



Women/Gender & Natural Resources Management

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The theme of this issue is on women/gender and natural resources management. There are few funding organisations that primarily fund projects in the field of women/gender and natural resources management; therefore other funding agencies are added. Generally speaking a distinction can be made into three categories of funders:

1. Organisations aiming at women (often with capacity building and women's rights as focus);
2. Organisations working a.o. working in the field of natural resources management with an important role for women; and
3. More general orientated organisations with much attention for gender equity.

Note: if application details show n/a it is our advice to send a letter of introduction.

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ActionAid International (AAI)

Background:

ActionAid is a secular and non-political international development organisation founded in the United Kingdom in 1972 and registered as a global entity in The Hague, the Netherlands in 2003. The ActionAid International Secretariat is based in Johannesburg, South Africa.

AAI's aim is a world without poverty and injustice in which every person enjoys their right to a life with dignity. ActionAid has prioritised five areas of work where it can make the most difference: women and girls, food rights, emergencies, education, and HIV/AIDS.

Activities:

ActionAid believes that the eradication of poverty and injustice will not be possible without securing equality and rights for women. The women's rights theme operates both independently through its own projects and across every ActionAid project and programme.

The core aims are: to increase awareness about how women bear the brunt of poverty and inequality globally; to lobby and campaign for laws and policies which help end inequality between men and women in addition to monitoring their effective implementation; to build and strengthen women's organisations and movements and link to broader alliances (ActionAid supports 110 national women's organisations around the world); to strengthen women's leadership.

ActionAid's Women's Rights work is distinctive through its focus on challenging and changing unequal power relations by influencing policy and legislative change, educating and raising awareness to change negative attitudes and building alliances with other organisations to empower women. One of the priority issues is

women's access to and control over land (especially in Africa).

Geographical details:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Dem. Rep. Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia; Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam; Central America & Caribbean: Dominican Rep., El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua; South America: Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

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African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)

Background:

The AWDF, established in 2000, is the first Africa-wide fundraising and grant-making fund, which aims to support the work of organisations working to promote women's rights in Africa. The AWDF funds local, national, sub-regional and regional organisations in Africa working towards women's empowerment.

AWDF's mission is to mobilise financial, human and material resources to support local, national and international initiatives for transformation led by African women.

Activities:

To support the African Women's Movement through grant making and technical assistance; to invest in the efforts of African women who are engaged in innovative efforts to develop their communities; to increase the amount of resources available to women's organisations and women's projects in Africa; to strengthen the capacity and infrastructure of women's organisations; to advocate with other donors and policy makers, for resources for African women; to establish alliances and build relationships with other grant making institutions, individual donors and organisations committed to promoting and protecting women's rights.

The thematic priorities are: women's human rights; political participation; peace building; health, reproductive rights & HIV/AIDS; and economic empowerment. The AWDF prioritises programs, which develop and promote women's leadership and advocacy across all these themes.

The AWDF Capacity Building Program supports the work of AWDF grantee organisations to enable them enhance their institutional capacity through a variety of strategies as follows: grants to organisations specifically for capacity building; training programs; management assistance; and peer learning (the AWDF wants to encourage a culture of partnerships and collaborations within the women's movement in Africa). AWDF will provide grants specifically for learning and exchanges. For further information contact the program officer Capacity Building Unit.

Project example(s):

Burkina Faso: Association Rimbala: grant support to train development workers in preserving onions and other garden products. The grant will also be used to dig a well, build a community centre and to ensure the monitoring and evaluation of the organisation's activities.

Uganda: Mwanze United Women Farmers' Organisation (MUWFO): grant support to train their community on environmental conservation and forestation management, and provision of equipment for the nursery bed.

Geographical details:

Countries of Sub-Sahara Africa and Northern Africa (Egypt, Morocco).

Application details:

The AWDF gives grants for projects related to its thematic areas. AWDF expects applicants to build in relevant and reasonable running/core costs into their project proposals. Grants are awarded to national and regional organisations for aspects of organisational growth and development such as strategic planning, developing fundraising strategies, communications systems, retreats, governance systems, etc. Grants are also provided for capital costs (e.g. purchase of computers, printers, photocopiers).

The AWDF grants in two cycles each year. Applications can be sent in at any time. Interested organisations should send in their proposals to the AWDF secretariat in Accra, Ghana, using the grant application guidelines (see:

http://www.awdf.org/grantmaking/application_guidelines.html)

Grant information:

Grants range from US\$ 1,000 to US\$ 25,000; grants over \$ 20,000 are only made to organisations that operate on a regional basis. AWDF's small grants range between US\$ 500 - US\$ 2,500.

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Africare

Background:

Africare was founded in 1971. Africare's emphasis is on development programs in the areas of food, water, the environment and health as well as private-sector development and governance.

Africare works to improve the quality of life in Africa, assisting families, villages and nations in two principal areas - food security and agriculture, and health and HIV/AIDS. Africare also supports water resource development, environmental management, basic education and vocational training, micro enterprise development, civil-society development and governance initiatives and emergency humanitarian aid.

Activities:

Africare helped farmers in dry, drought-prone countries to cultivate crops and nurture their livestock despite scarce water supplies. Africare's work in civil-society development and governance derives from the reality that advances in agriculture, natural resource management and health only truly work within "enabling environments" characterized by good governance, national stability and a thriving civil society.

Project example(s):

Senegal: Casamance Zone: Natural resource management, agricultural production and micro-enterprise development; and malaria and tuberculosis prevention
Zambia: Luapula Province (forest areas): Integrated natural resource management and income generation.

Geographic details:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Northern Africa: Egypt.

Application details:

Africare projects are African projects. Responding to local initiatives, Africare cooperates closely with African planners, field experts, village leaders and workers -- complementing rather than pre-empting local resources and skills. In its long-term projects, Africare marshals only the technical counsel and funds that may be necessary to sustain and encourage African efforts at the national and grassroots levels. In its emergency relief, Africare also responds to the priorities voiced by Africans. Africare and African project managers carefully monitor all financial assistance.

Financial information:

Total project expenses 2005: US\$ 47,822,000.

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Agros International

Background:

Agros, founded in 1982, is a faith-based public charity that exists to restore hope and opportunity to the world's poor. Agros has a unique approach, based on empowerment

through land loans and training, it partners with village communities in developing sustainable livelihoods.

Agros works to help rural poor families in developing countries break free from poverty. Agros does this by helping the rural poor to acquire land, build village infrastructure, develop as individuals, create strong community organizations, and develop economic capacity.

Activities:

Agros' programs address the needs of women and children by creating a positive cycle of change. Agros helps women achieve:

- Education: Agros provides opportunities for young girls to go to school;
- Literacy training: Agros offers literacy training to adults, giving both men and women who were not able to go to school the opportunity to learn how to read and write;
- Financial independence: Agros trains women to manage a savings account and family finances because women tend to invest in their families;
- Business expertise: Through micro-enterprise development, Agros teaches women skills they can use to start their own businesses. Agros also teaches women (and their children) how to raise small animals close to home to generate income;
- Family planning and health care.

Project example(s):

Mexico: Nuevo San Pedrito Project: reforestation of 25 acres of land, build a dam to conserve and recuperate soil and water, install a solar energy system in the community centre, community leadership with gender equality workshop, improve chicken and turkey project with training, and training in the use and maintenance of composting latrines.

Geographic details:

Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

Program expenses 2006 US\$ 1,725,793; program investments US\$ 519,150.

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Aktionsgemeinschaft Solidarische Welt (ASW)

Background:

Action for World Solidarity is an independent development organisation, which was established in 1957, and it is as such one of the oldest German development organisations. ASW aims to strengthen and improve the situation of women, strives for environmental protection, and promotes social and economic rights.

Activities:

ASW promotes small projects, which have already begun working, proven their effectiveness and need further financial assistance in order to continue functioning. Instead of sending experts or development-helpers abroad, we leave the responsibility of running the projects entirely to those people who have initiated them. Project support is only given to groups which have common, long-term goals, and which are grounded in a local society. Decisions regarding all aspects of the project must be reached democratically with the participation of women.

Regarding environmental protection projects the focus is on ecology and sustainability. Themes are: sustainable

pesticide free agriculture, agro-forestry (a.o. the use of traditional seeds), water-rights (resistance against mega dams or river bypasses), etc. Concerning women's rights projects aim at elementary rights for women such as land rights for small farmer's wives.

Project example(s):

India: Support for the Deccan Development NGO Network (DDNN) in promoting the economic strength of women. The women of 255 collaborating villages have implemented sustainable farming methods and established a savings system.

Brazil: MIQCB Babaçu-nut project: a sustainable agro-forestry project for small-peasants women.

Other activities:

ASW takes part in several campaigns (against the Narmadadam and shrimp-industry in India; against the priority of population policies in the German development politics; land rights for the Asháninka in Peru).

Geographical details:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Senegal, South Africa, Western Sahara, Zimbabwe; Asia: India; South America: Brazil.

Application details:

A detailed description of the project and the organisation(s) involved; special attention for the roots in the local community of the organisation(s) involved in the project; who are the decision makers; what is the role of women.

Currently the countries supported by ASW are India, Brazil, the West African countries of Senegal, Burkina Faso, West Sahara, Zimbabwe and the Republic of South Africa. At the moment, ASW does not accept requests of financial support from any other countries.

Grant information:

Grants range between € 1.500 and € 20.500.

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Information Collected 08/2007

Associated Country Women Of The World

Background:

The ACWW, established in 1933, is the largest international organisation for rural women. It has a uniquely down-to-earth approach, offering mutual support, friendship and practical help to its members. The objective of the ACWW is work for equal opportunities for women by the elimination of discrimination because of gender, race, nationality, religion or marital status.

ACWW's aims and objectives are: to raise the standard of living of rural women and families through education, training and community development programmes; to provide practical support to its members and help them set up income-generating schemes; and to give rural women a voice at international level through its links with UN agencies.

Activities:

ACWW actively supports a whole range of development programmes in rural communities through its:

- Projects and Trust Funds: Leadership and skill training, nutrition/ education projects, literacy and basic education programmes (including family planning and HIV/AIDS)

awareness), small business initiatives and small-scale agricultural, income-generating schemes.

