

Program Grants in FY04 (July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004)

In FY04 IDEX made the following grants to its partners:

Africa:

Credit Against Poverty (CAP), Zimbabwe - \$13,000

Located in the rural district of Masvingo, CAP provides micro-loans and basic business training in leadership, budgeting, marketing, buying and pricing to rural women so that they may launch their own small income-generating projects. Since 1996, CAP has lent over Z\$100 million (Zimbabwe dollars) to more than 7,000 clients.

Girl Child Network (GCN), Zimbabwe - \$16,000

GCN was founded in 1998 as a club for girls facing problems such as forced early marriage, genital mutilation, virginity testing, rape, and limited economic options that force girls into prostitution. Now with over 156 clubs and more than 20,000 members throughout Zimbabwe, GCN projects include education and scholarships, HIV/AIDS prevention, skills training, advocacy and peer counseling.

Youth Ahead Zimbabwe (YAZ), Zimbabwe - \$13,000

YAZ (formerly KUIYSAP) provides unemployed young women and men with technical training in welding, knitting and dressmaking, as well as skills training in product planning, marketing, quality control, and accounting. YAZ also assists their students with micro-loans to launch their own small businesses after they have completed the trainings.

Asia:

Center for Development Services (CDS), Bangladesh - \$13,000

CDS partners with over 200 NGOs throughout Bangladesh to work for the human and socio-economic development of both the urban and rural poor. CDS advocates for the legal, economic, and human rights of women and children, safe water and sanitation, family planning, HIV/AIDS prevention, health and nutrition, and flood preparedness. IDEX primarily supports CDS in the areas of women's rights and economic empowerment.

Gramin Vigyan Vikas Samiti (GRAVIS), India - \$15,000

GRAVIS promotes self-reliance to improve the social, economic and political opportunities of poor desert communities in Rajasthan, India. GRAVIS programs include education, health, women's empowerment and income generation, micro-credit, water resource development, agriculture, forestry and land development, and campaigning for the labor rights of mineworkers.

Social Advancement Through Unity (SATU), Bangladesh - \$15,000

SATU promotes women's social and economic empowerment in poor and marginalized communities in Bangladesh through training, education and micro-credit lending. SATU stresses people-oriented, sustainable development with a bottom-up, participatory approach. SATU's programs include non-formal education for children, food security, nutritional improvement, prevention and elimination of child labor, and agricultural development. SATU reaches over 22,000 women in 400 villages.

Women's Empowerment and Leadership Development (Manavi), India - \$15,000

Manavi is a grassroots organization with programs in Bihar and Jharkand that focus primarily on reducing poverty and promoting women's self-sufficiency. Manavi works with over 2,000 women in 40 villages on issues such as women's empowerment, microcredit, skills training and education. In addition, Manavi is pioneering work in the areas of sustainable agriculture and flood preparedness and management.

Latin America

K'inol Antzetik, Mexico - \$13,000

Meaning "Land of Women" in the Mayan language Tzeltal, K'inol Antzetik promotes gender equity, social justice democracy and political and economic autonomy in Chiapas, Mexico. The organization supports indigenous women's collectives and cooperatives, promotes community-led education, provides training in health and women's empowerment and promotes the development of a strong civil society.

Social and Economic Development for Indigenous Mexicans (DESMI), Mexico - \$22,500

Since 1969, DESMI has helped indigenous community groups in Chiapas, Mexico initiate their own economic development programs. DESMI currently provides credit and technical assistance to approximately 200 community groups carrying out sustainable agriculture, livestock and crafts projects. Through a development model called Solidarity Economics, DESMI promotes sustainable agriculture, fair trade, gender equity, culturally-appropriate education and citizen participation.

Institute for Overcoming Urban Poverty (ISMU), Guatemala - \$20,000

ISMU is a joint effort of 17 grassroots organizations working to improve living conditions in urban shantytowns, many of which lack basic necessities such as decent housing, sewage systems and potable water. ISMU works to engage and empower its member groups by providing funds for income-generating projects, credit to build homes, educational scholarships, and training in a wide variety of areas including labor rights, policy advocacy and financial administration. Its primary focus is to develop leadership skills, especially amongst low-income women and youth.