

PROGRAMME FOCUS REPORT FORM

FEDERATION: S/Europe

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: **Human Rights Coordinator SI Belgium and S/E**

Part I. Identification

Date 2004 and 2005 Club Name: **ANTWERPEN** Union/Region BELGIUM

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Project Title: **S/E PEACE PROJECT : PEACE DOLLS**

Project Partnerships: partly together with SI Antwerpen de Zes Rozen and SI Antwerpen Anthos

Target Group: **Artists, amateurs, schoolchildr en and clubmembers**

Part II:

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Rights/Status of Women:	<input type="checkbox"/> Education:	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic and Social Development:
<input 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) During 2004 and 2005, all together 105 peace dolls were made by wellknown artists, amateurs, schoolchildren and clubmembers. On June 23rd, 2005 the two other SI clubs in Antwerp, SI Antwerpen de Zes Rozen en SI Antwerpen Anthos organised an anniversary evening in honour of the 75th anniversary of Club Antwerpen. All the dolls were exposed, and a sax quartet enlivened the evening. The result of this evening was granted to SI Antwerpen in favour of the project "the House of Women in Istalif, Afghanistan".

In September 2005, the peace dolls of the three clubs were exposed for 4 days at a well known auction house in Antwerp, "Veilinghuis Bernaerts". On September 20th, 2005 the dolls were sold by auctioneer Mr Bernaerts in an adapted style (slowly, with a lot of explanation on Soroptimist, the project "the House of Women", the artists maker of a peace doll).

<http://www.soroptimisteurope.org/pages/news/doll.htm>

<http://www.soroptimistantwerpen.be/vredesweb/vredesweb/index.html> picture gallery of the peace dolls of the three SI clubs in Antwerp.

(2) To support the idea of peace; especially renowned artists reflected on peace in the peace doll they made; they built up a peace philosophy around their creation.

(3) A club member with an interior design factory gave us meters of cotton; the dolls were sewn by a retired fashion teacher of 75 years old, turned and ironed; the forms were filled with special white synthetic filling and further finished by club members. Artists, schoolteachers and members were addressed and so at the end 105 puppets were made.

(4) In total the result of the evening organised by the two sister clubs in Antwerpen and the result of the auction amounted to **5.000 €** which was granted by the three clubs to the "Vrouwenraad" in favour of the "House of Women" in Istalif, Afghanistan (Vrouwenraad: the Dutchspeaking Council of Women in Belgium which coordinates in Belgium the financing of the House of Women).

Project Costs Estimated number of Hours Spent ?? days to fill the dolls, to find artists and other persons willing to decorate the dolls.