Both ENDS Donor Newsletter # 2-2004

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This donor news is the second in a new series of three issues regarding funding opportunities in the field of development and environment. This issue concentrates on funding possibilities for projects and programmes concerning agro-forestry, beekeeping, horticulture, kitchen gardens, permaculture, organic and sustainable farming.

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Association pour le Développement des Aires Protégées (ADAP)

Background:

The Association for the Development of the Protected Surfaces was established in 1997. Its aim is to contribute to the promotion of a durable development of the zones still rich in flora and fauna, but which are currently subjected to a too strong pressure. It intends to pursue its goals by the implementation of participative programmes of natural stock management in the countries in the process of development actions notably in Africa.

Activities:

The ADAP promotes a community approach in the management and the conservation of the protected surfaces. Its goal is to help the local communities to make natural resources a factor of development. ADAP implements activities of durable exploitation, generators of income, like ecotourism, sporting hunting, or bee-keeping, in order to ensure on the one hand the conditions for a durable development and, on the other hand, the safeguard of a priceless resource.

Project example:

Tanzania: Project of "Bee Reserve" in the district of Inyonga: ADAP supports the bee-keepers of the rich person forests of Inyonga. By the encouraged production of honey, one creates the conditions favorable to a participative management of fauna and flora for the benefit of the local development.

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Information collected: 06/2004

Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR)

Background:

AIR was established in 1992. Its objective is to assist local communities in Central America to conserve their environment through reforestation, sustainable farming, and education. AIR's approach is to develop self-sustaining environmental programs that can be managed and implemented directly by community groups.

Activities:

AIR plants trees, establishes tree nurseries, provides environmental education for teachers and farmers, digs wells, builds fuel-efficient brick ovens, and helps to educate everyone about the environmental challenges facing Central America. AIR works with organized community groups - including several women's groups- that have demonstrated an interest in conserving their environment. The establishment of permanent tree nurseries is the keystone of AIR's work. The aim of AIR's tree nursery projects is to train community groups to initiate a process of reforestation and conservation of their land. AIR's staff provides technical assistance as needed. All of the equipment needed for the construction and maintenance of the nurseries is provided by AIR, while the communities contribute the labor in a voluntary fashion. Educating the community groups about the importance of conserving the environment and the impact that deforestation has on the land, the ecology, water sources and air quality is an integral part of AIR's projects.

Project examples:

AIR projects are currently operating in 30 to 50 rural indigenous communities in the Departments of Chimaltenango and Solola, Guatemala. Also one large tree nursery in the northern community of Todos Santos is maintained. AIR has begun a three-year training program for a class of 150 farmers in sustainable farming methods to reduce their use of dangerous, expensive chemicals. This individualized training is then supplemented by occasional radio programs for farmers that are produced by AIR and broadcast throughout Chimaltenango.

Grant information: Operational budget US\$45,000

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Information collected: 04/2004

Amazon Conservation Accociation (ACA)

Background:

The mission of ACA is to conserve biodiversity of the Amazon Basin through development of new scientific understanding, sustainable resource management and rational land-use policy for Amazonian ecosystems.

Activities:

ACA strives to establish partnerships with governments, local communities and other conservation organizations to develop innovative conservation tools that will expand the amount of protected land in the region. Its actions are informed by scientific research and designed to achieve concrete and measurable outcomes.

ACA promotes activities related to agro-forestry and non-timber forest products which provide sustainable alternatives to deforestation and cattle production. Amazonia is rich in NTFPs such as Brazil nuts, palm thatch, fruits, bamboo and medicinal plants.

Grant information:

Grant programs to support field research in pure and applied biology, systematics, resource use and related topics at the Los Amigos Research Center and Conservation Area in Amazonian Peru. Grants for Peruvian university students to conduct research (generally \$3,000-5,000 for up to four months of field work). Grants (up to \$5,000). Application details: http://www.amazonconservation.org/home/grants.htm

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Information collected: 03/2004

Dharma Gaia Trust

Background:

The mission of the Dharma Gaia Trust is to nurture awareness of the complementarity of Buddhism and ecology. Its aim is to generate funds for Buddhist-inspired ecological projects in Asia and the developing world, to publicize the efforts of engaged Buddhists working on environmental projects, and to motivate Buddhist communities to actively engage in the ecological challenges of our time by providing education and inspiration. The Trust promotes activities in the fields of forestry, biodiversity, waste management, and traditional medicine.

