination and exclusion of disabled women and girls in international development. The goal is to reach the poorest of the poor so that women with disabilities can become active participants in civil society and future leaders of their countries.

Muslim Women's Coalition (MWC)

MWC will foster gender equality by educating women about their rights and providing them with success stories of women within the Muslim Community. They will accomplish this through the creation of a publication that highlights women of the Muslim faith who are mothers, leaders, activists, and educators in their communities, as well as by engaging women in a series of empowerment workshops and seminars.



National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC), Justice for Women Working Group

The NCC Justice for Women Working Group commits to increase women's participation and leadership within the NCC and its member communities. They will monitor women's participation at decision-making tables and encourage age, racial and economic diversity. To safeguard women's involvement, they will distribute a brochure at all NCC meetings about prevention of sexual harassment.

NETWORK

NETWORK, commits to increasing funding appropriations for economic and educational development programs that serve the most vulnerable populations in the poorest countries by 25 percent by 2010.

Oikocredit

Oikocredit USA commits to raise and invest an additional \$10 million in microcredit resources by 2010. This level of investment has the potential to create approximately \$59,000 microenterprises and create 146,000 jobs in the next five years.

Opportunity International

Insurance for Adolescent Girls

Opportunity International commits \$1.5 million to reduce the vulnerability of over 500,000 African adolescent girls through the creation and delivery of innovative dance products in conjunction with the NIKE Foundation.

Investing in Women in India

Opportunity International also pledges \$1.5 million in 2008 to expand the reach of their microfinance programs in India, with the goal of empowering 275,000 women by 2012 with business loans and training that in turn help lift their communities out of poverty.

Pathfinder International

Pathfinder International will implement a three-year, \$2 million project to improve the health and welfare of women and mitigate the adverse effects of high population growth by increasing access to family planning services and clean water in eight districts in northern Uganda. Having worked in Uganda since the late 1950s, Pathfinder will mobilize its extensive network of partners in order to broaden its impact.

People's Advocacy

People's Advocacy will organize rural groups in 3-5 Egyptian governorates to participate in the local and national policy making processes during the 2009 Presidential Elections in Egypt. While rural groups are traditionally 100 percent men, People's Advocacy will commit \$5,000 to ensure that women comprise 20 percent of each of these groups. The program will impact 20 to 30 women, in addition

to other the women who will assist in the grassroots efforts or benefit from inclusion of women.

Religions for Peace

Religions for Peace will convene women from all over the world for the Asian Summit of Religious Leaders and to launch the Religions for Peace North American Women of Faith Network. It will also mobilize religious women leaders to ensure the commitment of their governments to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Finally, it will develop a multi-religious toolkit on the role of religions in ending gender-based violence.

RESULTS

RESULTS commits to intensifying advocacy efforts for increased U.S. foreign assistance for microfinance and ensuring that 50 percent of those funds reach the very poor, including urging \$500 million for microfinance in FY09. RESULTS will also intensify its advocacy efforts to compel the World Bank to increase investment in effective microfinance programs, ensuring that at least half of those resources directly benefit those living on \$1 or less per day. It is estimated that these activities will impact 79 million women.

RESULTS Education Fund (REF)

REF will expand the scope and impact of its Education for All Campaign to increase the quality and quantity of basic education investments from the U.S., key donor countries, and multilateral institutions. Advocacy efforts will include strengthening oversight of basic education funding to ensure U.S. programs support countries with approved Fast Track Initiative National Education Plans (\$500 million in FY09 for these countries) and enable abolition of school fees. Impact is estimated at 72 million primary school-aged children, 57 percent of whom are girls.

Save the Children

Investing in Adolescent Girls

Save the Children will spearhead new projects for adolescent girls in Egypt and Malawi. Elements of these programs include literacy, life-skills, and health training, sports, and village savings and loan groups. They will also launch a study in Bangladesh to investigate which services make the greatest impact on young girls and their families. The total costs of these initiatives exceed \$2.5 million.

Early Child Care and Education

Save the Children will invest \$20 million in an initiative to ensure childcare facilities and schools meet women's and girls' childcare needs and also improve educational quality for girls. This program will directly affect the lives of at least 300,000 women and girls.

St. Colomba's Episcopal Church

St. Colomba's Episcopal Church in Washington DC commits to crafting a concrete plan of action about how the parish can take action engender the Millennium Development Goals and increase education around women's issues within their constituency by 2010.



They will craft and implement these goals through partnerships with the Diocese Leadership, member churches, and parishioners.

Toledo Area Ministries (TAM)

TAM will raise awareness of the needs of women and girls in its community, and will engage Christians in addressing these needs through ministries of prayer, relationship-building, service and empowerment. It will support the work of Second Chance which is an initiative that improves the lives of those affected by sexual exploitation. It will also lead the Toledo Area Hunger Task Force, and fund the Community Food Project. Second Chance will cost \$325,000 per year, and TAM is requesting \$100,000 from USDA for the Community Food Project.

