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YWCA OF BANGLADESH

The YWCA of Bangladesh is set to establish a poultry farm to give hands-on education on poultry farming to YWCA members. The farm will provide many benefits to the women and families in the village; it will employ village women in farming activities, ensure a regular supply of eggs, which will be sold to the members at a very low cost. The nutrition status of women and children will greatly improve, and finally this project will provide additional income to the YWCA in Bangladesh.

YWCA OF HONDURAS

The YWCA of Honduras is rebuilding one of the only two existing women's shelters in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. The shelter burned down and tragically 30 women and girls lost their lives.

YWCA AND THE FAMILY HEALTH ASSOCIATION - SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

YWCA Brazil and The Family Health Association in Sao Paulo, Brazil work with street children between the ages 7 and 17. The main goal of this project is to give the children an alternative to the streets during and after school hours and introduce them to more constructive activities by giving them space for fun and learning. The kids will learn to socialize, work in groups, think logically, learn to make music, learn body expression through drama and practice dance to develop better motor coordination. Moreover, they will learn to give and receive affection. This project will use music and art as elements for the formation of personality and character. It will create an interest in reading through incorporation of text in plays and songs.

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YWCA SRI LANKA

The YWCA Sri Lanka has initiated a Women's Micro-Credit Program. Women receive small loans of 3,000 rupees (or approximately \$17) to help them set up a small, home-run business. Once the women repay the loan, larger amounts of money are provided (i.e. \$25, \$40 etc.). Over one hundred women have received assistance through this micro-credit program. In addition, 97 homes that were destroyed by the tsunami are being rebuilt.



YWCA OF WESTWOOD, HARARE, ZIMBABWE

A generator has been purchased for the YWCA of Westwood's hostel, as there are frequent power cuts; the generator has provided the hostel with a much needed independent source of electricity. Further, 75 beds were replaced as they were no longer presentable enough to attract new customers to the hostel. A borehole will also be built for the shelter; it will bring water to maintain the herb garden used at the hostel for the HIV/AIDS patients. The hostel is reliant on municipal water which is also disrupted frequently, leaving the hostel with no water for both sanitary and cooking purposes.



YWCA IN GOROKA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

YWCA in Goroka built walls on their training centre. Women from rural areas come to the centre four to five times a year for a three day health education leadership workshop. Some women travel very far. Erecting walls has enabled the women and children to stay in the building overnight. The YWCA provides childcare programs for approximately 40 children in this building as well.

YWCA OF BARBADOS

YWCA Barbados established a computer training program for children with disabilities and for the community. The funds provided by YWCA Toronto International Boutique enabled the purchase of computers, printers and software for the training program and for administration.

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