



INTERNATIONAL WORK NEEDING FUNDING FROM GIFTS TO H999999 (PHP General) or H000107 (CentsAbility)

Asociación Bolivianos por la Vida (UMAVIDA)

Amount requested: \$40,000

Freshwater is Eternal Life

Bolivia



Dumping waste in the Huanuni River. Photo by Chenoa Stock

The economic productivity of Oruro is greatly based on mineral extraction. The effects of indiscriminate mining exploitation cause the contamination of freshwater, which leaves the land with sediment deposits and infertile. This affects the poor, particularly women, children, and the elderly, leaving them without sufficient land for sowing and cultivating. The consequence is migration from indigenous communities to the cities.

Seeing the need for Bolivia to have regulations to control the adequate use of water, and for a water authority who will regulate and control the water quantity and quality, the “Freshwater is Eternal Life” campaign will develop advocacy actions for the passing of the Water Law, so that farming communities can remediate and rejuvenate the land and water.

Environmental Governance Institute

Amount requested: \$6,000

Legal Empowerment of Smallholder Farmers in Nguti Sub-Division

Cameroon

The goal of this project is to end the injustice that is caused by lack of legal knowledge about land rights, contracts, and the lack of bargaining power of smallholder farmers of palm oil. Palm oil is now the world’s leading vegetable oil, and demand for it for the production of food, fuel and other commodities is on the increase. Worldwide, this has resulted in an unprecedented quest for land to establish palm oil plantations. In Cameroon this has led to a mad rush for large tracts of land by agro-industries. The Southwest Region, with its abundance of rich volcanic soils and rainfall, is home to some of the largest agro-industries in the country.

Some farmers signed contracts with major agro-industries, without legal knowledge or bargaining power, and without understanding the threats those contracts held to their land rights, livelihoods, and security.

This project will build the capacities of smallholder farmers in legal contracts (drafting, negotiation), joint ventures (identifying potential partners), and business plan development. It will provide post-contracting support for the already-formed Nguti Area Palm Farmers’ Cooperative – Board of Directors.

Food 4 Farmers

Amount requested: \$8,000

Beekeeping for Lasting Food Security in Guatemala

Guatemala



This project aims to improve food security and income during the months of seasonal hunger during the post harvest period. It uses a proven beekeeping program to build a sustainable livelihood alternative for smallfarmers, generating income as soon as the first year. Beekeeping complements other agricultural activities and promotes environmental resiliency. Beekeepers with 9 hives can generate income equivalent to three months of full-time work at the national minimum wage.

Beekeeping benefits the environment by contributing to pollination and flowering of plants, trees, and crops within the bee’s 3 km foraging radius. Beekeeping can be led by men and women equally, does not require a significant time investment, and serves as an economic support to coffee producers affected by coffee rust disease. Pollination by bees improves the productivity of coffee plants, increasing yields by as much as 20%. Honey is a rich source of nutrition.

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This project will establish a community apiary school with 20 beehives. Participants will come together regularly to the apiary to learn beekeeping and work together to produce honey under the supervision of the cooperative's technical staff and learn business management practices to develop their own business plans for honey production. Proceeds from honey sales at the apiary the first year will be deposited in a micro-credit fund, which will be managed by the cooperative. Through participatory workshops, project participants will learn basic food security concepts, including the relationship between sustainable agriculture and food security, the importance of sanitation and hygiene, and the definition of good nutrition and a balanced diet.

Photo: Andrew Kang Bartlett/PHP

Diocesan Charitable Trust

Amount requested: \$6,000

Amala Graham (Clean house)

India

Only 51.8% of Khammam's rural households have toilet facilities. Needing privacy, many women go out into the fields for defecation before sunrise or after sunset. Not carrying sufficient water, the women are unable to wash properly, resulting in food contamination and the spread of endemic diseases.

This project aims to construct 30 toilets in rural villages in Khammam district, Telangana state. Having a proper toilet in the house will allow the women privacy, keep their countryside from becoming unclean and polluted, and offer facilities for handwashing, thus reducing the risk of food and water contamination.

Send a Cow Kenya

Amount requested: \$7,000

Wealth Creation for Smallholder Farmers in Western Kenya

Kenya



This project will improve the food security, livelihoods and income-generating potential of 420 farmers (70% women) and their families (2,520 people) who suffer from low yields, causing malnutrition and poverty. The project will improve nutrition and income generation through increased production, enabling farmers to become self-confident agents of their own development.

Project activities for 20 self-help farmer groups include:

- training in kitchen gardening, crop rotation, double digging, inter-cropping, mulching, pest and weed control, animal housing, feeding, disease prevention, hygiene, breeding and welfare
- training in leadership, group dynamics, conflict resolution, record keeping and monitoring so leaders can manage group affairs and set their own vision and constitution (8 per group)
- in-depth training in sustainable agriculture, including the theory and underlying principles behind effective farming methods (1 per group)
- provision of either one dairy cow or two dairy goats (one purebred, one crossbred) for 150 extremely vulnerable farmers; the livestock will be gifts from farmers who have previously received livestock from Send a Cow and committed to pass on the first female offspring.

Photo thanks to Send a Cow: A previous farmers' group funded by PHP in Uganda.

Asociación Fénix

Amount requested: \$10,000

Improvement of the community water system and protection of water sources in El Balsamo

Nicaragua



The source of water that feeds the community water system for 55 families in El Balsamo has suffered a drastic reduction in water flow. The lack of water is a result of droughts in the last three years and mismanagement of natural resources (tree felling, sedimentation of water supplies, etc.)

