

MIUSA's Disability and Development E-News

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Welcome to the *Building an Inclusive Development Community* project's monthly newsletter, published by MIUSA's International Development and Disability department, to foster communication between MIUSA and our Model Partner Organizations:

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About the Menu

Disability and Development E-News will include pertinent information about the *Building an Inclusive Development Community* project's progress and successes, MPO experiences and stories of inclusion, issues of importance to people with disabilities and other important tidbits (**see Featured Recipe of the Month**). We invite you to send us your tidbits, by the end of each month, for the newsletter!

Hors d'Oeuvres: To start us off

- **Welcome to Church World Service!** - We are looking forward to our introductory training next month with you and to meeting your staff.
- **Positive Feedback**—Accessibility guidelines provided by IDD have been useful to our MPOs and are being incorporated into grant proposals and planning of infrastructure projects! Rebuilding a community with accessibility in mind during post conflict times can mean the difference between inclusion and exclusion for thousands of people with disabilities.

Entrée: Coming up!

“Building an Inclusive Development Community” Manual

- ❖ **Will be available in April** and will include valuable resources for development agencies and others concerned with the inclusion of people with disabilities at all levels of the international development process. We want to send a special thank you to Mercy Corps’ Civil Society staff and to Sarah Buckley for your contributions. Thanks, too, to Trickle Up for reviewing the chapter on microfinance.

InterAction Forum: May 19 – 21, 2003, Washington, DC

- ❖ **MPO meeting:** We hope to have the opportunity to bring together representatives of each MPO to meet with us at the InterAction Forum for an informal reception. We will keep you posted on the details.

The Gender, Disability and Development Institute: September 29 – October 3, 2003, Eugene, Oregon

- ❖ **The Gender, Disability and Development Institute** - a five-day institute conducted during the MIUSA’s Women’s Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD) program will bring representatives of MPOs and other development professionals together with women with disabilities who are emerging leaders in grassroots disability organizations in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. MPO representatives will serve as resources for these new leaders, and will enjoy unique opportunities to learn about issues, exchange ideas, share success stories, develop

collaborative strategies with women with disabilities from around the world and participate in local site visits. Space has been reserved for up to 4 representatives from each MPO (US or field staff). MPOs will be responsible for transportation costs to Eugene, but shared room and board will be provided, in MIUSA's characteristically casual style!

Desserts: What's New?

Action Plans: Thank you all for your time and work on crafting the organizational action plans. They are a result of many creative ideas and well-thought out strategies during our initial phone meetings and face-to-face trainings. They will serve as important tools for disability inclusion in the upcoming months of our partnership. Over seven benchmarks were found in common between MPOs' action plans.

Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Fondue

1 bag of semi sweet chocolate morsels
1 quart of half & half or cream
1 cup of Kahlua (optional)
Sugar (add to taste)
Butter (add to taste)

- Combine all ingredients in a saucepan or fondue pot.
- Heat on very, very low flame, stirring and tasting continuously.
- Excellent for dipping with bananas, apples, cherries, pineapples, oranges, pound cake, cream cheese.
- Amount varies depending on the number of people served and how much you taste it while heating.

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(used for making friends as an exchange student in Australia)