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Action Against Hunger USA (AAH USA)

Background:

AAH addresses hunger and malnutrition by providing food and water in emergency situations. In the long term, AAH provides training in nutrition, food security, water and sanitation, and health care to ensure self-sufficiency and help to rebuild communities. Action Against Hunger's four-pronged approach integrates nutrition, water and sanitation, food security and health programs

Activities:

Water & Sanitation Programs: AAH provides access to safe drinking water (drilling wells, tapping springs, installing water systems) and trains local teams and communities to maintain equipment and in the field of awareness raising.

Project example(s):

Ethiopia, Afar region: renovation of wells and water reservoir, construction, renovation and maintenance of water points.
Pakistan, Quetta region: improvement of hygiene conditions (supply of drinking water and supervision of the quality of water, installation of sanitary equipment, education and hygiene); rehabilitation and rationalization of the

hydraulic networks; cartography of the hydraulic resources.

Geographical details:

Africa, Asia, Middle East, Central America, Caribbean & South America, Newly Independent States, and Central & Eastern Europe.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, training programs, horticulture, sustainable agriculture, natural resources management, and food conservation & nutrition issues), capacity building, poverty reduction, rehabilitation programs, income generating activities, land rights & mapping, community development, health issues (training programs, provision of medicines, rehabilitation of clinics), appropriate technology, and vocational training.

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African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)

Background:

The AWDF, which was 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 empowerment in Africa.

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 within and outside Africa, individual donors and organisations committed to promoting and protecting women's rights.

Project example(s):

Burkina Faso: Association for Peace and Solidarity (APS): to drill a borehole and train the group to manage and maintain the borehole.

Nigeria: Irewolu Women's Society: towards the digging of a borehole and a revolving loan fund.

Geographical details:
Africa (including Northern Africa)

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, training, horticulture), capacity building, poverty reduction, income generating activities & economic empowerment, environmental education, women's human rights; education & vocational training, health, population issues, political participation, peace building, appropriate technology. The AWDF prioritises programs, which develop and promote women's leadership and advocacy across all these themes.

Grant information:

Grants range from US\$ 1,000 to US\$ 25,000 (grants over \$ 20,000 are only

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African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)

Background:

AMREF's mission is to improve the health of disadvantaged people in Africa as a means for them to escape poverty and improve the quality of their lives. The AMREF mission is to be achieved by: developing, testing and promoting the adoption of models for improving health and reducing poverty; training and capacity building at all levels; and contributing to the development of an environment that enables health and wealth improvement.

Activities:

Safe Water & Basic Sanitation

Programme: AMREF's aim is to reduce the prevalence of waterborne diseases and improve the general hygiene standards among impoverished African communities by provision of clean water and sanitation. These communities are also trained in local leadership and financial management skills in order to more effectively manage the maintenance of water and

sanitation facilities. AMREF's vision with regard to water and sanitation is to enable communities to build and maintain clean water systems appropriate for local conditions.

Project example(s):

Kenya, Magadi: water, sanitation and hygiene promotion project: purpose of the project is to strengthen community structures to run, manage and sustain their water projects and association for continued access to safe, reliable and affordable water for domestic purposes and livestock;

Tanzania, Mkuranga: water and sanitation project to build community capacity in planning and management, technical skills in water and sanitation construction; it also advocates women's involvement and community organisation;

Uganda, Luwero district: water and sanitation project in conjunction with community based health and orphan initiatives with an emphasis on rain

water catchment, shallow wells development and sanitation.

Geographical details:

Main programme countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda; Occasional training inputs & consultancies in other African countries.

Other themes:

AMREF other areas of focus, or Priority Intervention Areas (PIAs), are: Clinical Services, Disaster Management and Emergency Response (a.o. the Flying Doctors Service); Training and Health

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Information collected: 09/2005

Africare

Background:

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.

Activities:

Africare supports water resource development (including environmental management) as an essential part of its program areas of food security and agriculture and health-care.

Project example(s):

Ethiopia, Abobo, Godere and Gog Districts: water supply and sanitation; and agricultural production and household nutrition.

Malawi, Ntcheu District: agricultural production and household nutrition; water supply and sanitation; and child survival.

