

Program Grants in FY05 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005)

In FY05 IDEX made the following grants to its partners:

Africa:

Credit Against Poverty (CAP), Zimbabwe - \$5,000

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 - \$13,000

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.

Asia:

Gramin Vigyan Vikas Samiti (GRAVIS), India - \$13,465

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.

Sahyog Sansthan, India - \$13,000

Sahyog Sansthan works in over 85 villages to achieve long-term and sustainable improvement in the lives of the rural poor by promoting self-help saving and credit groups, improving management of natural resources and agricultural production, and fostering greater collaboration and linkages between government agencies and community groups.

Social Advancement Through Unity (SATU), Bangladesh - \$13,364

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 - \$13,000

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'in al Antzetik, Mexico - \$13,000

Meaning "Land of Women" in the Mayan language Tzeltal, K'in al 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 - \$13,000

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.

Women's Association for the Development of Sacatepéquez (AFEDES), Guatemala - \$13,000

Founded in 1993 by a small group of indigenous women, AFEDES is now comprised of 31 women's groups in 8 municipalities of Sacatepéquez, and has nearly 700 members. It promotes the political participation and social empowerment of indigenous women by providing training in issues of women's rights and self-esteem. The economic development program provides groups of women with small loans and vocational training for agriculture, livestock and weaving projects. AFEDES also provides credit to families to pay for the school fees and uniforms of girl children, in order to support the leaders of the future.

Association for the Promotion of Health and Socio-Economic Development (APROSADSE) - \$13,000

APROSADSE was founded in 1975 to train indigenous health promoters and midwives to provide basic health services and health education in the remote rural villages of San Martín Jilotepeque, Chimaltenango. In recent years, the association has shifted its focus towards economic development. Using the health promoter model, APROSADSE's agricultural promoters provide technical support to their neighbors on such issues as how best to care for their chickens and how improve their crop yields. The association also provides microcredit to individuals and groups for sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry and small business projects.

Institute for Overcoming Urban Poverty (ISMU), Guatemala - \$48,600

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.