



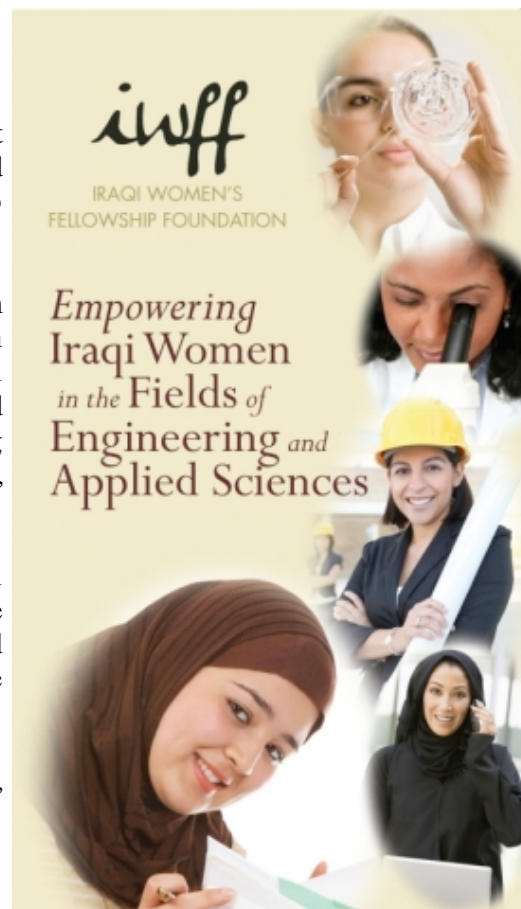
## The UNITED NATIONS Requests FPCD to support the Iraqi Women's Fellowship Foundation

The United Nations Office for Partnerships has asked the FPCD to support the urgent need to build the capacity of Iraqi Women. The FPCD is pleased to offer its support and expertise to the Iraqi Women's Fellowship Foundation (IWFF).

The FPCD and IWFF are committed to **education** as a crucial mechanism to sustainable development and toward fulfilling the Millennium Development Goals. The IWFF plays a pivotal role with engineering and applied sciences skills by providing Iraqi women with access to top-rated United States universities in the US and the Middle East. Participating universities include Berkeley, Stanford, UC San Diego, Smith College, Carnegie Mellon and Texas A&M in Qatar.

Women in post conflict situations are the subsequent bearers of new and greater responsibilities in their homes and communities and have a vital role to play in rebuilding the economy. Iraq has a small cadre of well educated women but more are needed to be prepared to play their role in the country's recovery. Please help us with this endeavor.

For more information, [click here to read the letter](#) from Mr. Amir Dossal, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Partnerships.



## The Guerrera Book Project: The Stories of Insurgent Women

On March 8, 2009, **The Guerrera Project** formally partnered with the FPCD. Ms. Julie Klinger and Emma Gaalaas Mullaney are currently working to collect the testimonies of women who have taken up arms in violent conflict in different countries around the world and to support local efforts at conflict resolution. They seek to ask innovative and difficult questions about how violence works, about the decisions faced by those who participate in it, and hope to amplify the needs and insights expressed by those whom it has rendered vulnerable.





There is a particularly urgent need for such research to collaborate with direct EDUCATION, ACTION and DEVELOPMENT projects in post conflict situations where, even as incidents of direct violence become less frequent, the structural violence present before and during the conflict continues to place huge portions of the population at risk.

The Foundation for Post Conflict Development and the Guerrera Project look forward to working together in efforts around the world to realize both justice and peace with dignity. For more information on the Guerra Project and FPCD partnership, please [click here](#) and check the Foundation's website for future [updates](#).

*Photo: From left to right: Ms. Julie Klinger, Ms. Balbina da Conceição, veteran of the Timorese Resistance movement, Ms. Emma Gaalaas Mullaney and Timorese woman, January 2009*

### **FPCD Sub-Saharan Africa Legal Analyst and UNICTR Intern (United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda)**

The FPCD Sub-Saharan Africa Legal Analyst, Joseph Stefanelli is currently focusing his international law studies on rule of law in post-conflict developing nations, especially post-genocide Rwanda as a UN legal intern for ICTR where he continues his research from December 2008 till present on Rwandan court systems and rule of law in the Sub-Saharan Africa.



Mr. Stefanelli has extensive experience in Tanzania - Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery in Zanzibar and Arusha, as well as International and Comparative Constitutional law in Parma, Italy and as a legal consultant for Forced Migration Refugee Centre (FMRC) in Cairo, Egypt, providing legal aid for Iraqi refugees applying for asylum in the US and other countries. Mr. Stefanelli's firsthand experiences with the UNICTR will serve the FPCD well in the future.

\* Look for photos and updates about Mr. Stefanelli on [www.postconflictdev.org](http://www.postconflictdev.org) in the future.

*Mr. Stefanelli pictured with ICTR team at farewell dinner for ICTR Legal Officer in Arusha, Tanzania. From left to right: Abou Abass, Karine Ardualt, Andres Perez, Joseph Stefanelli, Julie Wicke, ICTR President Judge Dennis Byron (seated), Mrs. Byron. March 2009*



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*\* Photo: Hundreds of seedlings waiting to be planted in Emera District, Timor-Leste, January 2009.*

## The FPCD Green Community Hub Project in South Africa

The FPCD is pleased to join efforts with Hands on the World Global (HOWglobal) to create a Green Community Hub that will allow the Umgodi Primary School of 600 students and the surrounding village of over 1,500 people to have access to running water. Clean running water is a human right as identified in Article 24 of the United Nations Charter.

We invite you to visit the [HOWglobal](http://HOWglobal) website to learn more. For more information on the FPCD and Howglobal partnership please [click here](#).

*Photo: Howglobal Executive Director, Rachael Paulson distributes Lifestraws to students at adopted schools in South Africa. Lessons of waterborne diseases and prevention are introduced. Lifestraw is an invention that kills disease and filters the water.*



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