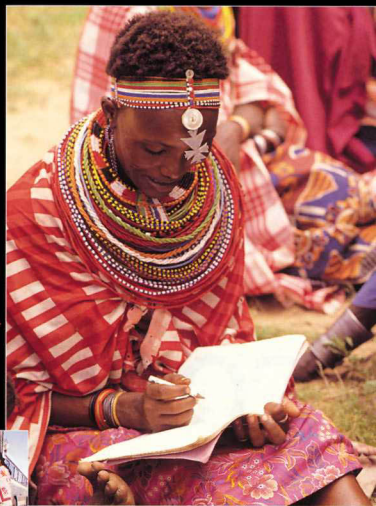


Coping with crisis



WHEN BOMBS EXPLODE OR RIVERS FLOOD, WOMEN STILL CARRY ON FINDING CLEAN WATER, GATHERING FIREWOOD AND FEEDING THEIR FAMILIES. THEIR RESILIENCE IN SUCH CRISES IS EXTRAORDINARY. BUT THEY ALSO HAVE TO COPE WITH EVERYDAY ADVERSITY – SUCH AS ILLITERACY, DISCRIMINATION, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE OR THE RISK OF DEATH IN CHILDBIRTH.

Kenya: Education is a key to empowering women with the knowledge, skills and confidence to enable them to play a full part in developing their country.
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Thailand: Life in the camps was tough for Cambodian refugees. "In one way or another we all suffered physically or psychologically." – Var Hong Ashe.
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Guatemala: After years in exile, refugees who left during the height of military violence in the early 1980s now return from Mexico. "When you cross the border, it's as if even the hills are talking to you." – Nobel prize-winner Rigoberta Menchu
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Iraq/Turkey: The battle of all mothers – the daily struggle behind the lines for the welfare of their families.
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Ethiopia: "Think of the fast man when you plan for your country," was the advice of Mahatma Gandhi; but I have invariably found the fast man to be a woman – struggling to survive, for the sake of her family, in a harsh environment, although burdened with work and responsibilities but devoid of any power or control." – Anil Agarwal, Centre for Science and Environment, Delhi.
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Bosnia: "Nowhere have the effects of this crisis been felt more sorely than in the lives of children and women who have been denied mercy and justice by the warring parties." UNICEF
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