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<p>Emergency Needs and Rehabilitation following floods</p>	<p>In the rainy season due to heavy rainfall and the flow of upward water in the river the whole Chandpur town was inundated and the stagnant water remained for July and August 2004. The YWCA provided for 1,378 beneficiaries the following items: rice, potatoes, salt, emergency lodging.</p>
<p>India</p>	<p>New Delhi Email: ywcaind@vsnl.com</p>
<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>
<p>India</p>	<p>New Delhi Email: ywcaind@vsnl.com</p>
<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>
<p>Pakistan</p>	<p>Lahore Email: ywcapak@brain.net.pk</p>
<p>Literacy and education</p>	<p>Lack of education can sometimes keep women in the dark about their human rights and prohibit them from achieving their full potential. In Pakistan, the YWCA is working to provide an education to women from slum areas, where living conditions are very poor, and women's movement is often restricted-- sometimes they can only go outside their homes when accompanied by male relatives. Through the YWCA's established vocational schools and literacy centres, women are taught reading, writing and numeric skills, and are educated about reproductive health care and rights. By addressing the problem of illiteracy, women are now able to read newspapers and books to their children, and manage household accounts. They also have increased awareness of human rights and self esteem.</p>



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Adult Literacy and Awareness - South Lahore	<p>Two adult literacy centres opened in FC College, Katchi Abadi, Lahore - 35 women trained and Kot Lakhpat, Bahar Colony, Lahore - 14 women trained. Training also includes awareness raising on health and health facilities (including HIV & AIDS, hepatitis and breast cancer), and art, human rights, environment, family relations, legal rights.</p> <p>Challenges: to convince parents to allow their daughters to attend classes which takes time away from employment in factories and as domestic maids.</p>

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Initiative in favour of Afghan refugees and those living in slum area	<p>YWCA of Peshawar runs vocational training and health clinics in Afghan refugee camps and local communities in Azakhail Bala and Fathers Colony, Yousaf Abdad. Health training was carried out for local health workers in ante and post natal care: still same old methods are in practice and no-one from the community is taking action towards this game of death, because they don't want to send their women into clinic or hospitals. Poor women have no choice but to die at home.</p> <p>YWCA provided delivery kits to women who completed the course.</p> <p>HIV and AIDS awareness sessions held at refugee camp and local community. Cholera and typhoid awareness week organised for children and mothers.</p> <p>In October 2005 an earthquake struck and the YWCA pooled money and resources with other groups to send to Hazara, YWCA of Pindi involved. Vocational training centre for Afghan refugee women held in local premises, 12-15 women attend courses which are offered five days a week for small fee.</p>