

**PROGRAMME FOCUS REPORT FORM**  
**SI/Europe**

**FEDERATION:**

**NEW PROJECT/PROGRAMME** X  
**CONTINUING PROJECT/PROGRAMME**  
**FUNDRAISING** X

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: Claire Gayet

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**Part I. Identification**

Date: 20/03/07

Club Name Antwerpen

Union/Region: \_\_Belgium

Club contact Name: Nicole D'henin

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Project Title: De Shelter

Project Partnerships: \_\_\_\_\_

Target Group: Inhabitants of a poor & multicultural neighbourhood of Antwerp, BORGERHOUT

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**Part II:**

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

\*Details overleaf.

**Human Rights/Status of Women:**      **Education:**       **Economic and Social Development:**  
**Health:**      **Environment:**      **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) We sponsored the welcoming & information centre the "Shelter" Langstraat 102, B 2140 Borgerhout. We provided a navigation or signalisation system with panels & equipment having various logos, arrows & colours. This system shows the visitors (who don't speak the local language Dutch) how to find their way in the "Shelter house" in order to get easily & independently to the office or organisation of their needs.

(2) The "Shelter" hosts 11 NPO organisations whose targets are to provide the poor local & multicultural population (sometimes: illiterate or with poor education) with various inquiries about: where & how to learn the local language Dutch; free playgrounds for children. Other organisations hosted by the Shelter are coaching people who are looking for: a) a job; b) who want to become truck-drivers; c) who want to learn how to build, renovate, rent, buy or sale low cost houses; d) who want to help the local population with the improvement of a friendly neighbourhood. The centre is open daily and is the meeting point for all the neighbours. We supported this project because it responds completely to the objectives of the Ecosoc programme. Through its various "services" the Shelter promotes the integration of a multicultural population into the local society, providing everyone economical, social & cultural welfare.

3) We organised a sale of fair-trade products (Oxfam) on the occasion of our 2005 Xmas-meeting (benefit: 444,70€). We encourage our members & friends to do their Xmas shopping with "Shopping passes" issued by one famous super market (Delhaize). The passes were labelled with the name of our club. By delivering one pass by paying our purchases, the company Delhaize deducted 5 % of the total of each bill which were given to the club (benefit of all purchases done by members & friends: 519,62 €).

4) Result of the fundraising: the social fund of our club rounded the amount up with 35,68€. The total amount of our gift to the "Shelter" was: **1.000 €**

Project Costs: -

Estimated number of Hours Spent: