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It is with great pleasure that we celebrate on **8 March - International Women's Day 2011 the 365 Laureates who have received the Prize for women's creativity in rural life over the past 20 years** via the WWSF empowerment programs for the advancement of the status of rural women around the world.

Attached please find the list of the names, country of origin and year of receipt of the award of the 365 prizewinners whose profiles and work are published on Internet [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) How to nominate candidates for the 2011 prize awards, please visit [http://www.woman.ch/index.php?page=nomination-guidelines&hl=en\\_US](http://www.woman.ch/index.php?page=nomination-guidelines&hl=en_US) The 2011 Appeal for nominations is attached to the press release.

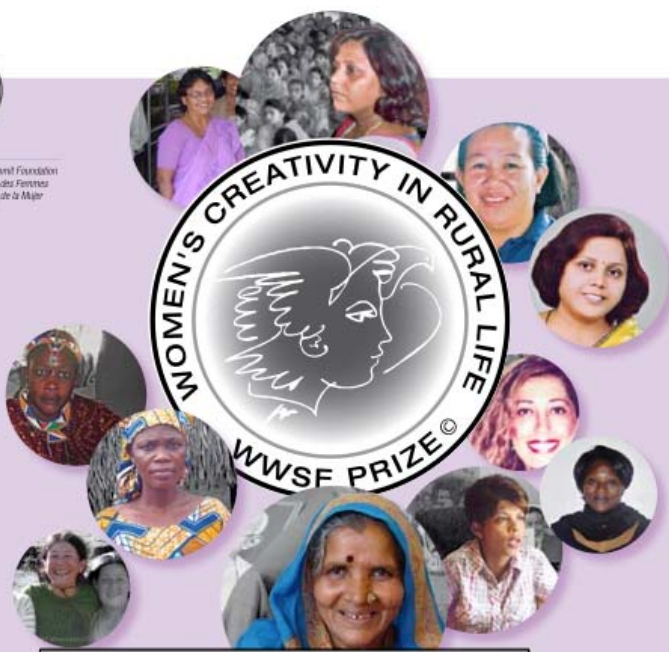


The empowerment and support of rural women is an absolutely indispensable step in view of reaching household food security, sustainable development and peace, including the UN Millennium Development Goals.



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### AFRICA

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|--------------|------|---|
| Algeria      | 1997 | Fatima BEN YUCEF, where there is a will, there is a way                               |
| Benin        | 2002 | Innocentia EDWIGE A. GUEDEGBE, mobilises women for development                        |
| Benin        | 2003 | Amina Bio Yau BIO NIGAN, creates good products at low prices                          |
| Benin        | 2006 | Rufine KOUKOU, promoting women's rights   |
| Benin        | 2010 | Juliette KETEHOUNDJÉ an innovative approach to microfinance                           |
| Burkina Faso | 1997 | Mariam MAIGA, an exceptional rural women's leader                                     |
| Burkina Faso | 1997 | RECIF/NGO, using information as empowerment   |
| Burkina Faso | 1999 | Rahamata SAVADOGO, pioneer in rural creativity and family planning                    |
| Burkina Faso | 2001 | KASSENA "Femmes Batisseurs", perpetuating traditional art forms                       |
| Burkina Faso | 2007 | Association pour la Promotion des Femmes de Gaoua, transforming traditional practices |
| Burkina Faso | 2009 | Catherine OUEDRAOGO-KANSSOLÉ, a tireless creative innovator                           |
| Botswana     | 2000 | Lesego Veronica MOLAPO, a market becomes a space for rural demands                    |
| Cameroon     | 1997 | Mary PEKOKEH, turns village into small town   |
| Cameroon     | 1998 | Alice EWUME, heals with herbs and love  |
| Cameroon     | 2003 | Eugénie Nouale NKORO, defends Pygmies' rights   |
| Cameroon     | 2007 | Cameroon Young Jurists Legal Resource Center, giving women hope for the future        |
| Cameroon     | 2008 | Bali Women's Union of Farming Groups, translation as a tool for development           |
| Cameroon     | 2010 | Anne Stella FOMUMBOD, a unique charter for widows                                     |
| Cape Verde   | 2007 | Maria Isabel ALVES, when the Rabelados become innovators                              |
| Chad         | 2001 | Robertine DEMBETTE, women take charge   |
| D. R. Congo  | 1999 | Gode BINDA KINI, empowers women through organisation                                  |
| D. R. Congo  | 2002 | Mateso NYOTA MWAVITA, development through collective work                             |