Geographical details:

Africa (including Northern Africa)

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (training activities, integrated agricultural development), food security, rehabilitation activities,

income generating activities (micro-credits and small businesses development), natural resources management, community development, education, health, indigenous people, refugees, technical issues (building activities, vocational training), urban issues.

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Aktion Afrika Hilfe (AAH)

Background:

AAH specialises in conflict and post-conflict emergency, rehabilitation and development projects. The purpose of AAH is to nurture the values of development aid and to promote self-sustainability.

Activities:

AAH implements water projects as part of its emergency and development activities.

Project examples:

Somalia, Galad region: integrated development project (agriculture, provision of drinking water, health care).

Geographical details:

Africa (Somalia, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (beekeeping, food security), rehabilitation activities, community development, refugees, education, health, peace issues and conflict mitigation; technical issues (building activities, vocational training).

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ANESVAD (Acción Sanitaria y Desarrollo Social)

Background:

The Spanish NGO ANESVAD works in health and social development projects in Asia, Latin America and Africa. ANESVAD's main objectives are poverty eradication and promotion of sustainable development in deprived countries and communities, always considering them as participants of their own development.

Activities:

Regarding drinking water and sanitation development projects are implemented in order to improve sanitary conditions in poor areas, focusing on primary assistance and diseases.

Geographical details:

Africa (Benin, Cameroon, Eritrea, Ghana, Ivory Coast); Asia (Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, India,

Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam); Latin America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela).

Other themes:

Pverty reduction and sustainable development, children's rights, community development, education, health, refugees, technical issues (building activities, equipment, vocational training), street children.

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Aqua for All (A4A)

Background:

The Aqua for All foundation intends to create a link between water and sanitation projects, sponsoring and socially responsible entrepreneurship. By acting as a 'hinge' between all parties involved, A4A wants to tackle the scarcity of drinking water and sanitary facilities in developing countries in a structural way. A4A wants to supply knowledge, means and of course money, to stimulate and support water projects in developing countries.

Activities:

Aqua for All cooperates with established NGOs for the implementation of water projects. NGOs will provide project proposals and the A4A board will make choices. Important criteria for projects are: Real amelioration of the provision of drinking water, water management and sanitation; the poorest are the main target group; structural, sustainable effects and close cooperation with the local population; possibilities for participation of Dutch enterprises.

Project examples:

Kenya: Water provision project for the Masai in the Kajiado-district: this project was started in 1998 and in 5 years time about 34 wells were rehabilitated. More than 52.000 people and their cattle benefit from

this project. Aqua for All becomes responsible for the consolidation of this project.

Geographical details:

Africa (Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe); Asia (Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka); Central America & Caribbean (Haiti, Nicaragua); South America (Brazil, Ecuador, Peru).

Other themes:

Capacity building, alternative energy, environmental issues (desertification, pollution, waste), appropriate technology, vocational training.

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Belgian Survival Fund (Belgian Development Cooperation Survival)

Background:

In response to serious public concern in Belgium regarding the magnitude of drought-inflicted mortalities in Ethiopia and sub-Saharan Africa in the early 1980s, the Belgian Government created the Belgian Survival Fund for the Third World. The objective of the Fund is improving the food security of the most vulnerable population groups in the poorest countries.

Activities:

The BSF programmes favour an integrated approach with the aim of improving the food and nutritional security of families and local communities in rural and semi-urban environments. Particular attention is amongst others paid to the improvement of the basic health, drinking water, basic education and social facilities infrastructures. The programmes should be situated in

developing countries characterized by weak indicators. They must put the principles of sustainable development into practice, and place particular emphasis on supporting women's movements and the participation of women as part of the development process.

Project example(s):
Mali: Integrated water management in the Niger delta.

Geographical details:
Sub-Saharan Africa
Other themes:
Agriculture, capacity building, food security, poverty reduction, micro-

credits, desertification, natural resources management, community development, education, health, urban issues, integrated river basin management

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CAUSE Canada (Christian Aid for Under Assisted Societies Everywhere)

Background:
CAUSE Canada is a Christian-motivated international relief and development organisation. CAUSE works with people from all faiths and cultural backgrounds. CAUSE strives to enable socio-economically disadvantaged communities to achieve insofar as possible, community self-reliance. It targets the poorest of the poor and marginalized people and is committed to supporting sustainable development projects in geographical regions where there is an under-representation of aid organizations.

