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Africa 70

Background:

Africa 70 is an Italian organisation that was founded in 1971 as civil and cultural movement in support of the independence wars fought in many Africa countries and colonies but it soon changed into a development NGO.

Activities:

Africa 70 realizes development projects in the fields of rural development, urban rehabilitation and institutional support.

Remarks:

The support of local bodies in developing countries has led the organisation towards institutional counterparts interested in the opportunities offered by the decentralized cooperation and in experiences of partnership with municipalities in the South of the World. The work made by local bodies has given the possibility to Africa70 to collaborate with decentralized and specialized bodies (like universities, harbour bodies, research centres, etc.) and to develop collaborations with associations that works in specific fields.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Central African Rep., Cape Verde, Eritrea, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Somalia; Asia:

Thailand, Vietnam; Middle East & Northern Africa: Lebanon, Morocco (incl. Western Sahara), Yemen; Latin America: Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua; South Eastern Europe: Albania.

Other themes:

Agriculture (animal husbandry, pastoral issues, rural development, sustainable farming); Food sovereignty, sustainable development; Economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credits, eco-tourism); environmental issues (conservation, natural resources management); community development; culture; education; indigenous people; migration & refugees; gender issues; urban issues (housing, infrastructure); water issues (drinking water, fisheries, sanitation).

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Background:

Established in 1990, Afrique Verte ('Green Africa') is a joint venture of the French NGOs Terre des Hommes, Frères des Hommes, Peuples Solidaires, the Association Française des Volontaires du Progrès (AFVP), and the Comité Catholique contre la Faim pour le Développement (CCFD).

Activities:

The aim of Afrique Verte is to promote food security and sustainable development in the Sahel. This is done by reinforcing the professional capacities

of small-farmer organizations, participating in the consolidation of the structuring of small-farmer organizations, and the promotion of marketing of local cereals.

Project example:

Mali: project activities are carried out in seven target areas, where Afrique Verte provides assistance and training facilities to 423 entities dealing with cereals, including small-farmer organisations for cereals, processing units, consumer cooperatives, women's associations and cereal traders.

Geographical focus:
Africa: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania,
Niger, Senegal.

Other themes:
Agriculture (courses & training, food
sovereignty, infrastructure, rural
development, sustainable farming);
sustainable development; economic
issues (income-generating activities,
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issues); education; gender issues;

vocational training; urban issues
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Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (AVSF)

Background:
Agronomists and Veterinarians Without
Borders is an association for international
solidarity in support of small-scale
agriculture in underprivileged regions.
AVSF undertakes activities and projects
in partnership with farming communities
in the developing world in which
agricultural activity and the rearing of
livestock remain fundamental to food
provision and security and to social and
economic development.

Activities:
AVSF aims to help create conditions for
autonomous and sustainable
development by amongst others:
learning techniques and transferring
know-how for well-controlled rural
development; facilitating market
movements which allow producers to
protect themselves against the local
consequences of deregulation (fair trade,
field organisation support); and
supporting local bodies (co-operatives,
producer groups, professional trade
unions, technical support and training
centres) who act in the markets and
public development policies.

Project example:
Honduras: Choluteca Project for social
management of natural resources and
the sustainable development of rural
agriculture in the municipalities of
Concepcion de Maria and Corpus.

Geographical focus:
Africa: Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Senegal,
Togo; Middle East & Northern Africa:
Morocco, Palestinian Authority; Asia:
Cambodia, Mongolia, Vietnam; Central
America & Caribbean: Guatemala, Haiti,
Honduras, Nicaragua; South America:
Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela;
Central Eastern Europe: Romania.

Other themes:
Agricultural issues (animal husbandry,
food sovereignty, integrated rural
development, pastoralism, sustainable
farming); sustainable development;
economic issues (income-generating
activities); environment (conservation,
degradation & desertification, ecological
restoration, environmental education,
natural resources management);
empowerment; gender issues;
appropriate technology, vocational
training; water issues (drinking water,
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Avalon

Background:

Avalon's activities focus on the introduction of sustainable rural development programmes and agri-environmental policy programmes. Avalon places much emphasis on the development and exchange of knowledge and capacity building on sustainable rural development and organic agriculture.

Activities:

The strategies Avalon follows are: spreading of knowledge and information by means of newsletters, the Avalon website and through demonstration farms and exchange visit programmes; the development and exchange of knowledge and information on sustainable rural development and organic agriculture; and the development and exchange of training material and guidelines for sustainable rural development and organic agriculture.

Project example:

Poland: Agri-environment and reforestation project: a part of the project is to provide training for farmers who will adopt agri-environmental and reforestation programmes. In order to reach these farmers, trainers will be skilled to disseminate knowledge and

expertise to entrepreneurs, local administrators and agricultural advisors.