D. R. Congo	2005	Esther OPANGA-NDJOWO, good survival first
D. R. Congo	2008	AFIAF Association women nurses for rape victims, the lack of means is already a means
Ethiopia	1996	W/o Alganesh AWASH, ends violence against women
Egypt	1995	Gawaher Saad El Sherbini FADL, reclaims the right for women to land and labor
Ghana	1995	Joan AGBO, reaches out to rural women in farming and trading
Ghana	1999	Elizabeth ABAKAH, standing for cleanliness and respect
Ghana	1999	Narki DOKU, educating for village life
Ghana	2000	Laurine TOKORY, liberating women from sexual slavery
Ghana	2001	Joyce VIDA DONKOR, bee keeping saves bees and brings business
Guinea	2002	Mariama DIOULDE DIALLO, empowerment through sewing
Ivory-Coast	2009	Madeleine GBLIA, facing adversity with bare hands
Kenya	1997	The BAMAKO INITIATIVE GROUP, village doctors on bicycles
Kenya	1997	Sudanese REFUGEE WOMEN'S GROUP, refugees move to self - sufficiency
Kenya	1998	Theresa MASINDE, a tireless organizer
Kenya	1999	Naomi JERUTO, a super social worker
Kenya	1999	Dolphine M.A. OKECH, nicknamed "the Exemplary Educator"
Kenya	2000	Fleria ODUAR NDEGE, fighting harmful traditional practices
Kenya	2000	Lucia KAKUNDI KITENG'U, a natural born agronomist
Kenya	2001	Selline OTIENO KORIR, a crusader for peace
Kenya	2002	Gladyce CHIKA, fighting poverty through AIDS prevention
Kenya	2002	Tekla WANJIKU MBIRIRI, teaching rural women management skills
Kenya	2006	Margareth Ntuti AKWALU, educate a girl and you educate a nation
Kenya	2007	Mercy KIYAPYAP, camels and bees for sustainable development
Kenya	2007	Joyce ONEKO, empowering rural women
Kenya	2010	Dorothy AWINO, Land rights for women: a development "must"
Liberia	2006	Liberia CRISIS CENTER, the right to dignity and justice
Liberia	2007	Agnes KARTIMAI, advocate for rural women's rights
Madagascar	1999	VONONA, "ready and decided" to save the forest
Mali	1995	Samake NAKANI and Sangare AMINATA, fight poverty, misery and ignorance
Mali	2000	Aissata GUINDO, an exceptionally creative teacher
Mali	2005	Association ESSEM, healing ills of rural exodus
Mali	2005	Association IDL JEUNESSE DEGUENA, preventing ills of rural exodus
Morocco	1996	KHADOUJ, gives loans for freedom
Mauritania	1998	AMAL Women's Cooperation HOPE, fights desertification and illiteracy
Namibia	1997	OSHITUKAFITU Women's Group, rural poor educate society
Niger	2003	Hadjara HASSANE, don't kill the "mother of trees"
Niger	2003	Haoua BARAZE, standing up for girls' schooling
Niger	2008	Zahra MOHAMED ATTAYEB, fights ignorance and gets girls to school
Nigeria	1996	E.O. OLAWOLU, preserves tradition for tomorrow
Nigeria	1996	Janet AKINBODE, ends hunger - now
Nigeria	1998	Rose ADAMU, overcomes timeless taboos
Nigeria	1999	Mercy Agu ANAGBOGU, restoring the dignity of women
Nigeria	2000	Ethel NNE EKEKE, empowering through weaving
Nigeria	2001	Victoria BOSEDE DUNMADE, appropriate technology for women
Nigeria	2003	Victoria ADETONA, micro-credit for rural women
Nigeria	2009	Assumpta NGOZIKA REGINALD, a pioneer fighting AIDS
Rwanda	1996	Godeliève MUKASARASI, never discouraged whatever the obstacle
Rwanda	1998	Espérance MUKANDEMEZO, walk your talk - she does
Rwanda	2009	Odette KAYIRERE, quiet strength in the midst of tempest
Senegal	1994	Fatoumata FOFANA, starts first sesame seed cottage industry
Senegal	1994	Adam TAMBA, improves quality of life
Senegal	1998	Thérèse SENGHOR, combats fish piracy in coastal seas
Senegal	2003	D'Dew SENE, fights unauthorized tourism development
Sierra Leone	1998	Lois THOMPSON, a beacon of hope in war-torn Sierra-Leone
Sierra Leone	2000	Yatta SAMAH, healing the scars of war
South Africa	1996	Lephina MAPANGA, helps others to help themselves
South Africa	1998	Sonia HARDNECK, teaches values for life
South Africa	2008	Bongisiwe KHOSA, passion, perseverance and commitment
South Africa	2009	Hlengiwe "LEO" MCHUNU, fighting the silent killer HIV/AIDS
South Africa	2010	Wendy Jasmine PEKEUR, a trade union for those who feed the nation
Sudan	1995	Huda Abdel-ELHAMEID, expands fishing activities and becomes expert in salted fish
Sudan	1997	Hawa Adam YAGOUB, with sheep against famine
Sudan	1998	Gania ALI AL BASHIR, committed to serve
Tanzania	2008	Sister Placida MOSHA, building with bricks and creativity
Togo	1995	Coordinating Bureau WOMEN'S GROUPS, SEGOU TIDA, educates rural poor
Togo	1998	Amavi KOSSIDONKO, her courage overcomes all obstacles
Togo	2001	Honorine POIDI, reviving cultural identity and native language
Togo	2001	MAWULAWOE, struggling to provide iodised salt
Togo	2002	Apéfa KOUNETSRON, reviving ancestral soap making methods
Togo	2003	Nyuiemedi KOUGBLENOU, helps handicapped rural people
Togo	2005	Agnélé Delali Christine MENSAH, educational sketches for development
Tunisia	1996	Latifa Meddeb BENT MOKHTAR, a one-woman 'Body Shop'