Geographic concentration: Asia: India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tibet

Project example:

Ladakh Nun's Project, India

To inspire the nuns and other women in using and promoting the use of traditional medicine for the welfare of local people. To involve the nuns and women in preserving herbal plants. Training in herbal medecine. Training in treeplanting.

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Information collected: 08/2004

EthnoMedicine Preservation Project (EMPP)

Background:

The purpose of the EthnoMedicine Preservation Project is to preserve the medicinal plant knowledge of indigenous cultures through documentation, exchange of information and preservation of habitat for future generations. The EMPP is funded by EcoNatural Solutions, Inc. a socially responsible natural products company and other organic food/medecine businesses.

Activities:

The EMPP has been working in <u>Peru</u> for the past seven years, buying and preserving rain-forest lands and documenting traditional Peruvian medicine. To date, more than 500 medicinal plants are under investigation.

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Information collected: 08/2004

Future Earth (Framtidsjorden)

Background:

Future Earth is a network consisting of members from Asia, South America and Sweden promoting an ecological and social development in cultural diversity. Its aim is to work for an ecologically and socially just society, based on human needs as well as understanding and respect for nature and the environment. Future Earth wants to build up and spread knowledge and increase people's capacity to work for ecology, self-reliance and cooperation.

Activities:

Future Earth is active in three fields: rural development based on ecological agriculture, urban ecological development, and environmental education and nature schools. The organisation supports projects, arranges courses and seminars, and executes exchange activities in the fields of environmental education, food security, gender issues, rural ecological development, and urban ecology.

Project examples:

Ladakh Environment Health Organisation (LEHO), Ladakh, India: Ecological issues and appropriate technologies.

Ladakh Amchi Sabha and Women Alliance, India: Traditional medecines. TEDE Trust, Madras, India: Ecological landuse and environmental education. Centro Ecológico, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil: Ecological agriculture and biodiversity.

Eco-comunidad, Montevideo, Uruguay: Ecological landuse, environmental education, cooperative organisation.

Grupo Eco, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Urban agriculture and environmental education. CEUTA, Montevideo, Uruguay: Environmental education and ecological landuse

Geographical concentration:

Asia: India (Ladakh, Tamil Nadu), PhilippinesSouth America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

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Information collected: 09/2004

GORTA - The Freedom from Hunger Council of Ireland

Background:

The aim of Gorta is to build partnerships for a better world and long term development; helping people to provide for themselves. Gorta is concentrating its development activities in Africa, although several long-term partners in other countries are still being supported.

Activities:

Gorta's emphasis is on the utilisation of local resources, with projects designed, implemented and controlled by the local people to the greatest extent possible. Most of the organisations that Gorta co-operates with have locally trained personnel managing the day to day running of projects. All projects are concentrated in the most needy areas and are aimed at benefitting the poorest of the poor with emphasis on food security, empowerment of women and improving the health of children to ensure growth and development.

Regarding agricultural development Gorta is concentrating on a diverse range of themes; herbal & traditional medicine production, animal husbandry, beekeeping, fish farming, agro-forestry, afforestation, and providing training in all aspects of farming.

Project examples:

Ethiopia: Natural Resources Conservation project in North Shoa Zone, Wuchale -Jidda District of Central Ethiopia: to achieve agricultural promotion that will enable the community to be food sufficient; it further intends to assist women to improve their socio-economic position through skills development training in vegetable gardening, nutrition, house management, sanitation and support in agricultural inputs provision.

Zambia: Bee-keeping Technology; This bee-keeping programme primarily targets women, who are excluded from traditional 'tree hive' practices in the central region of Zambia.

India: Horticulture Promotion and Training project (SCAD - The Social Change and Development organisation) located at Cheranmahadeui: development a variety of integrated rural development projects involving over 150 villages.

