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Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) established their partnership in 1946 to support their commitment to the mission of serving women and children around the world.

The ACCW Madonna Fund was established in 1958 to empower women by improving the well-being of mothers and expectant mothers through projects in health, education, and financial security. The ACCW Madonna Plan funds maternal and child health projects that teach women about the importance of breast feeding and good nutrition, as well as projects that empower women through vocational training.

In the countries of Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, CRS staff identifies the needs of the poor and targets their solutions. The field staff then sends requests for assistance to CRS headquarters in Baltimore.

The ACCW Madonna Fund proceeds are then allocated to meet these requests. The funds are forwarded, monitored, and reported on by CRS field staff.

Working through CRS, we are fulfilling our commitment to the goal cited in the United States Bishops' Economic Pastoral of a *world that works fairly for all.*

Send tax deductible contributions to:

The ACCW Madonna Fund

c/o ACCW

777 Forest Street

St. Paul, MN 55106



***The ACCW
Madonna Fund***



**St. Paul and Minneapolis
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women**

The ACCW Madonna Fund

- Is the response of Catholic Women in the United States to women in the Third World easing the burden of struggles for a better life.
- Supports mother-child centers, where pre-natal, post-natal care and counseling can help ensure the birth and development of healthy babies
- Provides instruction on nutrition and hygiene principles, as well as supplemental food to stretch family food supplies.
- Strengthens families through a variety of CRS community projects such as...
 - Installation of clean water and simple irrigation systems to provide drinking water and water for growing food for families or for income.
 - Revolving loan funds for small community-based activities and businesses that generate income for families and provide employment for women.
 - Providing education and training for young women and girls. In many societies, girls are excluded from schooling or considered incapable of learning. Educating girls not only provides a sense of self-worth, but increases the "human power" available to the family and community striving for development and protects them from human trafficking.



Courtesy of CRS

Where your donation goes:

As part of the ACCW Madonna Fund, the St. Paul and Minneapolis ACCW traditionally supports Mother-Child projects of Catholic Relief Services.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) closely monitors the condition and progress of its projects. Parish CCW donations are forwarded to the ACCW office. All record keeping and acknowledgments are done locally through the ACCW International Concerns Commission.

At the end of the fiscal year, 75% of the ACCW Madonna Fund collection is sent to Catholic Relief Services and 25% is allocated to current international, domestic and/or mother-child projects. Approval by the ACCW Board of Directors finalizes decisions.



Courtesy of CRS

Annually a report of the the ACCW Madonna Plan is published in the fall issue of the ACCW's IMAGE newsletter.

Fund Raising Ideas for the ACCW Madonna Fund

- The original idea was to ask each Catholic Woman in the United States to donate one dollar per year to this fund.
- There are many creative ideas to raise some funds and have fun doing it.

**Special Collections
Luncheons
Bake Sales
Style Shows
Card Parties**

**Quilt Raffles
Garage Sales
Rummage Sales
Cherry Tree
Silent Auctions**

- Some CCWs have dues that include \$1.00 or more per member that goes toward the ACCW Madonna Fund
- Some have containers labeled "The ACCW Madonna Fund" and pass them out for donations at CCW meetings
- Others involve elementary and high school students in supporting the ACCW Madonna Fund
- Some involve family and friends in a project supporting the ACCW Madonna Fund

Tell us your story.....

After explaining the ACCW Madonna Fund at weekend Masses, one parish has their CCW members stand at church exits with collection plates for donations to help the poor through this special CRS program.