General Secretary’s Message

Under the leadership of Myra Mathews, the World YWCA has continued to achieve remarkable results during the reporting period. The World YWCA is an organisation of women around the world who are committed to women’s empowerment and realise that in order to achieve this goal, they need to mobilise friends and allies to help. The 150th anniversary of YWCA is a platform to celebrate the work that has been accomplished and also to call upon all women and girls to join in the transformative power of social justice and peace building.

Influencing the policy agenda

The World YWCA’s 150th anniversary celebrations provided a platform to influence policy makers, media and public opinion by launching the World YWCA’s strategic plan and by delivering a statement on the 150th anniversary. The World YWCA has continued to engage and influence policy makers on issues such as women’s political participation, violence against women, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and youth engagement.

Increasing the visibility of women and girls’ issues and solutions to the issues affecting their lives

The World YWCA continues to engage women and girls in policy dialogues and to influence policy makers to address issues such as violence against women, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and youth engagement. The World YWCA also provides a platform for women and girls to share their experiences and solutions to the issues affecting their lives.

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Building local capacity

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Key outcomes during the reporting period:

- The World YWCA submitted a joint statement calling for the recognition of LGBTI rights.
- The World YWCA also provided support to Member Associations in reviewing their policies on gender equality.
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Remaining faithful to our values

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General Secretary’s Message

The World YWCA has a long history, having been founded in 1850 to address the needs of young women and girls. Over the years, it has adapted to changing times, focusing on the unique needs of each generation. In 2011, the World YWCA worked to ensure that young voices are heard and that young women are empowered to make a difference.

Influencing the policy agenda

The World YWCA is a leading player in influencing global policies, working with governments, international organizations, and civil society to promote women’s rights and empowerment. It participated in the UN General Assembly and the Human Rights Council, as well as numerous other platforms, advocating for policies that prioritize gender equality and women’s empowerment.

Advocating for women’s rights

The World YWCA advocates for women’s rights through grassroots campaigns and partnerships with local organizations. It works to end violence against women, promote women’s health, and ensure women’s access to education and employment. It also advocates for women’s rights in political and economic decision-making processes.

Building local capacity

The World YWCA invests in local capacities to support grassroots initiatives. It offers training programs and resources to empower women and girls at the local level, ensuring that they have the knowledge and skills to drive change.

Key outcomes during the reporting period

The World YWCA achieved several key outcomes during the reporting period, including:

- Strong and active engagement in the UN General Assembly and the Human Rights Council
- Participation in the United Nations...
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Global Financial Overview 2011

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World YWCA Strategic Directions

Moving towards a global strategy of advocacy, development and training, the World YWCA is actively engaging with all its strategic partners. The following is a summary of some key outcomes during the reporting period:

1. Building local capacity
   - Increased capacity of local YWCA organizations to implement and manage programmes and projects
   - Enhanced participation of local YWCA members in decision-making processes
   - Strengthened links between the World YWCA and national YWCA organizations

2. Supporting women and girls
   - Expanded initiatives to support women's education, health, and economic empowerment
   - Increased focus on empowering women and girls to become leaders in their communities
   - Enhanced partnerships with organizations working to advance women's rights and gender equality

3. Advocating for women's rights
   - Increased advocacy efforts at the regional and international levels
   - Expanded partnerships with other organizations working to advance women's rights
   - Strengthened capacity to advocate for women's rights at the global level

4. Enhancing intergenerational knowledge-sharing
   - Increased opportunities for intergenerational exchanges and learning
   - Expanded partnerships with organizations working to promote intergenerational knowledge-sharing

5. Influencing the policy agenda
   - Increased influence in shaping policy decisions at the national and international levels
   - Expanded partnerships with organizations working to influence policy decisions
   - Strengthened capacity to advocate for women's rights and gender equality

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About the World YWCA

In the World YWCA, women and girls of all ages, backgrounds and faiths are welcomed as equals, working together to create a better world for all.

World YWCA Strategic Direction

- Women are central actors within social, economic and political systems and are engaged and organized for their leadership.
- World YWCA’s role is to support and facilitate women’s leadership.

World YWCA Directory

- World YWCA Board of Directors Office: 11 East 40th Street, New York, NY 10165, USA
- Regional Directors: Asia Pacific: Carol L. Huyachta, Latin America: Ingrid Aguirre, North America: Daniele K. Kragten, Europe: Ellen J. Haines, Middle East and North Africa: Hazel M. Khanna, South Asia: Prabhjot Singh, Africa: Caroline M. Arundell

World YWCA Vision

- To inspire and influence global policy makers to deliver effective programmes for women and girls.

World YWCA Values

- Building local capacity
- Advocating for women’s rights
- Influencing the policy agenda
- Developing young women’s leadership

World YWCA Financial Overview

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Key outcomes during the reporting period

- The YWCA engaged in preparations for the global gathering of YWCAs and Members Association in Geneva, Switzerland in June 2010. Over 50 NGOs met during the Summit to coordinate around sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV.
- The World YWCA submitted a joint statement calling for the recognition of a peaceful Israel-Palestine relationship.
- “Women Creating a Safe World”, the movement worldwide was encouraged to apply Biblic teachings to reflect on how to make the world a safer place and affirm the role of women in creation and society.

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Key outcomes during the reporting period:

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Main Message

Influencing the policy agenda

The World YWCA is a key actor in influencing the policy agenda and advancing women’s rights at the global level. The organization engages in activities ranging from advocacy and awareness-raising to policy formulation and implementation.

Key outcomes during the reporting period:

- Advocacy and awareness-raising: The World YWCA contributed to the global ecumenical dialogue on women, peace, and security at the 2011 UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The organization worked with partners to strengthen communication and advocacy capacity, and launched campaigns to raise awareness on issues such as violence against women and reproductive health.

- Policy formulation and implementation: The World YWCA engaged in key policy discussions, including at the 2011 UN General Assembly Special Session on Women, Peace, and Security (UNGA Special Session). The organization supported young women on their Board, and this unique opportunity allowed them to participate in governance.

- Capacity building: The World YWCA invested in building the capacity of young women and girls to participate in decision-making processes, ensuring their active involvement in policy formulation and implementation.

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Remaining faithful to our values

In 2011, the World YWCA made significant strides in supporting the rights of women and girls. The organization continued to advocate for gender equality, human rights, and social justice, ensuring good governance and accountability.

Distribution of Power to Change Fund Project

Priority Issues 2010-2011

- Peace & Human Rights, Inc.: 64%
- Education, Skills Development, and Training: 18%
- Economic Justice: 11%
- Health: 7%
The World YWCA submitted a joint statement calling for the recognition of violence against women. One of the World YWCAs main priorities is to mobilise women and girls to develop the most effective solutions to the issues affecting their lives and advocate the lives of women and girls worldwide are improved. The RTIs provided leadership training and a safe space for open discussions to evaluate the implementation of phase one of the Universal Access and advocating for comprehensive care and support of the YWCA movement worldwide, giving hope to women and girls across the world, using the Standards of Good Management and UN Women's Caribbean Office. The project has supported YWCA campaigns, often in partnership with other organisations, to bring home. An intergenerational conversation supported by the Ford Foundation while adapting to the rapid changes in our ways of work and influence global policy, women and girls to develop the most effective solutions to the issues affecting their lives and advocate the lives of women and girls worldwide are improved. The RTIs provided leadership training and a safe space for open discussions to evaluate the implementation of phase one of the Universal Access.
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