Geographic concentration details:

Africa: Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe Asia: India (Tamil Nadu), Philippines

Grant information: There are two grant categories: below € 10.000 (starting form € 1.500) and grant above € 10.000 (usually up till € 20.000 and incidentally more till € 300.000 for special lang-term projects)

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Information collected: 02/2004

Green Development Foundation (GDF)

Background:

GDF's mission is to improve the livelihood of organised producers combined with a rational use of the natural resources. It aims to contribute structurally to poverty alleviation and to increase the possibilities and opportunities of development for marginalised social groups. To achieve its objective, GDF assists organisations in formulating and implementing projects. The projects combine to a certain level economic and ecological development.

Activities:

Promotion of sustainable agricultural production and trade through support of projects that support fair trade and organic production, trade assistance and financial intermediation, and institutional development for coffee cooperatives;

Programmes:

Integrated Development Programme for small coffee producers in Africa and Latin America. The aim of the programme is to improve the socio-economic position of small coffee producers in Latin America & Africa, to strengthen the co-operative structure and to support organic production.

Project examples:

Quality and Sustainability Management For Honduran Co-operatives of Small Coffee Framers: the implementation of quality and sustainability management programs and systems in the co-operatives of La Central de Cooperativas Cafetaleras de Honduras (CCCH).

Establish a network for organic farming in Kenya: together with Mount Kenya Organic Farming (MOOF) activities are being undertaken to establish a national network for organic farming with the aim to exchange information and experiences.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe Latin America: Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru

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Information collected: 02/2004

Hope International Development Agency

Background:

HOPE's mandate is to provide alternative technological and educational support to people in developing countries where environmental, economic, and/or social circumstances have interfered with the ability of local communities to sustain themselves by using traditional methods. Every project is initiated by requests

from local representatives. HOPE's head office is in Canada. HOPE has brancheoffices in Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Activities:

HOPE supports poor Third World communities in meeting priority human needs: safe water, improved food crops (through training in food production), health care, and education. HOPE encourages people from poor communities to use their skills or learn new ones to implement the project.

Project example:

Clean Water and Vegetable Gardens for A Village in Cambodia. HOPE's Objective -Bring clean water and nutritious food to suffering families in the Pursat region of Cambodia.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Cameroon, Ethiopia, South Africa, Sudan

Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Myanmar, pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka

Central America & Caribbean: Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras

Grant information: Annual projectbudget 2001: \$ 14.5 million

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Information collected: 08/2004

International Partners in Mission (IPM)

Background:

IPM's emphasis is on partnering together, sharing hope and empowering one another to seek change. IPM identifies and selects community based, interfaith

projects for funding and technical support by linking them in partnership with individuals, families, congregations, and like-minded organizations around the world.

Activities:

IPM provides an alternative, effective, and personal way to participate in projects that promote justice, peace, and hope in five program areas: Children and Youth; Community Building; Environmental Justice; Health; Women.

Project examples in the field of Environmental Justice:

Bolivia: Centro de Estudios Regionales para de Desarrollo de Tarija (CER-DET) helps the native Guarani improve through arts and crafts production of the palm, preparation of of traditional medicine and greater participation in the sociopolitical life of Bolivia.

Brazil: The Saint Francis of Assisi Agroecological Resource Station encourages agro-ecology, natural medicine, and environmental eduvation working with rural associations and landless people in southern Brazil.

Geographic concentration:

Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa Asia: China, India, Nepal Latin America & Caribbean: Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama Middle East & Balkans: Bosnia-Herzegowina, Egypt, Jordan

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Information collected: 05/2003

International Tree Foundaton (ITF-UK)

Background:

ITF works towards a world richer in trees, by planting, preserving and educating people on the value of trees worldwide.

Activities:

ITF offers grants for tree planting, specialist advice and its volunteers plant trees, protect trees and educate others about the value of trees.

Project examples:

Kenya - Mutitu South Beekeeping & Tree Planting, Kianyaga: a community based self help project involving tree planting and the establishment of tree nurseries as well as bee-keeping. The ITF grant provided funds to plant fruit trees, medicinal trees and trees for shade; the establishment of tree nurseries and the organisation of workshops to educate the community in the care of the trees are also part of the project.

