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Rita Gibbons

212.906.6897

PHOTOCOPY  
PRESERVATION

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- 1) what she saw in camps
  - 2) "all they wanted was to go home"
  - 3) Now they are, we have to help them. Just like we came together to help shelter them we need to come together to house them

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- look at recent speeches to them
  - Refugee reports, FT Dix, AJL speech
  - Tibb now it was the best of humanity that came together each country did this thing (list who had what)

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*Waiting*  
*Yes*

*5 countries  
and 10 girls*

# WOMEN

*EVAN*



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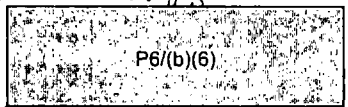
Many thanks for your prompt reply to my letter inviting the First Lady to be the "star" of our Kasoro Benefit in New York on October 7<sup>th</sup> - Should there be any last minute change that would permit Mrs. Clinton to come, even for just a few minutes, it would mean a great deal to us.

In Mrs. Clinton's absence, would it be possible to obtain a video? That would allow me to mention her on our invitation. I would of course send you the most up-to-date background material as the time approaches, so that her invitation would include the latest

*or otherwise*

Contact: Hope Miller 212/808-4988

(H)



Attention to this matter. Perhaps some time when I am in Washington.

I could have the pleasure of meeting  
you. Would you consider being my  
guest at lunch?

All the best!

Sincerely,  
Joseph S. Miller

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U.N. Fundraiser benefiting the  
Women of Kosovo!!

The Paris Plan  
The Paris Plan  
What are some things  
Grant money for  
to be used for  
the women  
of Kosovo

→ Run by UNIFEM

→ start from March 4, 1995

→ video 2 years ago Fall of 97 Oct?

→ She will also talk to women in Kosovo  
displaced person.

Importance of what UNIFEM is doing

Female

→ Great people who have come to support  
women in Kosovo & UNIFEM.

→ 200 people

→ 5 chapters

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UNIFEM  
in the  
of women

1999 - Report

Refugee Research, ~~at~~ at with

FT D. x, AJC speak

The Paris Plan

List  
Campuses  
helping

From \* is the worst of humanity  
She should be full of  
humanity. Refused to sign up.

AID  
Wishes



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Executive Director \*  
UNIFEM  
Noelken Hertz 5P

To: Eric Massey

From: Joyce S. Miller

Fax: 202-456-2581

Eric, I don't want to delay any longer. - Either I or Rita Gibson from UNIFEM will fax to you later this afternoon the "Kessoo details".

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UNIFEM's programme for Kosova women refugees will support and strengthen the capacity of these women to rebuild their lives and those of their families and communities. The women of Kosova will thus be enabled to go beyond the cycle of violence and play a leadership role in shaping a peaceful and economically secure future based on tolerance for diversity and respect for women's and men's human rights.

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New York 27 September 1999

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To: Mr Eric Tassery

fax (202) 456-2581

From: Erica Poole  
Programme Manager  
Europe & the CIS Section  
UNIFEM

Subject: Speech of Mrs Hillary Clinton on Kosovo Women &amp; UNIFEM

Please find attached a two-page write up on the project for Kosovo women, as well as a detailed summary of the project's objectives and activities.

I'm afraid there was a miscommunication about the timeline within which our input was required. In addition, our computer systems completely crashed on Friday evening, and we remain at this moment without access to our files, and unable to print any document. Please accept my sincere apologies for the inconvenience. This is all causing.

I remain available to answer any questions you might have about this initiative, and I can be reached at telephone number 212-906-6443.

We would like to send a copy of the tape to Kosovo, to share with women there. Since this is likely to affect the content of the speech, I wanted to let you know.

With best regards,



United Nations Development Fund for Women

Eric Massry

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## IN SUPPORT OF KOSOVO WOMEN REFUGEES

Today's wars have no delineated front lines. Civilian populations are not only directly in the line of fire, but are also often used as direct targets to put pressures on the military. In addition to these dangers that affect men, women and children, rape and sexual violence against women is used as a weapon to demoralize combatants and the community. Women are also targeted due to their reproductive role and their identity as the keeper of culture and tradition, with total disempowerment as a goal. It is ironic that when women's pivotal role in the building and maintenance of their community and nation is finally recognized, this knowledge is used against them for destructive purposes, to cause the complete disempowerment of a society or a nation. The systematic use of this weapon against women to destroy the very fabric of a society was never as clearly seen as with the scale and the organization of the horrific rape camps in the "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnia. Today, as we speak, reports are coming in from relief and aid workers, eyewitnesses and the victims themselves about the use of rape and sexual violence against ethnic Albanian Kosovar women as a weapon of war.

Women are very vulnerable to social attitudes in their own societies that make the woman herself responsible for having been raped. In some cultures, a woman who has been raped is considered as "shamed", "polluted", or "damaged goods" and is often ostracized by her family and her community; in some societies, it is even considered best that she be killed to "wipe out the shame" she has brought to the family name. There are also the children of rape, those few have the courage to mention, and even fewer know how to deal with.

