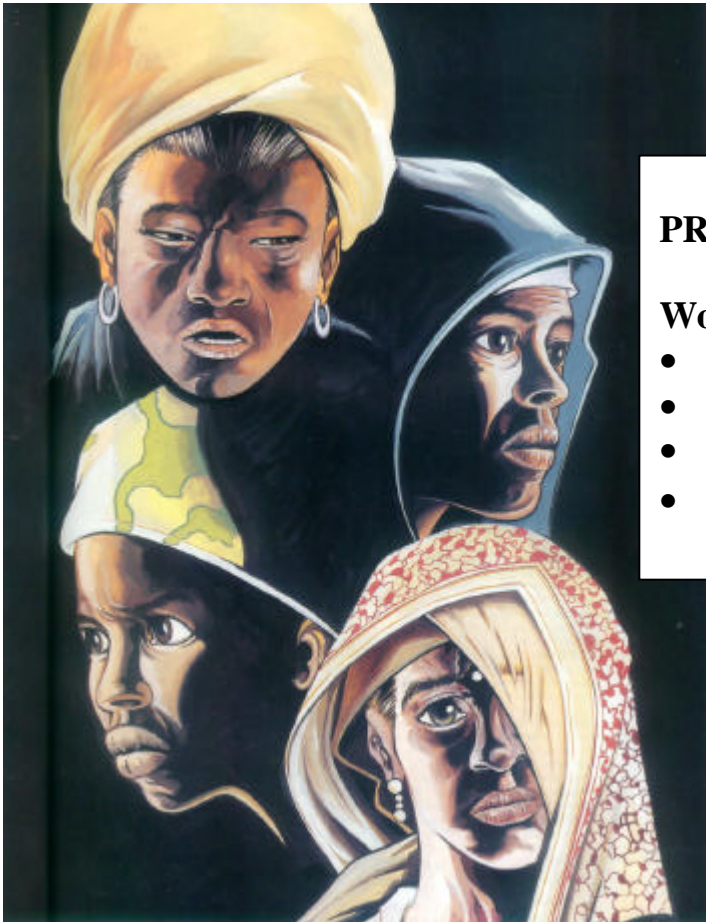


# WOMEN

## IN THE THIRD MILLENIUM

### **EQUALITY AND FREEDOM VS. VIOLATED DIGNITY**



#### **PROFILE**

##### **Women of the Third Millennium:**

- **Equality**
- **Interesting working career**
- **Self fulfilment**
- **Decisional power**

But if we think of female dignity violated from cultural and religious prejudices, or from sexual violences, are we sure that this portrait corresponds to the real situation? From Africa to Eastern countries, as well as in parts of the advanced West, women may still be oppressed. Somewhere, all around the world, the female condition is still bad, and even in civilised America abuses on women are recorded:

**UK 25%**

**USA 28%**

**Canada 29%**

**Egypt 35%**

**Uganda 41%**

**Kenya 50%**

**of family abuses against women**

## Nicaragua 52%

The cases of Asian countries are disconcerting: women are sold with the illusion of a better future and introduced in a dreary volume of prostitution and violence, women without rights or defence.

In Afghanistan, a country in which women are like shadows without rights, they are forced to hide behind the burqa; they can't study, they can take public buses only if they are with a man of their family, they must get married with the men that their families have chosen for them, they can't work and they can't be cured by doctors men.



The list of abuses on women could continue: slavery never stopped in some countries of Africa; the business of organs strikes victims among South American women. Things that happen daily, in this “advanced” new millennium.

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