Tunisia	2003	Mbirika CHOKRI, broods eggs in dung
Uganda	1999	Petty ANGIDA-OMAGOR, vegetables for war victims
Uganda	2000	Loyce OGOLLA, trees for development
Uganda	2000	Rebecca MULWANA, a model organic farmer
Uganda	2002	Peace BYANDUSYA, mushroom growing brings income
Zambia	1997	Cecilia MAKOTA, good organization is key to success
Zambia	2006	Eleni BANDA, justice for all through paralegal training
Zimbabwe	1998	Virginia MUPANDUKI, empowers women through garden cooperatives
Zimbabwe	2000	Patience SITHOLE, restoring land using traditional agriculture
Zimbabwe	2002	Eliza NGWENYA, solidarity for food security
Zimbabwe	2003	Betty MAKONI, prevents child abuse nation-wide in Villages of Hope
Zimbabwe	2006	Angeline MUGWENDERE, women's education: a tiger in the tank for development
Zimbabwe	2008	Shorai CHITONGO, a firm NO to domestic violence

## **SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA**

Afghanistan	2001	Zarin GUL, knitting brings hope
Afghanistan	2008	Leila HAKIM-ALI, Goat herder brings light to rural homes
Bangladesh	1996	Goaler VITA, a pioneer rural women's group
Bangladesh	1997	Jabeda Sattar KHAN, half a million women on the move
India	1995	Samuben UJABHAI THAKORE and Ranbai Jemalji RAUMA, lead a union of 14'000
India	1995	Madhuben Bhailal SOLANKI, forms savings group in her village Vakharia
India	1996	Tulsi DEVI JANI, a tribal woman turns activist
India	1996	KUNWARBEN, handicapped with leprosy becomes leader
India	1997	Manchaba Kheraji RATHOD, needles women out of hunger
India	1997	Shantaben Lakhmanbhai KOLI, a salt farmer protects children
India	1997	Saviben Debhabhai AAYER, 1000 wanderers become artisans
India	1997	Puriben Vaghabhai Kehu AHIR, a human rights leader
India	1997	Menaben Harchandbhai THAKORE, fights the desert
India	1997	Ms. RANI, persistence pays off
India	1998	Lata KACHHAWAH, helps desert women survive
India	1998	IRUAL TRIVAL WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY, claims human rights
India	1998	Sister STELLA EDDATU, transforms rural women's lives
India	1999	Radhaben BHANABHAI, a new beginning
India	1999	Sussela DEVI, restoring dignity to untouchables
India	1999	Swarnalata DEVI, defending land non-violently
India	1999	Agnes RUDRAPATI, abolishing child labor
India	1999	Sangrami DEVI, transforming a poor village
India	1999	Krishnammal JEGANNATHAN, a Gandian "Joan of Arc"
India	2000	Manohari DOSS, campaigning for the rights of the poor
India	2000	Pasumpon MAYANDI, tireless village activist
India	2000	R. VASANTHA, women become leaders
India	2000	Kalawati DEVI, setting and enforcing rules for the forest
India	2001	Kusum JAIN, giving hope to the helpless
India	2001	Rajeswari KARTHIKEYAN, eliminating chemical pesticides
India	2001	Ratni BAI KHATIK, determined to make a difference
India	2001	VIKAS MHAILA Multipurpose Cooperative Society, organising for change
India	2001	Helen MANOHARAN, challenging the caste system
India	2001	Prema NARASIMHAN, innovative rural development
India	2002	Durgaben JAISWAL, improving rural life
