

### **Opening Session**

For the first night of the conference, participants will be staying in a western-style hotel in Ahmedabad city. After the first night, travel arrangements will be made for participants to be transported to their field visits. Participants will leave their luggage in a locked room at the hotel and then after the field visits, the luggage will be transported to the conference location, the SEWA Training Center. Please make sure to have your luggage well-labelled.

### **Exposure Dialogue Program (EDP)**

The EDP involves staying at the SEWA Member's house and sharing her experiences – which may include helping her in her work, etc. You will be staying over-night for one night at the home of the SEWA member. You may be assigned to either a rural or urban area for your visit. We suggest that you make sure to pack modest clothing (long skirts, comfortable trousers, etc.), comfortable walking shoes, a small bag to pack things for one night, their personal toiletries, sweater and a shawl if they have one (as it does get fairly cold at night and in the mornings), and a small towel. SEWA will be providing basic bedding, bottled water, first aid kit, bug repellent lotion (odomos), mosquito nets, and flashlight. Prior to the field visits, we will be arranging an optional trip to the SEWA Banascraft store, in the event that you would like to purchase saldwar kameez, tunics or other local attire.

### **Conference at SEWA Training Center**

After the EDP, participants and their luggage will be transported to the SEWA training center, which is located outside of Ahmedabad in Manipur. Participants will be staying at the training center in dormitory style housing. SEWA will provide towels, beds, bedding and soap, but you should bring other toiletries if you require them.

The training center is equipped with an overhead projector and laptop with projector, so you may bring transparencies or powerpoint presentations on CD if you require them. The training center is currently being wired for email and it is the hope that this will be done prior to your arrival. However, we will let you know whether the wiring has been finished after the new year so that you may warn others that you will be out of email contact for a few days. If you need to be contacted in case of emergency, the phone number at Manipur is: 91 95 2717234893. You may also be reached through SEWA Academy: 91 79 26580474, 91 79 26577115

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know. For your information, the WIEGO Secretariat will be closed until January 3rd. I will be checking email occasionally and will do my best to respond to your questions in a timely manner.