

Report of The NUMW's 2006 Activities

The activity plan of the National Union of Moroccan Women of the year 2006 was based on the objectives of the National Initiative for Human Development, that was declared by His Majesty Mohamed VI in 18 May 2005.

Among the objectives of the National Initiative for Human Development :

Fighting poverty

Education for all

Health and fighting diseases like HIV/AIDS, and other diseases that affect women and children.

Setting up a partnership for a sustainable development

For a better contribution to the achievement of those projects, the NUMW had organised a series of meeting with its representatives in more than 45 provinces. Those meetings had the aim of defining a unique approach and strategy, that allow women to be mobilised for the National Initiative for Human Development.

Following those meetings, the Provincial Offices had its own action plan- according to each office's specificities- for achieving the objectives of the National Initiative for Human Development. Those provincial and local action plans are followed up and assessed by the National Office.

1/ data collection (2006) that is carried out by the NUMW representatives in provinces demonstrate the following results:

The number of women who are members of the NUMW is 30 000, with a average of 600 by province.

It was stated that 1626 women, who were subscribed in informal education, attended their classes regularly. While their number in 2005 was 7020: this is due to the new policy of the state, which requires new conditions concerning teachers in the domain of informal education.

The number of women who benefited of literacy programmes in 2006 is 11 434, which means that it had increased: addition of 2000 women in comparison with 2005.

The projects for generating incomes and fighting poverty: the number of cooperatives unities was 28, from which 610 women benefited in 2005, while it had increased in 2006: 60 cooperatives units, and 7449 beneficiaries: this was possibly realised thanks to a good integration of the NUMW in the National Initiative for Human Development, which had led to the financing of those projects.

Day nurseries number had decreased: from 29 day nurseries with 979 children in 2005 to

24 in 2006 with only 597 children.

Provincial and local NUMW offices organised raising awareness campaigns in the following domains:

Health: STIs/AIDS, test for cardiovascular diseases, gynecology, ophthalmology...etc the number of women who were examined is 13 090

In addition, campaigns of distribution of the Women's Health Notebook in many provinces (5862 women had benefited of this action)

Moreover, a TV spot on the advantages of the Health Notebook was launched on Moroccan TV channels, in September 2006.

The protection of Environment: about 19 340 families had been contacted, especially in rural and suburban areas.

37 227 women had attended a number of conferences and round tables on the application of the Family Law and the fight against violence towards women.

2/ the Central plan: the National Office and the Commission of General Coordination of the NUMW's activities had organised 30 meetings and made 35 reports; and had supervised the following activities:

2.1: the planning and organisation of all the activities related to Women International Day (8 March 2006)

Organisation of an exhibition where all the NUMW's activities are presented: products, projects, creations, and so on)

Partnership conventions were signed and presided by Her Royal Highness , Princess Lalla Meryem:

Between the NUMW and the Ministry of Health, and the UNFPA concerning women's health, particularly Women's Health Notebook.

Between the NUMW and the Association for Medical Emergency Action; this convention was signed concerning mutual assistance and cooperation between the two partners by organising campaigns in blood testing for diseases diagnosis and medical treatment for poor women.

Between the NUMW the Tangier Provincial Office and Red5DT Information Technology in order to promote collaboration with Andalusia's enterprises.

The launchment of the Women Health Notebook by Her Royal Highness, Princess Lalla Meryem and the Minister of Health.

2.2 The National Office had sent a delegation of its members for representing the NUMW in the following manifestations:

Forum of French-Moroccan partnership concerning decentralised cooperation (Skhirat, 27 January, 2006)

Study Day in Casablanca on “European Citizenship in its diversity” ; 13 May 2006. it was organised by the European Commission and the County of Grand Casablanca, in collaboration with the Moroccan Institute of International Relations.

A workshop organised by the African Bank for Development: a partnership strategy with Moroccan authorities for the period 2007- 2011

The launching of the UNICEF report on the children’s situation in the world. Accordingly, a workshop was organised in 11 December 2006, by the NUMW and ONDE.