Geographical focus:

Central Eastern Europe: Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovak Rep., Slovenia; South Eastern Europe: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, FYR Kosovo, Serbia-Montenegro, Turkey; Newly Independent States: Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (integrated rural development, permaculture, sustainable farming), local economic development, environmental issues (conservation, degradation, environmental education, natural resources management, pollution, reforestation), empowerment, appropriate & environmental technology.

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Bread & Water for Africa (BWA)

Background:

Bread & Water for Africa began is an affiliate of the Christian Relief Services Charities. The aim of BWA is promoting positive change in Africa by supporting and strengthening grassroots initiatives for community self-sufficiency, health and education.

Activities:

Working in partnership with local African organizations, BWA provides funding, technical support, capacity building and moral support to effectively connect resources from the North with the ideas, commitment and hard work of African

people in order to create solutions appropriate to the local needs.

Project example:

Ethiopia: YETEEM Children's & Destitute Mother's Program to provide nomadic peoples in the Afar Region the training, supplies and support necessary to achieve food security and food self-sufficiency and providing vocational training to empower women to earn an income.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Dem. Rep. Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Sierra Leone,

Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, food sovereignty, horticulture, pastoralism, sustainable farming); sustainable development; economic issues (income-generating activities, local economic development, micro-credit, small enterprise development); community development; education; healthcare; refugee; women & youth issues; empowerment; technical issues (building, infrastructure, vocational training); water issues (drinking water, fisheries).

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British Ecological Society's Building Capacity for Ecology Fund

Background:

The British Ecological Society (BES) was established in 1913 to promote and foster the study of ecology in its widest sense. The core activities are the publication of results of research in ecology, the development of scientific meetings and the promotion of ecological awareness through education at all levels.

Activities:

In anticipation of its centenary, the BES will be supporting ecologists to establish organisations that can promote the science of ecology in their geographic area. The BES will do this through a new initiative called the Building Capacity for Ecology Fund (BCEF). This initiative will help to create the organisations needed to promote the science of ecology worldwide.

The Fund will assist in the establishment or development of networks of ecologists that will allow ecologists in countries that currently lack a well-developed society or ecology institute to interact and gain from the experience and activities of colleagues.

Remarks:

Proposals will need to demonstrate how capacity-building activities will lead to a

sustainable network of ecologists that can promote the science in their country or region. Other proposals that clearly promote the objective of the BCEF will be considered.

Geographical focus:

Eligibility is limited to lower to upper middle-income countries in Central Eastern & South Eastern Europe and Africa (Northern Africa as well as sub-Saharan Africa).

Other themes:

Environmental and nature issues (biodiversity, conservation, ecological restoration, research activities, etc.).

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Centro Informazione ed Educazione allo Sviluppo (CIES)

Background:

The Centre for Development Information and Education works to destroy the tremendous gap that exists between the North and South of the world and to find new equilibriums based on peace and an equitable distribution of resources on earth.

Activities:

CIES implements development cooperation projects. An integral element of each development project is the building up the capacity of the Southern partner including fostering the active participation of the local beneficiary populations and the socio-cultural and financial viability of the initiative.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Angola, Morocco, Mozambique, Zimbabwe; Latin America: Argentina, Cuba, Peru, Uruguay; Southeastern Europe: Albania.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (food sovereignty, rural development); poverty reduction; sustainable development; economic issues (micro-credit, small enterprise development); environmental issues (natural resources management, waste management); legal issues (children's & human rights); community development; education; healthcare; population issues; gender issues; children; civil society; vocational training; urban issues (social development, street children, drinking water & sanitation).

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Conservation, Food, & Health Foundation (CFHF)

Background:

The purpose of CFHF is to assist in the conservation of natural resources, the production and distribution of food, and the improvement and promotion of health in the developing world. The Foundation is especially interested in supporting projects which lead to the transfer of responsibility to the citizens of developing countries for managing and solving their own problems and developing the capacity of local organizations.

Activities:

The Foundation concentrates its grant-making on research, technical assistance and training projects of benefit to the Third World especially pilot projects and special programs that have a potential for replication. The foundation helps build capacity within developing countries in its three areas of interest: conservation, food & health. The foundation is especially interested in supporting

projects which lead to the transfer of responsibility to the citizens of developing countries for managing and solving their own problems and in supporting self-help initiatives.

Program example:

Conservation grants will help improve ecological and environmental conditions in the developing world. The Foundation supports field research and related research activities, training, and technical assistance efforts that: help conserve viable ecosystems and protect biological diversity in developing countries; train Third World personnel in conservation and protection of resources, with an emphasis on technical and scientific training.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Cameroon, Dem. Rep. Congo, Malawi, Uganda; Asia & Pacific: China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Papua New-Guinea, Thailand; Central

America & Caribbean: Costa Rica, Dominican Rep., El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua; South America: Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela.

