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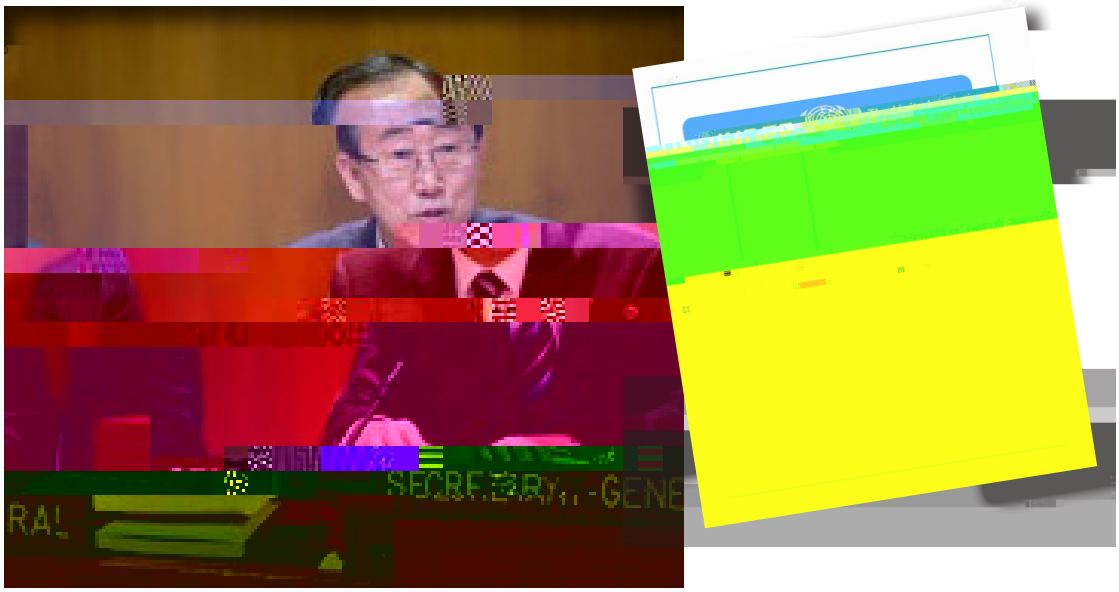

Inclusion of a project proposal on the UNDEF short list is a signi□cant achievement, given the very sti□ competition: 1,966 applications were received and fewer than 65

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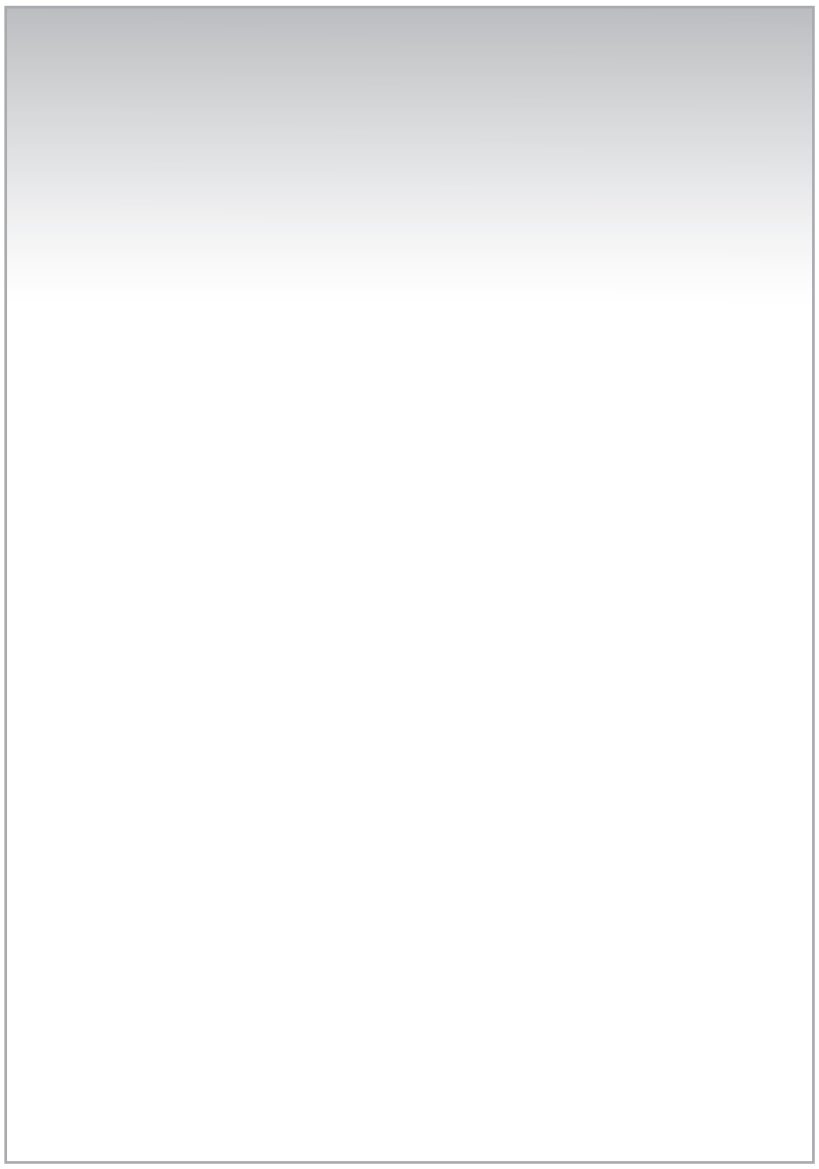

