



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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What We Do

Zonta International seeks to **advance the status of women worldwide** by improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women **through service and advocacy**. Zonta International has supported projects in 57 countries, with more than 30,000 members belonging to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas. Zonta is a powerful advocate for change in our local and international communities, transforming the world and women's place in it.

ECONOMIC—Worldwide, 70% of the 1.3 billion poor are women. Zonta International is committed to expanding women's access to skills training and income-generating activities that lead to sustainable livelihoods and economic independence. Zonta has supported programs that increase women's access to financial resources and generate higher wages through the establishment of all-female micro-credit programs.

EDUCATION—Zonta International helps women overcome gender barriers to careers in traditionally male-dominated fields through the Amelia Earhart Fellowships and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships. Zonta increases access to educational opportunities and vocational skills training for girls and young women all over the world.

HEALTH CARE—Access to quality, affordable health care is paramount. Today, more than 15 million women are living with HIV, and approximately 530,000 women die each year during pregnancy or childbirth. Zonta International has supported programs to address the unique health issues of women, to provide basic health services and education for those living in rural or poor urban areas; and to effect the reduction of Female Genital Circumcision, HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus, and Obstetric Fistula.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT—Zonta International believes that young women with a commitment to service and leadership are the key to improving the status of future generations of women. Zonta's Young Women in Public Affairs Award recognizes and encourages participation in public and political life. Zonta's Z Club and Golden Z Club program helps high school, college and university students develop leadership skills, explore career options and take part in local and international community service projects.

LEGAL & POLITICAL—Women worldwide face systemized discrimination and countless barriers to living lives free from inequality. Zonta International works closely with the United Nations and its Member States to influence local and international laws and attitudes that affect women's lives. ZI advocates all levels for laws and policies that appropriately address issues of gender inequality.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN—The human rights of women and girls are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights. Zonta's efforts focus on: raising awareness of, and improving education about, violence against women and children; implementing, promoting and enforcing local laws and policies that protect women and victims of violence; and providing medical, legal, rehabilitation and reintegration services for survivors of violence. Zonta cooperates with the UN, its agencies and other NGOs, to assist victims of violence and human trafficking.



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