



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

**Action for Rural Women's Empowerment (Uganda) — *Strengthening capacity of rural women farmers to demand access and utilize Land rights in Gayaza Sub County, Kyankwanzi district in Uganda.***

**Needed from PHP: \$7,500**

Goal: to increase knowledge and awareness of land rights among 4,245 rural farmers in Gayaza Sub County, Kyankwanzi district in Uganda; through the land rights advocacy initiative, to build community capacity for action so as to ensure long-term and sustainable pro-poor policy influence regarding land rights and access to justice. Many aspects of laws and policies are unknown to the rural farmers, especially women; ARUWE will engage them with information on policy and law with regard to land rights, court procedures and the structures in place by Government to ensure peaceful co existence on land across the tenure.

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**Africa Faith & Justice Network (Ghana) — *Land Grab Prevention Campaign***

**Needed from PHP: \$5,000**

Goal: to educate and empower landowners and traditional chiefs to protect them from land grabs by multinational corporations, foreign nations and wealthy locals. Prevention is the most effective strategy. This awareness campaign seeks to promote responsible investment in agriculture; make communities aware of the characteristics of land grabs; underscore the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent in contracts; and explore the social, political and economic aspects of land ownership. This project will benefit the people of Volta Region in Ghana and beyond.

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**African Biodiversity Network (ABN) (Kenya)**

***Strengthening Farmers' Seed Security for Food Sovereignty and Improved Livelihood in Siha, Kilimanjaro***

**Needed from PHP: \$12,000**

Goal: to promote and build sustainable local food and seed security systems for families in Siha Region. The project will do this by strengthening the capacity of rural people to revive their locally adaptable seeds variety and agro-ecological farming. It will also enhance their capacity to advocate for the protection of their local variety in the Plant Variety Protection Act.

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**Anywaa Survival Organisation (ASO) (Ethiopia) — *Food Security and Land Tenure Advocacy Project***

**Needed from PHP: \$5,000**

Goals: to advocate on food security and land tenure among pastoralist and indigenous communities in Ethiopia; to create awareness and open constructive dialogues involving affected community representatives. The advocacy project will increase food self-reliance and reduce food shortage and dependency on international food handouts, primarily benefitting the poorest, marginalised and disadvantaged communities in remote areas targeted by land lease policy. Contrary to constitutional provisions, the policy eroded small-scale farming methods; restricted free movement; denied the communities access to farmland, hunting and fishing grounds, grazing and water points; unethically cleared vast woodlands, forests, and wetlands, threatening the natural environment and inducing serious competition for survival in the eco-system.

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### **Association Citoyenne de Défense des Intérêts Collectifs (ACDIC) (Cameroon)**

#### ***Free Trade Agreements and their negative impacts on Food Security***

**Needed from PHP: \$11,000**

Goal: to carry out a communication and advocacy campaign to sound the alarm and show the negative impacts of the ratification of Economic Partnership agreements (EPAs) on the food security of Cameroon. We will also look at how GMOs have been/are yet to be introduced in the production of certain crops and sensitize the population to say no to GMO seeds and foods. The objective is to put pressure on our government to better protect and watch the food products coming into the country and to be able to use the safeguard clause in the agreement. The Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement allows governments to take measures if they have a legitimate objective, such as protecting health or the environment.



### **Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity (Bangladesh) — *Women Workers' Training Program***

**Needed from PHP: \$10,000**

Goal: to provide workshops to poor women garment workers to support their self-development and to provide them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to become leaders among workers in their workplaces and in unions. Trainings will provide workers with leadership skills necessary to advance to higher levels of responsibility—worker/factory-level leader/ organizer. These trainings are particularly important for Bangladeshi women workers, who commonly face oppression and many obstacles to their empowerment and are rarely provided with leadership opportunities to enable them to be agents of change.



