## Presentation on Women, Environment, and Development in Uganda

On Tuesday, March 29, from 1:30-3:00 pm, the Women in Development office will host Suzan Bazilli, an expert on international women's issues, as she presents "Environmental Women in Action for Development in Uganda (EWAD)." Bazilli is director of the International Women's Rights Project (IWRP) at the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria, Canada. The discussion will be held in USAID library conference room M17. Please bring your questions, comments, and experiences.

Bazilli will discuss her work on gender mainstreaming of trans-boundary waters for the Global Environment Facility in the context of grassroots work. She will focus on the work of EWAD, a grassroots community organization in Uganda devoted to addressing the needs of local communities. EWAD's mission is to empower poor communities to overcome poverty and vulnerability through enhanced access to resources for social and economic development.



Local villagers in front of a rain barrel developed with EWAD support.

IWRP and EWAD are currently addressing climate change, the protection of the international waters of Lake Victoria, and biodiversity conservation through tree planting, Eco-San technology, solid waste management, fish smoking activities, and a focus on land and water degradation through new income generating opportunities. As part of their integrated approach to community development, activities also include programs addressing HIV/AIDS, child labor, orphans and vulnerable children, a grandmother's program, and critical interventions for educational opportunities for children.

For more information on Susan Bazilli's work, see <a href="www.iwrp.org">www.iwrp.org</a>; her film at <a href="www.constitute.ca">www.constitute.ca</a>; and her work on the environment with the Entebbe Women Association here.