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In the Paci□c region an average of 2.5 per cent of parliamentarians are women, compared with a world average of 17.7 per cent. To strengthen the political power and standing of Paci□c women and foster good governance in the region, UNDEF supports a practical initiative implemented by the Foundation for Development Cooperation in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji and Tonga.

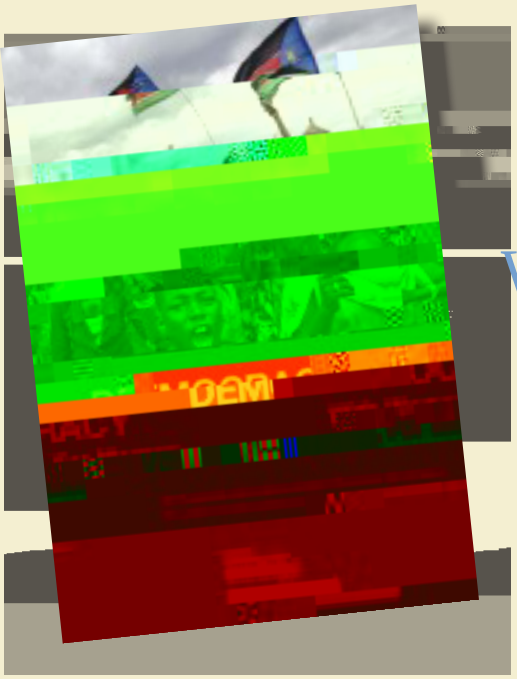
The Bottom-up Governance Leadership Program for Women in the Paci□c seeks to improve women's knowledge of leadership and governance and encourage the design of local initiatives which promote democratic and participatory processes within communities. Participants gain a

Building Space and voice For Democracy in Latin America

In Argentina, Colombia, El Salvador and Peru, UNDEF backs a project to give voice to marginalized shanty town-dwellers who lack collective democratic space, are excluded from formal networks, and are therefore unable to break the cycle of extreme poverty.

The project, implemented by Un Techo Para Mi País, focuses on establishing community-organizing meetings led by elected community leaders and youth volunteers, so as to enable participants to live as active citizens by identifying problems, solutions and rights, and educating themselves about resources, possibilities and networks.

The meetings take place in community centres built by the local community and Un Techo Para mi País volunteers, and give residents an opportunity to formally discuss community issues through slum representatives and elected leaders. The meetings will be complemented by leadership training and competitive community grants.



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