India	2002	Anthioniammal AROKIASAMY, an innovative ecological farmer
India	2002	Hirbaiben LOBI IBRAHIMBHAI, a Siddi community leader
India	2002	Sangeeta SAWALAKHE, promoting biological control of insect pests
India	2002	Annapoorani T. MERCY, opportunities for women and children
India	2002	Radha VIJAY, helping women to help themselves
India	2003	Leela S. RAJSEKHAR, educates indigenous women and children
India	2003	All FARMERS CLUB, when women drive tractors
India	2003	Thresiamma MATHEW, builds walls of confidence
India	2003	Neela THANGAVELU, fights for the land
India	2005	Dhuliben Bhavanbhai KHANT, a grassroots engineer beats the pros
India	2005	Jagran Jan Vikas Samiti INSTITUTE, empowering traditional rural healers
India	2005	Revaben Jatanbhai BARIYA, grassroots forester shows the way
India	2006	Gauriben RAYSINGHBHAI KOLI, water is life!
India	2008	Amulya Sahoo BULI, a driving force in community change
India	2009	KHABAR LAHARIYA, rural women journalists create "New Wave"
India	2009	Anita RAGHAV, obstacles show our strength
India	2010	Pratibha Rajesh BUKKAWAR, Revolution in Daryapur
India	2010	Narmada Baldeva GOND, a Gandian Adivasi warrior changes a whole region
India	2010	Anna MERCY, Turning a village into an aquarium
India	2010	Santosh Bai SAHARIYA, Fighting harmful traditional practices
Kyrgyzstan	2001	Meimanbu TASHIEVA, a tireless teacher promotes self-help groups
Kyrgyzstan	2003	ALGA ASSOCIATION, taking control of our lives
Kyrgyzstan	2005	Mairam OMURZAKOVA, nomadic tourism and sustainable development

Kyrgyzstan	2005	Elmira Sultanovna IBRAIMOVA, commitment and integrity challenge nepotism
Nepal	1996	Radha BHATTARAI, improves quality of life with education
Nepal	1997	Nirmala THAPA, empowers women to help themselves
Nepal	2001	Mohinee MAHARJAN, making women aware of their legal rights
Nepal	2005	Sohorati THARU, empowering women to fight for justice
Nepal	2005	Tara Aryal KARKI, reporting for change and dignity
Pakistan	1997	BHUTTRI WOMEN'S Organization, promotes health care for the rural poor and the weak
Pakistan	1997	Farzana PANWHAR, promotes sustainable agriculture
Pakistan	1997	RURAL WOMEN WELFARE Organization, brings development to people
Pakistan	1998	Ghulam SUGHRA SOLANGI, leads with credit, health and family planning
Pakistan	1999	Khatima BIBI, a model woman activist
Pakistan	2000	Ghulam SUGHRA KUBAR, proving women's worth
Pakistan	2002	Amber BALOUCH, fighting women's exclusion from education
Pakistan	2003	Khalida BIBI AWA, creating a local seed bank
Pakistan	2003	Shameem Araa J. RAJPOOT, when women cross the doorstep
Pakistan	2005	Dure-e-SHAHWAR, establishing women's self-help groups
Pakistan	2008	Shad BEGUM, unflinching warrior for women's rights
Sri Lanka	1997	Amara PEERIS, ends rural women's poverty
Sri Lanka	2000	H.M. VIMALAWATHIE, organising for development, culture and peace
Sri Lanka	2002	Bandara MENIKE WEERASEKERA, leading women towards development and peace
Sri Lanka	2007	Rupa Manel SILVA, A bank by women, for women
Sri Lanka	2008	Thushari HEWAPATHIRA, new breakthroughs in micro lending