Lack of food security, lack of adequate health and psychological care, lack of most basic types of security all contribute to increase women's trauma, suffering and burden as an individual and as provider and protector to her family. While food, care for children, the elderly and the handicapped are specifically a woman's task in many cultures, women find themselves trapped in the role of passive recipients in most refugee and displaced camps. Women are not part of the definition of their own needs nor in the development of solutions to their own problems and issues. Women's access to power and decision-making arenas, which under normal peaceful circumstances is widely unequal in most countries of the world, is severely curtailed in times of conflict. Women's traditional role, experience and contribution to conflict defusion, mediation and reconciliation within the home, the extended family and the community is completely ignored, or more accurately scorned as irrelevant.

*in development*

UNIFEM is ~~developing~~ an important initiative in support of the Kosovo Women refugees in the two countries that have received the largest number of refugees, Albania and Macedonia. This programme's overall objective is to empower the Kosovo women refugees by supporting them to organize themselves to define their own needs and concerns and to actively participate in the decisions that affect their life and future. Towards that end, UNIFEM will:

- widen the space for Kosovo Women refugees to assist relief, development and other donor agencies in the development of solutions to their own problems and issues, as well as and to have a say in the negotiation, conflict resolution and peace processes;
- support trauma counselling and rehabilitation particularly for women victims of rape and sexual violence and for their families;
- assist in documenting cases of war crimes to be brought before the International War Crimes Tribunal;
- contribute to setting up a communications (radio, printed media and Internet use) component to enable sharing of critical information; and
- enable an ongoing dialogue with and support to the host communities with regard to the social, political, economic and environmental impact of the massive influx of refugees.



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## **BUILDING CAPACITY FOR A PEACEFUL AND ECONOMICALLY SECURE FUTURE FOR KOSOVA WOMEN**

### **PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION**

UNIFEM's programme in support of Kosova Women refugees, returnees and IDPs is geared towards providing the support and strengthening the capacity of Kosova women to enable them to rebuild their lives, families and communities, participate in the structure and institutions that will govern their present and future, and play a leadership role in shaping a peaceful and economically secure future, based on tolerance for diversity and respect for women and men's human rights

### **PROGRAMME DURATION**

3 years, starting 1 August 1999

### **EXECUTING AGENCY**

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

### **FUNDING STATUS**

UNIFEM has allocated US\$300,000 from core resources to this initiative, and the Government of Italy has pledged US\$150,000. We continue to fundraise for the entire amount needed, namely US\$3.5 million.

## **PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

### **Objective 1**

Working with UN, OSCE, the EU and other intergovernmental and international organisations and agencies and the Kosova leadership to ensure that gender issues are taken into considerations in planning, programming and implementation of activities in support of Kosova

#### **Overall Description of Activities**

UNIFEM will recruit and place a senior Chief Technical Advisor (CTA), whose duties will be twofold: she/he will have an advisory function in terms of mainstreaming gender issues in the planning, programming and implementation of activities of UN and other intergovernmental organizations and agencies; and she/he will be responsible for the overall management and implementation of the UNIFEM programme for Kosova women.

Activities under this objective will also include:

- Organizing fora for dialogue between Kosova women leaders and the international relief and development community to ensure that Kosova women's voices are heard and acted upon by the international community;
- Setting up an Gender Task Force made up of representatives of various organizations and Government to monitor gender issues, and make recommendations for action as necessary;
- Liaising and collaborating closely with regional intergovernmental and non-governmental Balkan efforts to promote gender sensitive policies and peace in the region

### **Objective 2**

Strengthening the capacity and widening the space for Kosova Women refugees, IDPs and returnees to assist relief, development and other donor agencies as well as NGOs in the development and implementation of solutions to their own problems

#### **Overall Description of Activities**

Activities under this objective will focus on the identification, development and implementation of tailor-made programmes in response to primary needs, skills development and empowerment of different groups of women refugees, displaced persons and returnees.

In close coordination with local groups and international organizations, UNIFEM will set up women's centers or "spaces" in selected refugee camps, host communities and resettlement areas where there are not currently adequate support services, where possible linked with UNICEF child-friendly spaces. Aimed at reaching refugee women living in host families and to facilitate cooperation with host communities, UNIFEM proposes to cooperate with on-going women's centers where they exist, and to encourage organization in communities where there are no such centers. The aim is to support refugees and host families, while simultaneously building capacities and sustainability for local women's projects. The programme will also provide support through the central distribution locations set-up by UNHCR in Kosova. In addition, due to the dispersed character of returnee communities, UNIFEM will set up two mobile outreach units. Two-person teams will staff the UNIFEM Mobile Women's Centers that

will provide similar support and services to under-served refugee, returnee and displaced persons communities.

