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**The policy letter on sustainable human development**

The policy letter, the purpose of which is to help focus the nation's development on the idea of human security, explicitly address

affairs — pursues several goals, including greater participation of civil society in the management of public affairs. The good governance policy stresses the need to increase the public's decision-making powers, especially those of women, in the area of development activities.

**The decentralized rural development policy letter**

This letter envisages the legal, social and economic protection of women. It covers the following topics:

- Decentralization of the system for granting women credit for the development of income-generating activities;
- Review of the modalities for awarding irrigated plots of land in order to include criteria favourable to women;
- Measures to make agricultural services more accessible to women;
- Promotion of health savings and loan programmes and education.

**The policy and the action and leadership plan for the promotion of human rights**

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- To invest in projects aimed at lightening their work;
  - To facilitate their access to land and production methods;
  - To promote their participation in decision-making; and
  - To implement the project aimed at encouraging young people to remain on the
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(b) Any other distinction, exclusion or preference havi



Six additional jurisdictions have been created by the Government in order to bring justice closer to the people.

In 2002, Parliament adopted a legal aid act so that legal costs would not hinder women's access to the judiciary.

Under this act, the very poor are exempt from payment of the compulsory fees for bringing a case before the courts; these fees are covered under the nat

The Penal Code calls for sentences of 5 to 20 years' imprisonment without parole.

Information and awareness-raising campaigns are conducted in order to prevent such violence.

The victims receive medical treatment, medical and legal expertise and, in the case of minors, psychological treatment.

Since the advent of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, serological tests have been conducted systematically in all cases involving sexual penetration so that appropriate health protection measures can be taken.

Pregnancy tests are also administered since the law permits abortion in cases of rape or incest.

### **Exploitation of prostitution, and trafficking**

#### **Question 9**

The Penal Code makes prostitution a crime; article 423 defines prostitution as an act in which a person of either sex habitually engages in sexual acts for remuneration.

Anyone engaging in prostitution is subject to a 15-day to two-month prison sentence and/or a fine of 50,000 to 100,000 francs.

Article 427 establishes more severe penalties for anyone who receives clients for sexual services in a hotel, boarding house, bar, club, league premises or dance hall or who engages in prostitution. It is clear that despite the Government's desire for prostitution not to exist in Burkina Faso, the problem does exist, particularly in urban



– Providing media presenters with training in the primary rights which

**Education**

**Question 15**

The ten-year basic education development plan (PDDEB) for the period from 2001 to 2010, adopted in July 1999 by Decree No. 99-254/PRES/PM/MEBA was developed as the official framework for all basic educat

- Awareness-raising and comm

h CAP (*Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle*), first level, A BEP (*brevet d'études professionnelles*) 2nd level TI and AB3);

## **Employment**

### **Question 17**

The following strategies or measures have been developed to promote women's participation in the labour market:

- The opening of training centres specifically for women (e.g. the *Centre féminin d'initiation et d'apprentissage aux métiers* (CFIAM) in Koudougou and the *Cheminement particulier de formation de type temporaire* (CPFT) in Bobo-Dio)



- o Driving cars;
- o Electrical work in buildings;
- o Welding, etc.

**Health**

**Questions 19 and 21**

Access to primary care by the population as a whole, and women in particular, is of constant concern to the Government of Burkina Faso. With regard specifically to family planning, efforts are under way to make

two modern contraceptive methods are available. During 2003 the Ministry of Health, in association with its partners, began to introduce the female condom at the health-care service level and for various specific groups (sex workers). During 2004 and 2005, the following quantities of female condoms were acquired:

- 2004: 110,000 condoms;
- 2005: 80,000 condoms.

During 2003, the introduction of a new method called the “fixed day method” or “the ring” has expanded the range of contraceptive measures. Contraceptives are heavily subsidized so that price is not an obstacle.

Table II

**Comparison of actual retail prices with the prices charged for contraceptives supplied to women via the public sector**

*Contraceptive products*

*Actual retail prices*

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enrolment for girls aims, inter alia, to reduce these

will be eradicated overnight. The Government, in collaboration with the NGO Population Council has just launched a

