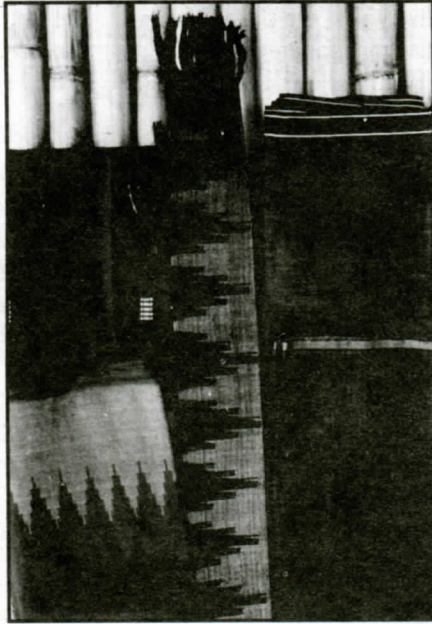


Traditional Lombok Handicraft Center

In general, social welfare development for Lombok is far behind the rest of Indonesia. Many problems Lombok faces are chronic and there still is much that can be done to improve conditions in certain areas. The population is 2.4 million, the physical quality of life index is the second lowest in Indonesia, income per family is US\$10 to US\$30 per month, but jobs are unpredictable and thousands of children do not have adequate education.

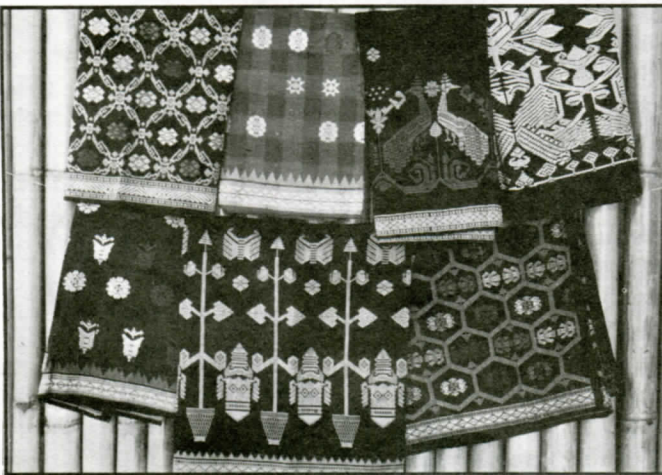


violence against women and applying a gender and development analysis in projects.

Yayasan Swadaya Membangun (YSM), Community Self Reliance Development Agency) is a non-government organization helping artisans to sell their products for their livelihood. The YSM's Women's Program is seeking cooperation with organizations or entrepreneurs to market handicraft products. YSM has programs on ending

For information on their programmes and on the clothing, materials, pottery and bamboo products they sell, please contact: **YSM Handicraft Centre, Jln. Dr. Sutomo 19, Mataram-Lombok, Indonesia. Tel/Fax: (0364) 23880 or (0364) 36076.**

Source: YSM, 1994.



Outrage

Village elders order and watch a rape

Village elders ordered and then watched the rape of a woman in a village in Punjab. Police said they had registered a complaint against *Ashiq Joya* who allegedly raped the woman, and the eight elders who ordered him to do it to

avenge the suspected rape of his wife by his victim's husband. Some policemen and dozens of other people were present but did not stop *Joya* when he dragged the woman inside a room and raped her, residents of the area said.



Source: **Women Living Under Muslim Laws, Vol. VI No. 2, 1994.**

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Abortion and the law

Burmese women's group harassed

In mid 1994 a thief broke the back door of the Bangkok office of the women's group **Empowering Women of Burma** and burglarized most of the working papers and office equipment. Isis assumes the motive was political harassment and information gathering.

Source: **Empowering Women of Burma, Newsletter, October 1994.**

In Spain, a bill calling for the elimination of all restrictions on abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy has just been submitted for judicial review by the Spanish Government. In Poland, however, *President Lech Walesa* refused to sign a bill which would allow a woman to terminate pregnancy due to financial or family hardship.

Source: **Everywoman, August 1994, Freepost, London N1 8BR, U.K.**