

PROGRAMME FOCUS REPORT FORM

FEDERATION: SI/Europe

NEW PROJECT/PROGRAMME X
CONTINUING PROJECT/PROGRAMME
FUNDRAISING

The core purpose of Soroptimist International is to advance human rights and the status of women. In order to do this, clubs undertake service projects in their communities that improve the lives of women and girls. In order to track the success in achieving the core purpose, SI clubs are asked to submit programme focus reports on their successful club projects. Once completed, forward to:

Union and/or Federation Coordinator : **Health Coordinator SI Belgium and S/E**

Part I. Identification

Date: April 2005

Club Name: **ANTWERPEN**

Union/Region: BELGIUM

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Project Title: **KON-TIKI - serious multiple handicapped children**

Project Partnerships: _____

Target Group: **children and adolescents with serious multiple handicaps**

Part II:

Programme of Service Area* (Check the box/boxes that best describes your project): *Details overleaf.

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights/Status of Women:	<input type="checkbox"/> Education:	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic and Social Development:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health:	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment:	<input type="checkbox"/> International Goodwill and Understanding:

Describe your project

(1) What you did, (2) Why you did it, (3) How you did it, (4) Results and recommendations

(1) Children and adolescents from the age of 3 to 21 with serious multiple handicaps are admitted to Kon-Tiki, a guidance centre. The centre offers semi-boarding rooms of day-care for 25 children and full boarding for 18 others. A multi-disciplinary team is involved in counselling.

These children and young people live in their own particular world. Daily matters are beyond their understanding. Our normal gestures, language and habits are too fast and complicated for them. Body language and physical contact are essential in their closed worlds.

Individual care, nourishment, protection, closeness and peaceful surroundings are necessary, but that is not enough. These children and adolescents need to experience and change their own world on their own pace and according to their individual potentialities.

Kon-Tiki counsellors firmly believe in the developmental possibilities of their pupils. Mental and physical handicaps may be overcome by a therapy adapted to each individual child's necessities.

(2) For the celebration of the 75th anniversary of SI Club Antwerpen we wanted to make a special effort to support effectively different organizations (9 in total) which are committed to the softening of the life of needy people in society, in Antwerpen and abroad.

Projects were chosen that would not only help financially but also in a more practical way as help with special education and training.

(3) Several activities to collect funds were organised (theatre, concerts, selling of products, auction of peace dolls made by artists, etc.).

(4) A contribution of **1.500 €** was made for the equipment of a relaxation and gaming room to stimulate the children's attention.

Project Costs: Estimated number of Hours Spent: the club members organised a number of activities (theatre, concert, selling chocolates, lanyards, decorated notebooks, auction of peace dolls made by artists, etc); in two years time, nearly 26.000 € were available for the 9 chosen projects.