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Progress report on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Report by the Director of the Institute

I. Introduction

1. The present report contains information on the activities undertaken by INSTRAW in finalizing the implementation of its work plan for 2005 (INSTRAW/EB/2004/R.5/Rev.1) and initial activities in the implementation of its work plan for 2006 (INSTRAW/EB/2005/R.3/Rev.1) approved by the Board at its Second session held in New York on 1 June 2005. This report covers activities undertaken during the period from November 2005 to April 2006.

II. Technical Strategic Areas

A. Research

2. The priority areas identified by INSTRAW for the implementation of activities during 2005 were: (i) migration-related issues (remittances, trafficking); (ii) ICTs and women's empowerment; (iii) security and gender; and (iv) women's political participation. In 2006, research priorities were further focused on three main priority areas: (i) migration-related issues (remittances); (ii) governance and women's political participation at the local level; and (iii) security and gender.

(i) Migration-related issues (remittances)

3. The case study on Dominican Republic entitled "The Development Potential of Remittances with a gender perspective in the Dominican Republic" was finalized during the period covered by this report. The case study examined remittance flows from Dominican women migrants in Spain. The town of Vicente Noble in the Dominican Republic was chosen as the location for the study.

4. The study analyzes: (i) gender dynamics within families; (ii) the impact of remittances on Vicente Noble; and (iii) the management of trans-national families given women's increased role as decision-makers within the family. Preliminary results from the study show that 85% of these migrants to Spain are women who are migrating as economic providers for their families. Remittances received by women are mainly used for household improvement, education and health. Women gain autonomy and increase their negotiating power within the households because in over 90% of the cases, the household is left in the charge of another woman. Even though there might be men present in the household, it is this woman who

receives the remittances. This seems to be linked to the senders' priorities in terms of remittance use, which for the most part center on household expenditures, children's education and housing investments.

5. In terms of household structure and dynamics, the preliminary results show that one of four households in the study was headed by a returned female migrant who had since secured her replacement by the migration of another female family member to Spain.

6. The most visible impact of remittances was seen in the transformation in status of Vicente Noble from a poor rural village to an economically prosperous small town equipped with a variety of services such as electricity and sanitation, schools and health centres, and telephone and internet services, in addition to the construction of new, well-equipped and often luxurious homes. Another impact of remittances entails profound alterations in gender roles and power relations within the sample households.

7. After the completion of a consultation process with main partners, the study will be published in 2006.

8. Based on the experience of the case study in the Dominican Republic, INSTRAW's methodology for remittances studies has been revised and finalized in order to be used in a series of other similar case studies.

9. INSTRAW's methodology is currently being used in a project initiated in Colombia on "The impact of remittances in Colombia from a gender perspective" This is a joint project with UN agencies and other relevant partners such as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Colombia, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), ALMA MATER and a group of organizations in Colombia¹ who have united to form *Alianza País* for the full realization of the project. INSTRAW is providing the research

¹ The Foreign Ministry of Colombia, the National Administrative Department for Statistics [Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística] (DANE), the Bank of the Republic [Banco de la República], the Association of Currency-exchange Institutions of Colombia [Asociación de Instituciones Cambiarias de Colombia (ASOCAMBIARIA)], the Colombian Office of the American-Spanish Association for Solidarity and Cooperation [Asociación América-España Solidaridad y Cooperación-Colombia] (AESCO), the Network of Public Universities of the Coffee Axis and [Red de Universidades Públicas del Eje Cafetero] (ALMA MATER).

methodology for the project and conducting the field work (interviews with remittance senders) in Madrid.

10. INSTRAW has negotiated funding from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for a project entitled "The gender dimensions of remittances: their flows, uses and development impacts in the Philippines". Among the objectives of the project are: to assess the impact of remittances sent by migrants (women and men) on household food security and community development in rural areas in the Philippines; to support capacity-building activities promoted by associations of migrants in order to improve the living conditions of Filipino migrant women and men in Italy; and to increase awareness of Filipino migrants (women and men) for promoting rural development in their communities of origin and available alternatives for sending remittances.

11. A proposal for a similar project to be undertaken in El Salvador and Guatemala is currently being considered for funding by IFAD. Similar proposals have also been prepared for Norway, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Southern Africa and submitted to various donors.

12. The series of case studies on gender, migration and remittances will produce specific guidelines, tools and other materials in order to integrate gender into the programmes, projects and materials of key stakeholders with initiatives linking remittances and rural development. Additionally they will contribute with a deeper analysis of the issue and provide comparative data in order to better design programmes, projects and policies aimed at improving women's lives.

