

WHAT HAS CEDAW ACCOMPLISHED?

The Treaty and the Rights of Women Worldwide

Women in countries that have ratified the Treaty for the Rights of Women have acted to:

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

- In Uganda, the states and cities have now created programs and policies to campaign against domestic violence, using state funds for the purpose.

PROMOTE GIRLS' EDUCATION:

- India universalized its Integrated Child Development Services program in 1997, after ratification of CEDAW, and girls now account for nearly half of all pre-school children.

IMPROVE HEALTH CARE:

- Argentina, Mexico, and Australia instituted programs to provide health care to indigenous and migrant women.

ENSURE WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

- Since 1989, legislation in China has highlighted equality between men and women. Women are now guaranteed joint ownership of marital property and equal inheritance.

IMPROVE WOMEN'S LIVES AT WORK:

- Germany, Guatemala, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom are among countries that have improved maternity leave and child care for working women in accord with Treaty provisions.