### **CHETHANA (Joining Hands Partner) (India) — *Promoting Sustainable Agriculture through Conservation and Regeneration of Native Seeds for the Food Security of the marginalized communities***

**Needed from PHP: \$22,500 (OGHS can cover \$22,500 for total grant of \$45,000)**

The campaign *Sow Against GMO's: Conservation of Seeds and Sustainable farming as a movement against corporate monopolies in farming sector* is against seed monopolies and the governmental structures and policies that favor them and in favor of asserting farmers' sovereignty. This involves:

1. Promoting conservation/regeneration of native seeds, freeing farmers from hybrid and GM seeds and costly chemical farm inputs, resulting in remunerative farming and addressing the concern of food security.
2. Mobilizing farmers and other stake holders: festivals around seeds, foods, and sustainable farming; World Food Day (week); education on impacts of GM seeds and commercial cultivation of GM crops on farmers' sovereignty, food security, safe food and bio-diversity.
3. Spearhead the movement to make the states (Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh) GM-free. Increase linkage with other stake holders such as Government Agriculture Department, research and training organizations, and university departments.
4. Strengthen the national level alliance that organizes advocacy and lobbying; fight entities like Monsanto; provide a platform for smaller yet potent groups that deal with state policies.



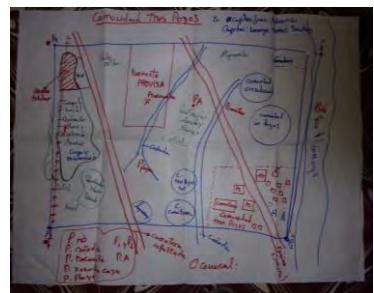
**Church World Service (Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay) — *For Land and Food: Support and Accompaniment to the Indigenous People of the South American Chaco Region***

**Needed from PHP: \$18,000**

The fertile land of the Chaco has been steadily taken over by cattle ranchers and soy farmers, leaving indigenous people almost landless and desperately poor.

Recovering land is key to improving their quality of life and developing productive activities for food security. This project builds on participatory mapping, which makes geographic information technologies and systems available to marginalized communities. In addition, Community Land and Resource management Plans (LRMP) in 4 communities focus on disaster risk reduction, advocacy for land recovery, agricultural production, and conflict resolution: strengthening the capacity for communities to negotiate with government authorities, plan for the future and conserve the endangered eco-system of the world's largest dry forest.

*Note from 2015 mid-year report: On Saturday 25 April 2015 the Governor of Chaco Province handed over legal title to 21,003 acres of land to five Qom indigenous communities - Miraflores, Qompi, Campo La China, La Carpa and Chaisat home to some 250 families. Photos: CWS*



**Community Sustainable Development Empowerment Programme (COSDEP) (Kenya)  
*Enhancing Sustainable Organic gardening for improved food, nutrition, and income security***

**Needed from PHP: \$5,000**

Goal: to build capacity and train 150 poor small-scale farmers from Kigumo Sub-county on sustainable organic gardening for improved food, nutrition and income security. Faced with high population, increased poverty, poor living standards, malnutrition and unemployment, a sustainable solution is needed in Kigumo. COSDEP intends to achieve this by training farmers and the community on organic farming techniques to increase yields that are safe, nutritious, and environmentally friendly, thus enhancing their capacity for self-reliance and long-term food security.

**EcoLogic Development Fund (Guatemala) — *Building Capacity for Improved Food Production and Resource Management for Maya Communities in Sarstun***

**Needed from PHP: \$10,000**

In 2016, EcoLogic will enhance the food and resource security of at least 125 local families from 12 communities within the Sarstún River Multiple Use Area in Guatemala. This will be accomplished through the communities' adoption of fuel-efficient cookstoves and food-secure agricultural methods, which reduce the human impact on critical natural resources. This year's project will focus on: increasing the number of agroforestry plots established and farmers trained; increasing the number of families with fuel-efficient cookstoves; a new initiative: training local women about the cultivation of home vegetable gardens. We will train community leaders as 'promoters', or extension workers, to train their peers and encourage the adoption of agroforestry and backyard gardens. This project exists to offer solutions that bolster communities' livelihoods, while also addressing widespread unsustainable land use practices attributable to poverty, education gaps, and limited land ownership.