Activities:
As part of its sustainable development programs water and sanitation projects are a priority. Environmental impact assessments are an integral part of every supported project since CAUSE considers environmental protection to be a cornerstone for the building of just and sustainable societies. Furthermore women, minorities and disenfranchised people will be given priority.

Project example(s):
Sierra Leone: Gbinleh-Dixon Water and Sanitation Project: in response to massive destruction of property and

displacement of people during the decade long conflict in Sierra Leone, the project expects to benefit the health and standard of living for thousands of women, men, and children through constructing of 20 community water wells.
Guatemala: Women's Integral Empowerment Program: this program in the highlands of Guatemala empowers 600 impoverished women to take greater control of their lives and improve the well-being of their families through acquisition of literacy skills, basic financial training, reliable access to water, and accumulation of savings.

Note: It should be stated, that CAUSE Canada has a strong preference for working with partner agencies that embrace a similar statement of Christian faith to that of CAUSE.

Geographical details:
West Africa (Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Sierra Leone); Central America (Guatemala, Honduras).

Other themes:
Agricultural activities (training, horticulture), capacity building, poverty reduction, humanitarian aid & rehabilitation, micro-credits & micro-enterprise development, afforestation,

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CHOICE Humanitarian (Center for Humanitarian Outreach and Intercultural Exchange)

Background:

The mission of CHOICE is to offer solutions to the hardships of poverty in the rural villages of the world with simple technologies, self-help initiatives and public awareness. It specializes in manpower, materials, appropriate technology, and education. CHOICE's long-term goal is to establish local institutions (cooperatives, village committees, women's organizations, small-scale enterprises, or social and cultural organizations) that can eventually function without outside supervision.

Activities:

Village water systems: such a system provides not only safe water for drinking, but also enough clean water for simple hygiene in food preparation. A typical water system consists of tapping a natural spring, transporting it to a storage tank, and gravity-feeding it to the homes of the village. Rain harvesting systems: CHOICE works with villagers to install a system for capturing rain from the roofs of their homes during the wet season, then storing it in large water cisterns for use throughout the dry months.

Project examples:

Bolivia: Aymara project: focus on groundwater development, hand

pumps and hand-dug wells, community water systems, greenhouses as micro-enterprises, schoolhouse construction. Nepal: Lamjung project with a focus on trade skills training, village water systems, health post and schoolhouse construction, and bio-gas digesters.

Geographical details:

Africa (Kenya), Asia (Nepal, Vietnam), Latin America (Bolivia, Guatemala, Mexico)

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, training activities), capacity building, income-generating activities (micro-credits, micro-enterprise development), alternative energy, education, health-care, indigenous people, appropriate technology, building activities.

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Church World Service (CWS)

Background:

CWS is the oldest and largest ecumenical relief, development, and

refugee assistance organization in the United States. 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. CWS supports sustainable self-help development, meets emergency needs, aids migrants and refugees, and helps address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness.

Activities:

One of the focus areas is water management. 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.

CWS supports initiatives that emphasize gender awareness and improve women's access to resources, education, and decision-making

Project example(s):

Burkina Faso: the Sawana Environmental Project is a three-year project, addressing the issues of land degradation and food shortages through a participatory program of environmental restoration and rainwater management (a.o. training in and establishment of anti-erosion rock dikes; training in agricultural

methods of using Zai holes and half-moons for better rainwater retention).

Geographical details:

Sub-Saharan Africa & Egypt; Asia & Pacific; Central America & Caribbean (Dominican Rep., Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua); South America; South Eastern Europe (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia-Montenegro); Middle East (Palestine Authority).

Other themes:

Agriculture (animal husbandry, training activities, horticulture), capacity building, food security, poverty reduction, rehabilitation & refugees, income generating activities (micro-credits & micro-business), alternative energy, children's rights, land rights, desertification, natural resources management, afforestation, agro-forestry, education, health, indigenous people & minorities, peace & reconciliation, artisanal activities, vocational training, aquaculture & fisheries.

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COOPI (Cooperazione Internazionale)

Background:

COOPI is committed to fight against social injustice and poverty in the global South and to building a future that guarantees everyone adequate living conditions, equal opportunities and respect of their rights. COOPI is dedicated to reducing poverty in the global South through interventions of long-term sustainable international cooperation.

