

EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

The Farm Radio Network would like to regularly receive the print version of your periodical *Women in Action*, which contains information very relevant to the audiences of our rural radio broadcast partners. We will be pleased to exchange our newsletter *Voices* and radio script packages, if you are interested. The knowledge and expertise we have gained, with the support of our partners in over 70 countries, are on food security and rural development issues, including sustainable agriculture, health, microenterprises and local economic development, land issues, indigenous knowledge, and natural resource management. Obviously, gender equality is a cross-cutting theme through all our work. As an example of recent material please see <http://www.farmradio.org/english/published_scripts.html>.

If *Women in Action* is available by subscription only, please send me details on costs and acceptable methods of payment. We are especially interested in your forthcoming issue on "women and communication."

Best regards,
Mary Hanson, Developing
Countries Farm Radio Network,
Canada

(Yes, we would like an exchange arrangement with you. Please send us Voices and the radio script packages. Thank you.- Ed.)

PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

I read on the Website of *Women in Action* this particularly sensitising and educating article by Dinalh Radtke entitled "Girls and Women with Disabilities Speak Out."

We are just beginning a new programme in the most neglected field of the human endeavour (especially in the developing countries), i.e., persons with disabilities. We subscribe wholly to any issue related to disabilities as we pursue our mission—to support measures for the prevention of disability, and promote the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities as well as the actualisation of

their dream of equality and the full participation of persons with disabilities in social life and development.

We wish to be part of what you are already doing and have established, either as structures, organisations, or in partnership and networking. We would like to maintain contact with you. Kindly give us the necessary information. In addition, may we please have any information or material on the following for our library, since we could not access most of it on the Web: "Disabled? Sorry We Can't Afford It"; "Developing the Gender Dimension in India's Disability Rights Movements"; "Breakdown of Tribal Culture Further Marginalises Women with Disabilities"; "Women with Disabilities are Empowering Themselves"; "Body as Bane: Women and Disabilities in Indian Patriarchy"; "Disability and Diversity: Challenges to Normalisation and Sameness"; "The Internet Empowers Women with Disabilities"; "Disablement and Feminisation of Poverty"; and, "Disabled Women's Lives."

We are the first group in Nigeria, among many non-government organisations (NGOs) and capacity building organisations, to start an organisation that covers all aspects of disabilities. Most such existing groups specialise in particular cases, e.g., the Blind, Diabetics, etc. Our programmes for action includes the following: Network with all NGOs relevant to what we are doing; Serve as forum for women and girls with Disabilities for Empowerment; Build model Centres for Disabilities in Training, Rehabilitation, and Schooling, and facilities in special education for the disabled children; Engage in capacity building for efficient programme operations; Liaison with international organisations working on governance to start a project on the civic rights and enfranchisement of disabled persons, such as Action for Disabilities in Development, International Foundation for Election Systems and Disabled Persons International.

We have as patron Mrs. Julie Useri, founder of the Daughters of Abraham, a model centre built and equipped for

the rehabilitation of prostitutes.

Mr. Nathaniel Finbong, Coordinator, Action Programme for People with Disabilities (APPD),
Nigeria

(We are sending you a print copy of this issue of Women in Action by airmail. Please let us know when you receive it. It's good to hear that you find our information useful. Just write us if we can be of further help. More power.-Ed.)

REQUEST FROM GROUP OFFERING RURAL SERVICES

I heard about your fine magazine on women's welfare and women's rights. My group is based here in India where we have been delivering rural services for the poor for the past 13 years. I am very much interested in the information you publish. Please add my name to your mailing list. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
D. Edwin Raja Kumar, Assistant
Professor and NSS PO CSI, India

(We will include you in our mailing list for Women in Action and we! -Ed.)

VOICES is a developmental communication NGO based in Bangalore, India. For more details, visit our Website <<http://www.voicesforall.org>>. We publish a tri-annual journal on communication and development called *Voices for Change*. The next issue will be on women, with a special section on women with disabilities. We are interested in reproducing the article "Developing the Gender Dimension in India's Disability Rights Movement" by Sakshi Broota Hosamane. We will be grateful for permission to do so.

Eagerly awaiting your response
and best regards,
Akhila Seetharaman, Editor,
Voices for Change, VOICES, India

(You may reprint the article "Developing the Gender Dimension in India's Disability Rights Movement" by Sakshi Broota Hosamane as long as you credit the author, Women in Action and Isis International-Manila. -Ed.)