Other themes:

Food sovereignty; economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit); alternative energy; environmental issues (animal protection, conservation, environmental education, natural resources management, reforestation, research activities); land

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Cooperative Housing Foundation International (CHF International)

Background:

CHF International's mission is to be a catalyst for long-lasting positive change in low- and moderate-income communities around the world, helping them to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions. CHF believes that safe, affordable housing is the foundation upon which families can build a livelihood, a healthy community, and a peaceful, democratic society. In CHF's vision the core values and principles of the cooperative movement offer a valuable underpinning to all aspects of community development. CHF applies these principles in building, strengthening, and promoting change in local institutions, policies, and communities.

Activities:

The Foundation has a proven track record in transparent, efficient grants administration to over 500 local partners worldwide, with a particular focus on capacity building and leveraging local resources. Using a "learn-by-doing" approach, CHF implements all development projects in tandem with community-based groups, local NGOs, municipal government employees, professional associations, and the private sector – including local technical experts.

Program example:

Participatory Action for Community Enhancement (PACE): CHF developed the PACE methodology to build the capacity of individuals within a community for a brighter future, while delivering tangible improvements. By the end of a PACE program, a community is left with the mechanisms to collectively make decisions and work together. While working on projects developed to improve infrastructure, environmental or economic conditions, communities learn about accountability, conflict resolution, business skills, and resource mobilization.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan; Asia: Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka; Middle East: Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority, Yemen; Newly Independent States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan; Central America & Caribbean: El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico; South America: Bolivia, Colombia, Peru; Central Eastern & South Eastern Europe: Bosnia-Herzegovina, FRY Kosovo, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, beekeeping, food sovereignty); disaster mitigation & rehabilitation; poverty reduction; sustainable development;

economic issues (income-generating activities, local economic development, micro-credit, small enterprise development); environmental issues (conservation, reforestation, waste management); community development; cultural issues; healthcare; indigenous peoples; refugees; women & youth issues; civil society & democracy; peace issues; technical issues (artisanal activities, building, infrastructure development, vocational training); urban

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Information collected 01/2006

DISOP

Background:

DISOP is the acronym of 'Dienst voor Internationale Samenwerking aan Ontwikkelingsprojecten' which means Organisation for International Co-operation on Development Projects. DISOP considers itself as an instrument of solidarity among nations, and a contribution to the development of less advantaged nations in the world.

Activities:

Identification, development, monitoring and evaluation of development projects. DISOP implements projects in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America to create employment, support small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs), develop the rural economy, and train and educate the poor. Preference will be given to proposals of local NGOs that have proven track record in the activity of the concerned sector. Projects proposed should employ an integrated approach to community development and have the potential for sustainability beyond the period of DISOP support.

Project example:

Philippines: seaweeds farming as an alternative livelihood to fisher folk micro-project by the Capoocan United Fisherfolk Credit Cooperative (CUFCC):

capacity building, monitoring and evaluation.

Geographical focus:

Africa: South Africa; Asia: India, Philippines, Thailand; Central & South America: Argentine, Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Uruguay; Central & Eastern Europe: Poland, Romania.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, integrated rural development, sustainable farming); poverty reduction; economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit, small enterprise development); reforestation; community development; education; gender issues; technical issues (artisanal activities, building, infrastructure, vocational training); water issues (coastal management, drinking water, freshwater, river basin development).

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Information collected 02/2006

Eau Vive

Background:

Eau Vive – which means Living Water - is an international non-profit organization that operates in several countries in Africa, working with the disadvantaged who struggle daily against poverty and want to move forward.

Eau Vive helps villagers to implement their projects and helps them to play an active part in their country's development. It provides support, advice and training to help them build their own capacities. Further Eau Vive brings financial support to complement the funds provided by the villagers, so that their projects can become a reality.

Activities:

The areas of activity concern the needs of the population: water & sanitation, health, economic development, education, and training. Capacity building is an integral part of most projects. Each action, engaged by Eau Vive, gives rise to the creation of a village management structure: water point management committee, grain storages, inter-village associations, and health committees among others.

Remarks:

Strict criteria are applied to project initiators. The project must take place in a country where Eau Vive is already working, in a rural area (a village with less than 5.000 inhabitants) of the Sahel region (between 300 and 800 mm of rain water per year), and also economically

and socially disadvantaged (low equipment and income level). The project must have no religious or political allegiance that would reserve the benefits of it to a part of the population. Last but not least, the village must clearly appear as the initiator of the action.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo (Eau Vive has local offices in each of these countries).

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (food sovereignty, horticulture, integrated rural development); economic issues (income-generating activities, local economic development); environmental issues (degradation, desertification, ecological restoration, reforestation); civil society; community development; education; healthcare; gender issues; technical issues (artisanal activities, building, infrastructure, vocational training); water issues (drinking water, sanitation, water management).

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FARM Africa

Background:

The Food and Agriculture Research and Management Ltd. Africa is a NGO that aims to reduce poverty in East and Southern Africa; it is supported by the UK's agricultural industry and has a national supporters network called 'Friends of FARM'. FARM-Africa works with marginal farmers and herders to help them manage their natural resources and develop sustainable

livelihoods from their land. Whether improving small-scale dairy goat farming, working to resolve conflict with pastoralist communities or developing new roles for villagers to manage forests.

