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ABC ULWAZI

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	1994
Counterpart since:	2005

SA079I01 - ABC Ulwazi - Rebuilding Civil Society V Radio Project

DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society
Location:	South Africa
Beneficiary:	not relevant/other
activity	Radio programme
Direct outreach	5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total:	100.000
Contractperiod:	28-02-2005 untill 31-03-2006

description:

The objectives of the contract are to ensure the production of the 5th series of radio programmes. Secondly the contract is intended to give ABC the opportunity to explore and strengthen areas in their implementation and strategy their required assistance, like the gender policy.

Hivos support is to assist ABC Ulwazi bring into communities radio content for community radios, that through dramatisation is able to highlight the role communities can play in the developmental process, as well as deal with issues of corruption, impunity, political participation and the enforcement of rights. Radio is a popular medium with arguably the widest reach in most African countries including South Africa. ABC Ulwazi's four previous production indicate a growing listenership and growing credibility of the messages delivered. The radio programmes are reaching a target population of approximately 6 million across the country.

AC RIF Radio Interactiva Feminista

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	1998
Counterpart since:	1998

The AC Raif is born on March 8, 1998 as an initiative of the producers of Radio.

Internacional Feminista (FIRE), which has been on the air for seven years (1991-98) continually transmitting via short wave radio through Radio Paz Internacional, located at the University for Peace Campus (UN) in Costa Rica. Its Board of Directors is made up of professional women linked to recognized organisations in the promotion and defence of women's human rights and human rights in general.

It is presented as a feminist communication project, whose objective is to contribute to establish a voice and presence of women in world information environments, strengthening links and communication networks among women of different cultural and geographical origins from a south south and south north perspective.

Among the most notable contributions to the gender issue, AC Raif is the only radio means that transmitted life the Beijing Women Encounter in 1995, and the organization of five Radio Tribunals on Violation to Women's Human Rights (three in Costa Rica, one in El Salvador and another one in Vienna). The program is transmitted in English and Spanish to several Latin America and Caribbean countries, including Cuba, Africa, Asia, Sweden, United States, Canada, Australia and Japan.

Project details

RM016I03 - Trascendiendo fronteras/ Il pa	
DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society Human rights
Location:	
Beneficiary:	
activity	Area de cobertura de eventos, representación
Direct outreach	50 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	2000 - Policy level/ institutional
activity1	Area de producción: mantener un espacio de información y análisis (sito web) desde la perspectiva de las mujeres
Direct outreach	500 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	2000 - Policy level/ institutional
Contract total:	100.000
Contractperiod:	01-01-2003 untill 31-12-2004

In 1998, the AC Raif becomes independent from Radio Paz Internacional and emerges as an independent association, hiring the services of short wave national frequencies. From that moment on, AC-RAIF has made efforts to occupy an important space in the information area from a feminist perspective. The present proposal is aimed at the continuity of AC-RAI's work and is basically destined to support areas such as production, special events coverage, participation and representation in the area of administrative management.

Its main purpose is:

- Maintain a web page as an information space from a women's perspective.
 - Sensibilize and create opinion on the situation of women's human rights, seen from an integrated feminist perspective.
 - Maintain the flow of information between different social actors.
 - Elaborate concrete issue messages.
 - Organize live coverage and transmissions.
 - Organize workshops and training sessions on the use of new technologies.
 - Annually gather the experiences of women.
 - Produce radio transmissible material.
 - Carry out special editions (and) on holidays.
- Duly administrate the resources.
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Project details

RM016I05 - Tecnologías desafiantes	
DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society
Location:	regional central america
Beneficiary:	not relevant/other
activity	Participación, cobertura de eventos y producción radiofónica
Direct outreach	5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity1	Area de capacitación
Direct outreach	50 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	500 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity2	Interactividad feminista
Direct outreach	50 - Policy level/ institutional
Indirect outreach	5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity3	Fortalecimiento institucional
Direct outreach	10 - Policy level/ institutional
Indirect outreach	10 - Policy level/ institutional
Contract total:	275.000
Contractperiod:	16-11-2004 untill 31-12-2007

This AC-RAIF project has as its general objective to strengthen international communications in the exercise of the human right to communicate, which contributes to amplify women's voices for a major political influence through the creative use of new information and communication technologies.

The specific objectives are:

1. To promote participative and interactive processes of teaching, learning, interchange and production of knowledge with women organizations in the use of TICs to contribute to the empowerment of technological resources.
2. To promote the women movement perspectives through the dissemination and amplification of their voices, in a contribution to favor perspectives of those who are excluded and their capacities to influence society.
3. To strengthen RIF with networks and organizations from the women movement, in order for the information to flow in different ways toward and from a greater number of women and organizations.
4. Implementation of a communication influence strategy to adapt the best ways in which messages

can reach the audience in an assertive manner.

5. Strengthen technological and innovative advance in RIF, beginning with experimental spaces that allow the joint construction of compromised technological knowledge, in order to share from the feminist ethical cooperation perspective, in the face of commercial, competitive and consumer monopolies. RIF is presented as a resource toward the women movement in innovation and production of use, application and content of technologies.

AFRICANCOLOURS

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	2001
Counterpart since:	2003

Many things are moving in the art world in Africa. Very little reaches the scope of the rest of the world. Newspapers do not write about it, television does not broadcast it. Since July 2000, AfricanColours presents a platform for cultural exchange and contemporary African art on its internet site www.africancolours.com. The philosophy is to show the works of all visual artists, independent from artistic dispositions. AfricanColours stimulates participation, openness, information sharing, freedom of artistic expression, non-limitary and equality.