India - SNEGAM, Multi Social Action Movement Society, Tamil Nadu: ITF funds have enabled the Society to purchase and raise seedling trees which will be given

to local villages and will be maintained by the elders and Eco women's clubs of each village.

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Information collected: 01/2004

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Background:

LWR seeks lasting solutions to poverty and injustice it supports ambitious development programs that attack the environmental, political, social and economic factors that can make certain communities vulnerable to crises or trap them in endemic poverty. Other activities are emergency relief, fair trade initiatives and awareness raising.

Activities:

Development projects focus on small farmers and indigenous groups in rural communities. Projects aim at the founding of farmer co-ops to ensure better prices; teaching of better growing techniques and building community assets; small-business development programs for income-generating especially for women; establising seed banks for future crops and for food security; building strong, representative community organizations.

Geographical concentration:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Malawi, Niger, Tanzania, Uganda Asia: India, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines

Latin America: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru

Grant information: Budget in 2003 for Development US\$ 6 million.

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Information collected: 07/2004

MAIS - Movimento per l'Autosviluppo l'Interscambio e la Solidarieta

Background:

MAIS implements projects in the South of the world promoting social and economic democracy, in cooperation with institutions and bodies. It supports organisational and production development of involved peoples, with special regard to craftsmen, children and women especially promoting capacities already on the spot. It encourages an exchange of practical knowledge both inside the countries in which works that between North and South of the world.

Activities:

Projects concentrate on supporting agricultural production and marketing; supporting small productive and commercial activities in urban regions; and developing community organisation and primary services (water, schools, natural medicine);

Project examples:

Guatemala: Huehuetenango project, Nord Quiché: Capacity building of small producer units including courses and information about afforestation: promoting the sustainable use of forest resources. Brazil: Baixo Amazonas, Pará: Agroforestry project

Senegal, Koussanar; Organic agriculture project

Geographic concentration: Africa: Egypt, Morocco, Mozambique, Senegal Asia: Bangladesh Latin America: Brazil, Cuba, Guatemala, Nicaragua

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Information collected: 06/2004

The Mountain Institute (TMI)

Background:

The Mountain Institute is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization committed to the preservation of mountain environments and advancement of mountain cultures around the world. TMI's community-based conservation and development approach empowers communities living in some of the world's most remote and rugged regions to protect their living environment while enhancing their own livelihoods.

TMI's objectives are to: conserve high priority mountain eco-systems; increase environmentally and culturally sustainable livelihoods for mountain communities; and promote support for mountain issues through advocacy, education and outreach.

Activities:

TMI's programs work to improve the livelihoods of people living in and around mountain parks and protected areas; use the mountains as a learning environment for mountain leaders of all ages; and undertake rigorous research and protection of habitat for some of the world's most endangered and unique animals. These large-scale programs are proving effective models whereby environmental conservation is served through community-based economic development and promotion of cultural heritage. Programmes: Andes Program, Himalaya Program, Appalachian Program and Global Programs (TMI also supports three global initiatives: the Mountain Forum, Sacred Mountains, and Sustainable Living Systems).

Geographical concentration: Asia: China=Tibet, India, Nepal South America: Peru

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Information collected: 02/2004

Naturland - Association for Organic Agriculture

Background:

Naturland is one of the most important organisations in the field of organic agriculture in Germany. On the global level Naturland is one of the major certifying organisations for organic produce. The objective and mission of Naturland is the conservation of the environment and the maintenance of the natural basis of life by means of organic farming in all fields of agriculture.

Activities:

Fostering the expansion of organic agriculture throughout the world; the encouragement of research, science, training and further education in the field of organic agriculture; the definition of standards for organic agriculture and the monitoring of its practical application and observance; co-operation in the drafting and definition of basic German and international standards in the field of organic agriculture; the encouragement of co-operation in the political field of development policy, especially the improvement of social and fair conditions in agriculture and in trade; and the training and further education of the members.

