

WHY ZONTA ?

Because:

We can reach out to the women in the world that are not as fortunate as we are.

We can give them opportunity to become independent through education and to a better life with better health care

We do that,

- through the international projects
- and local projects

And we must fight against violence against women and girls and the trafficking of women and girls anywhere !!

Last but not least:

Zonta is also

- **Network**
- **Friendship**

for life !

That's Why Zonta.....

Not to forget : ADVOCACY

Advocacy is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes.

Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs are urged to express themselves about and become involved in issues which:

- Improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women;
- Advance understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions; and
- Promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

And:

Trafficking

- **UN's definition:** The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of threat, use of force of fraud or deception or use of power for the purpose of exploitation
- Women and children are especially vulnerable because of their status in society and their poverty

➤ **A human being must never
be a merchandise !**

Those who wish to eradicate trafficking, must simultaneously work to eradicate patriarchy and poverty.

Trafficking will continue until all women are able not only to support themselves and their families in legitimate economic activities, but also have equal decision-making power over how to spend the money they earn.

*Catherine Carpenter
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How can we achieve that?

You can !

Because without you
There would be no Zonta International

And with no Zonta International there would not be the money needed to help in these projects;

➤ **Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda**

US\$600,000 to UNICEF

➤ **Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala and El Salvador**

US \$600,000 to UNIFEM

➤ **Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia** US \$450,000 to UNFPA

This money will come from you and me and other members of Zonta International:

- **Approx. 33,000 Zonta members**
- **In 1,200 clubs**
- **In 67 countries and geographical areas**

Our contribution will then help :

To improve the economic security of approximately 5,100 widows and women affected by HIV and AIDS in Niger

To support classes for 1,300 women and girls annually in rural or urban poor Women's Learning Centers and Educational Learning Centers in Afghanistan

To strengthen the educational learning process for working girls and women in La Paz, Bolivia in order to provide them with literacy and numeracy skills

ZI SERVICE PROJECTS IMPACT: •Women's education, economic status, safety, health, and legal status

...working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service...

and: to be a true Zontian in our everyday life....

That's :Why Zonta