Activities:

Working with a wide range of rural communities, FARM concentrates on three priority areas: pastoral development (improving the livelihoods

of pastoral people and demonstrating the viability of a diversified pastoralist way of life); community forest management (enhancing the livelihoods of forest-users and conserving forests through developing sustainable forest management plans); and, smallholder development & land reform (improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers through intensifying production and improving access to markets and services).

Project example:

Ethiopia: Woreda Capacity Building Project: the project helps 'woreda' (district) development associations, village committees and key local government staff manage their own appropriate natural resource and enterprise micro projects.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, food sovereignty, integrated rural development, pastoralism, sustainable farming); economic issues (micro-credits, trade activities); environmental issues (agro-forestry, degradation, desertification, natural resources management, reforestation); land rights; community development; healthcare; gender issues; technical issues (appropriate technology, vocational training).

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Global Environmental Health & Justice Fund (GEHJF)

Background:

The Fund is a program of the New World Foundation. It supports environmental justice activism in the U.S. and in the southern countries of the world, helping poor communities in the fight for healthy environments, community empowerment, corporate accountability, effective government regulation, and sustainable economic practices.

Activities:

The Fund supports organizations committed to on-the-ground organizing, democratic participation, leadership development, alliance building, a broad vision of social change and inclusive movement building.

Project example:

Mexico: Environmental Health Coalition/Colectivo Chilapancingo: the Colectivo serves as a resource to Chilapancingo residents, providing community organizing, education and advocacy concerning pollution.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania; Asia: India, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand; Central & South America: Brazil, Mexico.

Other themes:

Sustainable development; corporate social responsibility; environmental issues (conservation, degradation, environmental health, pollution); legal issues (bio-safety, environmental justice); community development; civil society, democracy/good governance.

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Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISCVF)

Background:

The Institute is an independent, non-profit organization that helps communities in existing and emerging democracies around the world address environmental, economic, and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all.

Activities:

The Institute provides training, technical assistance, and financial support to communities. The focus is on environmental, economic, and social concerns, and on the need to address all three to succeed. All projects are designed and carried out with the assistance of partners. An important area of activity is the strengthening of non-profit organisations that provide a bridge between citizens and governments to become more effective, responsive, and visible to their constituents. Organizations include NGOs, the media, and labour unions. It embraces advocacy organizations, such as human rights groups; community service nonprofits (like food banks); and, associations that strengthen the connections between people.

Remark:

All grants are restricted to in-country organizations. ISC in Vermont cannot accept proposals. For further information on grant application requirements, please contact the appropriate national offices.

Geographical focus:

Central Eastern Europe: Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia (incl. Siberia), Slovakia, Ukraine; South Eastern Europe: Albania, Macedonia,

Serbia & Montenegro; Newly Independent States: Georgia.

Other themes:

Sustainable development; economic issues (small enterprise development); environmental issues (bio-safety, conservation, ecological restoration, environmental education, habitat protection, natural resources management, pollution, recycling, reforestation, waste management); legal issues (human & labour rights); community development; education; indigenous peoples; socio-political issues (civil society, democracy/good governance).

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Lighthouse Foundation

Background:

The mission of the Lighthouse Foundation, foundation for the seas and oceans, is the promotion of integrated

sustainable development processes and responsible behaviour to protect our marine environment. The Foundation aims not just on providing short-term

development support or alleviating serious environmental abuse. Its intention is to contribute towards long-term change in a given situation taking into account the environmental, economic, cultural and social conditions in a region.

Activities:

Support of projects which aim to solve problems in marine locations, as an example of the feasibility of sustainable development; and highlighting the interdependence of humans and the sea, and bringing about a better public understanding of marine issues. The parties involved base all regional activities on local initiatives.

Project example:

Philippines: The Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Councils (FARMCs) Project aims to build capacities of the FARMCs and make them dynamic and effective partners for integrated coastal zone management. In the process, it will train core group leaders, strengthen fisher folk organizations, provide site-specific special projects on training for integrated coastal zone management and establish micro-

projects on biodiversity protection and conservation.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Kenya; Asia: India, Indonesia, Philippines, South Korea; Central America & Caribbean: Grenada, Mexico, Panama; South America: Argentine, Chile; Central Eastern Europe: Russia.

Other themes:

Sustainable development; disaster mitigation; eco-tourism; environmental issues (awareness raising activities, biodiversity, conservation, degradation, ecological restoration, environmental education, habitat protection, natural resources management, pollution, reforestation); appropriate technology; water issues (integrated coastal management, coral & mangroves, fisheries, marine issues, oceans, wetlands).