### SOUTHEAST & EAST ASIA

Cambodia	2000	Thavrin THONG, extreme hardship creates a leader
China	1995	Jia JUNQIAO (Longju), teaches new skills and builds village school
China	1995	Lai XIAO, a Mongol herdsman pioneers scientific strategy for sheep breeding
China	1996	Cai SHUZHEN, becomes agricultural researcher
China	1996	Pei GUILIAN, brings prosperity to all
China	1996	CIRENZONGBA, a woman with a hunchback becomes leader
China	1996	Chen YUNLIAN, prospers... from peppers
China	1996	Zhao QUNYING, prospers... with rabbits
China	1997	ALONIOUNIOU, grows trees for a healthy environment
China	1997	Miao CHANGLIAN, from rice grower to creative resourcefulness
China	1997	Luo XIFEN, on peppered path to prosperity
China	1997	Fang XIULAN, chickens end poverty
China	1998	Han BAOJING, clean water - key to good health
China	1998	Hu CHUNLIAN, tops the tea trade
China	1998	Zuo AIMING, raises chickens and ducks for China
China	1998	Zhao XIAOJING, creates prosperity with pigs
China	1999	Bai CAINONG, an illiterate woman becomes deputy
China	1999	Yang XIANGLIAN, village tailor becomes manager
China	1999	Zhang AILAN, preventing poverty with pigs
China	1999	Zou CHUNLIAN, flowers bring prosperity
China	2000	Ma XUEFENG, fish ponds bring wealth
China	2001	Bao CAILUAN, greening the hills
China	2001	Li FENRONG, Xiang-Shuigou Village, Qinglong County
China	2001	Zhang LIFEN, Liuwan Village, Hubei Province
China	2001	Zhao YANHU, Tuonan Township, Manchang County, Hebei Province
China	2001	Guo XIUYING, Yazhibe Village, Inner Mongolia
China	2001	Cai LIXIA, Bogong Village, Panan County, Zhejiang Province
China	2002	Hu MEIYING, greening the hills
China	2002	HUASHUN FEEDLOT ENTERPRISE, raising rabbits for prosperity
China	2002	XIJI COUNTY WOMEN'S FEDERATION, skill training for rural women
China	2002	WOMEN'S FEDERATION - PINLOU COUNTY, innovation for the rural poor
China	2003	Wang ZHILAN, works against all odds
China	2003	Wang FENGYAN, breeds angleworms for prosperity
China	2003	Zeng GUANGLAN, changes mentalities
China	2005	Wang SHUXIU, self-made millionaire returns to village roots
China	2005	Zheng BING, a strong rope is made from many strands
China	2006	Hongxia REN, greening treeless mountains
China	2006	Lijuan XIANG, a kindergarten for rural children
Indonesia	2000	Ngatini TARMUJI, fighting the illegal expropriation of land
Indonesia	2005	Tisna Sutisnawaty NANDO, at the heart of the tsunami
Indonesia	2006	Mama Margaretha SAKO, together we are strong
Laos	2010	Nuansy RATANASITHY, from dependency to partnership of equals
Mongolia	2003	Byatshandaa JARGAL, combating malnutrition
Mongolia	2009	Otgonbayar CHULTEM, following mother's footsteps
Philippines	1998	Portia NAYVE ROSSI, demonstrates organic animal farming
Philippines	2009	Mother Petra MACLIING, protecting indigenous land and culture
Thailand	1998	Sa-ing TAWAISINDH, saves community forest
Viet Nam	1996	GROUP II, finds right market niche

