

SOWETO DAY '92 WALKATHON RECIPIENTS

While Whites vote to end apartheid and the Congress for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) considers new models for South African government, apartheid is still destroying lives throughout southern Africa. Women bear the brunt of apartheid's systematic deprivations and exploitation. For the women of southern Africa, the struggle continues. The 1992 Walkathon will raise funds for the following organizations working with southern African women to rebuild their lives and take their rightful place in the establishment of a democratic South Africa and in a peaceful future for the entire region.

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF MOZAMBIQUE

The Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM) has a membership of 17 denominations, including some of the African independent churches. Church World Service has worked with the Council for many years to help meet the emergency needs of Mozambique.

CCM's emergency relief efforts include the distribution of food, seeds, agricultural tools, household implements, clothing, blankets and medicine to some 40,000 families (or 200,000 people, many of whom are women and children) internally displaced by the war.

CCM's rehabilitation efforts to enable families to become self-sufficient in spite of the destabilizing war waged against the people of Mozambique include developing agricultural and water resources, rebuilding clinics and developing primary healthcare programs, building schools, and developing training programs to support long term community development goals.

CCM's community development program includes training and human resource development of women, family and community health programs, animal husbandry and sewing projects.

In all its work CCM tries to support the Mozambican economy by purchasing materials and emergency materials in the country when possible.

ALEXANDRA WOMEN'S CONGRESS

The Alexandra Women's Congress (AWCO) was launched in 1990 to involve women fully in the establishment of a non-racist, non-sexist democratic South African government. The AWCO is active on issues of housing, education and health. They have participated in polio vaccination and AIDS education. AWCO members volunteer at the Advice Center in Alexandra. AWCO is also establishing a sewing collective.

The AWCO is committed to involving women at all levels in the struggle for a new South Africa. In the words of Sizakele Nkosi, General Secretary of the AWCO, "There is a lot of sexism. We cannot only blame apartheid... No one should decide for women. It is our democratic right to choose (our own leaders)... Women need to be groomed in women's organizations - it is not right that only South African men decide on the future of South Africa."

Alexandra Township, one of the oldest and poorest in South Africa, is located in the midst of Johannesburg's most affluent suburbs. Alex has been the site of some of the worst anti-democratic violence in recent months leaving hundreds of Alex residents dead, wounded, raped and homeless. Alexandra is Chicago's sister community in South Africa.