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Link Community Development (Link)

Background:

The mission of Link is to improve the potential of disadvantaged people in Africa to gain meaningful employment by sharing and developing appropriate skills through education and training. Link believes that education is a basic human right and fundamental to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Activities:

To improve schools and the quality of education they deliver so that children and their communities have better opportunities; to build the capacity of district departments of education so that they can better meet the needs of their schools and communities; and, to support government education policy by using lessons learned at the grassroots

level to inform national and regional strategies with sustainable and replicable models.

Program example:

Skillshare Programme:

The elements of the Skillshare Programme are: improving the capacity of NGOs and other local institutions by placing qualified and experienced people to share their skills; responding to locally identified needs and working in partnership with local groups (such as women's development and adult literacy and other community based projects); and, placing development workers to share skills in areas such as management, accounting and fundraising.

Geographical focus:
Africa: Ghana, South Africa, Uganda.

Other themes:
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Living Earth Foundation (LEF)

Background:

The Living Earth Foundation promotes the advancement of education for the public benefit and in particular the advancement of education in ecology, natural history, resource conservation and environmental studies; and the conservation, protection and restoration for the public benefit of the natural resources, natural beauty and animal and plant life of the world.

LEF aims to achieve its mission by: developing people's ideas, skills and self-confidence; forging partnerships among corporations, communities and governments to improve the quality of decision-making and develop lasting solutions; sustaining positive change by developing and supporting local organisations; and, building consensus among different groups and avoiding unnecessary confrontation.

Activities:

Living Earth specialises in environmental education and community development. LEF promotes change based on awareness, understanding and empowerment. Regarding organisational development is Living Earth's role that of facilitator and trainer; LEF builds capacity, enhancing the ability of partner organisations to carry out their work. With respect to institutional development is the Foundation's role that of advocate for stakeholder participation in natural resource management.

Project example:

Venezuela: Golfo Triste Project: This project aims to raise awareness about environmental issues relating to the

Golfo Triste and its watershed, as well as to promote joint action on appropriate issues with the government, communities and local businesses; the project also aims to train teachers, community leaders and key stakeholders in methodologies to develop appropriate environmental projects.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda; Central & South America: Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela; Central Eastern Europe: Slovakia.

Other themes:

Poverty reduction; sustainable development; economic issues (corporate social responsibility, income-generating activities, small enterprise development); environmental issues (awareness raising, environmental education, natural resources management, reforestation, waste management); community development; gender & youth issues; water management; wetlands.

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MADRE

Background:

MADRE's mission is demanding human rights for women around the world. Its purpose is to provide 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 while benefiting from the resources, training and technical support that a leading international women's human rights organization can provide. MADRE assists to build health clinics, nutrition programs, domestic violence shelters, community radio stations, human rights training centres, literacy campaigns, and programs to promote women's leadership and political participation.

Special programmes:

MADRE Human Rights "Trainings for Change": MADRE ensures that community-based women are not merely present at UN conferences, but that they are equipped with proficiency in the language, format and systems of the UN and international law. Through leadership trainings and human rights education workshops, the women of our sister organizations learn the skills and training needed to advocate effectively in the international arena and, once they have returned home, to hold their governments accountable to the

commitments they have made at the conferences.

Project example:

Mexico: K'in'al Antzetik Food Security project: K'in'al aims to provide a reliable source of food, as well as income, for local families. The project includes distributing animals and vegetable seeds to families in the community and providing trainings on animal management, seed cultivation and organic gardening.

Geographical focus:

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

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, horticulture, medicinal plants, permaculture); development issues (food security, rehabilitation); income-generating activities; environmental awareness-raising; human rights; community development; education; healthcare; indigenous people; youth; technical issues (artisanal activities, building activities, equipment, ICT); urban issues (infrastructure, social issues); drinking water & sanitation.

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NICCO

Background:

The mission of the Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development is to promote world peace through the

activities based on humanitarian principles for the financial and emotional independence of people in developing countries.

Activities:
NICCO is implementing projects in developing countries, which promote self-reliance and sustainability. Its main strength lies in the long-term micro-credit schemes that allow beneficiaries to become more self-sustainable. NICCO is also actively involved in relief and rehabilitation works.

Project example:
Vietnam (Lam Dong Province):
Agricultural/environmental support (based on the principle of permaculture), promotion of reforestation, management of model gardens, technical training; medical and hygienic support: establishment of clinics, dispatch of medical teams, construction of composting toilets; educational support: provision of school supplies.

Geographical focus:
Asia: Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam; Middle East: Iran, Jordan, Yemen.

Other themes:
Agricultural issues (animal husbandry,

horticulture, permaculture, sustainable farming); development issues (rehabilitation, sustainable development); economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit); environmental issues (conservation, desertification, ecological restoration, environmental education, natural resources management); forest issues (reforestation, agro-forestry) community development; education; healthcare; indigenous people; migrants & refugees; peace issues; technical issues (artisanal & building activities, equipment, ict, vocational training); urban issues (infrastructure, social issues); drinking water & sanitation.