Project examples:

Mexico, Chiapas: Support of two farmers' co-ops, Comunidad Indigena de la Mujer Campesina and Union de Mujeres Indigenas de la Region Simojovel in the laying out of domestic gardens and small animal husbandry a.o. through training schemes. Also support of the latter organisation in reviving ancient knowledge about the cultivation and use of medicinal herbs.

India, Kerala: Small farmers project to build up their own organic tea company. The focus lies on ecological tea agriculture and plucking techniques.

Programmes:

The EcoFair Hilfsfonds supports farmers who want to change to organic agriculture in the first (an most difficult) phase of their adaptation to organic

methods, and also support of organic farmers in emergency situations in case of natural disasters.

Geographical concentration: Asia: India, Sri Lanka Latin America: Ecuador, Mexico

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Information collected: 10/2003

Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa (PENHA)

Background:

PENHA's mission is to eliminate poverty among the pastoralists in the Horn of Africa through the empowerment of pastoralist communities and their institutions, and the fostering of sustainable and dignified livestock-based and non-livestockbased livelihoods through influencing development policies and implementation of development programmes.

Activities:

Project implementation and monitoring: PENHA offers direct assistance to community-based initiatives in the region.

Training and education: PENHA provides training for frontline developments agents, decision makers and others relevant stakeholders.

Research: promotion of activities-oriented, community-based research in pastoral areas including the utilisation of indigenous expertise (areas of research: natural resource management, land tenure, food security, indigenous knowledge systems, health and education, gender issues, environmental issues, cross border issues, competition over scarce resources); and publication of research findings and distribution of these among relevant stakeholders including policy makers.

Project examples:

Pastoral Health Extension Project in Filtu District in the Somali Region of Ethiopia (in partnership with the Pastoral concern Association of Ethiopia): This is an extended training programme for local health workers and traditional birth attendants. In addition, a preliminary study into the use of traditional herbs for humans is being conducted.

Geographical concentration: Africa: Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda

Grant information: Total funds £ 130.000

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Information collected: 01/2004

Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)

Background:

Right Sharing of World Resources is a Quaker organisation with a mission to support grassroots development and economic discipleship through small grants.

Activities:

SRWR's grants support innovative income-generating projects and environmental regeneration. Grants provide seed money which is recycled within a community. RSWR supplies each project with no more than \$5,000 per year; the idea being to provide just enough capital to "prime the pump."

Project examples:

Kenya: Common Ground Program: extensive training in the bio-intensive method of small-scale farming. The goals of the project are to improve the bio-diversity, soil fertility, and human nutrition, and to increase farm income through greater productivity without dependence on external farming inputs such as chemical fertilizers.

Sierra Leone: Integrated rural development project focusing on agro-forestry and women's wood lots in the Tonkolili District; a one-year project to alleviate the present fuel wood crisis and the related consequences of deforestation. India: Panchayat Raj Movement in the Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu: a 3 year project with a focus on income generation through mobilization of local resources including training on farm management (kitchen herbal gardens), cattle management and bio-gas plant operation.

Geographical concentration:

Africa: Dem. Rep. Congo, kenya, Rwanda, Sierra Leone Asia: India

Grant information:

Grants are up to \$US 5,000 per year (never more!), for a maximum of 5 years. Often, however, 3 years is the upper limit. Proposals should identify the duration of the project. Note: Proposals or proposal revisions by electronic mail are not accepted.

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Information collected: 04/2004

Sahel Defis (Sahel Developpement Environnement Formation Insertion Sociale)

Background: Sahel Défis represents a network of sahelian NGOs active in the field of desertification control and poverty alleviation. The goal is to provide financial and technical support to local initiatives, as a first step towards major sustainable development. It takes advantage of the CCD process to launch, support and follow up on field activities initiated by local NGOs in various countries of the Sahel.

Activities:

Sahel Dàfis supports local initiatives in environmental protection and income generation for women and youth in the Sahel region of Africa. Projects focus on training, income and employement generation, natural ressource management and the rehabilitation of degraded natural sites.

Project examples:

Mali: Wire Mesh Fencing Timbuktu: Partnership Arrangement between Sahel Defis and AFAD: environmental protection and income generation for women groups; training in the production and sale of fencing, plant production and sale, vegetable gardening.

