

The Jean and Claire Delva Prize - 2009:

Fighting violence towards women Call for projects

In 2003, Claire Delva, AIC's first elected international president (1971-1983), created, in memory of her husband, a prize aimed at supporting AIC initiatives in the fight against violence towards women.

In her 90s, Claire still displays an extraordinary interest and enthusiasm towards AIC, leading us to go forward. She remains particularly sensitive to the cause of Women in the fight against poverty and invites us to **encourage**, in particular, activities which are aimed at those women who, throughout the world, are victims of all forms of violence.

That is why we have decided to add her name to that of her dear husband in this particular activity.

As happens every two years, we are asking you to **promote**, in your respective countries, **projects involving prevention, awareness raising, help and training aimed at improving the lot of women who are victims of violence.**

This call is very much **in line with the framework of the AIC operational guidelines.**

We are convinced that fighting against all forms of violence suffered by women removes one of the obstacles to their becoming independent and it strengthens responses to their poverty.

We are convinced that you will be encouraged to show, once again, your creative commitment in this field. Twenty projects have been submitted to us since 2003.

In 2007, we supported the following projects:

- Awareness raising and training for 70 women who were victims of domestic violence in Panama
- A touring campaign to raise awareness about the violent cultural practices towards women who are widows and abandoned in Nigeria
- The economic and social reintegration of 86 single mothers who were victims of mental cruelty in Madagascar

Be one of the next associations chosen to carry on the initiative of the prix Jean and Claire Delva and in that way contribute to a better life for the women of your country.

We remind you of the criteria for awarding the prize:

- the involvement of AIC volunteers in the project
- the impact on the people involved in the project (the beneficiaries) and the public in general
- the originality of the project within the context of the fight against violence towards women
- the viability of the project

Each project must include, in addition to the description of the project, the corresponding budget.

Send us your projects, at the latest, by **15 October 2009** so that we can publicise them on 25 November on the occasion of the International Day for the elimination of violence towards women. E-mail address : service.projet@aic-international.org

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