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Nippon Foundation (NF)

Background:
A large independent grant-making organisation. Under the category of overseas cooperative assistance, the Foundation especially respects cross-border, transnational activities; local and regional undertakings that may fall outside the reach of the public sector or other donor agencies; and initiatives to tackle pressing issues and long-range or persistent problems that require prompt and systemized care.

Activities:
Within the context of human resources development the Foundation supports initiatives that foster a new generation of professionals, scholars, and students with a strong potential for future leadership. The NF supports training and educational programs designed and executed by NGOs and institutions of higher education. The intention is to form

of an international network of professional people with shared goals and concerns. Also the Foundation supports cultural, social, and intellectual exchanges and collaborative undertakings that contribute to the development of greater mutual understanding and cooperative mindset in order to bring about social changes.

Project example:
Laos: Project Improving Livelihoods of Smallholder Upland Farmers: the aim is to enhance the living standards of Lao hill tribes by introducing them to a new sustainable and participatory farming method that involves the introduction of a new variety of cassava and soil conservation techniques.

Geographical focus:
Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Dem. Rep. Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia,

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Other themes:
Agricultural issues (horticulture, sustainable farming); food sovereignty;

environmental issues (drylands, ecological restoration, environmental education; natural resources management); community development; education, healthcare; youth issues; technical issues (building activities, infrastructure).

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Opportunity International UK (OI-UK)

Background:
Opportunity works with poor people to develop their small businesses, strengthen their communities and transform their lives by supporting partner organisations that provide sustainable financial and developmental services in a way that fosters economic, social and spiritual growth.

Activities:
Providing opportunities for poor people to develop small businesses, strengthen communities and transform their lives by supporting partner organisations that provide access to sustainable financial services, training and advice.

Project examples:
Typical micro-enterprise activities include food production and sales, tailoring, carpentry, street vending, dairy farming, shoe-making, brick manufacturing, artisans and beauty salons.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Egypt, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Asia: China, East-Timor, India, Indonesia, Philippines; Latin America: Colombia, Dominican Rep., Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru; Central Eastern & South Eastern Europe: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia; Serbia-Montenegro

Other themes:
Poverty reduction; economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit, micro-enterprise); community development; artisanal activities.

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PMU/InterLife

Background:
During the course of 2005 PMU InterLife

was reorganised to form the Swedish Pentecostal Mission SPM; in the new

constellation PMU InterLife and its development assistance work falls within Social Welfare area of work. PMU InterLife's work consists of the planning, implementation and follow-up of development projects, work with personnel in mission countries, work on methodology, evaluation and documentation, humanitarian relief work, information and fundraising, purchasing, shipping and work with second hand goods.

Activities:

Development projects lie primarily within the fields of education, healthcare and rural development. Within all areas issues of capacity building play a role of importance.

Education: The main focus is on competence and organisational development within partner organisations. These relate primarily to knowledge and competence development for people with leadership functions within partner organisations. Healthcare: The majority of projects within this sector are building projects or the renovation of healthcare institutions of various sizes, followed by projects to develop knowledge and competence. Rural Development: The programmes often include various types of knowledge and awareness raising projects.

Project example:

Ethiopia: EHBC project: to foster the organisational structure and competence (e.g. leadership and management development) within EHBC.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Dem. Rep. Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali,

Mozambique, Rwanda, Sao Tomé & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Zimbabwe; Asia & Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Nepal, North-Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua New-Guinea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam; Central America & Caribbean: Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama; South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay; Middle East: Egypt, Iran, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority, Yemen; Central Eastern & South Eastern Europe: Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Estonia, FYR Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Ukraine; Newly Independent States: Armenia, Uzbekistan.

Other themes:

Integrated agricultural & rural development; rehabilitation & disaster mitigation; poverty reduction; economic issues (income-generating activities, local economic development; micro-credit); reforestation; community development; education; healthcare; migrants & refugees; civil society & good governance; technical issues (building and housing activities, vocational training); urban issues (social development); fisheries.

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Information collected 02/2006

SOMNEED

Background:

The objective of the Society for Mutual rebuilding of communities towards a aid, Networking, Environment, Education & Development (a.k.a. Society for Operation Minimum Needs), is the sustainable livelihood and society with a

special focus on social justice for the needy and oppressed sectors.

Activities:

SOMNEED supports to build the capacity of the people who are deprived of their control over resources, towards self-

reliance through various projects in areas such as forest regeneration, natural resource management, women empowerment through self help groups (e.g. through micro-finance schemes); capacity building trainings and workshops for NGOs, CBO, government officials, etc.

Project example:

India: Within the Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project (TAP) SOMNEED provides capacity-building exercises for the beneficiaries and officials.

Geographical focus:

Asia: India, Nepal.

Other themes:

Integrated agricultural & rural development; rehabilitation & disaster mitigation; poverty reduction; economic

issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit); alternative & renewable energy (e.g. micro-hydro plants); environmental issues (agro-forestry, conservation, environmental education, natural resources management, non-timber forest products, reforestation); women's empowerment; civil society & good governance; appropriate technology; urban issues (social development); integrated river basin & watershed management.