Organisation of 3 medical campaigns in Temara, Nador and Rabat.

National Day on Women Health Notebook. All the NUMW’s representatives in the different provinces participated, in addition to the UNFPA, and those of the Ministry of Health, who had explained advantages and the way of using of the Health Notebook.

Training session in Rabat on income generating projects, from which more than 50 executives of the NUMW had benefited.

Two manifestations were organised by the High Office for Planning:

Presentation of the perception- Study and attitude towards changes in roles and status of women (19 September 2006)

A workshop about the examination of the result of the survey “ the perception of the social environment concerning Moroccan women” 3 November 2006

2.3: at the international level: the National Union of Moroccan Women had participated in the following manifestations:

The 50th session of the United Nations’ Commission for Women Condition (ONU), New York, from 27 February to 10 March 2006.

The Mediterranean conference on “Reproductive Health in the context of immigration: a challenge. It took place in CATANIA in Cecily; and was organised by the International Organisation for Migration.

Meeting of the members of the General Secretariat of the Union of Arab Women. It took place in Damascus from 16 to 23 November 2006. It should be pointed out that the NUMW is the Assistant of General Secretary of the Union of Arab Women, in charge of international relations of this organisation.

The General Assembly of the International Council of Women in Kiev from 5 to 10 September 2006. It should be pointed out that the NUMW has been a member of this organisation for 20 years; and that two representatives of the NUMW were elected for two positions in the International Council of Women: 5th Vice President and the 2nd Board member.

The meeting of the Permanent Office of the General Union of Arab Women, which took place in Algeria from 27 to 29 November 2006.

The General Conference of the Civil Society of Arab Organisations (CHABAKA) in Kuwait from 16 to 22 December 2006.

3/ 2007 ACTION PLAN

In the framework of the policy and objectives of the National Union for Human Development (INDH) the National Union of Moroccan Women has planned for the following activities:

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

3.1: Reinforcing training centres by providing them with highly qualified personnel and adequate teaching guides.

3.2: Starting off the National Training Centre in Rabat with training sessions for women trainers in management, organisation, planning, informatics, professional training...etc

3.3: Creating new income generating projects for poor women and reinforcing existent projects.

3.4 - Setting up Projects' Bank that will be enriched by the proposition of the projects that are issued from the NUMW's offices.

- Establishing a strategy for research and financing of the listed projects.

3.5: the celebration by the NUMW of three important events:

8 March (International Women Day)

15 October (International Rural Women Day)

6 May (the Creation of the National Union of Moroccan Women)

On these occasions, the NUMW will organise expositions for selling the products of the different income generating projects for women.

3.6: developing partnership relations with the different organisation of the Moroccan civil society and the State's departments.

3.7: continuing the execution of the programmed activities with the NUMW' partners (the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Handicraft, Tourism, and Social Economy, the Association for Emergency Action...and so on.)

3.8: creating judicial listening centres at the NUMW's Offices.

Continuing: raising awareness campaigns, explaining of the Family Law, and participating actively in all the initiatives that tend to enhance women rights in all domains.

Going on raising awareness campaigns and blood testing for diagnosing women's dangerous diseases; with the Ministry of Health and other partners.

3.9: the fight against women's illiteracy will be a priority and will be integrated in all the activities of women's professional trainings.

AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

The NUMW will work in the following fields:

3.10: enhancing relations with the United Nations' organisations: (UNDP, UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNICEF) and the Embassies...etc

Preserving the NUMW's place in ECOSOC that is one of the UN organisations.

3.11: actively participating in the conferences and meetings of:

The General Conference of the Arab Civil Society's Organisations(CHABAKA)

The National Council of Women

The General Union of Arab Women

3.12: developing partnership relations with NGOs from Arab countries and others (Twining...etc) focusing on Moroccan women and families who live in those countries.

3.13: contacting the members of the International Director Committee (CDI) of First Ladies will be very important for reviving this organisation.