13. In connection with INSTRAW's work on gender, migration and remittances, the Institute participated in the Expert Group Meeting on International Migration and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean which was held in Mexico from 30 November to 2 December 2005. The Institute also participated in the UNESCO workshop "The research policy nexus for women's human rights" held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 22-23 February 2006. The workshop was held as part of the International Forum on Social Science-Policy Nexus sponsored by UNESCO and the Government of Argentina. At this meeting, the Institute presented information on gender, migration and remittances with particular emphasis on its relevance for policy making. On 24 April 2006, INSTRAW opened an International Meeting on the Human Rights of Migrant Women in

Mexico City, and moderated a panel discussion as part of the meeting.

14. In collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), INSTRAW organized a panel on “Exchanging Change: Gender, Remittances and Development” (28 February) during the 50th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). INSTRAW was joined by experts from UNFPA, UNDP and IOM in making presentations at the panel. Delegates and representatives from institutions and organizations working on migration and gender issues attended the panel.

15. The Director represented the Institute with a presentation on INSTRAW’s work in gender and remittances at the CSW High-level panel on the theme “The gender dimensions of international migration” held on 2 March 2006. The short documentary prepared by INSTRAW featuring results from the Dominican Republic case study was also shown to participants of the High-level panel.

16. The Director also represented the Institute at the 39th session of the Commission on Population and Development, held in New York from 3 to 7 April 2006. The Commission focused on international migration, and INSTRAW contributed a statement on the importance of looking at the gender dimensions of international migration and remittances.

(ii) ICTs and women’s empowerment

17. A joint project proposal prepared by INSTRAW on “Engaging indigenous women: local-government capacity-building through new technologies in Latin America” was submitted by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) for funding through the United Nations Development Account. The project aims at helping indigenous women to become further involved in the local decision-making processes through the use of ICTs to increase their networking, outreach and information-sharing capacity. ICTs can facilitate several stages of political consultation and participation, e.g., through setting up shared virtual spaces and making available and sorting out relevant traditional and new information. The project has received funding from the Development Account for the biennium 2006-2007 and will be implemented in collaboration with DESA, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

(iii) Security and gender

18. INSTRAW has finalized a guide entitled “Securing Equality, Engendering Peace: a guide to policy and planning on women, peace and security”. This guide is intended to serve as a resource for governments and organizations in the drafting of their plans of action on the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325, and in taking into account gender and women’s issues in policies and programmes that address security issues.

19. A methodological guide for the prevention of violence against young women has been prepared. This guide aims to contribute to the development of awareness-raising and training plans on these issues and is intended for youths, decision-makers, technical personnel from government ministries and other organizations, and community leaders.

20. With funds from UNDP’s Sub-Regional Resource Facility (SURF) for Latin America and the Caribbean, INSTRAW produced a toolkit on programming an effective and appropriate response to violence against women at the level of the public security sector (police, judiciary etc.). The toolkit will be published as part of a comprehensive UNDP Manual on Security Sector Programming in Latin America (in Spanish).

21. INSTRAW participated in the workshop for UN entities in conjunction with the implementation of the Secretary-General’s in-depth study on violence against women, (NY, 5-7 December 2005), and has contributed substantive inputs to the preparation of the study itself and other supporting documents.

(iv) Women’s political participation

22. The Institute initiated several activities in the project “Strengthening Governance with a Gender Focus and the Participation of Women at the Local Level” [Fortalecimiento de la Gobernabilidad con Enfoque de Género y la Participación de las Mujeres en el Ambito Local] funded by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation [Agencia Española para la Cooperación Internacional] and governments. The project includes a special emphasis on indigenous populations and is focused on Central American countries, Andean countries, and Mexico.

23. An initial coordination meeting for the project was held on 1-3 February 2006 in Santo Domingo. This meeting brought together representatives of UN system agencies and bilateral cooperation agencies working in

the Latin American and Caribbean region whose work includes issues of governance and women's political participation. In addition to INSTRAW and AECI, participating institutions include: World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, UNDP, UNIFEM, Centro de Documentación y Estudios (CDE) [Documentation and Study Center]; Programa Regional de Formación en Género y Políticas Públicas (PRIGEPP) [Regional Programme for Gender Training and Public Policy]; Grupo Interdisciplinario sobre Mujer, Trabajo y Pobreza (GIMTRAP) [Interdisciplinary group on Women, Work and Poverty] and Asociación de Mujeres por la Dignidad y la Vida, Las Dignas [Association of Women for Dignity in Life].

24. The main objectives of the meeting included discussion on the framework for promoting gender-sensitive governance and women's political participation; exchanging information on programmes, projects and other initiatives being carried out in the region; and the identification of synergies and coordination to multiply the effects and resources in an efficient manner.

25. The meeting participants recognized the strategic need for capacity building with institutional mechanisms for gender in order to promote gender-sensitive public policies. In addition, the participants also identified the need to strengthen inter-agency communications for information exchange and recommended that INSTRAW, within the framework of its project, take the lead in disseminating relevant information as well as good practices.

26. An agreement for collaboration was signed on 8 February 2006 with the National Institute for Women [Instituto Nacional de Mujeres] in Mexico for activities to be carried out in relation to the AECI project. These activities include the development of guidelines to implement and incorporate a gender perspective in the indicator guide "Agenda desde lo local" ("the local agenda"), and a guide for leadership for women's political participation at the local level.