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SwedBio

Background:

SwedBio is a joint initiative by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Swedish Biodiversity Centre (CBM), focusing on biodiversity and ecosystem services for local livelihoods and poverty alleviation. The overall aim is to contribute to poverty alleviation and improved livelihoods through equitable, sustainable and productive management of biodiversity resources at all levels - genes, species and ecosystems.

Activities:

SwedBio will support capacity building focussing on development of on one hand enabling institutional frameworks (policies and strategies, values and attitudes), and on the other biodiversity-based production and marketing practices. This will be done through supporting policy development and advocacy, development of tools and methods, and networking (including exchange, learning, and communication) in these areas.

SwedBio will also promote civil society participation in key international biodiversity meetings and processes. The

focus is in particular on promoting views and representation of indigenous people, CBOs and NGOs in processes related to multilateral agreements where biodiversity-related issues are discussed and decided.

Programme details:

Collaborative Programme: SwedBio collaborates with a large number of organisations all over the world. SwedBio can also provide some financial support to strategic initiatives, and the Collaborative Programme is a key opportunity to directly contribute to development of ideas, methods and policies regarding biodiversity and local livelihoods. Support is provided to strategic longer initiatives (2 years or longer). The direct partners are mainly intermediary organisations (NGOs, networks, independent policy/research institutes etc) with a regional and/or international scope. The intermediary organisations work both with capacity-building among local communities, indigenous peoples and national NGOs and also link the work of their collaborative partners with the development of tools, methods and

development of tools, methods and policies and with advocacy. SwedBio also provides short-term support for workshops, studies etc. regarding awareness raising, Southern participation in general workshops related to biodiversity management and poverty reduction, legal issues around GM crops in centres of origins (SPDA), and providing seed money for initiatives around indigenous peoples, sustainable management of biodiversity, and indigenous (incl. Cultural rights) rights. Geographical focus: Global

Other themes:
Gene technology; poverty alleviation;

sustainable development; environmental issues (biodiversity, conservation, degradation, natural resources management); legal issues (human & cultural rights); indigenous people; good governance.

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Transrural Trust (TT)

Background:

Transrural stimulates creative ways of empowering remote rural communities, often in mountain areas, to achieve self-reliance, to stem rural exodus and to articulate their concerns vis-à-vis government authorities.

Activities:

The Transrural Trust supports "seed" and "pump-priming" initiatives and training to foster self-support. The trust encourages the formation and strengthening of groups and community-based organisations that can make best use of voluntary work by trusted individuals who are elected by their constituent communities. The Trust empowers disadvantaged rural families to fight the causes of poverty by combining local creative skills and resources with design and market access, and by strengthening the capacity of rural communities to represent their interests.

Transrural aims to act as a catalyst to stimulate change by injecting modest amounts of resources. The impact of successful initiatives is broadened by sharing positive experience with others in the regions where TT works, and by training community leaders to communicate their achievements and represent their interests to those who can influence policies.

Project example:

Northern Albania and Kosovo: Transrural support project: formation of Mountain Areas Forum; democracy and rights training and awareness; dialogue between civil society organisations and government representatives and policy and decision makers; women's enterprise development; rural livelihoods diversification.

Geographical focus:

Asia: China-Tibet, Nepal, Thailand;
Central Eastern & South Eastern Europe: Albania, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, horticulture, permaculture, rural issues, sustainable farming); sustainable development; rehabilitation; disaster mitigation; economic issues (eco-tourism, income-generating activities, local economic development, micro-credit & micro-enterprise development); non-timber forest products; cultural issues; health-care; civil society & good governance; technical issues (artisanal activities, ICT, vocational training); drinking water & sanitation.

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Triangle

Background:
Triangle Génération Humanitaire is a NGO that is specialized in international relief and development. It participates in international solidarity programs and provides concrete solutions to alleviate the suffering of populations living in unacceptable circumstances. Triangle fights poverty and defends social integration; it offers support to victims in emergency situations.

Activities:
Triangle promotes and strengthens local skills, initiatives and means of action. One major priority is to support the beneficiaries' self-organization abilities: Triangle believes that these people alone can effectively build long-term and sustainable development alternatives.

Project example:
Albania: agricultural and economic development project in the region of Korçe. The programme provides support for three local associations. The objective of the first association of farmers, "Mirasi", is to facilitate sales of the agricultural production in the locality on the market, and also to raise quality levels and increase quantities, yields and means of production. A second association, "Progressi", enables the women to set up activities to generate income on the basis of local products (bakeries, etc.). Finally, a fishing association brings in extra income for the

farmers from fishing activities (sales of fish, organizing activities on the lake, etc.).

Geographical focus:
Africa: Burkina Faso, Sudan, Western Sahara; Asia: East-Timor, Indonesia, Laos, North-Korea, Vietnam; Northern Africa & Middle East: Algeria, Iraq, Yemen; Southeastern Europe: Albania, Kosovo, Serbia-Montenegro.