Activities:

Water and environmental issues are important elements in COOPI's development projects. COOPI builds structures to guarantee the access to drinking water - from hand wells to waterworks - and organizes awareness-raising activities and training courses in communities for sustainable and independent management of water resources, as

well as health and sanitation services. Furthermore COOPI improves living conditions through projects for reclaiming environmental conditions which are usually aimed at health and sanitation initiatives, on one hand the treatment of waste in suitable dumps and on the other the building or rehabilitation of sewage systems.

Project examples:

In the Central African Republic and Tajikistan 363 pumping and purification stations were realized. In Ecuador, Paraguay and Guatemala water purification interventions were carried out for rural native populations. In Chad COOPI has begun a project for draining rain water in Moundou. In Eritrea there is an on-going project, which foresees the tapping and distribution of water in six rural villages for domestic use and for livestock.

Geographical details:

Africa (including Northern Africa), Middle East, Asia (Afghanistan,

Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan), Central & South America, South Eastern Europe (Albania, Serbia-Montenegro incl. Kosovo).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues, capacity building, poverty reduction, emergency aid and rehabilitation activities, alternative energy (incl. Micro-hydro projects), Environmental issues (conservation, natural resources management, recycling & waste management, afforestation, biodiversity), community development, education, health-care, indigenous people, technical issues (building activities, infrastructural projects, vocational training).

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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).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues, capacity building, income generating activities, human & women's rights, indigenous people, civil society.

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Find Your Feet (FYF)

Background:
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's development work encompasses a range of issues, enabling people to build their skills and capacities so that they can build a better future for themselves and their families. Two important elements are: Empowering women and enhancing their status within their communities; and enabling communities to improve access to clean water for irrigation and drinking.

Project example(s):
India: Andhra Pradesh: together with the Deccan Development Society helping dalit communities to restore degraded and disused wasteland to

productive use and into a valuable community resource through introducing soil and water conservation measures, etc.

Geographical details:
Africa (Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe), Asia (India).

Other themes:
Agricultural issues (training, horticulture, sustainable farming), capacity building, food security, income generating activities, Environmental issues (afforestation, conservation, desertification, natural resources management, biodiversity), land rights, community development, indigenous people, appropriate technology, vocational training.

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Fondation Ensemble (FE)

Background:
The aim of Fondation Ensemble is to contribute to projects geared towards promoting a new kind of human development incorporating environmental protection. The Fondation supports effective projects expected to bring long-term results,

promoting solidarity between generations, nationalities, or between people and nature, aimed at the sustainable improvement of the living conditions of the target populations, with a significant positive impact on the environment, or on the economic or social context.

Activities:

Water and Sanitation Programme: providing universal access to drinking water and sanitation, taking into account the conservation of the resource. To the execution of this programme, FE is devoting 70% of its annual budget for the first three-year period (2005/07). The foundation gives precedence, whenever possible, to the gender mainstreaming approach as a technique for the analysis of the problems under study and the proposed solutions.

Project examples:

Five projects are aimed the improvement of the access to water and sanitation, and thus will directly improve livelihoods and hygiene conditions of more than 80.000 people in Morocco, Senegal, Malawi, Burkina Faso, and India.

Geographical details:

Africa (Burkina Faso, Malawi, Senegal), Northern Africa (Morocco), Asia (India), South America (Bolivia, Chile, Peru).

Other themes:

Sustainable agriculture, alternative & renewable energy, environmental issues (environmental education, desertification, waste management, conservation of biodiversity, natural resources management), health care.

Grant information:

In general, the funding granted by FE with respect of its Water and 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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Green Empowerment

Background:

The mission of Green Empowerment is to promote community-based renewable green energy projects and watershed preservation plans to generate social and environmental progress.

Activities:

Green Empowerment brings electricity and water to communities in the less developed world through renewable energy systems (micro-hydro, biomass, and solar power) to stimulate positive social and economic advances. All the projects emphasize environmental concerns, including environmental education, resource conservation, and watershed mapping, restoration and protection activities. Additionally GE emphasizes local leadership, community participation,

and long-term economic and environmental sustainability.

Project examples:

Guatemala, department of El Quiché: the Chel Micro Hydro Project consists of the establishment of a mini grid supplying electricity to a community of almost 2,500 people living in 3 small and near-by villages located.