27. The "Agenda desde lo local" is a tool with relevant indicators for local governments to rank and self assess the implementation status of their plans. The Agenda includes gender as a central piece in order to achieve social equality and sustainability within local governments.

28. The guide that has been applied as a monitoring tool to assess the performance of local governments will be further enhanced by the inclusion of gender issues. The new guide promotes a conceptual framework by which gender mainstreaming is conceived as a good practice in governance.

29. The guide for leadership includes a trainer's guide in addition to the package of four modules for the training of participants. The trainer's guide includes materials to promote changes in behaviours, attitudes and skills. The training package provides concepts, tools and other materials aimed at improving women's leadership at the local level.

30. The latter was pilot tested in INSTRAW/Inmujeres workshops held during the month of April 2006 in Mexico (Queretaro and Sonora) and will be used in the next training workshop conducted by Inmujeres. Both documents will be published in 2006.

31. Similar agreements are currently under negotiation with other project countries in Central America. In this regard, follow-up meetings were held in NY with members of the delegations from the project countries participating at the 50th session of the CSW and another meeting is scheduled in Panama for 26 May 2006.

32. Conceptual background papers are currently being prepared on: political participation of women and governance at the local level; the status and political participation of indigenous women; and political parties and women's participation at the local level, among other topics. These papers will be completed by mid 2006.

33. A series of diagnostic studies are being conducted in the eleven project countries to analyze the current situation of the main strategic components of the project.

34. INSTRAW is currently undertaking a comparative study on affirmative actions to promote women's political participation in selected countries in Europe and Latin America. The study will analyze national mechanisms aimed at incorporating women within political decision making at the national level. At the study's conclusion it is envisaged that a series of lessons learned will have been compiled, analyzed and disseminated on the Institute's Website in 2006.

35. A project proposal on “Strengthening the promotion of women’s social and political participation in the Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Tunisia” was prepared. Initial communications with the Center for Arab Women Training and Research (CAWTAR) and women’s organizations in Tunisia have been undertaken with a view to forming partnerships for the implementation of the project. This project proposal has been submitted to the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) for funding (for more information on the status of INSTRAW project proposals, see Annex I).

36. The 2005 series of New Voices, New Perspectives research papers was launched in March 2006. A total of eleven papers were posted on the Institute’s Website and have been disseminated to academic and other research institutions throughout the world. A Call for Papers for the 2006 New Voices, New Perspectives series has also been widely disseminated, and the new series of papers will be launched in late 2006.

B. Capacity Building

37. In response to the ongoing and demonstrated demand for training materials, the Institute’s collection of gender training materials continues to be expanded. Activities in this regard will ensure the inclusion of additional information such as a mapping of existing programmes, materials and tools on other specific topics; additions to the roster of training institutes/centres; and the identification of gaps/needs.

38. In addition to the toolkit on programming an effective and appropriate response to violence against women at the level of the public security sector, INSTRAW also developed a half-day training module which was piloted at two workshops in El Salvador (November 2005) and the Dominican Republic (December 2005).

39. The HIV/AIDS manual “Lend a Caring Hand” has been adapted and translated for publication in Haitian Creole, French and Spanish. The Institute is currently coordinating efforts with NGOs to distribute the manual in Africa and upcoming distribution in Dominican Republic, French Guyana, Guadeloupe, Haiti, and Martinique.

40. During the period under review, INSTRAW continued with its on-going series of meetings with

women from government, academia and civil society in the Dominican Republic. INSTRAW hosted meetings on Gender and migration issues (November 2005) and on Women and disabilities (February 2006).

INSTRAW’s internship programme

41. During the period under review, the Institute received an additional four interns coming from universities in Ireland, Italy, Spain and the United States. These interns are assisting with activities related to the Institute’s programmes on gender, peace and security; women’s political participation and governance, and gender research methodologies.

42. In addition, the Institute received the services of two volunteers from Canada and Colombia. One provided support to the Institute’s communications activities while the other assisted in gathering information for fund-raising activities.

43. Interest in the INSTRAW internship programme remains high with numerous applications being received on a monthly basis. As of 1 March 2006, 13 internship positions for the year 2006 had been filled.

C. Information and Communication

44. INSTRAW has continued to expand its website with additional and updated information, giving a more dynamic quality to the website. Special events are featured on the front page, including International Women’s Day (8 March) and the 50th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

45. The INSTRAW website has experienced increasing rates of hits with more than one million hits during the month of April 2006. The growth rate in page views has increased an average of 33.8% as compared with statistics from 2005. The growth rate in downloads has increased an average of 236.7% in the last year (see Annex II for graphs).