Other themes:
Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, food security, horticulture, integrated agricultural development); disaster mitigation & rehabilitation; poverty alleviation; economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit); education; healthcare; migrants & refugees; technical issues (infrastructure, vocational training); drinking water & sanitation; fisheries.

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TRIAS

Background:
TRIAS is a development oriented NGO that strengthens the capacity of individuals and groups of people to develop themselves and - through

concerted action - to consolidate their economic and social progress. In particular TRIAS seeks to enhance the social and economic security of small-

scale (and micro-) entrepreneurs and farmers in the South.

Activities:

TRIAS enforces farmers and entrepreneurs in the South through capacity building, small grants and by helping them start up systems of micro financing so that new impulses are given to the local development. People in the South are able to increase on their own the prosperity of their family. And at the same time enforce their own solidarity network and the local, economical community.

Project example:

Philippines: PAKISAMA project: support of the institutional development of a farmer's movement through organisational strengthening of 4 farmers associations.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Dem. Rep. Congo, Ghana, Guinea, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda;

Asia: Philippines, Vietnam; Latin America: Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (animal husbandry, small-scale activities e.g. beekeeping, horticulture, permaculture, rural development); sustainable development; economic issues (income-generating activities, local economic development; micro-credit & micro-enterprise development); community development; women's empowerment; good governance; artisanal production; vocational training; fisheries.

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Unitarian Service Committee Canada (USC-Canada)

Background:

USC Canada and its international partners are committed to eradicating poverty and strengthening civil society. USC believes that poverty is a fundamental barrier to human development and that the work of the organisation must: promote social justice, support gender equity, foster mutual cooperation, promote autonomy, strengthen self-reliance, diversify people's choices, ensure people develop their potential, utilize local resources and wisdom, enhance the environment, be accountable and transparent.

Activities:

USC Canada's overseas partners work directly with local communities to strengthen their capacity to manage and utilize their local resources with the aim of sustaining long-term development. This approach combines new technologies with the wisdom of traditional cultures.

Project example:

Indonesia: The Partnership Program for Development seeks to alleviate poverty in Indonesia by strengthening local NGOs. It brings community grassroots organizations together as partners with larger more established local NGOs. The PPD runs 170 different educational activities (training, internships, workshops etc) geared to increase civil and political rights awareness, knowledge and skills.

Geographical focus:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Mali, Malawi, Senegal, Zambia; Asia: Bangladesh, East-Timor, Indonesia, Nepal; Central America: Honduras.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (integrated rural development, permaculture, sustainable farming); development issues (food security, poverty alleviation); economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit & micro-enterprise

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Information collected 06/2005

Volkart Foundation

Background:

Volkart is predominantly involved in cultural, social, environmental and sustainable development projects. The aim of the Foundation is to initiate and support events and projects with emphasis on issues that are contemporary and relevant to today's and tomorrow's society. Sustainability is the key criterion for the Foundation's activities.

Activities:

The Foundation focuses on environmental and sustainable development projects and events.

Project example:

Brazil (Rio Grande do Norte): the Progestão project of AACCC. This program supports the development of awareness, the producing and marketing in small agricultural communities. It combines the aspects of education and creation of awareness, of the organic cultivation and of the process of democratization.

Geographical focus:

Asia: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka; South America: Brazil

Other themes:

Integrated rural development; sustainable farming; food security; economic issues (income-generating activities, micro-credit & micro-enterprise development); environmental education; children's & human rights; cultural issues; education; healthcare; gender issues; good governance; vocational training; urban social issues.

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World Accord

Background:

The small NGO World Accord works with partners in Canada and Overseas to provide educational and self-help programs for the poor in the developing world. World Accord works at the grassroots to help provide services that will allow our program participants to raise their standard of living in a sustainable manner. The program goal for World Accord's new activities is to

raise integrated basic human needs in the program areas, primarily through the building of local institutional and human capacities and encouraging participation in civil society.

Activities:

Environment: education and training on environmental issues, reforestation and organic fertilizers. Gender and Development: involvement of both men

and women in programs including awareness of gender inequality and opportunities for change. (all programs). Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production: training in low cost agricultural systems and the provision of services and support to boost household food security.

Project example:

Pakistan: Cooperation project with the South Asia Partnership-Pakistan (SAP-PK) that works with local Pakistani NGOs to help them develop their organizational capacity so that they can deliver more effective programming to their communities.

Geographical focus:

Asia: India, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines;
Central America: El Salvador,
Guatemala, Honduras.

Other themes:

Agricultural issues (food sovereignty, permaculture, rural development); poverty alleviation; economic issues (micro-credit & micro-enterprise development); environmental issues (conservation, desertification, environmental education, reforestation); children's & human rights); community development; education; healthcare; gender & youth issues; civil society & good governance; vocational training; drinking water.

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