

EDUCATION

Educating women and girls enables them to realise their full potential and become financially independent. Furthermore, education has the potential to eliminate gender based illiteracy, establish female leaders in communities and professions, and eradicate violence against women. SIE Unions and Clubs award around 1,600 scholarships a year.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

We help women gain the resources and skills to find gainful employment or to start their own businesses by conducting projects in partnership with micro-credit organisations, companies and other institutions. We reach out to women in rural areas who are stuck in a cycle of poverty and need to sacrifice much of their time to carrying out menial tasks.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

We execute projects to respond to, prevent and eliminate violence against women. These projects are conducted in collaboration with local and national governments, policy makers and other institutions and include building shelters, aiding victims of violence, providing counselling, lobbying for improved prevention programmes and policies, and raising awareness.

HEALTH & FOOD SECURITY

Soroptimists work hard to ensure women and girls have access to food and the highest attainable standard of healthcare. We help to build and refurbish hospitals, provide medical supplies, provide tests and screenings and support the training of nurses and midwives. We address issues such as malnutrition, cancer, AIDS and water-borne diseases.

SUSTAINABILITY

A sustainable environment is conducive to the well-being and empowerment of women. We initiate projects that improve the environment, address the need of women and girls in their communities, mitigate the effects of climate change and provide aid after natural or man-made disasters. We also advocate for greater environmental sustainability at the local, national and international levels.

MEETINGS - WHERE AND WHEN?

There will be 10 ordinary meetings a year. Most of the meetings take place in a hotel in Herning, Ikast or Brande. Some of the meetings however are held outside in combination with a visit at e.g. international companies nearby.

Due to our goals we arrange various fundraising events.

All meetings and arrangements are in English.



a global voice
for women

Women, Water & Leadership
SI President's Appeal 2017-2019

BECOME A SOROPTIMIST

If you want to make a difference in your community, further women's issues on a wider scale, extend your professional network and make new friends outside your usual circles, we invite you to find out more about us!

<http://www.soroptimist-denmark.dk/>

Facebook: Soroptimist International Denmark

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Soroptimist International
Brande - Ikast - Herning

A network of professional women

WHO WE ARE

Network, members & countries

Soroptimists have since 1921 educated, empowered and enabled women and girls to improve their lives. Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE) is a network of over 34,000 professional women who work together to achieve this aim. SIE currently has 1,257 clubs, operating across 61 countries in Europe, Africa, Middle East, and the Caribbean. It is the largest of the four federations making up Soroptimist International which counts over 74,000 women as members.

HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Soroptimists make a real difference in their communities and beyond. Every year members support, implement and/or finance on average 4,500 projects, and some 1.7 million women and girls have benefited from these efforts. Through its representatives at international institutions, SIE exercises strong voice to defend women's rights. Because we are an independent and neutral organization made up of women who all believe in the same core values and aim, we are able to achieve our goals whole-heartedly.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Our ambition is to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

We want to see women and girls achieve their individual and collective potential, realise their aspirations, and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide. As Soroptimists, we strive for the advancement of women's status, high ethical standards, equality, development and peace, and the promotion of international goodwill and understanding.

Our members include women of all ages, representing a wide range of professions. As such, we are a platform to share our knowledge and experience. We want to ensure that all women and girls have the opportunity to become leaders in their communities, and we will continue to (lobby) seek influence for them at all levels of society.



HOW DO WE WORK?

ADVOCACY

Soroptimist International of Europe holds general consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and participatory status at the Council of Europe and the European Women's Lobby. In Denmark we are also represented in UNICEF and Kvinderådet. SIE also participates in the work of OSCE through its permanent representatives. This allows SIE to advocate at the international level and lobby for the ratification and implementation of treaties concerning women and demand that priority issues for women receive their rightful place on the sustainable development agenda.

PROJECTS

SIE Unions and Clubs have implemented thousands of projects that focus on our key areas:

- Scholarship Fund - grants 100.000 € per year
- SIE Action Fund
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Roswitha Ott Fund

SI Denmark projects:

- Teenage mothers in Romania
- SI Addis Abbeba School project
- Stop Trafficking
- Gender Equality - Stop violence against women
- Soroptimist Nordic Leadership Academy SNLA

Local projects Region 2:

- Ukraine
- Romania