46. The second edition of *Encuentros INSTRAW* was published. This issue contains presentations from the meeting jointly organized with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and held at INSTRAW headquarters on the topic of Gender, Migration and Development. Among the contents of this issue are: texts of papers presented at the meeting, interventions from the audience, and a list of resources.

47. An INSTRAW exhibit was held during the first week of the 50th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February – 3 March 2006. In

addition to a display of INSTRAW publications and materials, the exhibit featured the recently produced video on the gender dimension of remittances in Vicente Noble, Dominican Republic. This video was launched on 28 February and the video has subsequently been featured at a Development Fair (Santo Domingo, April 2006) and an International Book Fair (Santo Domingo, April-May 2006).

48. A video on the results of the workshops on governance and women's political participation at the local level recently conducted in Mexico has been produced. The video includes interviews conducted with workshop participants in addition to a presentation of the workshop results. The interviews and workshop results will also be published in other formats including on-line publishing.

49. The Institute has strengthened its presence in the mainstream media through broadcast and published interviews with INSTRAW personnel on gender and remittances. In this regard, interviews with INSTRAW senior officers and researchers were conducted and aired by UN Radio in Spanish and in French. The leading Spanish wire agency EFE published a story on INSTRAW's work on gender and remittances in the Dominican Republic which was picked up by 12 other Spanish media outlets for publication in different Latin American countries (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico and Uruguay, among others).

50. As an active member of the UN Inter-Agency Communication Committee in the Dominican Republic, INSTRAW took the lead in drafting and disseminating a joint public statement on 8 March – International Women's Day.

51. The Institute met with the Director of the United Nations Information Centre for Mexico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic (UNIC-Mexico) during his visit to INSTRAW headquarters in Santo Domingo. During the meeting several collaborative actions were agreed upon. UNIC-Mexico will provide assistance in distributing information about INSTRAW, its activities and its publications, particularly, the Spanish version of the INSTRAW manual "Lending a Caring Hand". INSTRAW will assist UNIC-Mexico to consolidate its network of contacts with civil society and academia in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Reciprocity in website links was also agreed upon.

III. Institutional Development

52. During the period under review, the Director has continued with activities aimed at the revitalization of INSTRAW. In this regard, the Director has undertaken visits with authorities in South Africa, Kenya, France, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Norway, and Ireland.

53. Partnerships between INSTRAW and other organizations within the UN system and with governments, academia and civil society organizations are being pursued and some Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) are currently in negotiation. The Institute is currently negotiating a Memo of Understanding with the United Nations Foundation with a view to facilitating INSTRAW's fund-raising activities.

54. INSTRAW is also negotiating an agreement with the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping (DPKO) to house equipment belonging to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) on the Institute's premises thereby providing a disaster recovery site for the Mission's data. As a result of this agreement, the Institute will benefit from upgraded communications systems.

55. MINUSTAH hosted the annual meeting of Communication and Information Technology Services at INSTRAW's headquarters from 1 to 5 May 2006. Chief Communications Officers and Chief Information Technology Officers from all United Nations missions were in attendance at this meeting. During the meeting, INSTRAW conducted a session on gender concepts in peacekeeping operations to the participants.

56. The Director participated in a joint IANWGE/OECD-DAC meeting on "Aid modalities on the promotion of gender equality (Nairobi, Kenya; 30-31 January 2006) to discuss the implications of the new aid modalities for gender equality and the empowerment of women. The workshop focused on how to use changing aid modalities, increases in aid and the aid effectiveness agenda, to accelerate progress towards gender equality and women's empowerment. Participants also shared experiences on mainstreaming a gender perspective in on-going programming processes at national level. Of particular importance was the identification of effective ways of supporting different players in partner countries to ensure that gender equality and women's empowerment remain on policy and political agendas, as well as strategies for strengthening partnerships between bilateral donors and multilateral agencies in support of development efforts.

57. INSTRAW submitted comments on the draft note prepared for the EC-ESA Review of Programmes and Priorities held on 16 February in New York. The Institute's comments were aimed at ensuring gender mainstreaming in all programmes and priorities, compliance with commitments from the Beijing and Cairo Conferences as well as CEDAW, and strengthening coordination among members of the UN system on gender issues.

58. The INSTRAW Director also participated in the 5th annual meeting of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE) (NY, 22-24 February 2006). During the meeting, participants discussed the core elements of a system-wide gender mainstreaming policy and strategy which include: accountability mechanisms; results-based management, evaluation and reporting; allocation of financial and human resources; capacity building; coherence and coordination; and joint programming.

59. INSTRAW was represented by the Director at the 50th session of the CSW during which she also participated at the High-level round table on international migration (28 February).

60. In December 2005, the Institute participated in the system-wide Mandate Review exercise. Over thirty years of mandates from the General Assembly, ECOSOC and other UN bodies were compiled into a database available for consultation through the special website created for this purpose at <http://www.un.org/mandatereview/>.

