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<p>Young Women's Leadership Development and Involvement for Action</p>	<p>To develop the leadership capacity of young women especially on the issues of violence against women (dowry, female foeticide and rape) and discrimination & exclusion (dalits, adivasis and HIV and AIDS affected) From a large group of young women invited by the YWCA to discussions on oppressive traditional practices and issues of stigma, especially as regards HIV & AIDS, 120 young women from the five regions with the potential and desire to partake in leadership training were chosen to participate in a regional level training for capacity building and leadership development on these issues. Thirty of these women will continue on and receive training at the national level in order to draw up an action plan for addressing violence against women and the issues of discrimination and exclusion and for developing strategies and a methodology for sustainability. The 30 young women will have the task of disseminating the information and training and building awareness among other women at the local levels.</p>
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<p>Building hope for future progress - YWCA of Cuttack</p>	<p>The Family Counselling programme counselled 470 women during the year for problems including domestic violence, physical, mental, and financial torture by male and female family members. For young girls, they dealt with misconceptions of marriage, bridegroom, age of the bride, groom selection, and economic status of the bride. The Computer Training programme has benefited 450 participants from which 20 are now employed and 100 have carried on with higher education. The Skill Training programme benefited 497 adolescent slum girls who are now earning US \$10-20 per month. Beneficiaries of the programme included: Gitanjali Nayak of Makarbag sahi, whose husband is no longer a drug and alcohol abuser. Tapswini Samal of Matha sahi, who was repeatedly threatened with divorce and abduction of her son. Following constant counseling, she now lives with her son and is in the process of opening a shop where she will sell items she learned to make in the Skill Training programme.</p>
<p>Indonesia</p>	<p>Jakarta Email: ywca_ind@lycos.com</p>
<p>Leadership Training: Women are leading change</p>	<p>To train leaders from local YWCAs to promote leadership development, gender awareness, HIV and AIDS and peace building, in local communities where the YWCA works and is present As a new YWCA not yet affiliated to the World YWCA, the YWCA in Indonesia is carrying out training on the YWCA movement and priority issues for members of local communities in order to work with them to find possibilities for a YWCA response to the challenges they face. Participants at the national training event develop their skills in planning and implementing relevant programmes based on the needs of the community and follow up through local leadership training programmes. The major components of the training are: understanding Christian faith and spirituality from a feminist perspective, the priority issues of the world movement in relation to national and local realities and developing a YWCA response for gender equality, peace and social transformation.</p>