- General projects fund: Family planning initiatives, HIV/AIDS awareness, small business schemes, skill training.
- Water for all fund: Clean water and sanitation projects providing: water tanks, bore wells, hand pumps, education and training, programmes to improve health and hygiene.
- Women feed the world: Subsistence food production and co-operatives, training in farming techniques, credit savings schemes.
- Nutrition education fund: Good nutrition, improved hygiene, food production.
- ACWW's capacity-building workshops in Kenya, Colombia and the Philippines, carried out in partnership with Dutch development agency Agriterra, are helping to strengthen rural women's organisations.

Project example(s):

Ghana: The income-generating Zongo Livestock Project aims to raise living standards among marginalised rural women and their daughters and help individual subsistence farmers. Meat production from cattle is increasing and extra revenue comes in from milk sales.

St Vincent & the Grenadines:

The main aim of the 'building capacity for sustainability' project is to continue to develop women's personal, group and community capacity, partly through training based on identified needs.

Geographic details:

Africa: Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda; Asia & Pacific: Bangladesh, China, India, Kiribati, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Tonga; Caribbean: Dominican Rep., Haiti, St-Vincent; South America: Colombia, Guyana; Eastern Europe: Albania, Latvia.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

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BioVision Foundation

Background:

BioVision is a non-profit, apolitical and denominationally independent Swiss foundation for sustainable development, which founded in 1998. BioVision works for the dissemination, implementation and application of scientifically founded methods for sustainable improvement of living conditions in Africa, as well as in the fight against poverty.

The BioVision Foundation has set itself the target of making long-term research in the field of biological pest control accessible to poor people in developing countries. What has been developed by researchers as pilot projects, has to be widely spread as fast as possible. BioVision is committed to transferring this know-how to the broad population, to teaching farmers the sustainable use of biological control methods and to establishing and maintaining the necessary communication channels with the researchers.

Activities:

BioVision has three key programmes: Information, Eco-dissemination (Knowledge transfer) and Income generation.

BioVision functions as an intermediate between research institutes and local communities. The foundation supports projects, which promote the sustainable use of natural resources under fair social conditions and at the same time help to preserve biodiversity and encourage ecological thinking and acting. BioVision activities in Africa concentrate on improving human-, animal-, plant- and environmental health - with a special focus on women and youth - through the dissemination of appropriate development methods and capacity building at community level.

Human Health: Within this sphere BioVision operates malaria-projects with an integrated approach.

Plant Health: Maize is an important staple food plant in large areas of Africa. But insect and plant pests often reduce harvests. BioVision promotes plant health through the use of organic methods of pest control. In this way the maize is protected naturally, and harvests enormously increased.

Animal Health: BioVision supports implemented projects that combat the tsetse fly- transmitter of deadly sleeping sickness to cattle and humans.

Environmental Health: Biodiversity the world over is in danger - Africa contains many habitats for rare plant and animal species threatened by environmental exploitation. BioVision supports the communities dependent on the forest, for example, by setting up a distillation facility to process healing plant extracts.

In accordance with the foundation goal, BioVision works for the increased dissemination of ecological thinking and action. The wasteful use of natural resources is a global problem.

Conservation of biodiversity is also not just a local concern. For this reason BioVision is engaged in the field of information as well as in cross-national programmes in other countries.

Project example(s):

Ethiopia: Habitat Restoration Biofarm: Initiative for soil improvement and

organic farming in Ethiopia In the slums of the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian BioEconomy Association (BEA) and Yeka Kifle Ketema Kibele 03 Women Group Cooperative with support from BioVision, realised the BioFarm-Project: Five hectares of land made infertile through erosion was turned into a productive agro forestry venture with organic vegetable production. Support for women in the application and dissemination of Push-Pull Kenya: Push-Pull is an effective, organic method for combating the stem borer pest and striga weed in maize, which cause enormous loss of harvests in Kenya. Around Lake Victoria in West Kenya women run a third of small farms. The reason for this is the changed socio-economic structures and mortality rate of this area – predominantly due to the spread and effects of HIV/Aids. For this reason the project takes into account the issues of knowledge dissemination to women. With the support of Farmer Field Schools, a type of training on the farm, Bio-Vision promotes the dissemination of Push-Pull methods to women farmers. In addition, the production of a good practice manual for training of farmers is co financed.

Ethiopia: Biofarm Restaurant/Outlet – Vegetable shop and restaurant as a source of income for women of the slums. The women of the Yeka Kifle Ketema Women Group run a large vegetable garden in the slums of Addis Ababa. In 2006 BioVision supported the women's cooperative by constructing a simple restaurant and associated vegetable garden. With this additional economic component a sustainable source of income is created for around 130 women.

Geographic details:

Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

Total project expenses 2006: CHF 2,456,916

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Canadian Hunger Foundation (CHF)

Background:

The Canadian Hunger Foundation was founded in 1961 and is an international non-profit organization that addresses poverty at the village level in developing countries. CHF envisions a world in which rural poor have access to land, water, energy, technology and other resources they need to improve their living conditions in a sustainable manner.

CHF's goal to deliver effective, sustainable and transformational development solutions is being realized via an approach that is called Three-Dimensional, or 3-D, Development also known as the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA). 3-D Development lets us see beyond the surface of a community's problems so we can detect the positive assets it already possesses, helping to foster sustainable livelihoods.

Activities:

CHF helps villagers become self-reliant with food production, water supplies and energy. Areas of focus are: Food sovereignty: CHF programs help by: building capacity of farmers, organizations and co-operatives to exchange knowledge, information and improve food production; teaching farmers to grow more food and better crops; working directly with people to improve their farming techniques and expertise; helping women farmers to

start small businesses and add to the family income.

Water management: CHF programs help by: teaching village people how to secure their own clean water supply; financing the building of wells and small dams; training village people to maintain and protect their own water sources; establishing water users associations; helping communities to form committees to better manage and share water.

Renewable energy: CHF programs help by: introducing renewable energy options to rural communities; educating villagers to use renewable energy technologies; organizing communities to find their own funding for equipment.

Projects example(s):

Ghana: Household Food Security Project: CHF and the Association of Church Development Projects (ACDEP): this project continues to improve access to nutritional foods and increase incomes of rural households in Northern Ghana.

Working hand-in-hand with resource-poor female and male farmers in the drought prone regions of Northern Ghana, CHF and ACDEP are providing the advice and technology farmers want and need to improve household food security.

India: Action For Food Production (Afpro): to create and promote family sized biogas plants and to provide training on their use on a national scale. CHF helped over 90,000 households in rural India to build family sized biogas plants. Villager women's lives are greatly improved. They can now grow gardens and spend more time taking care of their children.

Geographic details:

Africa: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Asia: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam; Central America & Caribbean: El Salvador, Grenada; South America: Guyana.

Application details:

CHF staff, indigenous organisations, NGOs, or other related groups identify

projects. Before any project is undertaken, CHF conducts comprehensive feasibility studies to assess the needs, commitment, and capacity of the community and its leadership to implement the project; determine the long-term economic, environmental and social viability of the project; and identify capable local NGOs with proven ability to participate in the design and implementation of technically sound, sustainable projects and who work directly with project beneficiaries.

Grant information:

From US\$ 50,000 onwards (one-year projects) till over US\$ 4.5 million (five-year projects).

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Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Background:

CLWR was founded in 1946 and is the service delivery arm for development programming and overseas relief for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Lutheran Church-Canada. It became a recognized charitable organization in 1965.

The principle mission of CLWR centres on development initiatives in partnership with the marginalized of the world community.

Activities:

CLWR seeks to address poverty and ease suffering among the poorest of the poor in the developing world. In Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, CLWR strengthens communities against poverty's daily grind.

CLWR supports programs and projects that will help improve the quality of life for those struggling against poverty. Long-term development is CLWR's commitment to walk with people over an extended period of time so that poverty-reducing actions can become sustainable. To this end, Canadian Lutheran World Relief gives special attention to strengthening communities by:

- Capacity building: promoting strong leadership and local organization among the people being served;
- Poverty reduction: reducing poverty through improved healthcare, education, agricultural practices, employment opportunities and environmental conservation;
- Gender equity: affirming the important role that women contribute to the overall well-being of the community;
- Facilitating peace-building opportunities.

Other activities:

In response to emergencies, CLWR will provide immediate assistance through the provision of relief supplies that address the short and long-term needs of the affected communities. CLWR works in cooperation with other organizations (Lutheran World Federation, Action by Churches Together) to provide the most timely and effective response to disasters wherever they may occur.

Project example(s):

Zambia: CLWR is supporting the following key activities: Conducting training sessions for farmers in sustainable agricultural practices and agricultural diversification; promoting production of crops such as drought resistant cassava and sweet potatoes;

providing agricultural extension services; conducting training on agro-forestry, woodlot management and growing fruit trees such as mangoes, guavas, lemons, avocados, paw-paws and bananas; training sessions on environmental education; supporting the formation and training of small business groups; conducting human rights campaigns within groups and local communities through meetings, workshops, development theatres and community radio programmes on the importance of gender equality and equity in society.

Peru, Casma River Basin: CLWR's program delivery partner in the, Diaconia, is working to promote organic agriculture. The objective is to ensure food security at the household level for campesino families by revitalizing traditional Andean sustainable agriculture techniques and by strengthening community resilience to withstand adverse climatic effects.

India, West Bengal Province: Supporting communities to organize education centres that will improve literacy among adults and out of school children; promoting sustainable agricultural practices to increase household food security; conducting community workshops to improve sanitation through low cost latrines and garbage disposal vats; providing vocational training to youth and women that will assist them in setting up small business ventures; organizing programs focused on the problems and challenges faced by women and adolescent girls so as to improve their status in the society.

Geographical details:

Africa: Ethiopia, Mauritania, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Zambia;
Asia: Bangladesh, India, Myanmar;
Caribbean, Central & South America: Bolivia, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru.

Application details: n/a

Grant information:

Total expenses overseas development and relief activities 2005-2006: CAN\$ 3,694,371

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CARE Australia

Background:

CARE Australia, formed in 1987, is Australia's second largest foreign aid organisation, providing humanitarian assistance across the globe. CARE's mission is to serve individuals and families in the poorest communities in the world. Drawing strength from its global diversity, resources and experience, CARE promotes innovative solutions and advocates for global responsibility.

CARE facilitates lasting change by: strengthening capacity for self-help, providing economic opportunity, delivering relief in emergencies, influencing policy decisions at all levels, and addressing discrimination in all its forms.