Geographical details:

Asia (India & Nepal, South-East Asia) & Pacific (Papua New Guinea), Central America (Guatemala, Nicaragua).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (integrated agricultural development, sustainable farming), income generating activities, alternative & renewable energy, micro-hydro energy, environmental

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HOPE International Development Agency

Background:

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

Activities:

HOPE supports environmentally sustainable agriculture projects in which provision of clean drinking water facilities and watershed restoration activities play an important role.

Project examples:

Cambodia, Pursat region: construction of water wells in which will provide a reliable source of clean drinking water for irrigating vegetable gardens; also provision of health education, training, tools and seeds for gardening.

India, Talavadi and Kadiri districts: Rejuvenation of depleted watersheds in these "dryland" districts by reforesting the watershed and

providing agricultural training for local farming families.

Geographical details:

Africa (Cameroon, Ethiopia, South Africa, Sudan), Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka), Central America (El Salvador, Honduras) & Caribbean (Dominican Rep., Haiti).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (training courses, horticulture), sustainable food production, capacity building, micro-enterprise development, afforestation, environmental education, health care projects, education, community development, indigenous people, vocational training.

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Internationaal Christelijk Steunfonds (ICS)

Background:

As a Christian, non-profit, NGO, ICS aims at facilitating processes where communities can identify, prioritise and address their development needs. Over 20 years of development experience gives ICS perspective when dealing with community development.

Activities:

Within its project activities ICS supports initiatives in the field of women's empowerment as well as water and sanitation. Development projects include elements like the provisioning of water systems, latrines, construction of tanks and roof

catchment water systems, establishment of spring and water user committees for sustainable water management, etc.

Project example(s):

Thailand, Sri Sa Ket Province: support of schools with school water systems, and communities with well construction, cement jars and fish ponds.

Geographical details:

Africa (Kenya, Sudan Tanzania, Uganda) and Asia (Cambodia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (e.g. animal husbandry), capacity building, food security, income generating activities, community development, child sponsorship, street children, education, health care, refugees, building activities, vocational training.

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Intercooperation

Background:

Intercooperation is a Swiss foundation for international development cooperation. The objective is to improve living conditions for the poor and the underprivileged in countries in the South and in the East. One of the focus areas is the improvement of rural livelihoods through the sustainable management, harvesting and processing of natural resources in order to promote ecologically, economically and socially sustainable development.

Activities:

Validation of Watershed Experiences Programme: poverty reduction and food security through people centred watershed programmes. The key message is to validate watershed experiences and their contribution to poverty reduction and food security across institutions in the South.

Project examples:

Nepal: Sustainable Soil Management Programme (SSMP): aims at improved livelihoods for woman and men in the mid-hills of Nepal from *bari*-dominated farming systems.

Geographical details:

Western and Central Africa, Northern Africa (Tunisia), Asia (Indian sub-continent and Central Asia), Central America & Caribbean, South America, Central Eastern Europe, South Eastern Europe.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, training, integrated agricultural development, sustainable farming, capacity building, poverty reuction, income-generating activities (local economic development, micro-credits, micro-enterprise development), environmental conservation (desertification, afforestation, natural resources management, ntfp's, biodiversity), civil society issues.

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Joint Development Associates (JDA)

Background:

JDA assists in the transformational development of Central Asia through constructive interaction with individuals, groups, governments and other organizations to promote and facilitate education and economic development, social well-being, physical and spiritual health, a just society, and restoration of ecological systems. JDA provides integral community development, education, health services, and humanitarian aid.

Activities:

Community Health Programme: focus on training local community volunteers to spread information related to sanitation, hygiene, water purification, etc. Water Development programme: JDA is working to provide fresh water sources to rural communities by digging and drilling shallow wells, installing filtering systems and the rehabilitating water systems; where shallow water is not available, a solar water disinfection technique called SODIS is being implemented. In all programmes women play a major role.

Project examples:

Uzbekistan, Karakalpakstan region: the Aquaponics project aims to come alongside local entrepreneurs and "jump start" businesses. Aquaponics uses local resources in an ecologically

sound way to produce goods for local markets and export. The products will be fish and vegetables providing villagers with a year round source of income. Aquaponics is the combining of aquaculture and hydroponics for mutual benefit.

