

Social Affairs

Minister for Health and Welfare

1. What do you see as the primary objectives for your ministry given the enormous economic and social problems of Portugal?
2. Will the independence of the former African colonies increase or decrease welfare needs? If yes, how? If no, in what ways will the benefit be evidenced?
3. Has anything yet been done or planned to rehabilitate the many individuals who were imprisoned and/ or tortured under the previous regime?
4. Having yourself served in the UN and being familiar with the services of UNESCO, do you see Portugal as the probable recipient of some kind of specific aid or as being a particular kind of contributor from your experience?
5. Would you call what has transpired here since 25 April a "revolution" or an "evolution"?
6. Having been in a ministerial post now for six months, what do you see as being the particular problems for a woman in such a position?
7. Do you feel that Portuguese women will increasingly take positions of political and social decision making?
8. What kinds of professional expertise will you require in Portugal in order to expedite the progress of health and welfare reforms?
9. What percentage of the work force in Portugal is comprised of women?
At what level?
approximately how many are the sole financial supports of their households?
10. Emigration during the past several decades has changed the social fabric of Portuguese society. Even though much of the emigration was temporary and to provide jobs, how, in particular has this affected family life in Portugal? Are these effects likely to continue to be felt? Is emigration likely to continue?
11. What efforts are in the works to provide women in Portugal with freedom of choice as regards family size?
13. Are you considering various schemes for the development of equal opportunities for women?
14. In many countries when there are major unemployment problems for men there is less or no effort to increase opportunities for women. Do you feel that dealing with unemployment in this fashion of priorities, with the assumption of the male as head of household, is a valid one for Portugal?

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