

International Task Force
Zoom call Minutes
October 12, 2018

The International Task Force convened at 12:00 p.m. EST with Susan greetings to all participants.

Joyce and concerns were shared. Karen opened the meeting with prayers.

Present: Susan Dobkins (Chairperson), Karen Brown, Phil Tom, Rebecca Reyes, Teresa Bidart (staff).

Excused absence: Alonzo Johnson.

Intermediaries annual reports (Rwanda, CE-MUJER). 2018 Funding decisions.

The Task Force members approved the reports from the two intermediaries.

SI10010 CE-MUJER, Dominican Republic

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SI13001 Presbyterian Church of Rwanda, Rwanda

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The Committee reviewed the Seine Bight Village council technical assistance grant application.

This group was previously approved for a \$19,910.20 grant in 2014. Phil asked the Committee if they normally approve a grant and then receive technical assistance grant application from the same group.

The Task Force members stated that this is not the usual way.

The Task Force approved to send a letter to the group asking the following questions:

- 1.- Please tell us if you have a consultant in mind for this project. If so, please send more information about the consultant such as their qualifications and/or experience to do this work.
- 2.- Please send us an itemized budget explaining how the \$3,000 will be used. The application instructions ask for any line item over \$500 to be broken out separately.
- 3.- Please give a little more information about what you expect as outcomes from the strategic plan. What will success look like? What might be needed to implement the plan once complete? We know that this could be difficult to answer before the plan is made but think about where the group is now and where you would like to be in a certain period of time, like a year or two from now.

Nicaragua and Guatemala liaisons conference call in December Schedule.

The group approved to have this Zoom call on Monday December 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Follow up from Barranco Fisherfolks complaints

The Task Force discussed the last correspondence and asked Susan to write an answer note and send it to the office.

Plans for November Panama trip

Teresa mentioned the Panama plan that she reported during the September meeting: the organizations and individuals that have been contacted for meetings in Panama for the first International Task Force trip scheduled for November 26 to 30 are:

1. APRONAD, NGO, works to protect the environment and work with rural projects.
2. CALICANTO, NGO, this is a women's organization

Also, Teresa have been in contact with Matilde de la Rueda. She works for Education for Life Foundation, FEDVIDA. This Foundation has a training school for low income and youth where they teach masonry, carpentry, welding, etc.

There is another person, Xiomara Rodriguez, who is a Sociologist and works with different organizations. She is willing to introduce them to us.

The group will discuss the plan in detail during their November monthly meeting. (November 12 at 1: 00 PM EST).

Development Promotion Group (DPG) request

The Task Force discussed the request from DPG in India of submitting a new proposal. They approved to answer them that at this time we cannot consider this grant application.

Next meeting: Zoom call on November 12 at 1:00 P.M. EST

The Zoom call meeting adjourned at 1: 00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Bidart