Geographical details:

(Central) Asia (Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, training, horticulture, sustainable farming), capacity building, poverty reduction, rehabilitation, micro-enterprise development, environmental conservation, natural resources management, alternative energy, ecological restoration, community development, education, health care, building activities and infrastructural projects, vocational training, artisanal activities.

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MADRE

Background:

MADRE is an international women's human rights organization that works in partnership with community-based women's groups worldwide. Its programs reflect a human-rights-based and people-centered approach; MADRE provides resources and training to enable its sister organizations to meet immediate needs in their communities and developing long-term solutions to the crises they face.

Activities:

MADRE supports community development programs and training that enables women to play leadership roles in their families, communities, countries and the international arena. By working in partnership with MADRE, the sister organizations are able to build programs based on the initiative and perspective of local communities.

Project example(s):

Guatemala: Barcenas Maquila Workers' Committee: project to install water filters in their neighborhood that provide clean drinking water to community members and to three schools.

Rwanda: BENIMPUHWE women's association: project to construct a new water system to provide water to Rilima, a rural village where BENIMPUHWE has built 180 houses, for mostly women-headed families made homeless by the massacres.

Geographical details:

Africa (Kenya, Rwanda), Middle East (Iraq, Palestinian Authority), Central America (Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua), Caribbean (Cuba, Haiti), South America (Colombia, Peru).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, medicinal plants, courses & training, permaculture), capacity building, women's rights, emergency aid & rehabilitation projects, income generating activities, environmental education, artisanal projects.

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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 which 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).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (training, integrated agricultural development, medicinal plants), disaster mitigation & rehabilitation activities, income generating activities, labor & land rights, community development, education, health care, indigenous people, peace issues, artisanal projects, building activities, vocational training, urban integrated development.

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Netherlands Committee for IUCN: Small grants for Wetlands Programme

Background:

The Committee administers a small grants programme for projects aimed at the conservation and sustainable management of wetlands. SWP funds are especially meant to support projects in the field of conservation and sustainable management of wetlands, set up and implemented by local NGOs. As a general rule, project activities must explicitly integrate gender aspects.

Activities:

The main goals of SWP are: to promote the conservation of wetlands by supporting the realisation of an equitable and wise use of these ecosystems; the conservation of biodiversity, and the sustainable use of wetland ecosystems and species; and the integration of socio-economic development and nature conservation. Projects should seek to improve the position of women (or at least avoid detrimental effects on gender-related issues). Special attention should be paid to differences between men and women with respect to: use of resources; access to resources, means of production and credit; generation and use of income; and participation in decision-making.

Project example(s):

Pakistan: Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre: Lyari river basin management plan for Fresh water / Estuarine Wetlands.

Geographical details:

Africa (including Northern Africa), Asia & Pacific, Central America & Caribbean, South America, Middle East.

Other themes:

Capacity building, sustainable development, environmental conservation, natural resources management, biodiversity, ecological restoration, indigenous people, land rights, courses & training, research & planning activities, campaigning activities.

Grant information:

The maximum SWP amount granted is US\$ 85.000. Urgency grants with a maximum of US\$ 5.000 (urgent actions are field or campaigning activities for which immediate assistance is needed). See also: <http://www.nciucn.nl/english/funds/wetlands/english/howapply.htm>

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Operation Blessings International (OBI)

Background:

OBI provides short-term relief and development assistance to economically disadvantaged people and victims of disaster throughout the world. OBI emphasizes medical missions and resource development in under-served nations and countries requesting assistance. OBI combats hunger, deprivation and physical affliction with the provision of food,

clothing, shelter, medical care and other basic necessities of life.

Activities:

Living Waters Program: aiming not only at breaking the cycle of water-borne suffering with the drilling of new fresh water wells and the building of cisterns that attack the problems caused by the lack of water as well.

Project example(s):

Ghana, Kenya, South Africa: providing clean water for numerous rural villages through ongoing well drilling initiatives.

Geographical details:

Sub-Saharan Africa (Chad, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda), Asia (Afghanistan, China, India, South-East Asia), Middle East (Egypt, Jordan), Latin America (Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru), Central East Europe (Romania, Russia, Ukraine), Newly Independent States (Kazakhstan).