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*Photo: EcoLogic*



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**Grassroots International (Nicaragua) — Strengthening the Next Generation of Food Sovereignty Leaders in Central America**  
**Needed from PHP: \$10,000**

Central America faces high levels of hunger and malnutrition in a context of extreme inequality, political repression and violence. Fortunately, a growing food sovereignty movement among rural communities is pushing effective solutions to hunger, but it needs on-the-ground leadership skills training and a powerful network of cooperation and support to succeed.



*in Nicaragua, but throughout Central America...This school allows you to step outside your world, disconnect from the rush and craziness of daily life, and realize that it is possible to build another, better world. So when you leave, you feel like 'yes, I do have the strength and power to build that new world.'*

At a train-the-trainer program at the Central American Peasant School in Managua, Nicaragua, a select group of activists/leaders is gaining advanced skills in agroecology, leadership and advocacy to prepare them to advance Central America's rural social movements. By deepening the leadership skills of women, youth and indigenous peoples, this project advances food sovereignty and community-led solutions to hunger.

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**The HEAL Foundation (India) — Latrine Construction**

**Needed from PHP: \$7,550**

Goal: to construct 35-40 latrines in underserved communities in Hyderabad, India in 2016

Open defecation poses a major public health risk and is common in slums. Access to latrines directly benefits women and children who are often forced to seek privacy by walking long distances to varmint-infested fields where sexual abuse is a risk. Children with access to latrines are twice as likely to be on track in school, according to HEAL's annual household survey. Keeping with HEAL's focus on community empowerment, we plan to utilize building materials from small businesses within communities, train community members on the proper construction and upkeep of latrines, and require 50% of funds be donated by recipients, to ensure sustainability and self-reliance.

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**Iglesia Cristiana Reformada en la Republic Dominicana Inc. (Dominican Republic)**

**Haiti Deportation Emergency Action**

**Needed from PHP: \$5,000 (World Mission and PDA will also help.)**

Goal: to expand the ICRRD's capacity to provide documentation assistance, both in the regularization plan and with legal residency visas. The ICRRD will assist and accompany the beneficiaries in the process of obtaining their birth certificates, archives documents, passports, etc., all the way through to getting their final legal documents. The ICRRD will also include a widespread information campaign within its churches and their communities, and a robust referral service in order to help those who return to Haiti to connect to relief services there, reconnect with their families, and become reestablished in their communities.

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**Pueblo a Pueblo (Guatemala)**

**Training Youth Leaders in Organic Agriculture and Leadership**

**Needed from PHP: \$7,000**

Goal: to identify and train potential Youth Leaders in organic agriculture and leadership to (1) build local capacity through youth development and leadership skills training; (2) improve health and academic performance of primary-school children through organic school gardens; and (3) promote organic agriculture and professional development opportunities in coffee farming communities. We will use the grant to strengthen youth capacity and leadership through a train the trainers methodology. 20 youth leaders, four from each partner community, will participate in an intensive training program, receiving cross-programmatic training and the necessary tools to enable them to lead the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of school-based projects.

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**Red Uniendo Manos El Salvador (RUMES) - (Joining Hands Partner) (El Salvador)**

**Agriculture Free From Agrotoxins**

**Needed from PHP General: \$7,500 (OGHS & other funds can cover \$22,500 for a total grant of \$30,000)**

The campaign focuses on the negative impacts and injustices caused by use of massive amounts of highly toxic agrochemicals (agrotoxins), specifically in the monocrop cultivation of sugarcane in El Salvador. The primary goal of RUMES' campaign is to, in the short term, achieve stricter regulation, through local municipal ordinances, of the practices of sugarcane cultivation, to ensure a cleaner environment and healthier people, as we continue to advocate nationally and internationally to ban the use of toxic agrochemicals, namely Glyphosate.