Three basic types of activities will be supported (including building the capacity to implement them), of which women's groups in each of the communities to be served can select the most appropriate for their needs. Described below are these three basic sets of activities, which are related to: a) Community organization, self-help groups formation, and facilitation; b) Women's health, security and well-being; and c) development of traditional and non-traditional skills development, and micro-businesses

▪ **Objective 3**

Increasing and improving communications and information exchange and dissemination to support Kosova women refugees, IDPs and returnees in their daily lives, in developing and sharing solutions to common problems and issues, in maintaining ongoing dialogues with relevant parties (e.g. returnees with relief and development agencies; refugees with host communities, etc.) and in sharing general information on available resources

**Overall Description of Activities**

Rumors, fear, and inflated expectations can cause confusion amongst refugee and return populations. Refugees, returnees and displaced persons need reliable and timely information about the many initiatives by and for refugees, about conditions on-the-ground in Kosova, and about services available to refugees and returnees. To be effective, information should be presented in an accessible, attractive manner. UNIFEM will develop and implement several initiatives targeted at the refugee/returnee communities through a variety of media, which will improve information flow and exchange. In addition, UNIFEM will develop and support initiatives around a specific campaign against gender-based violence in Albania, Macedonia and Kosova.

Activities will focus on increasing and improving information exchange for the purpose of assisting women in identifying services and support while refugees, upon return and as internally displaced persons in Kosova through

- Radio programs designed by and for refugees and returnees to provide information, support and contacts for the entire refugee and returnee community.
- Production and distribution of a magazine by and for refugees and returnees.
- Compiling, publishing and distributing a resource guide for women's groups, refugees and returnees

▪ **Objective 4**

Empowering Kosova women to participate in and shape national institutions, and to assume a leadership role in shaping a peaceful and economically secure future, based on tolerance for diversity and respect for women and men's human rights

**Overall Description of Activities**

In order to support long-term confidence and peace-building particularly between and amongst the different ethnic groups in the region, UNIFEM will:

- facilitate the establishment, organization and operation of a coalition of women's groups to respond to the current refugee and other social crises.

- sponsor and develop a long-term women's initiative for a "Women's Policy Agenda" which will bring women together, while simultaneously building capacities and skills in policy-making, coalition-building and lobbying.
- support the development of media campaigns which will highlight women's issues and bring these into the public debate.

### **SHORT-TERM RESULTS**

- Missions and plans of UN, OSCE, EU and other intergovernmental and international organizations and agencies benefitting from UNIFEM gender expertise
- Relief and development organizations and agencies sensitized to gender issues and delivering more gender responsive support and services to Kosova communities
- Increased participation of Kosova women in shaping national institutions
- Kosova women enabled to help themselves through a variety of activities ranging from self-help groups to counselling, skills development and small businesses
- Lessening of inter-ethnic violence and increased inter-ethnic dialogue between different communities in Kosova

### **LONGER-TERM RESULTS**

- Programmes and activities of UN, OSCE, EC and other intergovernmental and international organizations and agencies are more gender-responsive
- Coordination and collaboration between UNIFEM and partners maximizes benefits to Kosova women and their communities, and transition from relief to development facilitated and sped
- Good communications and information exchange facilitates the daily life of Kosova women refugees, IDPs, and returnees and their communities
- Women enabled to play a transformative leadership role in national institutions and structures
- National institutions and structures reflect tolerance for diversity and respect for women and men's human rights

***For further information, please contact:***

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Thank you, Hope, for that kind introduction. It's a pleasure and honor to be with all of you today -- as we join citizens from around the world in celebrating International Women's Day. There are many people here whose tireless commitment to women's rights over the years has brought us together today: I want to especially thank Noeleen Heyzer, executive director of UNIFEM, who I stood with so proudly at the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing; and Margaret Snyder, UNIFEM's founding director. I applaud Hope Miller for her strong leadership of the US Committee for UNIFEM, which has inspired such a dramatic expansion of the Committee's chapters over the past few years. My appreciation to Ruth Zeller, president of the Metropolitan New York Chapter, for hosting this event; and to my friend, Nane Annan; honorary chair of this luncheon. I also want to recognize Norma Levitt, former president of the NY Chapter.

I am deeply grateful for the honor you have given me today -- particularly when I hear the names of some of the remarkable women who have been past recipients of the Award for Excellence -- including our remarkable Secretary of State Madeleine Albright; civil rights pioneer Dorothy Height; and one of the great New Yorkers -- and women's advocates -- of all time, Bella Abzug.

I understand that one of the recipients of this award is here with us today -- Mildred Robbins Leet -- who was honored with her late husband in 1992 for their invaluable work in promoting small grants and loans to women in developing countries around the world. Thank you all for putting me in such distinguished company.

I've noticed that the US Committee for UNIFEM has chosen as its logo "Women Hold Up Half the Sky." I heard that expression often when I accompanied my husband on his historic trip to China last year. To me, those few words convey such a powerful image of what women in every country do every single day, in their homes; in the market place; in their communities; as they struggle to raise their children and support their families; to pass on the values and traditions of their culture; to participate in the economic and political life of their community; and to protect the basic rights of all.

I learned recently that this is not only a traditional saying in China -- but is also imbedded in the history and culture of our Native Americans. But that doesn't surprise me -- because that one simple phrase is a universal message of hope, carried deep within every woman's heart.