Activities:

CARE's long-term development projects help individuals and communities to take charge of their lives and work toward a better future. Two important sectors of activity are:

- Agriculture and environment: CARE works to assist local farmers to produce enough food and money from their agricultural work to provide for their families and to ensure that the natural environment is preserved for the generations that will follow them. CARE's agricultural projects focus on:
 - sustainable agriculture, such as encouraging farmers to plant winter crops, plant fruit trees and other cash crops and undertake appropriate environmentally friendly

- pest management practices
 - natural resource conservation, such as working with communities to assist in the protection of native forests, plant and animal life, and
 - rural development, such as assisting people to build and maintain irrigation systems, upgrade roads and spillways and construct small dams and water tanks.
- Nutrition and food security: CARE has a diverse range of programmes to address food insecurity and malnutrition. They include: improving agricultural techniques, increasing access to markets and economic opportunities, education about good nutrition. These projects also complement CARE's other programmes and impact on the ability of people and their families to grow or buy nutritious food: gender equality, health outcomes, access to adequate water and sanitation facilities, and banking facilities.

Other activities:

Water and sanitation: The goal of CARE's water and sanitation projects is to reduce the incidence of water-related diseases and to increase the earning potential of households by saving time spent on fetching water.

Micro credit: CARE provides saving and loan opportunities to people living in poverty through a variety of financial service programmes according to the available local conditions. Education: focused education projects address not only the educational needs of children, but also the literacy needs of adults.

Health: CARE's health work is focused on maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

Emergency relief and rehabilitation: Emergencies, whether natural or

manmade, require an immediate and effective response.

Project example(s):

Vietnam: Women working together: In the An Giang province women are forming co-operative organisations called Women's Development Groups. The project focuses on accessing some of the poorest people and seeks to improve their: income, health, and energy resources. Another major component is the establishment of micro credit through the Women's Development Groups. These groups operate savings and loans facilities, and also hold training sessions.

Cambodia: Living above the floods: During Cambodia's wet season spectacular rains flood the dry areas around lakes, rivers and lowlands. Flooding has a huge impact particularly on those people living in rural areas. Directly benefiting some 15,000 people in 20 villages in Prey Veng, the project draws from the community to identify simple yet effective activities that build the resistance and coping capacity of the most vulnerable households to enable them to live safely above the floods.

Living above the floods is focused on women's self-reliance and their role is fundamental to the coping strategy of the village against flooding.

Kenya: CARE is working with pastoral organisations so that they can access markets and make money from the sale of their livestock through linking farmers with markets to sell livestock or produce. Important project elements are: developing an environmental management plan (which will include preserving areas during wet seasons so that animals will have places to graze during the dry season and farmers are able to reseed the area), and creating market opportunities for female pastoralists; within this project, sub-groups have been formed, which deal with smaller livestock - an area of the market more frequently used by women in Kenya for farming.

Geographic details:

Africa: Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, South Africa, Sudan

Asia & Pacific: Afghanistan, Cambodia, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, Papua Guinea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

Middle East: Jordan (incl. Syria), Palestinian Authority, Yemen

Names in italics indicate countries where CARE Australia has direct operational responsibility for all CARE International programmes.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:
Expenditure 2006 for overseas projects: AUS\$ 46,024,013

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Church World Service (CWS)

Background:

Founded in 1946, Church World Service is the oldest and largest ecumenical relief, development, and refugee assistance organization in the United States. It comprises 36 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations. CWS is working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries

CWS's goal is to support the most vulnerable persons and communities affected by social, economic, and political oppression in their efforts to develop socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable communities and achieve a higher quality of life.

Activities:

Generally speaking CWS supports sustainable self-help development, meets emergency needs, aids migrants and refugees, and helps address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness.

Since women and children are among the most vulnerable population groups CWS gives special priority to the needs of both women and children by supporting initiatives that emphasize gender awareness and improve women's access to resources, education, and decision-making; as well as initiatives that undergird the rights, protection, and future that children deserve. In all programme areas gender elements can be a crosscutting theme.

Activities form a part of the Social and Economic Development Program, which helps create pockets of education and innovation, enterprise and collaboration, powered by local ingenuity and nurtured by the self-respect that inevitably flows from it. Program areas are:

- **Water Management:** CWS seeks to increase the capacity of partners to provide clean, safe water; as well as education and training for improved community health, hygiene, and sanitation standards. Moreover CWS and its partners seek to empower communities with improved water and land management technologies to increase their opportunities for household food security and economic growth.
- **Indigenous Populations:** support of partners who accompany and promote the organization, capacity building, and strengthening of indigenous peoples, and ethnic and racial minorities, with a special emphasis on human rights, land reform, and livelihood development.
- **Community-Based Development:** CWS-supported community-based projects include agriculture and food

security, cooperative and association development, and income-generation and credit programs - for both urban and rural populations.

- Civil Society: support of indigenous organizations that promote the advancement of peace, reconciliation, justice, and democracy as pillars for sustainable communities.
- Education: support of partners engaged in a variety of locally designed educational and training initiatives targeted to vulnerable groups, overall, the programs coordinate with and/or strengthen local educational structures.
- Health and HIV/AIDS: increase the capacity of partners to carry out a wide range of community-based prevention, care, and treatment efforts to reverse chronic health problems and impede the growing HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Other activities:

Emergency Response Program: disaster mitigation, preparedness, and response.

Education and Advocacy Program for International Justice and Human Rights. Immigration & Refugees Programme: resettlement in the U.S. and new CWS initiatives in Africa that will bring educational programs to refugee camps in western Tanzania, and services to the displaced in West Africa.

Project example(s):

Gambia: Water for Life Project: CWS cooperates with the Association of Farmers, Educators and Traders (AFET). AFET's mission envisages an association of farmers, educators, and traders working to enhance and promote sustainable socio-economic development for Gambia's most vulnerable groups. The aim is to improve food security, agriculture, and income generation, with special attention to the roles that women play in these vital areas of day-to-day life. CWS has supported AFET's Women's

Well & Garden Projects since 2001, addressing malnutrition and poverty by enabling women to engage in dry season gardening, fruit tree cultivation, and income generating programs.

Senegal: Women's Agriculture & Irrigation Program: CWS cooperates with the Association Sénégalaise de Recherche, d'Etude, et d'Appui au Développement (ASREAD). ASREAD's mission is to bring support to the most vulnerable populations in Senegal, women and youth in particular, to give them the necessary means for their development while respecting the environment and gender equity. This program is located in the North of Senegal, which contains 207 villages. The project's main objective is to create sustainable, autonomous local employment for 120 women. At project-end 3 women's groups from three different villages will be equipped with one garden plot each, including fencing and a drip-irrigation system. Each woman will be able to cultivate her own plot. Additionally, each garden plot will be equipped with a motor pump enabling the women to use the water from Lake Guiers to produce two harvests during the dry seasons.

Nicaragua: Rural Women Integral Development Program, Consejo de Iglesias Evangelicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional (CEPAD). This multi-year program seeks to empower and equip 170 women from 30 rural communities so that they and their families can be more self-reliant and food secure. In their second year (2005), participants received small loans to improve their gardens, buy more livestock, and start small businesses. One of the program's objectives is a better use of natural resources, soil, and water.

Geographic details:

Africa: Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe; Middle East: Egypt, Palestinian Authority; Asia

& Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam; Central America & Caribbean: Dominican Rep., El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua; South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay; South Eastern Europe: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:
Program Expenses 2006: US\$ 79,379,467

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Information collected 05/2005

Conserve Africa Foundation (CAF)

Background:

Conserve Africa Foundation is a registered non-profit environmental organisation set up in 1998 by a group of NGOs, public institutions and individuals in Africa and in the North.

CAF aims to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by: the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment, and the prudent use of natural resources; the relief of poverty and the environment of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; and the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration. Furthermore it aims to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection,

enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

CAF operates a special programme regarding women and natural resources management: African women are subjected to specific constraints due to gender inequalities, and these constraints shape the results they obtain. The constraints most frequently identified are: lack of access to credit and land, poverty, marginalisation, discriminatory and inadequate laws, lack of access to decision-making power, unjust and unfair cultural practices, women's heavy workload, lack of education and training and also the way in which women's activities are structured.

Women are the key to the development of Africa and Africa's resources. Empowering women to ensure a better use, management and control of resources is vital for sustainable natural resource development. In order to be effective, women must gain more control of resources and of development planning and their needs and role must also be integrated into decision-making in general.

Women must be involved not only in the labour for forestry activities but also in decision-making and the control of resources. Key concerns for promoting women's participation in natural resource development activities should focus on their access to and control over resources. Activities that enhance women participation in sustainable development should emphasize the importance of two major types of resource: land, trees and other natural resources; and information and knowledge. Building on women's existing knowledge and environmental management skills is fundamental for their empowerment and their taking control of their lives.

Other activities:

Advocacy and African NGOs, Environmental Education and Awareness, Natural Resource Management, Medicinal Plants and Natural Products, Non-Wood Forest Products, Wildlife and Forests, Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Agriculture and Desertification.

Geographic details:

Africa: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Application details:

Grants are made to pre-selected organizations recommended by national advisory committees comprised of local environmental leaders who can make the most effective use of the limited resources available in their particular region.

Grant information:

CAF makes small grants of about \$ 500 to \$ 5,000.

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Information collected 10/2006

Development Workshop Austria (EWA)

Background:

Entwicklungswerkstatt Austria - Development Workshop Austria (EWA) is an independent non-political NGO. The concept of protection and sustainable use of natural resources, combined with the promotion of capacities of the rural population to realise their personal and economic potentials in a participatory manner, is the core aspect of EWA's development philosophy.

The main focus of EWA's work lies on sustainable use of natural resources, conservation of the ecological equilibrium, diversification of income generation and the promotion of "rural artisans". In all projects gender equity is an important element.

Activities:

The overall objective of EWA's commitment is the support of self-help activities through the provision and transfer of know-how and methods for personal and vocational development and the support of project partners and the local population in order to develop financial instruments and management capacities.

EWA has specialised in regional development programs in the Sahel in West Africa. The projects are planned and carried out in cooperation with grass-root organisations, farmer and artisan cooperatives, and other NGOs. In general, two different project types are implemented, i.e. promotion of artisans and appropriate technology on the one hand, and protection and sustainable management of the natural resources water, soil and vegetation on the other hand.