UNAIDS

UNAIDS will intensify its work with member states of the United Nations to honor their 2006 commitment at the UN General Assembly High Level Meeting to eliminate gender inequalities, gender-based abuse and violence and to increase the capacity of women and adolescent girls to protect themselves from the risk of HIV infection, principally through the provision of health care and services, including, sexual and reproductive health, and the provision of full access to comprehensive information and education.

UNDP-USA

The UNDP-USA pledges to directly impact over 100 Somali women through the Somali Women's Scholarship Fund. The funds provide scholarships that cover full tuition to a Somali institution of higher learning, as well as materials, housing and any other accommodations.

UN Foundation

The UN Foundation will strengthen its advocacy and public outreach efforts to elevate adolescent girls as a global development priority. It will achieve this by engaging various sectors, including the faith-based community, in mobilization to end fistula through increased prevention and treatment in affected areas. In conjunction with the Nike Foundation, it will also forward momentum by launching its groundbreaking report "Girls Count: A Global Investment & Action Agenda." The report makes the case for investing in and advocating for adolescent girls.

UN Foundation (Cluster Commitment)

Led by the United Nations (UN) Foundation, the participating organizations will collaborate on the elimination of obstetric fistula through raising the awareness of members, the afflicted communities, and the broader public. Supporting organizations will also promote prevention and proper treatment. Additionally, the UN Foundation will provide 3 grants to faith-based organizations for outreach efforts. It will also work with partners to quantify the investments needed to end fistula within this generation. Organizations that have signed on include the Americans for UNFPA, American Jewish World Service, Catholics for Choice, International Center for Research on Women, Jewish Women International, National Council of Churches

USA, Population Council, UNFPA, UN Interagency Taskforce for Adolescent Girls, United Methodist Church, Muslim Women's Coalition, Global Health Council, Fistula Foundation and One by One.

UNIFEM

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and Religions for Peace are developing a partnership, using the comparative advantages of each organization, to promote the priority of ending violence against women and empowering women and girls by engaging religious leaders and communities. The partnership will leverage support for new and ongoing initiatives, including UNIFEM's global internet "Say NO to Violence against Women" and the Secretary-General's recently announced UN system-wide and multi-year effort to end violence against women.

Washington National Cathedral

The Washington National Cathedral commits to incorporate messaging about the importance of investing in women as a vehicle to achieving the MDGs. It commits to faithfully and continuously articulate the relationship between gender inequality and global poverty. The Dean will issue a statement of the Cathedral's support for this vision, followed by a series of website and printed publications. The Cathedral will integrate into its strategic planning processes a plan to further integrate gender empowerment throughout its programming and proclamation.

Winrock International

Winrock International pledges to launch a \$1-million program called Scholarships for African Girls' Education (SAGE) in 2008. SAGE will provide life skills training, mentoring, and annual scholarships to African girls from post-primary school through college graduation (3-6 years support). Winrock will invest its own funds and leverage gifts from corporate, foundation, and individual donors. SAGE will partner with local NGOs and governments in program implementation. The goal is to support 100-300 girls per year in every country in which it implements this program.

Women for Reform Judaism (WRJ)

WRJ will focus its new programming and enhanced advocacy efforts on reducing women's poverty and promoting their well being worldwide by developing and disseminating programming resources to its affiliates and women's networks in North America and abroad. The issues that these programs tackle include, primary and secondary education, abuse, trafficking, and sexual exploitation, and health. Resources for on-the-ground programs will be coupled with advocacy efforts that engage local women.

Women Thrive Worldwide (Thrive), formerly the Women's Edge Coalition

Thrive commits to a multi-year advocacy campaign on Women, Trade & Africa. We will work with women's organizations in Africa to identify and advocate for U.S. government support for the most promising strategies to help women lift themselves out of poverty,



such as securing property rights and increasing agricultural productivity. We will also advocate that funding for the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) enables women to better participate in global trade.

Women's Funding Network

The Women's Funding Network commits to increase their grant making base for the purpose of dismantling poverty by providing fundraising and capacity-building programs TO WHOM?. The organization intends to raise \$5 million over the next five years as well as generate an additional \$25 million to make available grants to support women's solutions to poverty. Fundraising programs include Women Moving Millions campaign, which involves consumer philanthropy and an online giving project. The Network has over 125 members located on six continents.

Women's Foreign Policy Group (WFPG)

WFPG will hold two mentoring fairs each year: one in Washington, DC and one in New York, NY. These fairs create learning and networking opportunities for young women interested in pursuing careers in international affairs. The fairs are estimated to impact 250-300 young women.

World Hope International (WHI)

WHI's microfinance program, which currently operates in Cambodia, Indonesia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, commits to expand into Egypt by the end of 2008. Over the next five years, WHI's Microfinance Institutions will increase their client outreach to 110,000 individuals directly receiving loans and will provide financial services. An additional 100,000 clients will receive loans from WHI's partner institutions through the WHI MicroCap Fund program. These programs are estimated to impact 178,500 women and cost \$10.5 million.

Inter-Religious Commitment List of Signatures

Additional names will be added to Inter Religious Commitment version posted on website by date of Summit.

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