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Millions of women are engaged daily in working towards a better future. Without regard for their own safety, they are active on behalf of the community's well-being. They call for reconciliation, demand justice, and rebuild what has been destroyed. They work on the front in crisis and war regions as well as in the background all over the world. The project and book 1000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe have the goal to draw the world's attention to these women and their thus far nearly invisible, but highly important work.

The project

The goal is to profile such courageous women for their untiring pursuit of peace, to throw light on their lives and work by means of this book, films, photos and other documentation. The initial idea came from Swiss politician, Dr. Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold, an anthropologist and member of the Swiss Parliament as well as the Council of Europe. On each of her numerous visits to crisis and war regions, everywhere she met women who perform reconstruction and peace work in extremely dangerous surroundings. She also noticed that their work is scarcely acknowledged outside their respective sphere of activity. This inspired her to publicize at least a symbolic number of 1000 women and to have them nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 – a goal that was reached by the organization in January 2005. The next goal is to continue publicizing the women and their work.

The book

The book introduces the 1000 women who were carefully chosen to represent the millions doing similar work around the world. Each one is presented on a double page, with a short biography and most of the women with a portrait photograph. Both, images and texts, were compiled by local journalists and authors, as well as by academics and members of organizations. The biographies give insight into the life and work of each of the 1000 women. They also reflect the cultural differences involved in evaluating personal data and build a colorful patchwork of different styles and types of biographies. The book is produced by Swiss publisher Kontrast and published internationally by Scalo.

1000 PeaceWomen Across the Globe is the ultimate manifest of the Peace Women and will become a reference guide for NGOs, governments, Peace and Women's networks and Relief organizations as well as a general audience interested in grassroots movements working towards the growth of democratic civil society.

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