Other activities:

In the context of desertification the sustainable use of water, soil and vegetation is of particular importance and therefore the EWA carries out i.a. the following activities: support, development and promotion of ecologically sound land-use systems with focus on agro-forestry, designed and implemented in cooperation with the affected population; promotion of sustainable water management, in particular well rehabilitation, erosion protection, etc.; support of rural infrastructure.

Project example(s):

Ethiopia: project "woman promotion in the quarter Gulele in Addis Abeba - WPG" addresses the poorest families. The goal is it to develop and strengthen the self-help potential of the local population in order to improve the socio-economic

conditions. The activities address girls and young women. Special attention is aimed at women, who need consultation and training due to their family situation or social problems. The project offers a multitude of different training possibilities, centred on knowledge transfer and gaining access to resources, like small loans for income-generating activities.

Geographical details:
Africa: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Senegal

Application details: n/a

Grant information:
Expenses for projects 2005 appr. € 1 million

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Information collected 08/2007

Filia Frauenstiftung

Background:

This small foundation was founded in 2001. Filia shares the vision of a just and diverse world, based on respect for human dignity, where women play a decisive role. Filia especially aims to improve the role of women who face discrimination not only due to gender, but also because of the colour of their skin, their origin, religion, or their sexual orientation.

Activities:

Filia supports women's projects worldwide, it wants to use money as a means of empowering women and girls. Filia is committed to empowerment by investing in the special strengths of women and girls. Its aim is to help them improve their economic perspectives and social

conditions by assisting them in taking their lives into their own hands.

Project example(s):

India: DROPSS (Development of Rural Oppressed People's Service Society): Dalit women from eight slums of the Indian city of Karaikudi have organised so-called sangams, where they can meet and connect their ideas. They participate in training on women's rights, have set up a kindergarten and secured equal access to clean water.

Geographical details:

Asia: India, Mongolia, Central East

Europe: Czech Rep., Slovakia,

Ukraine; South Eastern Europe:

Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro incl.

Kosovo.

Application details: n/a

Grant information:

The average grant is about € 3.500 to € 4.000 euro with a maximum of € 10.000.

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Find Your Feet (FYF)

Background:

Find Your Feet (FYF) is a British international development charity, established in 1960, dedicated to working with poor, rural communities to create lasting solutions to poverty. Over the last 40 years FYF's approach to alleviating poverty and suffering has evolved from providing humanitarian aid to supporting long-term rural development projects. FYF believes in social justice: a world in which everyone has the right to build a future free from poverty.

Activities:

FYF provides the capital investment and programme support that enables poor and marginalised rural people to achieve secure, self-supporting and sustainable livelihoods. FYF is dedicated to working with poor rural communities to build livelihoods and access services that will enable them to develop long-term solutions to their poverty.

Find Your Feet believes that a key element in sustainable development programmes must be the empowerment of women and the promotion of gender equality. This is why our projects seek to address women's needs and rights and enable them to play an active role in the development of their communities.

Each of the communities Find Your Feet works with has its own specific problems. By working with the communities, projects are tailor-made to respond most appropriately to local needs. FYF's development work encompasses a range of issues: creating employment and income opportunities; increasing agricultural production while making sustainable use of natural resources; conserving agricultural biodiversity; supporting disadvantaged groups to secure their economic, civil and political rights; raising awareness of HIV/AIDS; accessing vocational training and education; enabling communities to improve access to clean water for irrigation and drinking

Other activities:

All of FYF's programmes recognise the need to build the organisational capacity of local NGOs and community organisations, thus empowering the rural poor and enabling them to control their own lives. FYF is particularly concerned with women, tribal communities and, in India, dalits.

Project example(s):

India: Conserving agricultural biodiversity in the Medak District,

Andhra Pradesh: Government incentives have led to an increase in cash crop and mono-crop production, reducing the agricultural biodiversity that has characterised the plateau for years. FYF's local partner, the Deccan Development Society (DDS), is supporting smallholder dalit farmers to revive local agricultural practices and develop sustainable agriculture techniques that conserve biodiversity, improve soil fertility and increase yields.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Malawi; Asia: India

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

Expenses in 2002 for Overseas projects £ 400.023

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Fondation Ensemble (FE)

Background:

The Fondation Ensemble is a humanitarian foundation that was established by Gérard Brémond, founder, chairman-CEO and majority shareholder of Pierre & Vacances, the leading European company in the holiday accommodation market sector.

The aim of Fondation Ensemble is to contribute to projects geared towards promoting a new kind of human development incorporating environmental protection.

Activities:

The fields of involvement actually implemented by Fondation Ensemble and partners are linked in priority with: access to safe water and

sanitation, development of renewable energies, promotion of sustainable agriculture, and environmental education. Horizontal themes include the sustainable improvement of the living conditions of populations in difficulty, nature conservation, and training and education on the environment.

Since end of 2004, the Foundation acts within the framework of the following fields of involvement: Water and sanitation & other actions in sustainable development. Within both field special attention is paid to the involvement of women.

Project examples:

Mali: Integrated water resource management in the Inner Niger Delta: The project was conceived using the integrated method (GIRE), with the aim of providing the population with the means to manage water resources better and in a sustainable way. In addition to operations directed at reinforcing capacities, there are plans to rehabilitate or build 60 water supply points, to implement (ecosan) sustainable sanitation systems, raise the awareness of the population (PHAST), and propose suitable hydro-agricultural improvements.

Geographic details:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Mali, Malawi, Morocco, Senegal; Asia: Cambodia, China, India; South America: Bolivia, Chile, Peru; Central Eastern Europe: Romania, Ukraine.

Application details:

Fondation Ensemble will make a specific appeal for projects annually, where necessary. Deadlines for project proposals are in March and September of each year. Regarding the selection procedure: the different phases of project examination are as follows:

- the project is submitted to the Foundation in the form of a one-page presentation;
- the Foundation team contacts the project bearer, if necessary, to prepare the project form;

- the Foundation team examines the project and submits it to the college of experts for their opinion;
- depending on the opinions of the members of the committee, and after any modifications that may be necessary, the Foundation passes the project on to Projects Committee;
- the Bureau and/or the Board of directors announce its final decision.

Fondation Ensemble may be approached for a "private share" of co-funding combining players in bilateral or multilateral cooperation, or as the major donor. In the latter case, unless there are exceptional circumstances, Fondation Ensemble requires the applicant to find at least 25% of the proposed budget.

Grant information:

Fondation Ensemble will make a specific call for projects annually, where necessary.

In general, the funding granted by Fondation Ensemble in respect of this fund will not be less than 50,000 euros per annum and per project, and may not exceed three years. Where funding support is given for a three years' period, the project will be presented each year to the decision-making bodies of Fondation Ensemble, to obtain confirmation of the support given, depending on the first results obtained.

The Fondation never takes more than 60% of the financial plan of the project. Therefore it is required that the applicant finds amongst other financial partners at least 40% of the proposed budget.

In general, the funding granted by Fondation Ensemble with respect of its Biodiversity and Water & Sanitation Programme as well the Other actions in sustainable development Programme will not be less than 100,000 euros per annum and per project, and may not exceed three years.

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Information collected 08/2007

Global Fund for Women (GFW)

Background:

The Global Fund for Women was established in 1987. The GFW is a non-profit grant making foundation that advances women's human rights worldwide. It is a network of women and men who believe that ensuring women's full equality and participation in society is one of the most effective ways to build a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

GFW's mission is to advance women's human rights by making grants to women's groups that work to gain freedom from poverty, violence and discrimination.

The GFW supports organizations that demonstrate a clear commitment to women's equality and female human rights; consist of a group of women working together rather than an individual; and are governed and directed primarily by women.

Activities:

Economic Security: GFW supports efforts that increase women's ability to contribute to and benefit from economic growth and development. The Fund provides grants to organizations that promote women's economic empowerment through a variety of strategies, including skills training, access to micro loans and organizing migrants and other women workers. The grants promote women's leadership in environmental and natural resource management and

efforts to educate policymakers on how macro-economic policy and trade negotiations affect women's economic well-being.

Environment:

The GFW acknowledges women's role in preserving and transmitting indigenous knowledge, promoting biodiversity and managing environmental resources with respect. Economic and environmental justice cannot be achieved without the empowerment of women.

Other activities:

The GFW invests in programs that ensure access to education for women and girls at all stages of their lives. Global Fund grants provide access to both informal and formal education for women and girls. Special attention is paid to the needs of girls and women in minority and marginalized communities.

GFW grants educate women about basic health and sanitation practices, demand government accountability for ensuring good public health policy and provide critical services to the most under-served populations.

The GFW supports women's leadership in civic organizations, in local government and in decision-making bodies at the highest levels of governance.

The GFW supports programs that offer immediate services to victims of violence, raise awareness about their rights and advocate for an end to all forms of violence.

Project examples:

Togo: Woman of Tomorrow (Femme de Demain) works with women who have been "forgotten," who live on land that has been so over-farmed it is depleted of nutrients. Many of them are heads of households, widows, teen mothers or young girls orphaned by AIDS. The group trains women in basic literacy, accounting and pricing. To address the over-dependence on agriculture, especially during the dry season, a grant supported their efforts to teach women other ways to earn a living.

Kenya: Working with women in 14 villages across western Kenya, GWAKO is building sustainable wells, conducting community education about hygiene and sanitation, training women farmers to produce higher yields and installing washing facilities and latrines in schools. GWAKO supplements these activities by facilitating the formation of girls' clubs in schools to promote self-esteem and life skills.

Geographic details:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Middle East & Northern Africa: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Tunisia; Asia & Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, East Timor, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Thailand; Central America & Caribbean: Costa Rica, Dominican Rep., El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua; South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay; Central & Eastern Europe: Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine; Newly Independent States: Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan.

Application details:

The Global Fund supports groups of women working together. Organisations that demonstrate a clear commitment to women's equality and women's human rights and that are governed and directed by women. The GFW's funding is primarily devoted to flexible, general support grants that address universal issues such as reproductive health and choice, access to education, economic independence, political participation, the rights of

sexual minorities and the prevention of violence against women and children. These are flexible, small grants that cover general operating and project expenses. Your group must meet ALL the basic criteria (listed under "application requirements" of the grant application form) to be eligible for a grant. A group may only have one proposal of any type under consideration at a given time. The amount granted might be less than the amount requested if and when an award is made.