Other themes:

Rural issues, food security, disaster mitigation projects, income generating activities (incl. Micro-credits, micro-enterprise development), health care, vocational training, street children.

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Oxfam New Zealand/Water for Survival (OWfS)

Background:

In 2002 Water for Survival joined together with Oxfam New Zealand to form the Oxfam Water for Survival Programme. Since the amalgamation OWfS has maintained its support of WaterAid projects in Africa and India. Aside from maintaining this original focus the amalgamation has also meant that the OWfS Programme has grown by more than 40 per cent during the past two years.

Activities:

Oxfam New Zealand 's development work is increasingly focused in the Pacific region, where many people still do not have access to safe water and sanitation. Furthermore enabling women's voices to be heard in the decision-making process is a crucial part of ensuring that development regarding water supply issues happens.

Project example(s):

Tanzania: Integrated water, sanitation and health education, Tabora district: with WaterAid Tanzania the OWfS Programme is providing water and sanitation facilities for 6,000 people; five villages will benefit from 20 water points with hand-pumps, 100 latrines to provide improved sanitation, health education for all villagers, training for local masons, health educators and

pump caretakers, and planning support to the district administration for ongoing follow-up.

India, Madhya Pradesh, Morena District: working through 5 local partner organisations the project will ensure safe drinking water for better health and hygiene practices and sanitation facilities in the project area through community participation and awareness building training.

Geographical details:

Africa (Dem. Rep. Congo, Ghana, Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania), Asia (Afghanistan, Cambodia, East-Timor, India, Indonesia), Pacific (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu).

Other themes:

Integrated rural development, capacity building, food security, poverty reduction, income generating activities, natural resources management, education, health care, community development.

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PROTOS

Background:

PROTOS has specialized in drinking water, hygiene, sanitation and the use of water for agricultural purposes. PROTOS advocates an equitable, participatory and sustainable water management in the North and the South.

Activities:

Projects in the South:

The main focus is the implementation of water projects to support local partners. Through their water projects the partners encourage the local population to join hands and to try and find solutions for their problems themselves. PROTOS provides general support and assistance to its local partners. At the same time PROTOS promotes the collaboration between local groups and local authorities. It also stimulates the debate on an equitable water management that pays attention to all users of water in the area and that meets the environmental needs.

Project example(s):

Benin, Mono and Couffo: small irrigation and agriculture support programs and integrated water management projects.

Ecuador, provinces of Cañar and Azuay: Integrated water management projects: in collaboration with local NGOs and municipalities PROTOS is acting in the field of irrigation and village water supply and sanitation.

Geographical details:

Limited to four regions: Haiti, Ecuador, West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali) and the Great Lakes Area (Burundi, Eastern Dem. Rep. Congo, Rwanda, Uganda).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (training, courses, infrastructure), capacity building, sustainable development, natural resources management, appropriate technology.

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Simavi

Background:

Simavi supports health and healthcare initiatives in developing countries through direct financial aid, the delivery of materials and equipments, or any other means. Within its support to healthcare, Simavi gives priority to the poorest population groups and focus on providing basic healthcare in the preventive and curative way.

Activities:

One of Simavi's core activities is the provision of water and sanitation facilities. immediate needs. Simavi stresses the importance of local community - both financially and in terms of labour - involvement in all its project activities. To structurally embed the project in the villages, special groups are being formed to assume responsibility with respect to their own population. Gender is an important cross-over issue for Simavi.

Project example(s):

Tanzania, Arusha region: With local partner organisation Community Based Health Care Council the current pipeline is to be replaced with a new one, to which a number of water-tanks will be connected. In a second phase of the project, this pipeline should branch out to reach all six project villages.

Geographical details:

Africa (Cameroon, Dem. Rep. Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe), Asia (Bangladesh, India [*Bihar, Jharkand, Orissa, Sikkim, Uttaranchal, West-Bengal*], Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines).

Other themes:

Capacity building, community development, education, health care, courses & vocational training.

Grant information:

The average grant is appr. € 54.000. Small Project Fund: short-term projects with a budget below € 5.000.

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Stree, Global Investments in Women

Background:

The name 'Stree' is a Sanskrit word signifying women, dignity, empowerment and strength. Stree's objective is to facilitate timely intervention to enable those living at risk, especially women, to take advantage of life-changing opportunities and realize their potential. The main aim is to assist women with the potential for achievement and leadership in empowering others.

