



Association of War Affected Women

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Our special thanks to American Jewish World Service and Berghof foundation for Conflict Studies for their generous support to run our office as well all others who partnered with us this year to make life better for women world over and to make a genuine effort to bring peace to Sri Lanka

'Women Defining Politics' Organized together with International Republican Institute 25th to 27th May 2007 at Earl's Regency, Kandy

More than 60 Women from central Province who are politically active participated in this very special event which brought two powerful women ministers and Several parliament members as well provincial council and local level women politicians to share and learn from each other of not only running to political office but being politically active in their day to day life

Apart from the Sri Lankan politicians, two parliament members from Philippines and Maldives were also present to contribute with their experience. We also had the privilege of having US ambassador to Sri Lanka Mr. Robert O Blake, Canadian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Madam Angela Bogdon and Swiss Ambassador Madam Ruth Fliint and the secretary to the Sri Lankan Parliament with us.



Lighting the traditional oil lamp

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Workshops Series to train women to run to political office jointly organized with International Republican Institute

Awaw together with International Republican Institute are currently training 90 women from Central Province to run to political office, so far we have had three workshops each in Kandy, Mathale and Nuwara Eliya on Advocacy and Lobbying, Writing Project proposal and preparing budgets and knowing who is who in your government.



Conference on "Women's Perspectives on Power Sharing in Sri Lanka"- from 16th -18th August 2007

This Conference was held at Chaya Village Habarana , Sri Lanka. with the collaboration of forum of Federations Canada. 35 elected women politicians from all parties and political offices of Sri Lanka share there views on Power Sharing in Sri Lanka, The purpose of this workshop was the access to knowledge on key concepts of power sharing, as well to learn power sharing concepts and lessons learned in other parts of the world, like South Africa and India which are two prominent countries that have been successful in Devolution of Power and also to gather information from the participants about their views on this topic. Experts from Cape town University and Indian Federalism Institute shared there views.

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1325 workshops for politicians in progress Trinco and Anuradhapura

18 Consultative Seminars was held for politicians on the content of the UN resolution 1325 on Women , Peace and Security sponsored by UNHCR



At the event of distributing the sewing machines, spice grinding machines etc.,Matara on 23rd October

Lending a hand making life better for Tsunami affected women was possible by the generous sponsorship of **Global fund for Women**. Sewing machines, spice grinding machines, baking ovens and funds for restarting their lost business was distributed among Tsunami affected women who lost their small business. The Grate Tsunami women's organization has made this a revolving fund thus multiplying the beneficiaries.

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AWAW became the country captain of WDN



with Hon. Sujatha Koirale, Member of parliament Nepal



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