Other grants:

Travel and Event Grants: small grants that support members of an organization to attend conferences and events. Please note that your group must meet all the basic criteria (listed under "application requirements" of the grant application form) to be eligible for a grant.

Organizing Meeting/Event Grants: small grants that support organisations in planning a time-sensitive conference or event. These types of requests must be received no later than 8 weeks before the beginning of the event and that funds for these kinds of grants are limited. *Note: because the funding for such grants is so limited, priority will be given to former grantees of the GFW that do not have access to other funding sources.*

Due to the large number of applications the Fund receives, please allow 7 to 9 months to review your request. Applications are accepted throughout the year and grants are awarded every three months. The Fund will send you a note of receipt within three weeks of receiving your application.

You can download application forms via:

<http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/content/view/212/202/>

Grant information:

The majority of the grants range between US\$ 500 to a maximum annual grant of US\$ 20,000. Grants awarded 2006: US\$ 7,755,754.

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Information collected 05/2007

INKOTA

Background:

INKOTA was created as an ecumenical group in 1971 in the former German Democratic Republic and since 1990 it has been recognized as an independent non-profit organization. With offices in Berlin, Saxony, and Thuringia; 21 member organizations in all the new German states; and 130 individual members, INKOTA is currently the most widespread network of development-oriented groups in the east of Germany.

The goal of the project work in the South is to improve the living situations of underprivileged and marginalized groups. INKOTA works to promote alternative social, economic, and political structures. INKOTA connects its support for projects in the South with public awareness building in the North.

Activities:

The projects' main focuses are local agricultural development, human rights, women's issues and gender equity, basic health, environmental conservation, education, and work with handicapped and traumatized children. Collaboration concentrates on smaller organizations that use grassroots tactics and flexible working structures.

Project examples:

Mozambique: Women's cooperative "Ché Guevara" in Mahotas/Maputo:

Rural development project:

Infrastructural activities (wells, irrigation), agricultural training and education for women.

Geographic details:

Africa: Mozambique; Asia: Vietnam; Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua.

Application details: n/a

Grant information:

Grants range between € 3500 and € 30.000. INKOTA prefers to finance projects together with partners.

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Information collected 08/2007

Intercooperation (IC)

Background:

Intercooperation is a Swiss foundation for international development cooperation. The aim is to alleviate poverty through rural development. The focus is on improving rural livelihoods through the sustainable management, harvesting and processing of natural resources in order to promote ecologically, economically and socially sustainable development.

Activities:

Intercooperation's expertise, process competence and services are grouped around three principal working domains:

- Natural resource management: the work aims at a balance between production and protection for the benefit of the poor. Short-term needs of increased production have to be

- reconciled with longer-term conservation interests. Within the domain of natural resources management, Intercooperation works on specific themes, ranging from agricultural production and tropical forestry to climate change and biodiversity.
- Rural economy: the availability of infrastructure and the existence and accessibility of basic social services are crucial. Intercooperation's emphasis is on giving impulses to production and the transformation of agricultural and forestry products, on identifying and creating linkages to markets and industries and in supporting the economy by building up and perfecting financial and non financial service providers that serve also the needs of the poor. Building of sustainable institutions is the key to success.
 - Local governance and civil society: to promote the development of municipalities, villages and other local bodies. Intercooperation wants to ensure that the poor, women and marginal groups are well represented, and their rights secured. Beyond the strengthening of municipal management and services, Intercooperation is concerned with local economic development.

Within all three areas gender plays an important role. For IC, "women in development" and later "gender balanced development", have been priority. IC promotes processes and strategies aimed at gender balanced development both within the organizations and in the programs and activities they implement. Intercooperation makes its vision and convictions known to its partners. It respects the partners' position and values and enters a process of dialogue and negotiation. The

- objective of gender-balanced development is to contribute to:
- effective poverty reduction and empowerment of the poor;
 - increased livelihood opportunities for both women and men, including economic opportunities;
 - good governance through participation of women and men, taking into account the needs and interests of the whole society.

Other activities:
Intercooperation offers the following types of services: programme planning, support and evaluation; thematic and methodological backstopping of partner organisations; management of project cycles, personnel and trust funds; training courses, workshops and seminars; studies, documentation, electronic platforms; logistical support in countries with delegations and representations; other services (logistics, communication, coaching, supervision). Intercooperation's main tool is the planning, implementation and supervision of development programmes and mandates.

Project example(s):
India: Small Ruminants Development Programme (SRDP): the programme aims at gender-balanced development through efficient goat and sheep rearing practices. Supporting the District Sheep Breeders' Union and Primary Village Cooperatives for the efficient management of their own organisation and providing effective services to its members. Interventions aim to improve productivity of sheep and goats in the selected villages for sustainable livelihoods. The programme focuses on shepherds and goat keepers. During this phase the emphasis is on strengthening the cooperatives and establishing an alternative health delivery system through doorstep (flock site) animal health workers. Initiatives are also being taken in developing and managing land and water resources.

Nepal: Sustainable Soil Management Programme (SSMP): the programme aims at improved livelihoods for woman and men in the mid-hills of Nepal from bari-dominated farming systems. It promotes sustainable soil management on the hillsides of Nepal and places a methodological emphasis on participatory technology testing and diffusion. Activities supported include on-farm testing, farmer-led experimentation, human resource development and networking between institutions.

Geographic details:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Congo, Ghana, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Tanzania; Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, North-Korea, Pakistan; Central Asia (NIS): Kyrgyzstan; Central America & Caribbean: Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador; South America: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru; Central East Europe: Bulgaria, Ukraine; South Eastern Europe: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia-Montenegro.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

In its financial figures Intercooperation distinguishes between its own funds and trust funds. Trust funds are administered "in trust" for a funding partner; such trust funds are usually spent on project activities in developing and transition countries. Trust fund expenditures fluctuate around 30 Mio CHF per year.

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Information collected 05/2005

International Council of Women (ICW)

Background:

The International Council of Women (ICW-CIF) is an international, non-political, NGO which was formed in 1888. The organisation is concerned with the advancement of women at all levels.

Since its inception the ICW objectives have been for the economic empowerment of women and for better social conditions. One of the specific aims of the International Council of Women is to have concern for the contribution women make to environmental issues through encouraging opportunities for participation in environmental management, and to the promotion of sustainable development.

Activities:

The ICW seeks to achieve its aims by assisting development programmes and projects in developing countries. These development programmes at local and community levels are intended to integrate women and their families into the economic and social development of their respective countries.

An important element is to improve women's awareness of the importance of environmental issues and to collaborate with and give support to those organisations and governments, at local and national levels, working towards a healthy total ecosystem of the planet.

Other activities:

Programmes: The International Council of Women furthermore takes action through: seminars and workshops to build skills; development of its regional councils; Voices of ICW-CIF Permanent Representatives at meetings of UN agencies in New York, Vienna, Geneva, Rome, Paris and Nairobi; advocacy annually at the UN Commission on the Status of Women; training on CEDAW reporting (Convention on the Elimination of all

forms of Discrimination Against Women).

Project example(s):

Sudan: The project is now completed with the installation of the grinding mill. The use of the mill will enable women from a number of villages to not only grind grain for their own use but to earn money by grinding grain from surrounding villages. India: Judith Tailoring Training Centre for Young Widows and helpless Young Girls, Peddapuram, AP. This projects aims at training young women facing dowry problems, prostitution and bondage, in order to help them find an income and feed their children and family. All selected women are provided with a sewing machine, education and training in tailoring.

Geographical details:

Africa: Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe; Asia & Pacific: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Thailand; Central & South America: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay; South Eastern Europe: Macedonia, Turkey.

Application details:

Projects should target either or both of the following objectives:

1. Improving the quality of life of women and their families particularly the girl-child: a) access to water, fuel and energy; better nutrition, health care, sanitation, family planning; population and social service education (such as multi-purpose centres, child-care facilities); b) appropriate technology to alleviate the burden of women; c) information and access to credit (including micro-credit, transport, and marketing facilities); d) better conditions of work including occupational safety and health; e) better environmental conditions for

the family, home and community.

2. Improving women's status and equality of opportunity: a) access to education, training, literacy, income-generating activities, employment, retraining and upgrading of skills; b) promotion of legislation and its implementation to improve the status of women and their quality of life; c) leadership training at all levels; d) participation of women at all levels in decision making; e) participation of women in co-operatives and trade-union organisations.

Grant information:

The maximum Development Project request considered is US\$ 5,000.

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Information collected 07/2007

International Development Exchange (IDEX)

Background:

IDEX was founded in 1985 and serves as a bridge, linking international communities undertaking small-scale development projects with supportive partners, or sponsors, in the U.S. IDEX is a social change organization, challenging social and economic forces that marginalize people worldwide. Special about IDEX is its concentration on partner organisations.

IDEX supports its partners' initiatives through:

- Raising and Distributing Funds: IDEX grants support economic

initiatives that focus on women's empowerment, indigenous people, food security, labour rights, and participation in the allocation of local resources. Since people frequently need organizations that promote their interests, these grants also support the development and sustainability of local organizations that will promote the interests of low-income communities.

- Alliance Building: IDEX provides a variety of services and resources to partners to help them build alliances with each other, with U.S. funders, and with NGOs throughout the world that are working on similar issues. IDEX recognizes that collaboration, sharing experience and developing joint strategies are an effective way for its partners to build their own organizational strength and bring stability to their communities.

Activities:

One of the priorities of IDEX is women's empowerment. IDEX works with many groups to increase the opportunities open to women and to offer women training and resources that they otherwise would not be able to access. IDEX works with a variety of organizations and projects aimed at empowering women. Some serve to strengthen women's political and economic participation; others help women build self-sufficiency and self-esteem through women's cooperatives and training programs. In the field of labour rights IDEX supports women's groups; IDEX and its partners enable women to break out of their traditional roles and seek employment and economic independence.

Other activities:

Regarding food security IDEX supports a wide variety of community activities that promote food security, from sustainable agriculture and aquaculture projects to providing

affordable foodstuffs in remote community-run stores. With respect to indigenous people IDEX supports the initiatives of indigenous people who are working to address their needs and ensure respect for their rights. These initiatives represent efforts to improve indigenous people's access to local resources including food, water, education, land, health care, and credit. IDEX supports workers' rights in factories and in the field; by promoting training schemes, IDEX supports unemployed people in developing their skills so that they can find work. Many of the initiatives that IDEX supports at the community level utilize micro credit structures to administer their funds. Through micro credit programs, low-income entrepreneurs receive small, low-interest loans to start or expand a micro business.