Currently the community's water committee rations the water supply, so that each home receives water every two or three days; but the families do not have large sized containers to store enough water for more than two days.

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The families must then supply their homes with water from contaminated sources; parasitic infections and other water-borne diseases are the most prevalent in this community.

This project will expand and improve the community water system with solar energy by drilling a well in a water source with sufficient flow that has been identified in the community. This new well will be connected to the existing system and feed it to ensure a sustainable water supply to all families, both for human consumption and for the development of productive activities.

In order to protect the water sources, restore the filtration processes, and reverse environmental degradation in the community, the water supply areas will be reforested with native species. Training workshops will promote water management and a conservationist attitude towards natural resources and the environment.

Photo: A previous AF project in Nicaragua funded by PHP

Improvement and Development for Communities Center (IDCO)

Amount requested: \$8,000

Food Insecurity Assessment for Quick High Impact Poverty Alleviation in the Gaza Strip

Palestine

An assessment on the food insecurity situation and recovery intervention is needed to boost agricultural productivity, promote water saving techniques, and strengthen the capacity of vulnerable household farmers, especially women, in order to encourage crop diversification and respond better to household and local consumption needs. The project will survey 60 farmers in the Middle area governorate prior to and after implementing the recovery services. The project will establish income generating open field farms, alleviating the economic hardship of 60 farmer headed households and enabling them to restart the production of their land. Planted vegetable seedlings and seeds will include seasonal crops such as green chili pepper, eggplant, sweet corn, etc. The project also includes training and educational materials on irrigation saving measures, scheduling, farm service, home gardens, and market distribution.

Church World Service

Amount requested: \$15,000

Ecumenical support and accompaniment to recover land and plan for the future in the Paraguayan Chaco region

Paraguay



Once a community's land tenure is secured and formalized, planning and organizing the community life on it becomes urgent. Participatory community mapping is a technique to capture the community's natural, productive and spiritual assets and to develop a community's plan for development and natural resource management. This technique helps:

- prevent plans imposed from the top down without consideration of indigenous peoples' land uses for their food security and livelihood,
- prevent or solve conflicts, and
- inform advocacy and interaction with government and others.

This project will expand the skills of members of two remote indigenous communities who have secure land tenure but are living in extreme poverty and exclusion so they can continue and accelerate community development and improvement processes; and increase the capacity of the leading ecumenical NGO working in the region to adopt participatory mapping and geographic information systems techniques as a method to support indigenous communities in the region.

Photo: Paul Jeffrey/CWS

Red Uniendo Manos Peru

Amount requested: \$45,000

*Responsible Mining Investment and Environmental Health in Junín, Perú***Peru**

Dangerous levels of lead have been detected in the health of the population in La Oroya, Peru (especially among pregnant women and children under 6 years of age). The work of this Joining Hands Peru campaign is in advocating for the implementation of Regional Ordinance 141-2012, which mandated the formation and implementation of an Environmental and Human Health Program, including prioritized, specialized health care for persons who have been over-exposed to lead, arsenic, cadmium and other toxic elements present in their environment. Implementation would apply in La Oroya and other affected areas in the region of Junin. The campaign calls for the designation of public funds to implement the ordinance, demands the enforcement of environmental regulations, and advocates that the Congress of Peru not ratify the TPP, which threatens those environmental regulations.

*Photo: Joe Tobiason***Sustainability Institute**

Amount requested: \$8,000

*Stellenbosch Agroecology Academy***South Africa**

The Academy is locally designed to create a safe-to-fail incubation space for young agro-entrepreneurs. Through the combination of formal qualifications and extended periods of hands-on learning (both on farms and in their own businesses), the Agroecology Academy supports the emergence of sustainable food systems at a grass-roots level.

The youth development program will train 20 unemployed youth from previously disadvantaged communities in organic food production and sustainable food system entrepreneurship. It will support the graduates into gainful food system related employment, further education and/or land, depending on their preferences. The primary focus will be to work with the youth to develop their skills and capacities so that ultimately, when they are organic farmers on land in their own communities, they will train and employ others.

*Photo: students run a training day for young rural girls***National Christian Council of Sri Lanka**

Amount requested: \$8,000

*Living a life of Dignity: Empowering young people and women from marginalized plantation communities in Sri Lanka, enabling them to restore their intrinsic human dignity and access their basic human rights***Sri Lanka**

Challenged by our faith and by scripture, the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) seeks to empower the desperately marginalized *plantation communities* in Sri Lanka to free themselves from the shackles of 'slavery' that deny life, restoring their basic human dignity and enabling them to access their basic human rights.

This project will create space for dialogue with youth and women from plantation communities, and between community and key influencers and stakeholders; provide workshops on human rights; support participation in social and cultural activities to strengthen cultural identity and promote human dignity; share stories and issues through church networks for follow up; and help coordinate national and district level advocacy activities.

Action for Rural Women's Empowerment (ARUWE)

Amount requested: \$10,000

*Enhancing the capacity of rural women farmers to demand access and utilization of land rights and instruments in Gayaza Sub County, Kyankwanzi district in Uganda***Uganda**

This project will build the capacity of communities to ensure long-term and sustainable pro-poor policy implementation. ARUWE will engage 900 rural women farmers, 100 males, and 70 land actors with information on policies and laws, court procedures, and community structures the government has put in place to ensure peaceful co-existence on land across the tenure systems. Engaging land actors ensures that when women who hold land rights need to deal with a violation, proper legal redress and access to justice are available.