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CHAPTER EIGHT

**THE DILEMMA OF RURAL
WOMEN IN SEEKING
INFORMATION NEEDS FOR
THEIR FAMILY IN
MALAYSIA**

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Introduction

With the social and economic changes that affect our urban and rural society, the traditional sense of woman taking care of her children and giving her family emotional stability also changes. More housewives are engaged in full time jobs. No longer are they just housewives and mothers; they are business women, politicians and contributors to society. Rural women, who in most cases do not have full time jobs, have also exposed themselves to various fields of financial acquisitions including commerce, services and agriculture. Since 1991, the government of Malaysia has included in its five-year development plans, a chapter dedicated to Women and Development. On the whole, it has primarily