



The WPF Alert

Fundraising Plans for 2007

POLICY COMMITMENT

Report excerpts from the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development by the Chair, Dr. Sharman Stone:

“Our PGPD prepared a submission...and held discussions about the AusAID International Health Policy. We were very pleased to see policy commitments to gender with sexual and reproductive health...including a commitment to higher levels of female education, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and access to safe, effective contraception based on informed choice. All of these interventions will assist in reducing maternal mortality and empower women to have greater control over their lives.”

Women's Plans Foundation encourages public support for Government implementation of these policies.

GRADUATE COURSE

A new course is being offered at UNSW in the Master of Public Health, called *“Gender and Health: Implementing Best Practice in Reproductive and Sexual Health in South East Asia and the Pacific”*. This course facilitates selection of an award made by a donor in honour of Women's Plans Foundation as part of the National Council of Women's NSW Australia Day Awards to young women university students.

March 9th, Friday. *Degustation*, eight courses of fine Sydney cuisine by Fusion, accompanied by fine and interesting wines. Venue is The Royal Exchange, founded in 1851, the original location and genesis of the Sydney Stock Exchange and Sydney Wool Exchange. The Royal Exchange is a private club within easy walking distance from Circular Quay, and we thank its member and former president, Stuart Cameron, for this opportunity.

Cost is \$125, of which \$40 will be donated to the Foundation by Fusion Catering and The Royal Exchange. If you pre-booked at the Auction, please pay by Wednesday, March 1st to hold your table. For new bookings, please phone (02)9817-5175 to make sure places are available.

June 6th, Wednesday. Talk by Susannah Fullerton, President of The Jane Austen Society of Australia, on the Bronte sisters with some reference to Jane Austen, a rich field for knowledge (or need of it) about the impact of women's reproductive lives. Lavish Victorian Morning Tea from 10 a.m. Venue a private historic home.

Cost is \$40.

August, date to be confirmed. Luncheon in the President's Dining Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street. At a dining table seating twenty-six, enjoy the company of our Parliamentary Hostess and strategists from the Australian Reproductive Health Alliance in Canberra. A joint fundraising event with ARHA (see article on page 2).

October/November, date to be confirmed. A Cocktail Evening at “Callooa” in Darling Point. “Callooa” is a restored and extended house begun in the 1840s, with verandahs and views overlooking Rushcutters Bay. Drinks accompanied by hot and cold canapés in a relaxed evening of entertainment.

From the UNFPA Report 2006

	Contraception %		Births per 1,000 women aged 15-19	Maternal Mortality per 100,000
	Any	Modern		
Timor-Leste	10	9	168	660
Cambodia	24	19	42	450
Lao PDR	32	29	85	650
Malaysia	55	30	18	41
Vietnam	79	57	17	13

Unifem IWD Breakfast
Thursday, March 8th, 2007,
Bayside Grand Hall, Sydney
Convention & Entertainment
Centre, Darling Harbour.

To sit at a Women's Plans
Foundation table, use the
contact information below.
Speaker Malalai Joya, member
of the Afghan parliament.
Unifem's Breakfast is an
impressive surge of
constructive woman-power, an
event not to be missed.
Cost \$55 or \$38 for student.

VALUE COMPARISON

Dr. Sharon Camp, of the
Guttmacher Institute (U.S.),
speaking at one of the
Parliamentary Group's
hearings:
*"Providing contraceptive
supplies, counselling and
related health services to the
200 million women who have
an unmet need for these
services would cost \$3.9
billion per year...the cost of
about 12 days' spending to
support the U.S. presence in
Iraq and Afghanistan.
... We would prevent more
than 1.5 million maternal and
infant deaths every year, and
prevent 52 million unwanted
pregnancies...."*

**The Australian Reproductive
Health Alliance** is the secretariat
for the Parliamentary Group on
Population and Development,
with over 100 State and Federal
parliamentary members. ARHA
provides resources about
reproductive health and
population, advocate within the
United Nations system and
conduct public forums and
networking services. The ARHA
secretariat
has been extremely supportive of
WPF's efforts.

FUNDS RAISED AND WHAT THEY FUND

\$11,190 was raised at the October Auction and, with current
income from Trust Fund, a donation has been made to
SH&FPA of \$13,760. WPF's donations will continue some
programs of SH&FPA and partners in this year, and for
AusAID-approved projects our funds attract \$3 for every \$1 we
contribute.

In PNG there was a half day seminar for environment
organisations in Port Moresby to look at the links between
population pressure and environment. In Popondetta a three
day workshop was held by the Australian Conservation
Foundation and SH&FPA; participants were rural women,
focused on sexual and reproductive health issues, income
generation and population-environmental impact. A separate
workshop was held for men.

In Honiara, Solomon Islands, a two day seminar was
organised by Live and Learn, an environmental education
NGO. A consultative and interactive program produced an
extensive range of links between reproductive health issues,
rapid population growth and environmental issues. Much of
what was discussed will be incorporated into the planned
development of a learning module and package for Pacific
NGOs.

Some October auction items specified contraceptives
(for SH&FPA), or medical examination tables for a family
planning component to aid child sponsorship programs (for
ChildFund Australia).

SH&FPA's incoming President is Dr. Devora Lieberman, Chair of
FP NSW, whom many met at the Auction. Farewell and thanks to
Gillian Davies, who has been so helpful to WPF, and hello to Angela
Soares, SH&FPA's new Development Coordinator.

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