Activities in Africa:

**Global and inter-regional**

1. **Strategies and tools against social exclusion and poverty (1998-2004)**
   Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

   Main contributor: Belgium  
   Objectives: To contribute to the extension of social protection and to the fight against social exclusion  
   Main activities: Promotion of the values of social justice through a combination of both conceptual and practical work at the different levels: global, interregional, regional, national and local  
   Main results: Technical cooperation projects implemented in more than 40 countries, development of partnerships with key development agencies, active advocacy role on international scene, production of a comprehensive series of didactical tools.

   Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

   Main contributor: Italy  
   Objectives: To reinforce the efficiency of local development processes in selected countries through an enhanced use of innovations in the fields of human development and decent work  
   Main activities: Identify and select innovations on an international scale, promote them in specific countries through leaflets, specific events, website, transfer of innovations through concrete projects of south-south cooperation  
   Main results: Main initiative's documents produced, process of identification of innovations launched and preparation of first transfer projects.

   Africa, Europe

   Main contributor: Portugal  
   Objectives: To contribute to the reduction of social exclusion and poverty through direct commitment and participation of disadvantaged groups in local development initiatives  
   Main activities: Capacity building of NGO's, trade unions, religious and professional associations, and local development agencies, web site, case studies, pilot projects, production of a methodological package  
   Main results: Case studies focused on experiences of extension of social protection to excluded groups in targeted countries, methodological and didactical tools produced, portuguese experience in fighting social exclusion documented, methodological package for the fight against social exclusion at the local level produced.
4. Improving clients' experiences with sexual and reproductive health care (2001-2002)
Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

Main contributor: United Nations Foundation (UNF)
Objectives: To develop a strategic alliance with key United Nations Agencies to work together globally toward the improvements of the quality of sexual and reproductive health care and to conduct joint interventions in selected countries
Main activities: Enhancing collaboration, coordination and networking within and among UN agencies, policy research institutions and NGO's, direct support to selected countries for the implementation of new initiatives aiming to improve the quality of sexual and reproductive health care
Main results: Strategic alliance concluded between UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF and ILO, strategy document sharing effective approaches for achieving improvements of quality of sexual and reproductive health care produced, joint activities planned and conducted in selected countries.

5. Extending the coverage of social security to the poor and the excluded (2002-2003)
Africa, Americas, Asia

Main contributor: The Netherlands
Objectives: To support the countries in strengthening efficiency and increasing equity and in the development of national action plans for extending social security coverage through social dialogue
Main activities: General guidance by a steering committee in charge of assisting implementation of national activities, knowledge dissemination and evaluation of methodology used in the national projects
Main results: Setting up of the steering committee and assisting first implementation activities.

6. Fight against social exclusion (2002-2006)
Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

Main contributor: Portugal
Objectives: To reduce social exclusion, to increase access to decent work and to extend social protection
Main activities: Studies and capitalization of experiences, production of didactical tools, training activities, dissemination of information and experiences
Main results: Starting phase under preparation, project staff being recruited.
Technical Cooperation

1. Enhancing women's role in improving access and quality of basic and reproductive health care (2002-2003)
Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Senegal

Main donor: United Nations Foundation (UNF)
Objectives: To enhance understanding and disseminate know how on health micro-insurance schemes as an innovative approach to social protection for families and communities.
Main activities: Technical support to organized women's groups willing to promote their own health micro-insurance schemes, capacity building for women groups to define health services and to negotiate with health providers and support structures, advocacy activities at the national/international levels and networking activities at the regional level
Main results: Adequate technical support to women organizations, associations, trade unions and support structures on implementation, management, monitoring of health micro-insurance schemes through capacity building and empowerment, production of training tools and guides advocacy towards decision-makers and other relevant actors.

West and Central African countries

Main donor: STEP, ANMC, UNMS, WSM, USAID/PHR, GTZ, RAMUS, AIM
Objectives: To support the development of mutual health organizations in West and Central Africa
Main activities: Promote exchanges between various partners involved in the development of mutual health organization at the sub-regional level
Main results: A website (www.concertation.org) providing information on mutual health organizations, a newsletter, a monitoring system of the development of health micro-insurance schemes set up and bi-annual thematic international workshops organized.

Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome & Principe

Main donor: Portugal
Objectives: To gradually extend the coverage of an up to date and adapted social security system to the whole population
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Legislative framework and corresponding implementation measures formulated - reform proposals applying to executing structures.
Burkina Faso, Ethiopia

Main donor: France
Objectives: To ensure a wider knowledge and better understanding of how micro-health insurance schemes may efficiently contribute to the extension of social protection
Main activities: Setting up a steering committee in charge of follow-up activities, documentation and knowledge dissemination related to the implementation process of the two pilot projects
Main results: Steering committee organized and assisting first project implementation activities.

