

Adva Center in Israel shares health report

Dear Sisters,

I would like to share with you a report on health services in Israel produced by Adva Center, an independent research and advocacy institute working to promote equality between gender, national and ethnic groups in Israel. A major part of this report is devoted to women's health.

This report, like all our reports, is published in Hebrew, Arabic and English. I am enclosing copies in Arabic and English. If you are interested, I would be happy to send you copies of other reports we have published or will publish in the future.

Also enclosed is a brochure about Adva Center (in Hebrew, *adva* means ripple, the effect we would like to have on our society). Unfortunately, the Women's Resource Center is still in the planning stage.

I have been receiving **Women In Action** because my personal address was also that of the Peace Quilt project, undertaken in 1987-1988 after the outbreak of the Palestinian *intifada*. The project is no longer operating, but our objectives are now being achieved. Negotiations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization and the end to the occupation are taking place.

Perhaps you can send future copies of **Women In Action** to Adva Center. We would like to be part of the Isis network.

In sisterhood,

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☛ *The health report will form part of our resource collection. We would appreciate receiving your other reports in the future. We will include you in our mailing list of **Women in Action**. - Editor*

Problem drugs launched

Dear Isis,

We are very proud to announce the launch of **Problem Drugs!**

This is a revised edition of a campaign and information pack produced by Health Action International in 1986. It covers: drugs and children, women and the elderly; antidiarrhoeals; antibiotics; analgesics; cough and cold remedies; growth stimulants; drugs in pregnancy; contraceptives; hormone replacement therapy; and psychotropics.

It also contains sections on individual drugs or sub-categories which are particularly problematic, either because they are obsolete, harmful, ineffective or unnecessary. We produced **Problem Drugs** in order to recommend improvements in drug policy, to promote more rational drug treatments and to provide background information on medicines for health activists lobbying for changes in policy, researchers, health professionals, journalists, and the general public. The scope of the publication is international; marketing and regulatory actions in developing and industrialised countries are described throughout.

We have already sent a review copy to **Women in Action** at Isis, but I am now enclosing a further copy of **Problem Drugs** and a flyer for the pack so that Isis would be able to write a review article or distribute flyers along with your other publications.

Please feel free to get in touch with me for more information.

Best regards,

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☛ *Thank you for sharing the information on **Problem Drugs** with Isis and with our readers. We will announce the flyers in our other publications. - Editor*