Viet Nam 2001 Do Thuy DIEN, helping her community begin again

## WESTERN ASIA

Armenia 1999 Rosa TZAROUKYAN, creating a model animal farm  
Armenia 2005 Mariam GRIGORYAN, business to encourage rural traditions  
Azerbaijan 1996 Sudaba MURADOVA, organizes women's solidarity for survival  
Jordan 1997 Najwa SHA'SHA'A, self-confidence, the key  
Jordan 1997 Kawkab I.M. AL-GHNAMEEN, drastically improves quality of village life  
Jordan 1999 Hind AL HADJA, learning by doing  
Kuwait 1996 Abab FARHAN, weaves the magic of Bedouin beauty  
Lebanon 2000 Anissa NAJJAR, creating the basis for a distinct rural culture  
Palestine 2005 Mayrim SHADEED, empowering rural women  
Turkey 2010 Nurcan BAYSAL, happiness is part of development  
West Bank 1999 Subhiyyeh Kamel ASAD GHANNAM, a rural woman activist

## OCEANIA

Australia 1998 Georgina LEE CHEU, leads with culture towards self esteem  
Fiji Islands 2002 NAVAKASOBU WOMEN'S GROUP, saving a wetland ecosystem  
P.-N. Guinea 2006 Maria LINIBI, innovation for development

## NORTH AMERICA

Canada 2007 Diana DELARONDE-COLOMBE, assuring food security to her community  
USA 2003 Theresa Secord HOFFMAN, reviving American Indian's basketry and languages

## LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

Argentina 1997 Rosario Ladies ANDRADES DE QUISPE, from lama herdsman to community leader  
Argentina 2000 PUEBLO GRANDE Cultural Organisation, establishing a cultural identity  
Argentina 2007 Veronica FRANZEN, establishing a cultural identity  
Bolivia 1995 Domitila BARRIOS, grass roots leader fights for the most oppressed  
Bolivia 1998 Tawa (Nena) BALTAZAR LUGONES, exceptional leader of wildlife reserve  
Bolivia 1999 Hornos "Juana Azurduy de Padilla", promoting seed potatoes in the Andes  
Bolivia 2000 CH'ASKA PALOMAS AWAJ WARMIS, weaving for development  
Bolivia 2001 Alcira ESTRADA, determined to save the forest  
Bolivia 2002 Julia Damiana RAMOS SANCHEZ, fighting exclusion and environmental degradation  
Bolivia 2007 Amalia CALAMANI de QUISPE, valuing ancestral products  
Brazil 1997 Emilia Alves da Silva RODRIGUES, promotes rural knowledge and culture  
Brazil 1999 Raimunda Gomes DA SILVA, fighting for land and rights  
Brazil 1999 The National Articulation of Female Agricultural Workers, organizing women's rights  
Brazil 2000 Sandra Mara RIBAS SANTOS, pioneer organic farmer  
Brazil 2003 GRUPO DE MILHERES DECIDIDAS A VENCER, cultivating organic food  
Brazil 2003 Rosa SELL, reviving traditional farming methods  
Brazil 2009 Maria Lúcia LOPES DE OLIVEIRA, feminism, a tool for development  
Chile 1996 Rosalía JARA NIRRIAM, proves education to be key to development  
Chile 2000 Bernardita CALFUQUEO, fighting racial discrimination  
Chile 2010 Konomi KIKUCHI, Walking, walking...to protect the environment  
Colombia 1998 Milena DUCARA TAPIERO, indomitable activist and women leader  
Colombia 2000 Association of Women of Yolombé AMOY, organizing for peace and the environment  
Colombia 2003 Aurora CARMONA, the power of forgiveness  
Colombia 2006 María Brigada GONZALEZ de CARTAGENA, non-violence subdues terror  
Costa Rica 1996 Paulina DÍAZ NAVAS, a courageous woman who wins despite huge odds  
Costa Rica 2002 Rosita ANGULO ANGULO, defending community water resources  
Costa Rica 2008 East Mountain Quilters, quilting for a new quality of life  
Cuba 2001 Georgina PEREZ MARTINEZ, transforming wastelands into vegetable gardens  
Cuba 2003 Francisca Eugenia MILANES GARCIA, from garbage dump to organic agriculture  
Ecuador 1998 Elvia DAGUA, leads women to dignity  
El Salvador 1996 Victoria MIRA, shows creativity and innovation despite her age  
El Salvador 1996 Maria Ana Angel de CASTILLO, an indomitable spirit and courage  
El Salvador 1997 Salvadorian Association for RURAL HEALTH, rural women for a healthy future  
El Salvador 1998 Maria Margarita MALDONADO CRUZ, runs model farm despite illiteracy  
El Salvador 2001 Mariana HERNANDEZ, from excellence to leadership  
El Salvador 2003 Marta BENAVIDES, creating a culture of peace  
Guatemala 1996 Teresa de Jesus RAFAEL, a Maya farmer and political activist  
Guatemala 1997 Maria Elena Crisostomo de PEREZ, promotes barefoot pharmacy  
Guatemala 2001 Maria de Jesus COLAJ CHALI, education equals empowerment  
Guatemala 2002 Catarina Eleuterio GOMEZ IXMATA, appropriate education for the Mayas  
Haiti 1996 Sara MICHEL, the world's oldest practicing rural midwife  
Honduras 1999 Isidora GARCIA, fighting for the indigenous woman  
Honduras 2001 COMIXMUL, in union lies strength  
Honduras 2002 Leonila ESCOTO DE ZELAYA, a model organic gardener  
Jamaica 1996 Ethlyn RHOOMS, the most resourceful rural woman of Jamaica  
Mexico 1998 AMEYOLOTZIL WOMEN'S GROUP, pioneers self-reliance  
Mexico 1998 LA POZA DEL CLAVO WOMEN'S GROUP, with entrepreneurship to survival