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, D.R. of Congo, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal

Main donor: Arab Gulf Fund (AGFUND)
Objectives: To contribute to the extension of social protection in health through the development of a progressive training cycle to the benefit of promoters of various health micro-insurance schemes
Main activities: Preparation and organization of a training cycle, monitoring of activities related to the various development phases of health micro-insurance schemes, evaluation of training impact and documentation of experiences
Main results: Beneficiaries identified in selected countries, comprehensive set of didactical and impact evaluation tools under preparation.

Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo

Main donor: France
Objectives: To encourage and facilitate the progressive extension of social protection in health
Main activities: Establishment of national diagnostics, setting up national working groups of specialists and operators, organization of consulting and training activities in order to define a common framework supporting national strategies of implementation
Main results: Preparation of the implementation phase.

7. Fight against social exclusion in Rodrigues through participatory community development and promotion of income generating activities (1999-2004)
Mauritius

Main donor: United Nations development Programme (UNDP)
Objectives: Improve the living and working conditions of the poor segments of the
Rodriguan population and stimulate local economic development
Main activities: Direct support aiming to empower organized communities in the planning and management of their own development initiatives, capacity building at meso level and village authority
Main results: 60 villages benefiting from training activities and technical support in order to achieve full empowerment in the decision-making process related to social and economic local development.

Gambia

Main donor: United Nations development Programme (UNDP)
Objectives: To improve the socio-economic status of poor people, targeting women and youth groups and micro and small entrepreneurs
Main activities: Proximity support, capacity-building and advocacy activities to enhance target groups' capacity to develop their own development initiatives and to gain access to technical and financial services
Main results: More than 100 women's groups and 900 micro-entrepreneurs benefiting from training activities and technical support provided by various partner organizations, study on existing social protection mechanisms and potential for the extension of services.

Tanzania

Main donor: International Labour Organization (ILO)
Objectives: To assist government in establishment of comprehensive and sustainable social security scheme
Main activities: Studies, capacity building and policy advice, preparation of draft legislation
Main results: Provident fund converted into pension scheme supplemented by benefits in respect of other risks.

Cameroun

Main donor: Word Bank
Objectives: To promote regular functioning mechanisms and ensure the management autonomy of CNPS
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Improved capacity to extend social protection coverage through a better control of functioning mechanisms.
Gabon

Main donor: World Bank
Objectives: To strengthen the social security system and to promote reforms aiming at the extension of services to the informal sector
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Improved enrolment and recovery rates – upgraded functioning mechanisms allowing for the design of special schemes targeting the excluded segments of the population.

Sierra Leone

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Objectives: To provide the structure for a comprehensive sustainable scheme covering both formal sector workers and the self employed with special provision for most vulnerable through social safety nets
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Proposed legislation approved and scheme awaiting further inputs to assist implementation.

Egypt

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Objectives: To support the Government in the formulation of a new social security scheme
Main activities: Comprehensive review of social security coverage and mechanisms with reports and recommendations on new scheme implementation
Main results: Awaiting decisions by Government on follow-up and implementation.

Mauritania

Main donor: United Nations Foundation (UNF)
Objectives: To improve quality and access to reproductive health care through empowerment of excluded groups and new forms of collaboration between providers and user groups
Main activities: Sensitization activities, promotion of collaborations between user groups and health providers using a systemic approach that accounts for both demand and supply, promotion of health micro-insurance schemes to facilitate access to health services
Main results: National partner organizations identified, training and information sessions on quality of care, reproductive health care… workshops to promote reproductive rights
and the role of organized groups in promoting quality of care, vision paper on improving reproductive health care.

15. Improving the quality of sexual and reproductive health care (2002-2003)
Tanzania

Main donor: United Nations Foundation (UNF)
Objectives: To improve quality and access to reproductive health care through empowerment of excluded groups and new forms of collaboration between providers and user groups
Main activities: Sensitization activities, promotion of collaborations between user groups and health providers using a systemic approach that accounts for both demand and supply, promotion of health micro-insurance schemes to facilitate access to health services
Main results: National partner organizations identified, pilot projects identified and formulated.

Burkina Faso

Main donor: France
Objectives: To contribute to the extension of social protection for women micro-entrepreneurs
Main activities: Direct support to women micro-entrepreneurs willing to set up their own micro health-insurance schemes
Main results: Various micro-entrepreneurs associations involved in the setting up of micro health-insurance schemes adapted to their priority needs and contributory capacity.