Audits

61. In February, INSTRAW received the management letter from the External Board of Auditors with the findings of the interim audit for the biennium 2004-2005 conducted from 29 August to 5 September 2005. The audit covered a review of financial management and control systems, programme and project management, human resources management and follow-up to prior audit recommendations.

62. Since the recommendations were discussed with INSTRAW management at the end of the audit exercise, the Institute had already begun to take certain measures in order to comply with the recommendations. Some recommendations require action from the UN Secretariat, and INSTRAW will pursue these matters in order to ensure full compliance with all recommendations.

B. Administration and Support

Services Unit

Financial aspects

63. Further to the information provided to the Executive Board during its resumed second Session, as at 30 April 2006, the reserves and balance of the Institute's Trust Fund was estimated at US\$878,952.15 (see Table 1).

64. The Institute's resource requirements for core operations during 2006 are estimated at \$1,314,352 as contained in the Work Plan and proposed Operational Budget for 2006 approved by the Board at its second session held on 1 June 2005 (INSTRAW/EB/2005/R.3/Rev.1).

65. The flow of voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund amounts to US\$24,682.96 during the first quarter of 2006. Pledges for additional contributions amount to US\$40,940.10.

66. The Institute has also received the amount of US\$116,779 deriving from project support costs of extra-budgetary projects being implemented during 2006.

67. The resources currently available at the Institute's Trust Fund will allow INSTRAW's operations through the end of the year 2006.

**Table 1 Trust Fund for International Research and Training Institute
for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)**

Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserves and fund balances
for the biennium 2006-2007 ending 30 April 2006 (United States dollars)

Income	
Voluntary contributions	24,682.96
Other/miscellaneous income	448,171.14
Total income	472,854.10
Expenditure	
Staff and other personnel costs	155,082.71
Travel	0
Contractual services	0
Operating expenses	0
Acquisitions	0
Fellowships, grants others	0
Programme support costs for agencies	0
Total direct expenditure	155,082.71
Programme support costs	2,995.75
Total expenditure	158,008.46
Excess (shortfall) of income over expenditure	314,775.64
Reserves and fund balances, beginning of period	564,176.51
Reserves and fund balances, end of period	878,952.15
Statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balances as at 30 April 2006	
Assets	
Cash and term deposits	308,800.00
Cash pool	872,509.65
Voluntary contributions receivable	40,940.10
Other receivables	12,926.31
Other assets	31,824.60
Total assets	1,267,000.66
Liabilities	
Inter-fund balances payable	340,491.52
Unliquidated obligations	47,556.99
Total liabilities	388,048.51
Reserves and fund balances	
Cumulative surplus	878,952.15
Total reserves and fund balances	878,952.15
Total liabilities, reserves and fund balances	1,267,000.66

Annex I

Status of INSTRAW Project Proposals

Submitted for funding:

Project proposal is in its final stage of development and funding is being sought.

IND-01	
Project Name	International Development of INSTRAW
Duration of project:	3 years
Countries involved:	N/A
Objective:	Strengthening INSTRAW's capacity in the areas of research, information, communications, training and management to better support countries in their efforts to reduce gender inequalities.
Potential Partners	Governmental institutions, UN System organizations, academia and non-governmental organizations
Total budget (US\$):	\$3,099,000
Possible Funding:	NORAD, CIDA, GTZ, SIDA, DANIDA, Rockefeller Foundation, Kellogg foundation

PPA-02	
Project Name	Strengthening governance with a gender perspective and women's political participation at the local level
Duration of project:	24 months
Countries Involved:	The Greater Maghreb region.
Objectives:	To contribute to promoting women's rights, gender equality and women's political participation and leadership in the planning and administration of local governments in the Greater Maghreb region.
Potential Partners:	Governments (especially the women's national machinery), women's and feminist movements, regional research centers and institutes, academia, associations of local authorities, networks of political women, bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies (European Union, for example), regional organizations and entities of the United Nations devoted to governance, participation and ICTs (UNECA - United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, ACGD – African Center for Gender and Development, UNDP, ILO ITU, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNACLA –United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities, UNHABITAT, among others), and telecommunication firms.
Total budget (US\$):	\$1,149,120
Possible funding:	UNDEF, Cooperazione Italiana, Aga Khan Foundation. AECI

PPA-04	
Project Name	Capacity building and training of women in the prevention and resolution of water conflicts in Palestine
Duration of project:	18 months
Countries	Palestine

Involved:	
Objectives:	To improve the capacity, and promote the participation of, women leaders at the government and NGO level to address water management and gender issues, specifically women's burden due to the water conflict and their potential in the prevention and resolution of water disputes, and to thereby strengthen the peace process through the discussion and negotiation of water issues.
Potential Partners:	Palestinian Hydrology Group (PHG), Women International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
Total budget (US\$):	\$200,000
Possible funding:	AGFUND, Aga Khan Foundation, Novartis Foundation for SD, LG, Nordic Council