In the field of sustainable agriculture IDEX promotes sustainable agriculture as an environmentally sound and economically viable alternative for small farmers working at the grassroots. Finally IDEX supports young people who are striving to create a better society for themselves and future generations. IDEX recognizes and supports education and training as important elements in expanding opportunities for youth.

Project examples:

India: With support from IDEX, the NGO Manavi trains women and other marginal farmers in the use of local seeds and other sustainable organic agricultural practices, including the preparation of organic pesticides and the practice of worm composting. These practices reduce women's reliance on expensive commercial seeds and chemical fertilizers, which have proven so detrimental to the soil over the years. Most of all, Manavi is promoting women's involvement in agricultural decision making and increasing the opportunities for women in agriculture.

Mexico: Women's Cooperative Stores in Chiapas: Since the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas Mexico in 1994, indigenous women have increasingly

taken the initiative in starting cooperatives to meet the needs of their communities. With the support of IDEX, K'inai Antzetik has helped establish a revolving fund that has so far provided seed money to start 11 women-run cooperative stores in Chiapas.

Application details:

IDEX only works with partner organisations and therefore it does not accept unsolicited proposals for partnership. IDEX only brings in new partners a few at a time, every 1-2 year. Please see our partner selection criteria, below, for more information on our partnership selection process. IDEX limits its partnerships, and therefore its funding, to social change organizations in the following countries: Bangladesh, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Nepal, South Africa and Zimbabwe. IDEX' partnership work focuses on economic empowerment of disadvantaged communities at the grassroots. Participating organizations must have this focus as a central part of their mission and program.

Grant information:

IDEX provides a minimum of \$13,000 in grants each year to each partner organization for a period of three to six years, and approximately \$3,000 each to Catalyst Grantees. In addition to these partnership grants IDEX provides at least \$ 5,000 over the three-year period to support the technical needs of the partner organisation.

Geographical details:

Africa: South Africa, Zimbabwe; Asia: Bangladesh, India, Nepal; Central America: Guatemala, Mexico.

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Information collected 08/2007

International Solidarity Foundation (ISF)

Background:

The International Solidarity Foundation (ISF) is a Finnish NGO specialised into the development co-operation and solidarity work, which was established in 1970. It has links with the Social Democrat Party (SDP) of Finland. The goals of the ISF are: to reduce poverty; to support democratic development; to promote equality and human rights; and to protect the environment.

ISF projects are based on the needs of the communities in which they are carried out and the people who benefit from them always take part in the planning process. The foundation's partners are established local NGOs. The ISF tries to improve the efficiency of its work in partner countries by means of training and projects that increase self-sufficiency of the communities.

Activities:

Through long-term projects, ISF aims at improving the living conditions of the poorest sectors of society, particularly women and children, in the partner countries. In all the projects, ISF encourages women to participate in the development of their own community. The main objective is to strengthen women's social, economic and political status and to provide young people and children with the means to build a better future.

Other activities:

ISF believes that development can only come from within a community - and it therefore aims to build the capacity of local communities to help themselves. ISF undertakes long-term integrated community development projects. These programmes include literacy education, training in income-

generating activities, support to build the capacity of local partner NGOs, and assistance such as micro credits for community-based groups and the introduction of production methods, which can help to protect the environment.

Alongside with the country programmes, the ISF will also implement short-term and experimental projects in response to the situation in the various countries. The short-term projects enable ISF to get to know potential partners and partner countries and make new moves towards cooperation.

Projects examples:

Nicaragua: ASPRODIC / Tierra Nueva: The aim of the project is to increase the income generation of those organic coffee producers who are members of the Tierra Nueva cooperative in Boaco by improving the profitability and quality of their coffee. The education and advice programme within the project particularly enhances the role of women as equal partners in family farms. As a whole, the project creates opportunities for low-income families to improve their standard of living. The project directly benefits more than 3 000 people, half of them women.

Nicaragua: Developing rural communities in Northern Nicaragua: UCANS: The project promotes socio-economic development in rural communities in Northern Nicaragua. The aim is to improve the local communities' human and economic resources by supporting and encouraging the own initiatives of men and women and developing alternative sources of livelihood. This will lead to long-term improvements in the living conditions of people in the area. There are approximately 1 200 beneficiaries, half of them women.

Geographic details:

Africa: Somalia, Uganda; Central America: Nicaragua; Central Eastern Europe: Russia (=Carelia).

Application details:

NGOs (rather: communities) interested should be local. Enquiries should be

directed to the local partners.

Financial information:

The ISF's total operational budget in 2006 was approximately 1.65 million euros.

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Information collected 08/2007

International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)

Background:

IWDA, established in 1985, is non-profit organisation that creates positive change for women and their communities. IWDA's practical and rights-based projects directly address poverty and oppression in developing countries.

Through its work IWDA aims to increase the number of women who have a sustainable livelihood, an effective voice in decisions, equal rights and status, and a life free from violence in an environment that is healthy and sustainable.

Activities:

IWDA undertakes projects in partnership with women and girls from around the Asia-Pacific region giving priority to working with women who suffer poverty and oppression. IWDA's overseas projects are devised and managed by the women who live and work in their communities. This helps to ensure their relevance and effectiveness to these women and their communities.

Regarding environment and natural resource management IWDA recognises that the survival of communities is totally dependent on the survival of the planet and its resources. IWDA also recognises the fundamental links between gender and the environment through gender roles and responsibilities, gender specific uses of natural resources and gender specific impacts of environmental degradation and environmental programming. IWDA aims to incorporate environmental concerns in its development work wherever possible and to promote ecologically sustainable development as an important development goal.

Other activities:

The empowerment of women, central to effective development, has many elements - facilitating women's access to information, education and skills training, income, support from other women, and development of strategies for addressing their concerns and working with others. Supporting the development of partner organisations' capacity is also important.

Project example(s):

Vietnam: Safer Farming in Bac Ninh Province: an innovative project to make fruit and vegetable production safer for growers and consumers in Vietnam. The Safer Farming Project addressed the over-use of farm chemicals in vegetable growing in Vietnam in a way that produced good outcomes for women and gender relations. The Safer Farming Project adapted Integrated Pest Management to vegetable growing in Bac Ninh Province, and incorporated topics on gender awareness in the field and the home.

Geographic details:

Asia & Pacific: Bangladesh, Cambodia, East Timor, Fiji, Myanmar/Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu, Vietnam.

Application details:

IWDA considers requests for assistance from Asia-Pacific based,

grass-roots women's organisations. Please note only limited funds are available, and are restricted to AUS\$ 15,000 in the first year. Proposals need to be received by the office no later than 15 February.

Financial information:

Funds to overseas projects in 2005-2006 AUS\$ 649,791.

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Information collected 07/2007

Marie-Schlei-Association (MSA)

Background:

The Marie-Schlei-Association is a German NGO that was founded in 1984 in memory of Marie Schlei, former German Minister for Development and Foreign Aid. Marie Schlei wanted to improve the situation of women in developing countries and made women's issues an essential part of her development policy.

The Association raises funds for small-scale professional training projects for women in the South. Additionally, it informs about the role and the situation of women in Africa, Asia and Latin America and supports a female vision of development and solidarity between the North and the South.

Activities:

The Association mainly supports training projects that enable women to enhance their income and to provide them with the means to improve their own and their children's situation. This is only possible by improving their technical, organizational, business and

professional skills. Many projects therefore include courses in reading and writing, accounting, marketing, financing etc.

The Association has supported women in Africa, Asia and Latin America in over 200 projects, helping them to acquire a large variety of skills, e.g. in agriculture, fruit and vegetable production, conservation and marketing, cattle and goat keeping, sewing, tailoring, embroidery, carpentry and renovation of housing, leatherwork, bookkeeping, marketing, fish production, technical skills.

Project example(s):

Guinea: Sea salt production and fish smoking facilities for women: In the rural coastal region of Guinea 120 women are being trained in laboursaving and ecologically safe working methods for the production of salt from sea water and for the smoking of fish.

Ecuador: Herbal medicine cultivation Llano Grande community: Together with long-standing partner organisation Quilago, the Marie Schlei Association runs a training project in the cultivation and processing of herbal medicine. Traditional knowledge and modern production technology are combined.

Geographic details:

Africa: Guinea, Tanzania; Asia: Cambodia, China, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam;
Caribbean & Central America: Dominican Rep., Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua; South America: Brazil, Ecuador, Peru Uruguay

Application details:

The Marie-Schlei-Association only promotes training projects organized by women's groups or organizations of and for women. Programs and projects, methods and objectives of the training have to be clearly identified in the application form:

http://msv.quadratur-webdesign.de/texte/doc/antragsform_eng.doc

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Grant information:

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Information collected 08/2007

Mission 21

Background:

Mission 21 is an evangelical organization that conducts a.o. programmes and projects regarding improving the position of women since the organisation supports equal rights for men and women.

Activities:

Besides the fact that activities geared towards women are an integral part of all projects, Mission 21 has a special Women's Empowerment Fund (Frauen Förderungs Fonds that supports activities regarding empowerment of women in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Project example(s):

Nigeria: Northern provinces: integrated village development programme including provision of drinking water.

Geographical details:

Sub-Saharan Africa; Asia: China, Indonesia, Malaysia; South America: Bolivia, Chile, Peru.

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Information collected: 06/2005

New Field Foundation (NFF)

Background:

New Field Foundation contributes to the creation of a safe and sustainable world by supporting women and their families to overcome poverty, violence and injustice in their communities. New Field Foundation is newly established and operates in support of Tides Foundation's international grant making.

Activities:

New Field Foundation is committed to funding in sub-Saharan Africa at this time. The NFF is in the process of developing plans for its Africa program as a whole and is currently focusing on West Africa. NFF is interested in supporting rural women to create change not only for their own communities but also for the wider rural population of which they are part.