Ethiopia

Main donor: France
Objectives: To support the government to establish a comprehensive and sustainable social protection system including schemes for the formal and informal sector with particular reference to women circumstances
Main activities: Design of social security scheme for private sector workers and a strategic plan for implementation of this scheme, case studies and feasibility studies related to implementation of health micro-insurance schemes, proposals for the implementation of reforms to improve social protection for women
Main results: National steering committee set up - first detailed work plan under preparation.
Sudan

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Objectives: To determine the feasibility of integrating public and private social security schemes
Main activities: Actuarial valuation, study of administration and legislation and preparation of reports and recommendations
Main results: Starting phase under preparation.

Mali

Main donor: The Netherlands
Objectives: To support the country in strengthening efficiency and increasing equity and in the development of a national action plan for extending social security coverage through social dialogue
Main activities: Direct technical support in capacity building on social security for main stakeholders, diagnosis on social security provisions, implementation of social dialogue and elaboration of a national action plan.
Main results: First phase of social dialogue process, diagnosis and training on social security.

Ethiopia

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Objectives: To provide actuarial valuation of Fund and develop policy options for restructuring scheme and possible extension to other sectors of the labour force
Main activities: Analysis of data for actuarial valuation, development of policy options
Main results: Recommendations for operational reforms and changes in benefit structure.

Nigeria

Main donor: International Labour Organization (ILO)
Objectives: To determine the feasibility of setting up a national unemployment insurance scheme
Main activities: Report on administrative feasibility and actuarial assessment of unemployment insurance scheme
Main results: Awaiting policy decision by government.
Rwanda

Main donor: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Objectives: To contribute to a wider use of reproductive health quality services and to the improvement of behaviours as regards reproductive and sexual health care
Main activities: Sensitization of organized communities, capacity building training activities, consulting services related to the setting up of health micro-insurance schemes
Main results: First action plan proposal awaiting final approval from main stakeholders.

Guinea Bissau

Main donor: Portugal
Objectives: To reduce social exclusion phenomena and to contribute to the extension of social protection
Main activities: Support to local development participatory process, training of local promoters and support agencies, design and production of adapted methodological and didactic tools, development of pilot projects, documentation and dissemination of local development experiences
Main results: Awaiting plan established, local studies undertaken, setting up process of two pilot projects initiated.

Cape Verde

Main donor: Portugal
Objectives: To reduce social exclusion phenomena and to contribute to the extension of social protection
Main activities: Support to local development participatory process, training of local promoters and support agencies, design and production of adapted methodological and didactic tools, development of pilot projects, documentation and dissemination of local development experiences
Main results: Action plan established, studies under preparation.

Short-term technical assistance

1. Technical support to the organization of workshops aiming the promotion of micro-insurance schemes - Senegal (2002)
Haïti

Main donor: France
Objectives: To support the preparation and organization of training activities related to the promotion of new micro-insurance initiatives
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Technical support provided to two workshops

2. Technical support to ITC/ILO training programme in the field of social protection extension (2002)
Sénégal

Main donor: France
Objectives: To provide technical assistance to training activities aiming the trainers and promoters of health micro-insurance schemes
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Technical support provided to two sub-regional workshops - technical reference documents produced and disseminated.

Mauritania

Main donor: International Labour Office (ILO)
Objectives: To ensure the progressive extension of social protection to the whole population
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Comprehensive diagnosis of social protection reforms - Elaboration of a global programme aiming the setting up of a permanent and efficient social protection system.

Namibia

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Objectives: To support the design and implementation of a national security scheme providing short term benefits
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Policy decisions awaited on proposals for social insurance pension scheme.

South-Africa

Main donor: ILO
Objectives: To support the development and legislation of the unemployment insurance fund
Main activities: Technical advisory services
Main results: UIF scheme recently extended to domestic servants and seasonal workers and request made for further ILO assistance.
Kenya

Main donor: International Labour Office (ILO)
Objectives: To strengthen NSSF and prepare for introduction of a national social security scheme
Main activities: Guidance on governance, preparation of proposals for conversion to pension scheme and in preparation of draft legislation
Main results: Awaiting policy decision by government.

Burkina Faso

Main donor: France
Objectives: To design, test and produce pedagogical tools adapted to the local context and specific needs of various organizations committed to the setting up of their own health micro-insurance schemes.
Main activities: Consulting services
Main results: Pedagogical tools produced and disseminated.