

WFDA/BREAKTHROUGH COMMITMENT: WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

OVERVIEW

- *What is WRJ's commitment and how does it relate to the spirit of WFDA / Breakthrough?*

Women of Reform Judaism will focus its new programming and enhanced advocacy efforts on reducing women's poverty and promoting their well being world-wide. To foster gender equality world-wide, we will develop and disseminate programming resources to our affiliates and women's network in North America and world-wide on global concerns and potential solutions regarding: primary and secondary education for girls; protection of girls and women from abuse, trafficking,, and sexual exploitation; and girls' and women's health. Each programming resource will have an advocacy component to involve our grassroots women in active advocacy. The WRJ commitment relates directly to WFDA's mission by "increasing political will and action to engender global poverty alleviation."

- *How is the WRJ commitment new, creative, achievable and sustainable?* The WRJ programming and educational component is new and creative because we have not previously provided such programming and resource materials on these issues for our local members. Integrating our commitment into our delivery system is the most achievable and sustainable means for us to do so.

- *How will WRJ partner with other organizations on the commitment?* Organizationally WRJ has been advocating with a wide range of coalitions and advocacy organizations, based on longstanding resolutions, on women's needs globally. We will tap into the published resources of our coalition partners to develop the program and advocacy materials for our affiliates. We will, of course participate in advocacy efforts identified by WFDA.

IMPACT

- *What are the geographic scope and predicted longevity of the WRJ commitment?* Our goal is to communicate the enormous needs of impoverished women and girls and call for solutions to those making the policy regarding foreign assistance in the United States, Canada, and other countries in which we have affiliates or network contacts. The materials would be updated as needed and made available to members. With intensified advocacy, we will call on the administration and Congress to increase resources directed to women and girls in need.

IMPLEMENTATION AND MEASUREMENT

- *How will WRJ execute our commitment, both from an internal operations standpoint and an on-the-ground implementation standpoint?* The department on programming and advocacy will make this a priority. In order to encourage implementation WRJ will use its district structure.
- *How will WRJ measure our commitment?* We will monitor the resources sent to our affiliates and ask the district structure to monitor the commitment's implementation locally.
- *How will we communicate our commitment's progress?* We will present our actions at conventions and other meetings, distribute updates, and post them on our website.