Geographical concentration: Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauretania, Senegal, Togo

Grant information: Financial support through micro-credits

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Information collected: 08/2004

Southern Networks for Environment and Development (SONED)

Background:

SONED is the mediator and partner of the Southern Networks for Environment and Development section - Africa, based in Nairobi. The aims of SONED are development cooperation, the creation of a cooperative network and international cooperation.

Activities:

The organization supports projects in form of financial, logistic and material help. Activities concentrate on: Women and youth education programmes, especially regarding ecological farming/permaculture, appropriate technologies and renewable energy (e.g. solar cooker, wind propelled pumps, as well as concepts for conservation of vital resources like water and energy);

Project example:

Institute for Environmental Techologies (IFET) in Badagry/Nigeria. Together with the Oduduwa-Foundation/Berlin and the Local Development Agency in Badagry SONED is at present working on the conception of an education institute in Badagry. Objectives of the education should be regenerative energies(solar), ecological farming as well as handicrafts.

Geographic concentration: Africa: Gambia, Kenya, Nigeria Central Eastern Europe: Ukraine

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Information collected: 01/2004

Sustainable Harvest International (SHI)

Background:

SHI's mission is to reverse environmental degradation by helping rural inhabitants restore ecological stability and sustainable economic productivity to overexploited lands. SHI's ultimate goal is to help foster a global commitment to land-use techniques that are sustainable environmentally, economically and socially.

Activities:

SHI facilitates farmers and communities in the tropics with long-term assistance implementing environmentally and economically sustainable technologies and landuse practices that alleviate poverty by restoring ecological stability.

SHI has planted over 1,000,000 trees, started 17 community loan funds, converted thousands of acres of degraded land to sustainable uses and saved over hundreds of thousands of acres of tropical forest from slash-and-burn destruction through introduction of agro-forestry techniques (alley-cropping, multi-story cultivation, live barriers, mulch forage and fruit production, silvo-pastoral systems, firewood lots and wind breaks) and afforestation. Furthermore improvement of nutrition through the establishment of more than 200 organic vegetable gardens. Some short-term projects are also undertaken like the introduction of wood-conserving stoves.

Geographical concentration: Central America: Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

Grant information: Program Expenses 2003: US\$ 297,089

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TREE AID

Background:

TREE AID is a registered charity working to alleviate poverty and reverse environmental degradation through community forest projects in arid Africa The organisation aims to strengthen the long-term self-reliance of people in Africa's drylands, so that they can meet their basic needs, earn an income, and increase the stability of their communities through the regeneration of their woodlands. TREE AID aims to help village communities in arid Africa to survive by achieving food, environmental and livelihood security through the planting and management of trees.

Activities:

TREE AID does not implement its own projects. Rather it funds local organisations that are already working with village communities they know. However, TREE AID does provide training to strengthen the technical and management capacity of the partner organisations, so that they can run their own projects long after funding has ended. Also bcal expertise is used to follow up on funded projects to learn and improve the work on the ground.

The kind of activities which are funded include: establishing tree seedling nurseries; growing trees on and around farms and homesteads; developing income generation activities, (such as honey production from acacia trees, sale of fruit); improving farming methods and soil fertility so people can grow more food.

Project examples:

Orchard Establishment & Dune Stabilisation, Mali: The stabilisation of the encroaching sand dunes, and establishing income generation schemes through vegetable growing and marketing, to reduce food shortages and halt environmental degradation in the region. It is also vital to educate and raise awareness of conservation measures to ensure the long-term protection of usable land.

Women's Nursery & Agroforestry project, Ethiopia: This project is helping to increase the local availability of wood for cooking and building, to provide opportunities for generating income and to improve human nutrition. It is providing a sustainable source of seedlings to the community, establishing tree nurseries and training rural women in nursery and agroforestry techniques.

Geographical concentration:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Niger

Grant information:

The Projects Development Fund: amounts available are typically between £500 and £2000. The Individual Project Fund grants average around £7,500 annually. (*Note: potential applicants should contact the West Africa office for organisations in that region and the UK office for applicants from Ethiopia for further information*).

