

Women In Development Seminar in Madrid

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Women are at the core of developing countries' economies. Two thirds of the world's work is done by women. Yet, their vital contribution to society is often overlooked, underestimated or ignored by economic planners and policy makers.

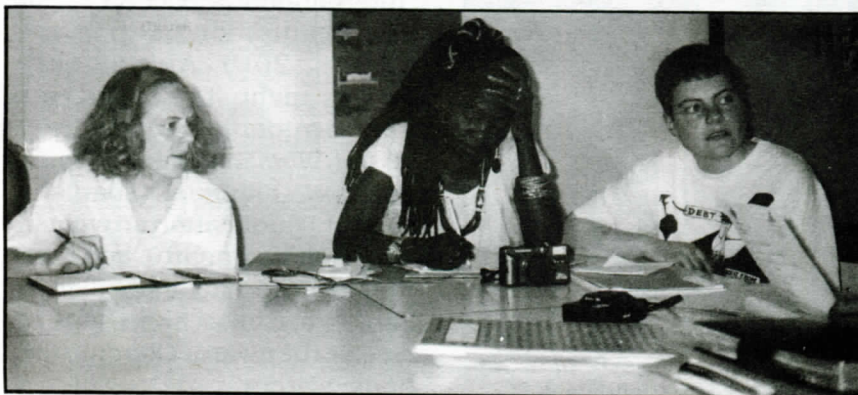
The "Women in Development" seminar held last June 19-24, 1991 at the Casa de la Cultura in Collado-Villalba, Madrid, Spain addressed the present situation of women in development. Attended by 40 participants from various women and youth organizations representing Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Finland, Greece, India, Italy, Kenya, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal,

Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe, the seminar was organized by the Youth for Development and Cooperation (YDC) jointly with six of its member organizations.

The plenary topics were images and fears of women in the north and south, and women in development. Aside from the plenary sessions, workshop discussions, video presentations, simulation games and social activities allowed full interaction and sharing of experiences among the speakers and participants. For many of the youth participants, the seminar provided them the first opportunity to discuss women in relation to issues of development.



Forty participants from various women and youth organizations attended the 6-day seminar



Activities such as workshop discussions allowed full participation.

About YDC . . .

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