

Program Grants During FY09

In FY09 IDEX made the following grants to our partners:

Africa:

Girl Child Network (GCN), Zimbabwe - \$23,000

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.

Hlomelikusasa: "Skills for the Future", South Africa - \$15,000

Hlomelikusasa was founded in 1994 to support the rights and needs of rural women in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape Provinces. Hlomelikusasa 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 - \$18,522

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.

Asia:

ASHA, Nepal - \$20,000

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.

Gramin Vigyan Vikas Samiti (GRAVIS), Rajasthan, India - \$45,077.50

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.

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.

Sahyog Sansthan, Rajasthan, India - \$13,121.50

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 Awareness Center (WACN), Nepal - \$13,000

WACN 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.

Latin America:

Association for the Promotion of Health and Socio-Economic Development (APROSADSE), Guatemala - \$15,000

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.

Educación por la Paz (Education for Peace) EduPaz, Mexico - \$16,140

EduPaz was founded in 1998 in Comitán, Chiapas to provide health services and initiating economic development to help Guatemalan refugees. Within the last few years, it has expanded, now working with indigenous communities throughout Mexico, to confront the conditions that cause marginalization and promote alternative development strategies.

Institute for Overcoming Urban Poverty (ISMU), Guatemala - \$35,700

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.

Social and Economic Development for Indigenous Mexicans (DESMI), Chiapas, Mexico - \$83,624

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 - \$33,000

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.

In FY09 the following Catalyst Grants were made:

Association for Community Development (ACD), Bangladesh - \$6,000

ACD was created 1989, in response to the growing needs and aspirations of marginalized women, youth and children. ACD also runs a well-equipped home shelter for survivors of violence, including those who have been sexually abused, exploited, trafficked and acid-burnt children.

Coodinadora El Molino (The Windmill Coordination), Mexico - \$5,000

El Molino is a grassroots organizations made up of 17 civil associations and cooperatives working to promote food security through its urban sustainable agriculture program, and women's and youth empowerment through personal development workshops. Currently they are work with coordinated effort of 5 neighborhood settlements to provide housing (5,000 homes), daycare centers, women's empowerment programs.

IRRI (International Renewal Resources Institute), Mexico - \$5,000

Working in Queretaro, Guanajuato, and Michoacán, Mexico, IRRI provides training to community groups in rural and urban areas all over Mexico on renewable energy and appropriate green technologies for food security and water access and conservation.

K'inál Antsetik, Chiapas, Mexico - \$13,500

Meaning "Land of Women", K'inál Antsetik promotes gender equity, social justice democracy and political and economic autonomy in Chiapas, Mexico. K'inál 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.

Ñepi Behña (Women of Dignity), Mexico - \$5,000

Based in Hidalgo with project areas in la Sierra and Valle de Mezquital, Ñepi Behña works with over 650 indigenous women to build gender equity and empower them to lead sustainable livelihoods through savings and credit groups, sustainable energy technologies and fair trade artisanship.

Organization for Women's Development in Bangladesh (OWDEB), Bangladesh - \$6,000

OWDEB was founded in 1994 by a group of like-minded people, which included a teacher, ex-student politicians, an artist, a writer and others who wanted to work with marginalized people, such as women and children. OWDEB's programs are focused on women's empowerment and women's rights.