

■ Education and Training of Women

Platform for Action

para 81: (a) Reduce the female illiteracy rate...; (c) Eliminate the gender gap in basic and functional literacy...

Recommendations

The Canadian government undertake the following actions and encourage and lobby other governments, particularly those of developing countries, to:

1. Acknowledge the crucial role of basic education and literacy in empowering and enabling girls and women to take control of their lives, to make choices and fully participate in social, economic, cultural and political issues.
2. Enact policies and provide sufficient funds to provide literacy programs for women.
3. Support non-governmental organizations and projects which educate women about democracy, their rights, and provide civic education.

■ Women and Health

Platform for Action

para 106(c): Design and implement, in cooperation with women and community-based organizations...

para 106(e): Provide more accessible, available and affordable primary health-care services of high quality, including sexual and reproductive health care...

Recommendations

The Canadian government undertake the following actions and encourage and lobby other governments, particularly the ones in developing countries, to:

1. Design and incorporate health programs with women's and community-based organizations to enhance the responsiveness of health care systems to the health needs and concerns of women.
2. Develop and sustain woman centered community health delivery centers.
3. Provide and maintain appropriate health programs that focus on educating the girl child and women about their health, sexuality and reproduction.
4. Acknowledge and understand that health delivery is an economic activity.
5. Support Canadian non-governmental organizations that work in partnership with groups in developing countries in the above noted activities.



■ Human Rights

Platform for Action

para 205(c) ...undertake activities focusing on legal reform...

para 217: The gap between the existence of rights and their effective enjoyment derives from a lack of commitment by Governments to promoting and protecting those rights and the failure of Governments to inform women and men alike about them...