Activities:

A vital part of Stree's work is to identify effective approaches for addressing preventive health challenges that face women worldwide. Stree stresses the role of women in helping insure water and good health. Women can teach other women how to make efficient use of water, including recycling water; how to purify drinking water; about the health aspects of water and sanitation; and how to maintain a satisfactory drinking water infrastructure.

Project example(s):

India, Andhra Pradesh: Promoting Safe Water: Stree supports the work of Fellow Rajeswari Pingali who works with women and their families in seven villages. Raj works directly with village leaders, educating them and assisting with the implementation of water purification techniques.

Geographical details:

Africa (Ghana, Somalia, Togo), Asia (India, Pakistan), Newly Independent States (Uzbekistan).

Other themes:

Capacity building, income generating activities (micro-credits, micro-enterprise development, management courses), women's rights & empowerment, education, health-care, vocational training, fellowships.

Note:

Fellowship Programme: Stree identifies fellows who are able to extend the reach of their programs and projects with grant and training support. In 2004, Stree selected and provided leadership training for six "clean

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Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF) Water Network

Background:

WECF is a network of 56 women's environmental organisations working for sustainable development, protection of human health and environment and poverty reduction.

The organisation does: help women to actively take part in making their communities healthier and more sustainable in developing practical solutions to problems relating to health and the environment; work to raise the awareness of root causes of environmental health effects and promotes preventative action to eliminate problems at the source; strengthen the participation of women in decision making at local, national and international level; build knowledge and capacity through skill shares, surveys and training programmes; and draw attention to difficult issues and works for improvements where there are health threats or social injustice related to the environment.

Activities:

WECF has an active working group on water and eco-sanitation. Working with a gender perspective, group members join forces to address health concerns from water pollution and sanitation. WECF implements pilot projects to address the barriers and opportunities in water and sanitation services. The organisation uses multi-stakeholder approaches to develop strategies to solve rural water and waste management problems. WECF carries

out a gender analysis of all its projects, and provides training courses for women working in citizens' organizations.

Project example(s):

Bulgaria: Water, Waste and Sanitation as a catalyst for citizen's participation; the Municipalities of Stara Zagora and Varna will be the targets for a 2,5 year project by WECF and its NGO partners from Bulgaria and the Netherlands.

Uzbekistan: partner organisation Mehriban is carrying out a mini-grant project in a village in the Karakalpastan region, on improving sanitation and drinking water supply in a school.

Geographical details:

Central & Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Romania, Russia including Siberia, Ukraine), Newly Independent States (Armenia, Uzbekistan).

Other themes:

Sustainable agriculture, alternative energy, environmental issues (chemicals & pesticides, waste), health, indigenous people, civil society.

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World Neighbors

Background:

WN is a grassroots development organization working in partnership with the rural poor in hundreds of villages. 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:

In its Program areas clean water supply and sanitation issues as well as watershed management are important priorities. Water supply is often among the first needs identified by communities. Similarly, basic hygiene and sanitation are important elements of WM's community health programs. While watershed management is often part of environmental conservation and natural resource management efforts.

Gender is an important element in all projects. The general principles that guide WM's gender-related work are: linking gender relations with concrete needs; involving men and women; using gender-sensitive participatory methods; addressing unequal responsibilities and decision making; and approaching gender issues at a variety of levels.

Project example(s):

Kenya, Teso district: Akakuranut Development Trust (ADT) works with 48 self-help groups and communities to empower organized groups, farmers

with small land holdings, schools and other institutions that contribute to a.o. gender sensitization and provisioning of clean drinking water. Nepal, Terai and Inner Terai region: The programs in this region focus a.o. on: drinking water and sustainable management of water resources, and soil and water conservation and small-scale irrigation.

Geographical details:

Africa (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Tanzania, Uganda), Asia (India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Caribbean (Haiti), Latin America (Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru).

Other themes:

Sustainable agriculture (training & courses, animal husbandry & pastoral issues, medicinal plants, pesticides), capacity building, poverty alleviation, income-generating activities (micro-credits), environmental conservation (land degradation, natural resources management, ntfp's, ecological restoration), community development, health issues, appropriate technology.

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