Mexico	2000	Norma Patricia SAUCEDO VILLALBA, teaching respect for the environment
Mexico	2001	Rufina Edith VILLA HERNANDEZ, fighting for the rights of indigenous women
Mexico	2002	ARTCAMP ASSOCIATION, mastering new technologies to market their art
Mexico	2007	Paula SANDOVAL ELISEÑO, a long life dedicated to her community
Nicaragua	1996	Maria Auxiliadora LOPEZ OLIVAS, innovates banking by and for the people
Nicaragua	1996	Lucrecia Flores CHAVARRÍA, illiterate cook becomes leader
Nicaragua	1997	Gladys CACERES, a tireless leader
Nicaragua	2001	Petrona PEREZ BASILIO, education, the key to empowerment
Nicaragua	2005	Elba Rivera URBINA, biological agriculture for the poorest
Panama	2002	Edelmira BARRIOS DE CENTELLA, where there is a will there is a way
Paraguay	1999	Severa Luque BOGARIN, cooperative organisation helps many
Paraguay	2003	Lilian MARTINEZ DE KRONG, mobilising housewives for a better life
Peru	2000	Santos Felicita SALCEDO CUEVA, persistence pays
Peru	2000	Gladys VASQUEZ POMA, fighting to save the High Andean Wetlands
Peru	2001	Zoila VALDEZ CHAUI, promoting women's rights
Peru	2003	Dina Emilia MORALES LLERENA, an indigenous leader "Ticchari warmi"
Peru	2003	Luz Margarita ROMERO RAMOS, natural medicine available to all
Peru	2003	Marcelina Ponce HANCCO, fighting for indigenous women's and children's rights
St Vincent	2008	Fancy Community Help Group, community banking for all
Uruguay	1998	Network Rural Women, a network for survival

