

# ASSOCIATED COUNTY WOMEN OF THE WORLD



## Pennies for Friendship Projects

Since 1936, Kentucky Extension Homemakers have been a member of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). ACWW is a non-political, non-sectarian international organization involving more than 6.5 million members of women's organizations and societies in more than 70 countries around the world. The organization works to improve standards of living for women and their families through a wide variety of world projects. The Pennies for Friendship program assists in funding these projects, and half of the funds collected each year through KEHA's Coins for Change program are forwarded to ACWW.

ACWW actively supports a whole range of development programs in rural communities through its Projects and Trust Funds: Leadership and skill training, nutrition/ education projects, literacy and basic education programs (including family planning and HIV/AIDS awareness), small business initiatives and small-scale agricultural, income-generating schemes.

- ACWW's Water for All Fund supports clean water and sanitation projects providing water tanks, bore wells and hand pumps.
- ACWW's Women Feed the World Fund supports subsistence food production, cooperatives, training in appropriate agricultural techniques and credit savings schemes.
- ACWW's four-year Women in Development Program in collaboration with the UK National Lottery Charities Board and our partner organization in Mali, West Africa is empowering women and girls through increased access to education, healthcare and income-generating opportunities.
- ACWW's capacity-building workshops in Kenya, Colombia and the Philippines, carried out in partnership with Dutch development agency Agriterro, are helping to strengthen rural women's organizations.

Through programs like Pennies for Friendship, ACWW and its member societies have been able to fund more than 600 projects around the world. All resolutions and recommendations have touched in a wide variety of major issues happening worldwide, concerning:

- Agriculture and Food Issues
- Education Issues
- Health Issues
- International Issues
- Science and Technology Issues
- Social Policy Issues

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## Resolutions and Recommendations

### **Elimination of Dog Mediated Rabies**

Support education globally through rabies education programs on bite prevention, expanding dog rabies vaccination coverage to stop transmission, improving access to post exposure prophylaxis and by lobbying governments to provide the funds to achieve this.

### **Registration of Old Landfills**

Urge governments of all countries to map and register the presence of old landfill sites. The register should record the presence of dangerous substances (if known) and the risk of future leakage.

### **Protection of Shared Marine Environment, Sustainable Coral Reefs, and Fish Stocks**

Request that Government and Industries to take action to ensure the wise use and protection of the shared marine environment, to protect the sustainability of coral reefs and fish stocks for future generations.

### **Use of Plastic**

Call on all governments to regulate the use of plastics in packaging and manufacturing processes to reduce the impact of discarded plastic on the environment.

### **Action of Climate Change**

Support the historic Paris Climate Agreement 2015 by taking action at local, national and international level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help rebuild resilience within their communities to deal with the adverse impacts of climate change.

### **Textiles and Clothes**

Put pressure upon all textile, footwear and apparel companies and manufacturers to ensure fair pay and working conditions, as suggested by current International Labor Organization conventions and recommendations

### **Gender Sensitive Health Care**

Urge governments to strive for gender sensitive health care.

### **Domestic Violence (Women, Men, Elderly)**

Urge the governments of all the countries and their agents to develop and implement strategies for the prevention of domestic violence.

### **Iron Deficiency**

Urge governments and health organizations to continue financing and supporting the research needed to eliminate the world-wide incidence of iron deficiency.

### **Health and Nutrition for Women with Emphasis on Environmental Health**

Promote work with governments and other non-governmental agencies in unison to achieve measurable improvements in malnutrition and environmental health for rural women.

### **Pollinator Protection**

Urge governments and research institutes to continue to identify and reduce specific drivers of insect pollinator decline, develop agricultural pollinator-friendly practices, and promote greater public awareness of the role on insect pollination in global food production.

### **Query Fever**

Advocate to governments that increased funding be made available to educate medical practitioners and alert all communities about the identification, treatment and prevention. If not already in place, implement a scheme to subsidize vaccination programs to prevent Q Fever in high risk areas.

### **Safe and Secure Access to Toilet Facilities for All**

Aim to raise the standard of living of rural women and their families by including special and appropriate sanitary facilities for people with disabilities, serious illnesses and the elderly.