REM-05	
Project Name	The Gender Dimension of Remittances: their flows, uses and development in Norway
Duration of project:	12 months
Countries Involved:	Norway
Objectives:	To assess the impact of remittances sent by migrants from Norway to their communities of origin on household food security and community development in rural areas, as well as migrants' access to financial and other services in Norway
Potential Partners:	NGOs in the region, universities,
Total budget (€):	208,000 €
Possible funding:	Norway

SEC-01	
Project Name	Gender, Peace and Security: Review and Assessment of the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in Haiti
Duration of project:	18 months
Countries Involved:	Haiti
Objectives:	To contribute to the process of establishing peace and human security for women, men, boys and girls in Haiti. In this regard, the project endeavours to enhance knowledge and capacities regarding the participation of women and the mainstreaming of gender into peace and security initiatives.
Potential Partners:	UNIFEM and MINUSTAH
Total budget (US\$):	\$699,650
Possible Funding:	CIDA, MacArthur Foundation, Global Fund for Women, Zonta International

SEC-04	
Project Name	Preventing Gun Violence in the Dominican Republic: a gendered approach
Duration of project:	6 – 8 months
Countries Involved:	Dominican Republic
Objectives:	Support sustainable disarmament and the creation of a culture of peace.
Potential Partners:	Small Arms Survey or the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and

	Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-LiREC)), a local research institution, possibly the government and civil society
Total budget (US\$):	\$139.764
Possible funding:	Zonta International, Embassies in the Dominican Republic

MISC-03	
Project Name	Strengthening National Capacities for Project Development and Implementation from a Gender Perspective
Duration of project:	10 months
Countries Involved:	Americas
Objectives:	Strengthen national capacities to develop and implement projects from a gender perspective in specific sectors; Promote the mainstreaming of gender issues in various sectors in selected countries
Potential Partners:	
Total budget (US\$):	\$97,000
Possible Funding:	

MISC-05	
Project Name	Apoyo a cuidadoras de personas viviendo con VIH/SIDA en Haiti, Guadalupe, Martinica, Guyana Francesa y los Bateyes de República Dominicana
Duration of project:	8 months
Countries Involved:	Haiti, Guadalupe, Martinique, French Guyana and Dominican Republic
Objectives:	Apoyar las acciones de las ONG, agencias de Naciones Unidas, asociaciones, centros de salud, instituciones, etc. que trabajan en Haiti, Guadalupe, Martinica, Guyana Francesa y en los bateyes de República Dominicana con personas viviendo con VIH/SIDA, mediante la provisión de una herramienta adaptada al contexto y necesidades específicas de los cuidadores y cuidadoras..
Potential Partners:	
Total budget (US\$):	\$117,829.19
Possible funding:	OPS, France

Under Consideration:

Project proposal is in the hands of a funding organization and is awaiting approval.

REM-Profile-02	
Project Name	International Migration and Remittances: their impact on social cohesion in Latin America
Duration of project:	4 years
Countries Involved:	Selected Latin American and Caribbean countries, and major destination countries such as the United States and Canada
Objectives:	Analyze and highlight the impact of international migration from a gender perspective in

	Latin America in order to strengthen sustainable development, protection of human rights and social cohesion in countries of origin.
Potential Partners:	Other UN agencies, especially FAO, IFAD, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, European Union, CIDA, SIDA, etc.
Total budget (US\$):	€5,800,000.00
Possible Funding:	European Union, MacArthur, Kellogg & Ford Foundations

REM-06	
Project Name	The Gender Dimensions of Remittances: their flows, uses and development impact in Southern Africa
Duration of project:	24 months
Countries Involved:	South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho, Swaziland, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Malawi
Objectives:	To assess the impact of remittances sent by migrants from South Africa to their communities of origin on household food security and community development in rural areas, as well as migrants' access to financial and other services in South Africa.
Potential Partners:	Government entities, NGOs in the region, universities,
Total budget (US\$)	\$833,300
Possible funding:	UNDP, DeBeers Foundation, UNFPA

REM-08	
Project Name	The Gender Dimensions of Remittances: their flows, uses and development impact in Ireland
Duration of project:	12 months
Countries Involved:	Ireland, other countries to be determined
Objectives:	To assess the impact of remittances sent by migrants from Ireland to their communities of origin in selected countries on issues such as household food security and community development; and to evaluate migrants' access to financial and other services for sending remittances in Ireland.
Potential Partners:	Migrants associations, central government, local governments, NGOs, labour unions, etc.
Total budget (€):	208,000 €
Possible funding:	Ireland

SEC-02	
Project Name	Improving the Human Security of Vulnerable Haitian Women in the Dominican Republic
Duration of project:	2 years
Countries Involved:	Dominican Republic and Haiti
Objectives:	To diminish the greatest insecurities in the lives of vulnerable Haitian Women in the Dominican Republic through increased awareness and knowledge and capacity building in HIV/AIDS, Sexual and reproductive rights, Nutrition, Civil rights and Physical security.
Potential Partners:	UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNAIDS and UNDP
Total budget	\$1,200,000 per year