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**Red Uniendo Manos Peru (Joining Hands Partner) (Peru)**

**Responsible Mining Investment and Healthy Environment in Junin, Peru**

**Needed from PHP: \$22,500 (OGHS can cover \$22,500 for a total grant of \$45,000)**

The health, livelihoods and well-being of the people of La Oroya and surrounding areas are in grave danger due to contamination from mining activity in the area. The campaign addresses the need for an integrated and specialized human, public, and environmental health program in the Region of Junin for those affected by heavy metals contamination (prioritizing those impacted by the metallurgical complex in La Oroya). The campaign focuses on implementation of Regional Ordinance 141- 2012, which requires the Regional Government to design and implement such a program. Furthermore, the campaign addresses the need for legislation at the national level to reform mining practices (including reduced emissions in places like La Oroya, as well as shared benefits to help fund a health program such as in Junin). Lastly, the campaign addresses the need to eliminate the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism from trade agreements which provide a path for foreign investors to avoid their environmental responsibilities (such as the case of Renco Group that has invested in the metallurgical complex in La Oroya).

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**Reseau de la Lutte Contre la Faim (RELUFA) – (Joining Hands Partner) (Cameroon) — Social Justice for All**

**Needed from PHP: \$ 22,500 (OGHS can cover \$22,500 for a total grant of \$45,000)**

This year the network is campaigning for social justice for all in Cameroon, notably the improvement of land governance and stopping land grab by powerful multinational companies. The campaign seeks to contribute to the improvement of the regulatory and legal framework for land management while equally promoting transparency participation of the local communities in decisions related to land concessions. Equally, the network is campaigning for Social-Economic and environmental Justice in the extractive industries because the current Cameroonian mining code does not enable local communities to capture maximum benefits from the exploitation of the mineral resources through the sub national revenue transfers and management of the negative impacts. The network seeks to intensify its campaign and continue to participate in the review of legislation to address the concerns of local communities. Limiting the spread of Genetically Modified Organisms is one area of the network campaign.

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*Photo: RELUFA*

**Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technologies & Science (India)*****Nurturing Rural Youth for Sustainable Development*****Needed from PHP: \$ 7,000**

Goal: to improve standard living of marginal rural communities in north India, especially in Allahabad District, through nurturing rural youth. The project activities embrace improving their capacity building through tailoring, organic farming and small-scale business for both income-generation and spiritual enhancement of rural residents. The main target groups are marginal and small-scale rural residents, focusing on Backward and Scheduled Classes, who are regarded as the most depressed people in India. MSCNE provides a various kinds of training programs to rural leaders along with technical advice and guidance. The trained leaders are expected to teach their own neighbors who reside around them. Such rural residents-to-rural residents approach is necessary and effective for their sustainable development in north India based on MSCNE's experience and previous project results.



*Sam Higginbottom project photos: Teachers attend training; training for Japanese rice nursery preparation; Ms Nishad, learning handicraft, will supervise a tailoring class in 2015*

**Social Development Integrated Centre (Social Action) (Nigeria)*****Community Advocacy for Livelihood Protection in the Niger Delta of Nigeria*****Needed from PHP: \$ 14,000**

The project involves community organizing and policy advocacy to protect livelihoods which are under daily threat as a result of inadequate or poorly enforced regulations in petroleum extraction and land administration in the Niger Delta basin of Nigeria. Through this project involving community organizing, monitoring and documentation, litigation and solidarity building, Social Action will continue to support Ogoni communities in seeking ecological justice through the implementation of the recommendations of the 2011 report of the United Nations Environment Program, which conducted an Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland. The project also supports food security in Ogoniland through the promotion of land rights of smallholder farmers against government-backed land grabbing in support of commercial plantations.