During the period 2005-2007 New Field was concentrating its activities on initiatives that transform the lives of women and their families in Casamance and the border area of the Mano River region. The purpose of these grants is to enable women and their families to re-establish and transform their lives and their communities in rural areas after years of devastating conflict in the region. NNF was aiming to do this by supporting existing community organizations with established programs of work, as well as initiatives that bring a fresh approach and

creativity to addressing the challenges faced by rural women, their families and communities.

New Field is interested in supporting an organization or group so that it can realize its goals according to its own needs and priorities. Grants can be made for institutional capacity building, program activities, or administrative support, as defined by the organization or group itself.

The NFF is particularly interested in organizations and groups that:

- carry out their work with integrity and courage;
- enable rural women and their families to re-establish and transform their lives in different ways after years of disruption, conflict and displacement;
- enable rural women and their families to benefit from, control and maximize economic resources;
- encourage women's leadership and participatory processes at all levels;
- create long-lasting peace and non-violence, in the home and in the community;
- influence and implement changes in attitude, processes and decision-making at provincial and national levels in ways that benefit rural women and their families.

Geographic details:

Africa: Guinea, Liberia, Senegal, Sierra Leone.

Application details:

Extensive information about grant procedures can be found at: <http://www.newfieldfound.org/grants.html>

You may send your proposal anytime between May 1 and September 30. Proposals may be written in English or French. Attention: Check the NFF website for updated information!

Grant information:

Grants range between US \$7,500 - \$15,000. If your organization/group has

an annual income of less than US \$35,000 per year, you need to secure the commitment of a larger organization that does have an annual income of US \$35,000 per year, and that is willing and legally able to act as a 'fiscal sponsor'. This means that it would receive the funds and disburse them to you. It would not have decision-making power over the funds. If your proposal is accepted for funding, NFF would require a copy of the memorandum of understanding or letter of agreement that sets out the arrangement between your organization/group and the fiscal sponsor. NFF's preference is that you already have an existing relationship with your fiscal sponsor.

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Information collected 08/2007

Nouvelle Planète (NP)

Background:

Nouvelle Planète is a non-profit organization founded in 1985 on Albert Schweitzer's example and ethic. The organisation works with local organizations and grassroots groups to design and implement community development projects. It supports concrete projects run by dynamic partners, without governmental intermediaries.

Activities:

One of its areas of interest is women. Activities supported are: construction and organization of literacy centres; construction and organisation of women's handicrafts centres; equipping women's groups (e.g. with grain mills, carts and donkeys, and household sheep) to make their work

easier, and to enable them to feed their families.

Other activities:

Actions so as to improve the situation of underprivileged populations and preserve the environment by means of concrete programmes, with local and dynamic partners who are members of grassroots groups, in the fields of: protection of the environment; community development; appropriate technologies; and social and health issues.

Project example(s):

Burkina Faso: the support of small projects of women's groups is one of NF's principal activities. The results obtained these last years show indeed that the women of these countries play a dominating part in the development with much positive impacts several aspects of the local life, like health, education, the birth rate, the protection of the environment, etc. Projects promote appropriate technologies, sustainable agriculture, the marketing of products, etc.

Geographic details:

Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Madagascar, Niger, Senegal, Uganda;
Asia: India, Philippines, Vietnam;
Caribbean: Haiti; South America :
Bolivia, Brazil, Peru

Application details: n/a

Grant information:

Budget for programme expenses
2005: SFr. 1.788.912

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Information collected 08/2008

One World Action (OWA)

Background:

One World Action was established in 1989 and works with more than 30 partner organisations in Africa, Asia and Central America to create opportunities for the poorest women, men and children to transform their lives through coming together to influence government policy and practice. Central to OWA work is the belief that defeating poverty goes hand in hand with promoting human rights and good democratic government. Only if we pursue these goals in a coherent way can we build a just and equal world.

Gender equality and equity is at the heart of One World Action's work. OWA believes that gender justice is central to sustainable development and sustainable democracy. One World Action uses gender mainstreaming as a strategy for achieving gender equality and equity. This approach to development involves ensuring that women's needs and interests are addressed in all stages of development planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Activities:

OWA provides money, expertise and practical help to organisations committed to strengthening the democratic process and improving people's lives in poor and developing countries. In all cases they initiate and work on the projects that OWA supports, ensuring that local needs are genuinely understood and met. Initiatives aimed at strengthening local level democracy are at the heart of all of OWA's partners' work, which includes large health, water, education and human rights programmes.

Other activities:

OWA reinforces its work on the ground by engaging in policy debates on international development issues, and creating opportunities for its partners from the South to meet face-to-face with EU and UK policy-makers. The Closing the Gap Programme aims at closing the gap between gender policy and practice. OWA promotes women's rights through lobbying, advocacy and research in collaboration with partners in South and North.

Project example(s):

Bangladesh: support of the Land Rights Programme the Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), which focuses its work on marginalised groups to increase access of poor people to land and contributing to poverty reduction by creating the enabling conditions for land reform at the grassroots level through capacity building around issues of justice and democracy.

Philippines: the SIMCARD project aims to enhance food security for fishermen and increase their income. Also the Community Livestock programme, set up by the partner, BUILDER, aims to increase crop production and improve food security for three farming communities in Central Philippines.

Geographic details:

Africa: Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia; Asia: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand; Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

Expenses for undertaking charitable activities 2005-2006: € 4,894,183

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Information collected 08/2007

Oxfam America

Background:

Oxfam America is an international development organization dedicated to creating lasting solutions to hunger, poverty and social injustice around the world. It is one of 12 Oxfam organizations around the world that comprise Oxfam International. Together they maximize their effectiveness by collaborating with each other on emergency relief projects, campaigning for policy change, and in creating innovative broad based grassroots projects that have great impact throughout a region or across countries.

Activities:

Oxfam provides financial, technical and networking assistance to grassroots groups to support their self-help community development initiatives.

The right to gender equality underpins all Oxfam's work across the world. Gender discrimination, or the denial of women's basic human rights, is a major cause of poverty. Considering gender equality in every aspect of Oxfam's work, means ensuring that both women and men are consulted, and their different needs considered in the design and implementation of work. Promoting gender equality shouldn't be seen as privileging women and disempowering men, but rather ensuring equality and justice, and unlocking women's potential, is to the benefit of everyone.

Oxfam is addressing gender discrimination by helping women to:

- Campaign for legal reform in countries with laws that disadvantage women;
- Acquire functional literacy skills so they can work;
- Raise the income of some of the world's poorest families through community finance programs targeted at women;
- Strengthen their voice in their communities, so they can become leaders and spokespeople;
- Build peace in areas struggling with conflict;
- Understand their human rights, so they will not accept violence as their fate.

Other activities:

Development assistance: Oxfam America pursues solutions to poverty, hunger, and social injustice in many ways, starting with the support of grassroots community programs in poor countries. Issues Oxfam works on are:

- Livelihoods: support of small farmers; workers' rights; micro credits (Saving for Change program).
- Natural resources management: oil, gas and mining; access to land; water issues and fisheries.
- Peace & Security;
- Indigenous & Minority Rights;
- Global Trade Issues (Oxfam America and the 11 other Oxfam International affiliates are supporting organizations in poor countries that are demanding pro-poor trade policies from their own governments and the WTO).

Emergency aid and reconstruction assistance: Oxfam America raises money for disasters on an on-going basis to maintain a pool of funds that is readily available when needed without taking away resources from long-term development projects. In regions at high risk, many of these long-term projects are designed to

increase people's preparedness for natural disasters and avoid conflicts.

Geographic details:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe; Asia: Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam; Central America & Caribbean: Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua; South America: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru.

Application details:

Oxfam partners with local communities to address their needs directly and to create solutions that will be sustainable over time. Oxfam America only supports organisations that are working in the approximately 25 countries in which it has programs.

In general, grant proposals are developed in cooperation between Oxfam's regional staff and potential partner organizations. Oxfam America usually refers unsolicited requests to its regional staff (if the proposal is in line with the regional strategy), such proposals are rarely funded.

Grant information:

Grants usually range from \$ 10,000 - \$ 40,000, and in a few cases up to \$ 60,000.

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Progressio

Background:

Progressio, formerly known as the Catholic Institute for International Relations (CIIR), is an international development charity working for justice and the eradication of poverty. Progressio works in partnership with

civil groups and governments all over the world.

Progressio seeks concrete ways of strengthening the efforts of people as they work towards socially just development. The values and goals which underpin its work as a development agency are as follows: to eradicate poverty and exclusion through challenging unjust political, social and economic structures locally and globally; the full and active participation of the poorest, most excluded groups in decision-making which works to reduce vulnerabilities stemming from conflict, war and environmental degradation; an equitable distribution of resources and power between men and women and between communities and nations; and basic rights, cultural diversity and multi-cultural understanding.

Activities:

The organisation aims to ensure that projects: benefit the poor; have a clear gender perspective; promote self-reliance; transfer skills; and challenge the causes of poverty.

Other activities:

Progressio's advocacy work is focused on three themes: Civil society participation; HIV and AIDS; and sustainable environment. Progressio's approach combines advocacy work to secure equitable policies with the strengthening of community-based organisations that represent the interests of the poor and improve their quality of life

Project example(s):

Ecuador: Strengthening indigenous knowledge and technology in agriculture and in the management of natural resources; promoting environmental education and sustainable management of natural resources; capacity-building project for natural resource management in the Andean region, working with local organisations in coordination with Progressio Ecuador; and supporting rural producers to strengthen the management and organisation of

production, marketing and sustainable agricultural projects.

Geographical details:

Africa: Namibia, Somalia, Zimbabwe;
Asia & Middle East: East Timor,
Indonesia=West Papua, Yemen;
Central America & Caribbean:
Dominican Rep., El Salvador, Haiti,
Honduras, Nicaragua; South America:
Ecuador, Peru.

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

Expenditure for undertaking charitable activities in 2004 £ 3,814,400

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PROTOS

Background:

PROTOS is a NGO for development cooperation that was established in 1976. PROTOS aims at facilitating sustainable and empowering development processes that are well integrated in the local cultural and social context and that strive to improve the general well being of the destitute groups in the South. In that view, water is a key element. Given its expertise in this field, PROTOS particularly stands up for equitable, sustainable and participatory water management in the North and the South.

Activities:

PROTOS encourages processes and projects around participatory, equitable, and sustainable water management. The implementation of the projects takes place in cooperation with local NGO's, local farmers' and users' organisations, and local authorities. The programmes are well integrated within the local culture and social circumstances.