(US\$):	
Possible Funding:	Japan Special Fund of the IDB, Soros (FOKAL), CIDA, Ford Foundation

SEC-03	
Project Name	Creating Knowledge, Sharing Experiences: Gender and Security Sector Reform
Duration of project:	12 months
Countries Involved:	Global (includes a virtual conference)
Objectives:	Initiate a global discussion on the gender aspects of security sector reform that influences SSR actors to take women and girls into account as actors and fully address their security needs.
Potential Partners:	Potential partners include the Clingendael - Netherlands Institute for International Relations, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Global Facilitation Network on Security Sector Reform (GFN-SSR).
Total budget (US\$):	\$322.677
Possible funding:	The proposal has been submitted to the Geneva International Academic Network, the International Development Research Centre, and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

SEC-06	
Project Name	Ensuring Security for All: Gender and Security Sector Reform in Haiti
Duration of project:	24 months
Countries Involved:	Haiti
Objectives:	To contribute to the process of establishing peace and human security for women, men, boys and girls in Haiti. In this regard, the project endeavours to enhance knowledge and capacities regarding the participation of women and the mainstreaming of gender into peace and security initiatives.
Potential Partners:	MINUSTAH
Total budget (US\$):	\$271.000
Possible Funding:	Norway

Funding offered:

Funding for the project has been confirmed and/or received.

REM-01	
Project Name	Gender Dimensions of Remittances: Flows, Uses and Development Impacts
Duration of project:	12 months
Countries involved:	The Philippines. Part of a world project to be implemented in Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Morocco, and Romania.
Objectives:	To contribute to the efforts aimed at increasing the development potential of remittances in developing countries, specifically in rural areas, through the application of a gender perspective to the study of remittance flows, its uses, and their socioeconomic impact on the receiving communities.

Potential Partners:	Filipino Women's Council, Italy; Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines; Unlad Kabayan, Philippines
Total budget (US\$):	\$200,000
Possible funding:	IFAD

REM-03	
Project Name	Gender, remittances, and development in Guatemala and El Salvador
Duration of project:	12 months
Countries Involved:	Guatemala and El Salvador
Objectives:	To contribute to the efforts that seek to maximize the potential of remittances in developing countries, by integrating a gender perspective to the study of remittance flows, its uses, and their socioeconomic impact on the receiving communities.
Potential Partners:	NGOs in the region
Total budget (US\$):	\$93,900
Possible funding:	IDB (FOMIN)/IFAD

In the process of implementation:

PPA-01	
Project Name	Strengthening governance with a gender perspective and women's political participation at the local level
Duration of project:	36 months
Countries Involved:	Central America, Mexico and the Andean Region.
Objectives:	To contribute to promoting women's rights, gender equality and women's political participation and leadership in the planning and administration of local governments in Central America, Mexico and the Andean Region.
Potential Partners:	Governments (especially the women's national machinery), la Comisión de Ministras de la Mujer de Centroamérica -COMMCA-, CEPAL, PRIGEPP-FLACSO, women's and feminist movements, bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies (CITEL, for example), regional organizations and entities of the United Nations devoted to governance, participation and ICTs (UNDP, ILO ITU, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNIFEM, World Bank, IDB, among others) and telecommunication firms (Telefónica, Telmex) and local ICTs firms.
Total budget (€):	2,153,253 €
Status:	In implementation

PPA-05	
Project Name	Engaging Indigenous Women: Local government capacity building through new technologies in Latin America
Duration of project:	18 months

Countries involved :	Latin America and the Caribbean countries.
Objectives:	To strengthen the capacity of institutions at the national and community levels in selected Latin American countries to better engage indigenous women in decision-making processes by utilizing new information and communication technologies.
Potential Partners:	UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, ECLAC
Total budget (US\$):	\$450,000
Possible funding:	DESA – Development Account
Status:	In implementation

PPA-06	
Project Name	Estudio comparado sobre acciones positivas a favour de las mujeres en el sector de la participación política: Europa y América Latina
Duration of project:	4 months
Countries involved:	Selected countries in Europe and Latin America
Objectives:	Contribuir al aumento y la consolidación de las mujeres en el sector de la política a través de la identificación y promoción de medidas legales y políticas adecuadas.
Potential Partners:	Spanish government
Total budget (€):	27,500 €
Status:	In implementation