## EUROPE & COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION

Albania	1999	Rape VEIZAJ, teaching life skills
Albania	2002	Diellë SMAKAJ, a helping hand for the rural blind
Austria	1998	Monika LUGMAYER, a strong advocate for women farmers
Austria	2000	Ingeborg AUER, an Ambassador for women farmers
Austria	2003	ASS. AUSTRIAN MOUNTAIN FARMERS, created a play for rural education
Croatia	1997	Ema MIOCINOVIC, dedicates her life to peace making
Finland	1996	ALKUVOIMA, their primal force is people
France	2000	Georgia LAMBERTIN, bringing children closer to the earth
France	2001	Véronique THEVE, working towards sustainable rural life
France	2006	Josiane MULOWSKI, preserving menaced horses
Germany	2001	Christa OFF, perseverance pays
Germany	2007	<a href="http://www.baeuerinnentreff.de">www.baeuerinnentreff.de</a> , an Internet network for rural women worldwide
Great Britain	1998	Marthe KILEY-WORTHINGTON, an ecological farmer, teacher and writer
Greece	1999	Union Agritouristic, Artesanal & Home Economic Coop., uniting for rural development
Greece	2007	Women's Cooperative of MESOTOPOS, reviving customs to fight unemployment
Hungary	2000	Erzsébet SZECSENYI, creating an eco-village
Ireland	1999	Anita HAYES, saving scarce seed
Italy	2001	Martina LINTNER, preserving the rural way of life
Italy	2006	Waltraud SCHWIENBACHER, an explosion of creativity
Kosovo	2006	Martha PREKPALAJ, learning from living and building with the people
Latvia	1998	Rasma FREIMANE, runs a dairy farm cooperative
Latvia	1999	Zenta SKRASTINA, beautifying a rural village
Latvia	2002	Agrita GAILITE, rescuing traditional knowledge of medicinal plants
N. Ireland	2001	Women On Rural Development, working together for peace and development
Norway	1998	Anne-Grethe BRUSTAD, an authentic biological farmer
Norway	2000	Ashild DALE, reviving mountain farming
Poland	1998	Ewa SMUK, revives village life
Poland	2005	Barbara BURZYNSKA, grassroots democracy: from political slogans to functioning reality
Portugal	2007	CAPUCHINHAS, reinventing a traditional craft
Portugal	2008	Group of Women Lace Makers, when busy fingers generate prosperity
Romania	2000	Mioara BOANTA, enabling women to organise themselves
Romania	2003	Silvia PANAIT, helps others to help themselves
Romania	2005	Geta HEREDEA, building hope with hands and hammer
Russian Fed.	1996	Tatjana N. INOZEMTSEVA, innovative farmer, philanthropist & poetess
Russian Fed.	1999	Vera SOLOVIEVA, adapting to a new rural economy
Russian Fed.	2002	Nadezhda MIKHAILOVNA MARTINOVA, creating an environmental university
Russian Fed.	2003	Ossipowa Tatjana VIKTOROWNA, "we can do it"
Serbia	1997	Dobrila Vasiljevic SMILJANIC, leads rural women to knit for the world
Spain	1998	EL DESPERTAR, with culture to sustainable development
Switzerland	1998	Elsbeth AEBERHARD, finding our rural roots
Switzerland	2001	Christine ZOLLINGER, saving Switzerland's variety of seeds
Switzerland	2002	Urner Wollhandwerk Team, innovative products sustain mountain life
Switzerland	2002	Johanna DÖNZ-GILLARDON, farming flowers for prosperity
Ukraine	1999	Valentina SHAPOVAL, organizing for development
Ukraine	2000	Natalia BESPALA, helping others achieve success





## **2011 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **WWSF PRIZE FOR WOMEN'S CREATIVITY IN RURAL LIFE**

Deadline 31 March 2011

Dear WWSF Members and Friends,

The [Women's World Summit Foundation](#) celebrates this year its 20th anniversary and cordially invites you to submit nominations for the **2011 special edition of the PRIZE for women's creativity in rural life**, honoring creative and courageous women and women's organizations around the world working to improve the quality of life in rural communities.

Since inception of the prize program in 1994, 365 Laureates have so far been awarded for their commitment and creativity with a cash donation of US\$ 1000 each. All Laureates and their profiles are published on our web site [http://www.woman.ch/index.php?page=laureates-2010&hl=en\\_US](http://www.woman.ch/index.php?page=laureates-2010&hl=en_US) A traveling exposition is giving visibility to all the prize winners and is available at the WWSF Headquarters.

Given your experience, interest and perspective with regard to issues of development, human rights, micro-credit, peace building, eliminating violence and empowerment of women, we greatly appreciate your participation and thank you in advance for sending us your candidates. About 10 prizewinners will again be selected in 2011 and announced to the media on 15 October – International Day of Rural Women.

WWSF wishes to remind you that the United Nations General Assembly (6 November 2007) decided that **15 October** is officially proclaimed and observed each year as the UN **International Day of Rural Women**, which is the result of 13 years of WWSF lobby work on behalf of rural women at the UN. The annual '**WWSF Open Letter to rural women of the world**', published since 1996, is part of our annual global awareness campaign to increase knowledge and empowerment. It is also the Day when the Laureates are honored with the Prize in their respective countries to help increase visibility and support for their programs in rural life.

Your nomination(s), following the guidelines published on line, must arrive no later than **31 March 2011** via the post. Email nominations are no longer accepted.

We take this opportunity of wishing you a most successful New Year and look forward to hearing from you.

**Link to nomination guidelines:** [http://www.woman.ch/index.php?page=nomination-guidelines&hl=en\\_US](http://www.woman.ch/index.php?page=nomination-guidelines&hl=en_US)



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