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Isis International is an international non-governmental women's organization, founded in 1974 to promote the empowerment of women through information sharing, communication and networking. Its network reaches over 50,000 individuals and organizations in 150 countries, from grassroots groups to policy makers. Isis International's activities include resource centers and information sharing, publications and communications, health networking, advocacy of women's issues and skills sharing. It has two offices, one in Santiago, Chile and the other in Manila, Philippines.

### Isis International Resource Centers

The Resource Center of each office houses a collection of documentation and information from all over the world on a wide range of development and women's issues. This information is processed by the Resource Center and Information Program of each office and incorporated into bibliographic, human resources and other databases. It is made available to all interested groups, institutions and individuals through information services and specialized publications including resource directories, bibliographic catalogues and publications on specific themes. The Resource Centers are also open to visitors. Regular Resource Center publications include the bilingual Base de Datos Mujer--Women's Data Base and Documentas, a bibliographic bulletin in Spanish, from our office in Chile; and Resource Update, a bibliographic bulletin and Information Packs on key issues, in English from our office in the Philippines.

### Isis International Publications

The Communication Networking Program of each office publishes a quarterly magazine: *Mujeres en Accion*, in Spanish, from our office in Chile and *Women in Action*, in English, from our office in the Philippines. These publications bring together information, analyses and perspectives about and from women around the world and serve as communication channels for sharing ideas, experiences and models of organization and action.

Books on key issues are published twice a year in Spanish through the Isis Internacional Ediciones de las Mujeres in Chile and on an occasional basis in English through the Isis International Book Series in the Philippines.

The *Women's Health Journal* in English is published by the Health Networking Program of our office in Chile with the collaboration of the office in the Philippines. The office in Chile also publishes the Spanish language *Revista de la Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe*.

*Women Envision*, a monthly newsletter in English is published by the Advocacy and Campaigns Program of our office in the Philippines. It contains information on activities leading up to the World Conference and NGO Forum in China 1995 and other international meetings and campaigns.

### Health Networking

The Health Networking Program of our office in Chile coordinates the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network while the office in the Philippines undertakes health networking activities in the Asia-Pacific region. Both offices offer health information services and resource materials.

### Advocacy, Campaigns and Policy

Our office in Chile coordinates the Information and Policy Program on Violence Against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Advocacy and Campaigns Program of the office in the Philippines produces Action Alerts on campaigns, actions and solidarity appeals of women's groups and networks around the world.

### Networking Services

Both offices offer referral and assistance to individuals and organizations, locally and internationally in linking with others around the world.

### Training

Both offices offer technical assistance and training in communication and information management, in organizing women's resource centers and in the use of new information technologies.

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