PROTOS encourages the local population to join hands and to find solutions for their water-related problems themselves. Work is carried out simultaneously at four levels: Actions in the field: in order to improve directly the health, food security, and socio-economic situation; training and organisation: water committees, farmers' organisations, NGOs, local authorities, and governmental services are formed and reinforced; cooperation and planning: all actors involved in local development are encouraged to cooperate more closely, to distribute tasks and responsibilities well, and to gear the planning to one another; PROTOS stands up for a stronger role for local authorities and communities, and for the importance of the multi-stakeholder approach.

Furthermore is it important to PROTOS to incorporate gender aspects in its activities.

Other activities:

PROTOS carries out assessment studies, surveys and advisory tasks. PROTOS also produces publications and technical manuals about different aspects of the water issue and makes them available to third parties.

Project examples:

Madagascar: FIKRIFAMA: Drinking water and Sanitation in the Andromba Valley: Key elements: Drinking water supply., sensitization on hygiene and sanitation, reinforcement water committees, and second-line activity. Reinforcement of the local capacities for an equitable and sustainable management of drinking water and sanitation several municipalities.

Ecuador: CEDIR (Centro de Desarrollo e Investigación Rural) and CICDA (Centre International de Coopération pour le Développement Agricole): Water management in El Tambo. Irrigation systems and integrated water resources management in a number of river basins of El Tambo and Cañar (North of Azogues). An improved participatory management of the San Antonio, Cebadas, and Burgay river basins and an improved agricultural production thanks to 7 irrigation systems.

Geographic details:

Africa: Benin, Burundi, Dem. Rep. Congo, Madagascar, Mali, Rwanda, Uganda; Caribbean: Haiti; South America: Ecuador.

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Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)

Background:

Right Sharing of World Resources is a program of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supporting grassroots projects for economic development and offering educational materials for the study of the lives of the poor, the lives of the rich, and the spiritual meaning of both. The mission of Right Sharing of World Resources is to support grassroots development and economic discipleship through small grants.

Activities:

RSWR funds income-generating projects and is particularly interested

in funding new, small, grassroots organizations, especially those whose director is a woman. RSWR's grant-making work focuses on the cultural, social and economic empowerment of impoverished persons that is best accomplished through the implementation of sustainable agriculture and/or micro enterprise self-employment projects.

Project examples:

Sierra Leone: Ishaak Mucksons integrated rural development project: Agro-forestry and women's wood lots: 100 men and women from the villages in the Tonkolili District will participate in this one-year project to alleviate the present fuel wood crisis and the related consequences of deforestation. India: Women Empowerment and Development Trust: Conservation of Traditional Vegetables and Fruits. The beneficiaries are 40 landless women. 20 acres of land will be leased for planting in traditional varieties of plants. Local and traditional seeds/seedlings will be purchased for the project. Manure and pesticides will be produced by the women who will receive needed trainings by agriculture specialists. The women will be trained on cultivation, harvesting, processing and marketing and manure and panchakaviam production.

Geographic details:

Africa: Kenya, Rwanda, Sierra Leone; Asia=India

Application details:

RSWR funds income-generating projects. Proposals MUST outline the economics (expenses and income) of an income-generating project, especially the net income the beneficiaries can expect. A revolving fund must be incorporated into the project and details of its implementation provided. RSWR is particularly interested in funding new, small, grassroots organizations, especially those whose director is a woman. RSWR has two funding cycles per year. Deadlines are: June 30 (for funding decisions in October) and

December 31 (for funding decisions in April).

Grant information:

Grants are up to \$US 5,000 per year (never more!), for a maximum of five years. Often, however, three years is the upper limit. Proposals should identify the duration of the project. Funding is approved for the entire length of the project, with funds being released upon receipt of a report/audit of the previous year's grant.

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SOMNEED

Background:

The Society for Mutual aid, Networking, Environment, Education & Development (a.k.a. Society for Operation Minimum Needs) was founded 1993. Originally its aim was international cooperation by building up communities towards self-reliance through forest regeneration.

Nowadays SOMNEED's objective is the rebuilding of communities towards a sustainable livelihood and society with a special focus on social justice for the needy and oppressed sectors.

Activities:

Natural resource management including afforestation, micro-watershed management; alternative and decentralized energy (solar, micro hydropower, wind power etc.); women empowerment through self help groups (e.g. through micro-finance schemes); capacity building trainings and workshops for NGOs, CBO, government officials; disaster rehabilitation; informal

Project example(s):

India: Women's self-reliance support project in Vishakhapatnam: the overall objective of the programme is to strengthen and empower communities in urban slums through women self help groups; specific activities include micro loan schemes, and the sales of products directly from producers to consumers using the network of producers and consumers as well as the management and operation of the production and distribution centres.

Geographical details:

Asia: India, Nepal

Application details: n/a

Financial information:

Project Expenses in 2000:
¥ 12,740,289 (appr. 90,347 Euro).

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Women for Women International (WFWI)

Background:

WFWI was established in 1993 in the aftermath of the Yugoslavian crisis. Its mission is to provide women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies.

Activities:

WFWI's strategy promotes rights-based development by supporting women as they take control in rebuilding their lives and generating economic sustainability in their communities. Its multi-phase approach incorporates: direct aid, emotional

support, skills training, rights education, leadership training, micro-enterprise and small business development.

Women begin in WFWI's Sponsorship Program where direct financial aid from a sponsor helps them deal with the immediate effects of war and conflict such as lack of food, water, medicine and other necessities. While continuing to receive sponsorship support, women embark on the next leg of the journey and participate in the Renewing Women's Life Skills (ReneWLS) Program that provides them with rights awareness, leadership education and vocational and technical skills training. To help women transform their new skills into financial independence and sustainability, WFWI offers job skills trainings to strengthen women's existing skills and to introduce new skills in traditional and non-traditional fields so women can access future employment opportunities.

Building on the skills training program, WFWI offers comprehensive business services designed to help women start and manage their own micro-credit programmes and micro-enterprises. WFWI also helps women form micro-enterprises such as production facilities and cooperative stores to sell the goods women produce.

Other activities:

WFWI primarily focuses on providing support and resources to woman at the grassroots level; however, the organisation also reaches out to national and international leaders to raise awareness about the status of women in post-conflict societies.

Project example(s):

Nigeria: Nigerian Women: Working Together to Succeed: Godiya Women, a peanut oil cooperative formed recently by graduates of WFWI's program in Nigeria. Godiya is a group of 50 women who have pooled their skills and resources to produce and market peanut oil.

Geographic details:

Africa: Dem. Rep. Congo, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan; Asia & Middle East: Afghanistan, Iraq; South America: Colombia; South Eastern Europe: Bosnia-Herzegovina-Kosovo.

Application details:

WFWI utilizes four criteria when determining how and when to expand its programs to new areas of operation. The organization seeks to work: 1) in conflict or post-conflict countries or regions; 2) where women are disproportionately affected by war and violence; 3) where these women's needs are not being met and the organization's programs can fill a critical gap in services; and 4) when the organization has the resources to launch and sustain a program that can grow and expand over time to meet the long-term needs of women survivors of war.

Financial information:

Budget for program expenses 2003
appr. US\$ 4.4 million

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World Neighbors

Background:

Founded in 1951 and rooted in the tradition of neighbour helping neighbour, World Neighbors is a non-profit, non-sectarian, self-help organization supported by private donations. It is a grassroots development organization working in partnership with the rural poor in hundreds of villages. World Neighbors brings people together to solve their problems and meet their basic needs. By supporting community self-reliance,

leadership and organization, World Neighbors helps people address the root causes of hunger, poverty and disease.

The focus of WM's activities is in ecologically fragile rural areas where the land and forests are degrading, where there are few roads, little or no access to clean water or electricity, and limited services like health care and schools.

Activities:

World Neighbors' programs integrate improved sustainable agriculture, community-based health, reproductive health, environmental conservation, water and sanitation, and livelihood strategies, including savings and credit. Programme priorities are food production, community-based health, family planning, water and sanitation, environmental conservation and small business. Programmes combine technical assistance in agriculture, environmental conservation, health and small business with training aimed at strengthening the ability of communities to work together to solve problems.

Natural resources management: Community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) is a people-centred approach to the integration of conservation of the natural resource base (water, soil, trees and local biodiversity) and development to overcome poverty, hunger and disease. WN treats the physical environment as part of the community and see the community as part of the landscape. Recognizing the interdependence of community well-being and ecosystem health, World Neighbors strengthens the capacity of communities to have a voice in decisions about planning and design of conservation initiatives affecting them.

Gender:

The World Neighbors approach to improving gender equity in communities initially focuses on creating spaces for women to be heard. World Neighbors does this by:

1. helping communities to understand the practical benefits that would result from women's equitable participation in family and community decision-making, and
2. conducting activities targeted at advancing the skills and confidence of women to a level at which they are able to effectively participate in family and community discussions, decision-making, and leadership.

Sustainable Agriculture:

Through sustainable agriculture, World Neighbors helps communities develop forms of food production that are economically viable, ecologically sound, socially just and supportive of rural culture. Through locally determined agricultural experimentation, small-scale farmers in marginal, ecologically fragile areas learn low-cost resource conserving techniques to preserve biodiversity, regenerate soil fertility, manage water and increase their production while reducing dependence on external purchased inputs.

Special activities:

The Work of Women (WOW!) programme: WOW! mobilizes women in support of a better life for their counterparts in isolated villages throughout the world. Through education, advocacy and fundraising, WOW! members enhance the work of World Neighbors to end poverty, hunger and disease. See: <http://www.workofwomen.org>

Project example(s):

Mali: Timissa Rural Self-Development Program: Communities are addressing food production, natural resource management, community-based health care, and community organization technologies.

India: Bijapur Dryland Farming Extension: WN is assisting the local organization Yuvak Vikas Kendra in dry land agriculture and sheep.

Ecuador: Bolívar Integrated Development Program: the purpose of the Bolívar Integrated Development

Program is to strengthen the capacity of rural Quechua families in Bolívar province to improve their health, reproductive health, livelihoods and management of natural resources.

Geographical details:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Tanzania; Asia: East Timor, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines; Central America & Caribbean: Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua; South America: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru.

Application details: n/a

Average grant:

Total grants to overseas programs in 2004: appr. US\$ 2.4 million

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