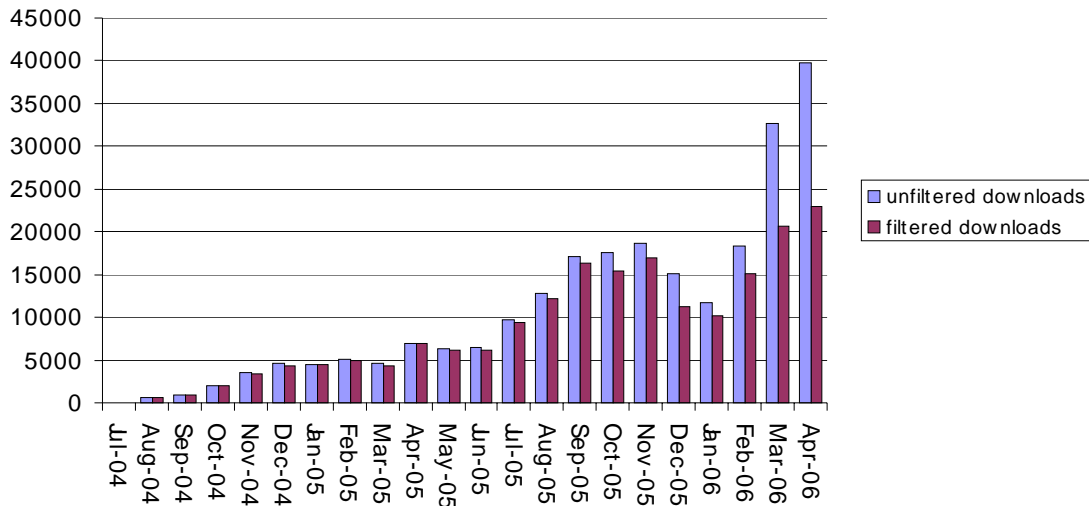
REM-02	
Project Name	Potential of remittances for development from a gender perspective
Duration of project:	12 months
Countries Involved:	Dominican Republic
Objectives:	To contribute to the efforts that seek to maximize the potential of remittances in developing countries, by integrating a gender perspective to the study of remittance flows, its uses, and their socioeconomic impact on the receiving communities.
Potential Partners:	NGOs in the region
Total budget (US\$):	\$121,600
Possible funding:	UNFPA
Status:	In implementation

SEC-05	
Project Name	Educational methodologies for the prevention of violence against young women
Duration of project:	9 months (September 2005 – May 2006)
Countries Involved:	Dominican Republic

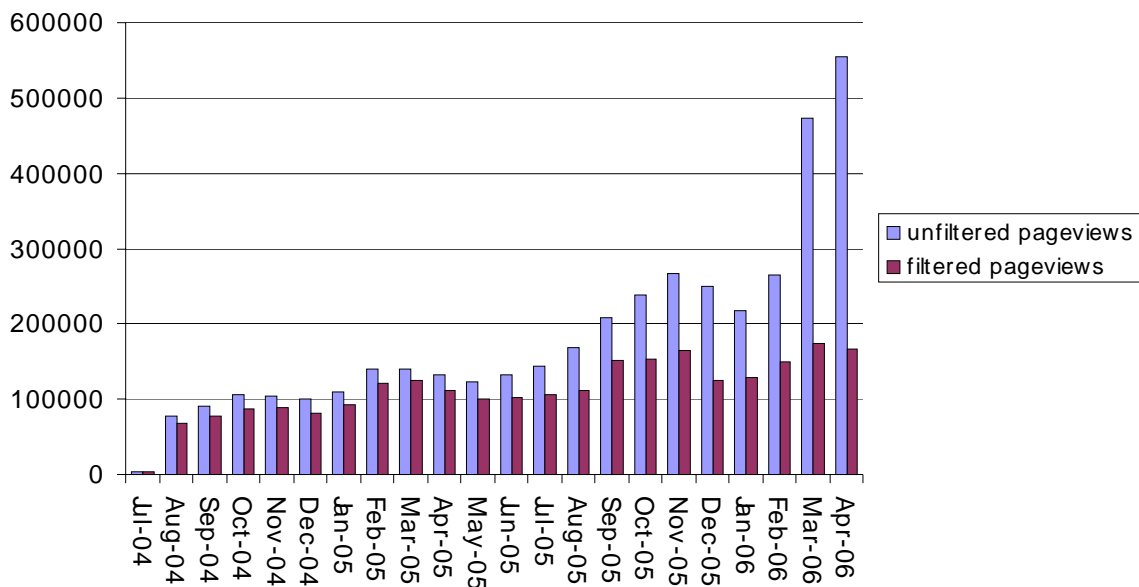
Objectives:	To contribute to the articulation, strengthening, and mobilization of diverse youth groups around gender-based violence. The goal is to systematize the experience developed by the group “Youth and violence”, as an antecedent and point of departure for the elaboration of a manual; to elaborate a methodological guide for the work of youth organizations and civil society on issues such as youth, gender and violence; and to develop an awareness raising and training plan on these issues intended for young people, decision-makers, technical personnel from ministry and organizations, fathers, mothers and community leaders.
Potential Partners:	Grupo Juventudes y Violencias, Family Care International (Dominican Republic office)
Total budget (US\$):	\$15,000
Possible funding:	UNDP/GLO (7239 US\$), the rest funded by Family Care International
Status:	In implementation

Annex II

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