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**A Global Voice - A Global Vision**  
**1999 - 2003 Programme Focus**

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Soroptimist International, a global voice and a global vision, endorses the UN Platform for Action of Beijing 1995 and strives through awareness, advocacy and action to promote human rights and the status of women through the education and empowerment of women socially, economically and politically. This will ensure gender equality in the decision making process which affects the lives of all people, particularly as those decisions influence the status of women, youth and the girl child. The eradication of poverty is a key component essential for human development.

Soroptimist International will achieve this vision through the implementation of service in the following quadrennial programme focus:

- Alleviation of Poverty
- Women Against Violence
- Life Long Learning
- Culture of Peace
- Women, Science and Technology
- Health Through the Whole Life Cycle