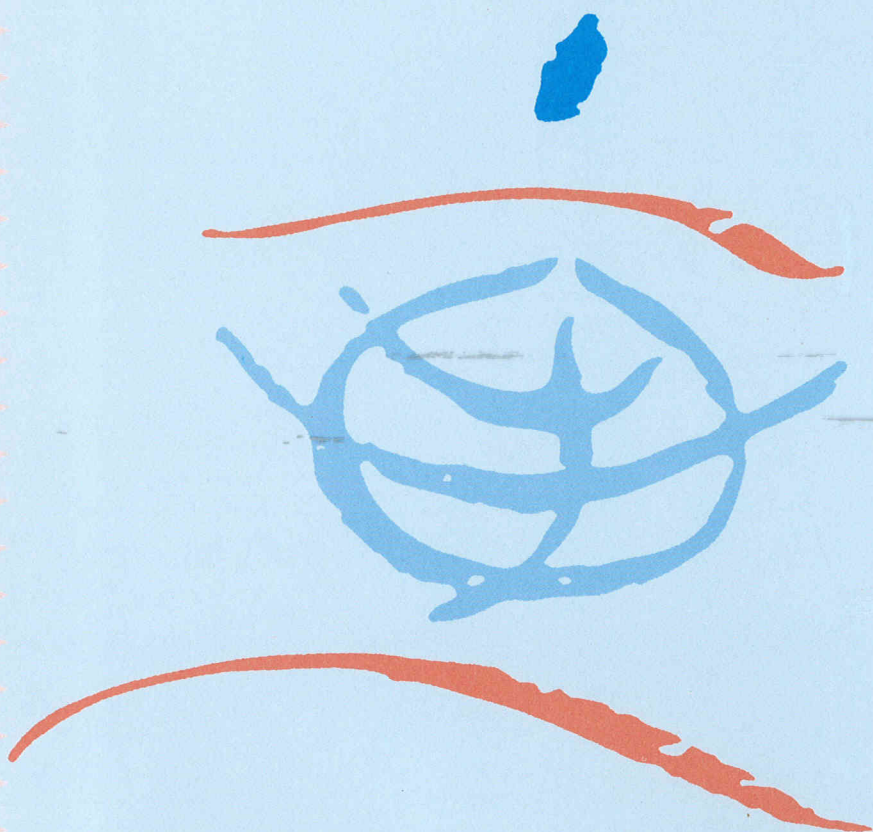




# Education and training

## For Women and Girls

### FACTS AND FIGURES



# 1. Education and Training of Women and Girls

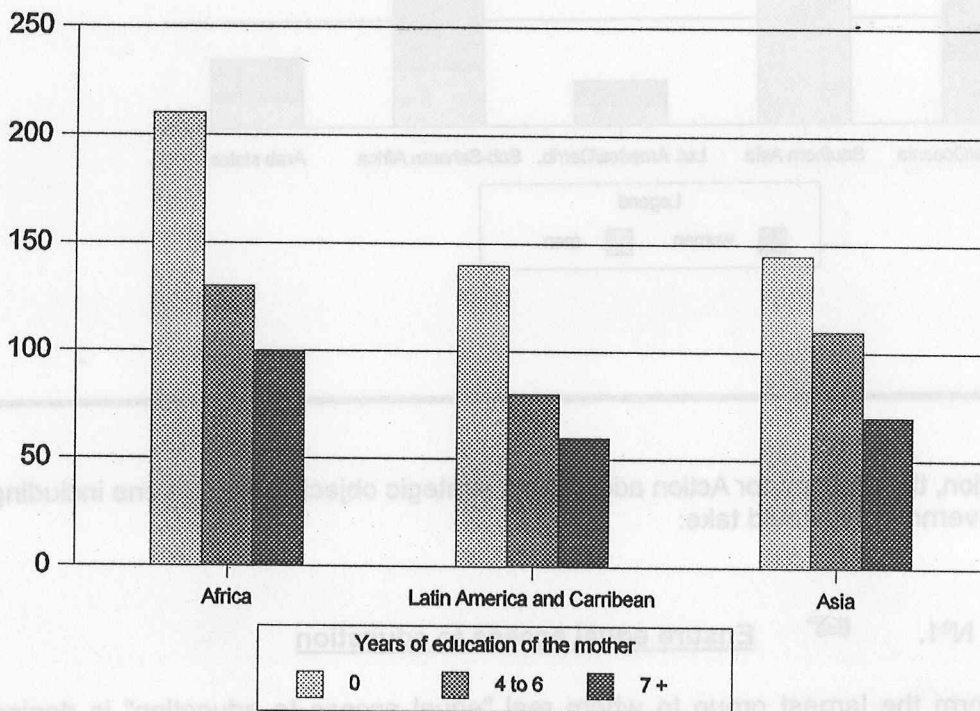
**E**ducation is a human right and an essential tool for achieving the goals of equality, development and peace. /.../ Literacy of women is an important key to improving health, nutrition and education in the family and to empowering women to participate in decision-making in society. Investing in formal and non-formal education and training for girls and women, with its exceptionally high social and economic return, has proved to be one of the best means to achieving sustainable development and economic growth that is both sustained and sustainable.<sup>1</sup>

Table 1. 1

**Educated women have healthier children<sup>2</sup>**

**CHILD MORTALITY AND MOTHERS' EDUCATION**

Under 5 mortality per 1,000 live births



Five years after the adoption by the World Conference on Education For All (Jomtien 1990) of the World Declaration on Education for All, the Beijing Conference noted that, in spite of the efforts made, the gaps have not been reduced as is shown in UNESCO's latest estimates. According to UNESCO, in 1995,

<sup>1</sup> Beijing Platform for Action, paragraph 69.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Summers, 1994

