

Program Grants During FY06 (July 1 2005 – June 30, 2006)

In FY06 IDEX made the following grants to our partners:

Africa:

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. With over 156 clubs and more than 20,000 members, GCN projects now include education and scholarships, HIV/AIDS prevention, skills training, advocacy and peer counseling.

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

Located in the rural district of Masvingo, CAP provides microloans 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.

Asia:

Gramin Vigyan Vikas Samiti (GRAVIS), Rajasthan, India - \$13,000

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.

Sahyog Sansthan, Rajasthan, 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 - \$13,000

SATU promotes women's social and economic empowerment in poor and marginalized communities through training, education and micro-credit lending. 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), Bihar, India - \$13,000

Manavi is a grassroots organization that focuses 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, flood preparedness and management.

Latin America:

K'inol Antsetik, Chiapas, Mexico - \$13,000

Meaning "Land of Women", K'inol Antsetik promotes gender equity, social justice democracy and political and economic autonomy in Chiapas, Mexico. K'inol 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), Chiapas, Mexico - \$13,000

DESMI promotes economic development programs within indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico. DESMI provides credit and technical assistance to community groups working on sustainable agriculture, livestock and crafts projects. DESMI promotes sustainable agriculture, fair trade, gender equity, culturally appropriate education and citizen participation.

Women's Association for the Development of Sacatepéquez (AFEDES), Guatemala - \$43,000

AFEDES is comprised of 31 women's groups with nearly 700 members. It promotes political participation and social empowerment of indigenous women. AFEDES provides groups of women with small loans and training for agriculture, livestock and weaving projects, and supports the leaders of the future by offering credit to families for school fees and uniforms for girl children.

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

APROSADSE works in the remote rural villages of San Martín Jilotepeque, Chimaltenango focusing on economic development. APROSADSE's agricultural promoters provide technical on how best to care for their chickens and improve crop yields. The association also offers microcredit to individuals and groups for sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry and small business projects.

Institute for Overcoming Urban Poverty (ISMU), Guatemala - \$146,920

ISMU is a network of 17 grassroots organizations working to improve urban shantytowns, which lack necessities such as decent housing, sewage systems and potable water. ISMU provides income-generating projects, credit to build homes, educational scholarships, and training in labor rights, policy advocacy and financial administration. Its primary focus is to develop leadership skills amongst low-income women and youth.

In FY06 the following catalyst grants were made:

Association of Farmers for the Development of Raquochel (APADER), Guatemala - \$5,000

APADER works to improve living conditions within its community by creating and implementing programs in education, health, nutrition, production, the environment, credit services and leadership development.

ASHA, Nepal - \$5,000

An NGO established in 1998, ASHA/Nepal is comprised of Nepalese professionals working to improve the health, livelihood, education and socioeconomic status of children and the community.

Women Awareness Center (WACN), Nepal - \$5,000

WACN's believes that, if given the opportunity, women can become confident and competent leaders overcoming the myriad of obstacles they face in their daily lives. WACN's programs reach four districts of Nepal and include integrated community-based development, informal savings, credit groups and cooperatives for women, and sustainable agriculture.

Rural Women's Movement (RWM), South Africa - \$3,000

RWM rural KwaZulu-Natal is making important linkages between a woman's HIV status and the likelihood she will be denied land or evicted from her home. RWM assists women to access land, provides training opportunities to learn how to cultivate the land and encourages women to work together to jointly provide for their families.

Hlomekusa: "Skills for the Future", South Africa - \$3,000

Hlomekusa was founded in 1994 to support the rights and needs of rural women in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape Provinces. Hlomekusa works in 17 different communities to provide education, small business training and build markets to create economic opportunities for women and disseminate information to women about their rights under the new South African constitution.

Positive Women's Network (PWN), South Africa - \$3,000

In 1996, 60 black South African women formed the PWN to address three forms of oppression they identified, being a woman, being black, and being HIV positive. PWN combats stigma head on by encouraging HIV-positive women to 'come out', creating support groups for HIV-positive women to come together.