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Trees for Life USA

Background:

Trees for Life is enabling people around the world to help plant fruit trees in developing countries. Each tree protects the environment and provides a low-cost, self-renewing source of food for a large number of people.

Activities:

Trees for Life's activities include three elements: education, health and environment. Volunteers in the villages are trained by Trees for Life and provided with essential support for programs that respond to the needs of their communities.

Project examples:

Moringa Tree: The highly nutritious leaves of the Moringa tree could practically wipe out malnutrition in many developing countries. A project is underway in Cambodia.

Geographical concentration: Asia: Cambodia, India Central America & Caribbean: Guatemala, Haiti South America: Brazil

Grant information: Budget program services 2002: US\$ 620,000

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Tropical Rainforest Coalition

Background:

TRC's purpose is to preserve tropical rainforest ecosystems, their indigenous people and cultures at the local level through enabling volunteerism and through community education, and at the international level through technical and financial support for recognized organizations involved in the conservation of tropical rainforests.

Activities:

TRC supports several rainforest land and species conservation projects throughout the world. TRC selects projects based on a number of factors: the likelihood of maintaining the forests in a pristine state, the degree of involvement of the local community, and the ability to preserve a continuous rainforest ecosystem or species within it. Including developing low-impact eco-tourism programs that involve indigenous cooperatives.

Programmes:

Save-an-Acre Program: funding and managing land purchase efforts. TRC targets the Save-an-Acre Program to small rainforest preserves that are not currently being funded by larger conservation organizations.

Geographical concentration:

Asia & Pacific: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea Central America & Caribbean: Belize, Trinidad & Tobago South America: Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru

Grant information: Budget 2002 for projects US\$ 20,000

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Vivamos Mejor

Background:

Vivamos Mejor's objective is to achieve sustainable progress and development by respecting cultural and social values, considering socio-economic compatibility. Essential is the participation of the target groups in the formulation and implementation of the projects, and co-operation with locally based partners or

institutions as well as incorporating local funds and contributions to achieve selfsufficiency and self-reliance in managing the projects.

Activities:

The foundation promotes self-initiatives and enables the self-help of the target groups by supplying basic information and technical assistance in the fields of education, healthcare, vocational training and workshops, ecology, community development and micro-credits.

Geographical concentration: Central America: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua South America: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

Grant information: Budget 2003 for overseas projects and programmes appr. SFr. 1.384.750

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World Concern International

Background:

World Concern's mission is to alleviate physical and spiritual suffering for those living in poverty. This is done through relief and development programs, and by providing hope and opportunity to be in right relationship with God, one another and creation.

Activities:

Community development:

Equipping neighborhoods, villages, districts so they gain long-term selfsufficiency. This helps families build more secure and healthier lives, and it makes communities less vulnerable to future disasters.

Agriculture and Food Production:

WCI fosters crop improvement through new crops, cash crops and improved seed demonstration projects. It helps identify new food and better utilization of indigenous food resources. It administers and develops a program to provide veterinarians with supplies, pharmaceuticals, equipment and livestock for use in veterinary work. It aids land development, including reclamation, reforestation, irrigation, water resource development and soil conservation. Microenterprise Development:

World Concern provides loans and start-up assistance for small businesses for those who would have no other access to credit. The loans are coupled with training in ethical business practices and business management skills.

Project examples:

Kenya Microcredit Project: The Maasai need to find alternate sources of income in addition to raising cattle, goats and sheep. To do this, World Concern has established a micro-credit project to improve the lives of families in the Mbeere, Narok and Embu Districts of Kenya.

Southeast Asia Community Development: World Concern is providing about 7,000 people in 20 hilltribe villages agriculture training introducing methods to improve soil fertility, incorporating grazing zones for livestock, and helping control the growth of grass and weeds.

Geographical concentration:

Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Somalia, Uganda Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China=Tibet, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam Newly Independent States: Georgia, Uzbekistan Latin America & Caribbean: Bolivia, Haiti, Honduras

Grant information: Budget 2001 for relief and development services US\$ 31 million

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