

Implementation of the Programme Focus Objectives

The most important activity for Soroptimist International clubs is the Programme of Service they undertake.

We Need Each of You to achieve our goals: federations, clubs and Soroptimist International share important roles in the implementation process.

Federations :

- Develop strategies to achieve Soroptimist International Programme Focus objectives and promote these strategies to their federation's unions, regions, clubs and members.

Clubs :

- Review the Soroptimist International Programme Focus objectives and their Federation's strategies and determine the objective(s) they will work on.
- Report their awareness, advocacy and action activities on Programme Focus Reports and submit them to Soroptimist International and their federation (using the online reporting system wherever possible).

Soroptimist International :

- Analyses information from the federations and clubs and reports worldwide progress towards meeting the Programme Focus Objectives.
- Shares information about Soroptimist work with other non-governmental organisations and the global community.

The Soroptimist International Focus for 2007–11 was developed through the consensus of programme voting delegates representing all four federations at the Soroptimist International Convention in Glasgow 2007.

These 10 objectives were determined to be the most important areas that Soroptimists will work on around the world through the projects developed by members, clubs, regions/unions, federations and Soroptimist International.

Suggested Guidelines for Programme Focus Implementation are available on the website www.soroptimistinternational.org and/or contact the Soroptimist International Programme Director, the Soroptimist International Assistant Programme Director or your Federation's Programme Director/Liaison listed below.

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Programme Focus 2007–2011



Every four years Soroptimist International develops the “blueprint” for the Programme Focus - its programme of service work for the quadrennium. Clubs worldwide are asked to develop their **Awareness, Advocacy and Action Plans** towards meeting these objectives.

PROGRAMME FOCUS 2007–2011

Vision

Soroptimist International is a vibrant, dynamic organisation for today's professional and business women.

We are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Mission

Through international partnerships and a global network of members, Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls by: advocating for equity and equality; creating safe and healthy environments; increasing access to education; developing leadership and practical skills for a sustainable future.

Programme Focus Goals 2007–2011

Soroptimists will ensure that women and girls

- *enjoy equity and equality*
- *live in safe and healthy environments*
- *have access to education*
- *have leadership and practical skills*

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

Soroptimist International supports all eight United Nations Millennium Development Goals, targeted by the United Nations for achievement by 2015. Particular focus will be given to **Goal 3** that Soroptimists will achieve through strategic

Awareness, Advocacy and Action

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. **Promote gender equality and empower women**
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

Programme Focus Objectives 2007–2011

- 1 Eliminate poverty and gender discrimination through ensuring women's full social and economic rights (*Economic and Social Development*)
- 2 End human trafficking and all forms of violence against women and girls (*Human Rights and Status of Women*)
- 3 Ensure access to health care for women and girls (*Health*)
- 4 Support programmes and policies that eliminate HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis and other major diseases (*Health*)
- 5 Improve access to clean water, sanitation and essential food resources (*Environment*)
- 6 Mitigate the effects of climate change and integrate sustainability into personal choices and government policies and programmes (*Environment*)
- 7 Meet the needs of women and girls during and after armed conflicts and disasters (*International Goodwill and Understanding*)
- 8 Promote peaceful conflict resolution, inter-cultural and inter-racial tolerance and condemn genocide and terrorism (*International Goodwill and Understanding*)
- 9 Ensure equal access to education and training for women and girls throughout their lifespan (*Education*)
- 10 Assure women's advancement in management, politics and decision-making (*Economic and Social Development*)

Numbering not in order of priority () Relate to Programme Focus Areas

For further information please review the website
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