Through the promotion of African Arts by internet, a wider understanding and appreciation of African Art and Culture should be encouraged worldwide. Art is highlighting messages of empowerment and cultural identity. For the individual artist, opportunities are generated that allow access to a wider market, direct contact with fellow artists, clients, invitations to art galleries, biennales and fairs. In 2003, a one-year contract was put up between AfricanColours and Hivos. Hivos is supporting AfricanColours because it promotes African contemporary visual arts in various respects, through the effective use of ICT. African artists are expected to get more international attention, artists and works are better to identify, the artistic quality and productivity may improve because of mutual influence, etc. More in particular, the Zimbabwean contemporary arts sector is expected to benefit as the current activities of AfricanColours are focused on Zimbabwe.

Project details

RC049I02 - Art, Internet and Africa	
DAC-sectors:	Culture
Location:	Africa
Beneficiary:	indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
activity	News and information about contemporary art/artists from Africa through Internet
Direct outreach	250 - Policy level/ public opinion
Indirect outreach	5000 - Policy level/ public opinion
Contract total:	105.000
Contractperiod:	01-09-2004 untill 31-08-2007

The online platform www.africancolours.com has been initiated from an office in The Hague, in the Netherlands. To enlarge the effect on the local African art market, and to decentralise the activities of main desk in The Hague, AfricanColours realised a local AfricanColours desk in Harare, Zimbabwe through cooperation with the Internet Village in Harare (this was the pilot project Hivos supported in 2003-2004).

AfricanColours has developed a business-plan that covers the period 1 September 2004 - 31 August 2007. A key component of the Business-plan is the transition of the main desk to Africa (in Kenya), thus effectively empowering the African artists involved, to run their facilities on their own. The overall objectives of the Business-plan 2004-2007 of AfricanColours/Art, Internet and Africa are:

- The transformation of the current Dutch Foundation from a executive body into a controlling organ and in the end (by 2007) to quit/close down the Dutch Foundation
- The establishment of a Main desk in Kenya that will be the new executive arm of AfricanColours
- Partnership and exchange with local organisations (some of the can/will become local African Colours desks)

Next to the current intensive contacts with the internet organisation 343 Media in Nairobi, Kenya for the realisation of the main AfricanColours desk in Nairobi, African Colours also has contacts in Mali, Uganda, South Africa and Burkina Faso at this moment.

ALAI - Agencia Latinoamericana de Información - Quito

RL007I <http://alainet.org/>

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit
Sector : Not sector specific,ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 1976
Date first contract : 1997

The Latin American Information Agency -ALAI- is a communications organization, committed to the full respect of human rights, gender equality and people's participation in development and policy making in Latin America. Its actions are part of the struggle for the democratization of communication, as a basic prerequisite for democratic society and social justice. Since 1977, ALAI has been developing an alternative communications model that pursues a more democratic, widespread, decentralized and multicultural communication, evolving in tune with social transformation processes. ALAI focuses mainly on socio-political dynamics within Latin America, from the perspective of social and civic movements, and contextualizes current events. Furthermore, ALAI stimulates the exchange of experiences, knowledge and strategies among networks and social organizations and addresses their capacity building to communicate and participate on the international stage. With these organizations, ALAI shares its know-how and skills, and develops activities designed to facilitate the circulation and exchange of information, particularly over the Internet. ALAI is also active in the promotion of the right to communicate, which includes public awareness activities, elaboration of proposals and advocacy in decision-making spheres. A key focus is gender, as well as the development of alternative networks. ALAI pays particular attention, in all its work areas, to human rights, rural movements, indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities. ALAI publishes a bulletin every two weeks, a daily background newsletter, several discussion sections and it provides a web portal (www.movimientos.org).

RL007I05 - Apoyo Institucional 2005-2007

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : Ecuador, Regional
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Activity 1 : informacion sistematizada
Direct outreach : 1000 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 10000 - Intermediary level
Activity 2 : formacion y acompanamiento en comunicacion y desarrollo organizativo
Direct outreach : 200 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 2000 - Intermediary level
Activity 3 : promocion del derecho a la comunicacion
Direct outreach : 50 - Policy level/ institutional
Indirect outreach : 50 - Policy level/ public opinion
Keywords : lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
ICT-based communication, virtual network
publication
Contract total : 120.000
Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 31-12-2007
Expenditure in 2005 : 40.000

For the period 2005 - 2007 ALAI wants to realise its mission through activities in three programmes. 1. Information programme: the main aim of the information programme is to contribute to the actualisation and analysis of the context in which the social movements operate in Latin America and to offer assistance in formulating alternatives: - systematisation of information on social movements; - consolidation of the Web site www.alainet.org as an actualised point of reference on social problems in the region. A linkage system of connections and liasions will be realised in this project period; - diffusion

of information (América Latina en Movimiento, electronic mailing list, web site, publication of books). Special attention will be given to the search for alternative cashing systems (by internet) 2. Capacitating and advisory programme: in this programme, ALAI wants to contribute to the organisational development of social organisations in the region, especially in their capacity to develop and implement communication and information policies and strategies: - the consolidation of the MINGA (Minga Informativa de Movimientos Sociales); - the set up of the second phase of the training and capacitating programme in communication and new technologies; - to provide support to social organisations, aimed at enlargement of their capacity to intervene in international debates and decisions. 3. Programme to promote the right of communication. ALAI strives for the democratisation of communication. The activities are aimed at enhancement of the right to communicate within the social movements as a fundamental right: - Campaign for the Right on Communication within the Information Society (CRIS) in Latin America, formulation of proposals for the democratisation of communication; - contribution to a major participation of the civil society in the definition of the agenda, especially in the second phase of the World Summit on the Society of Information (Tunis 2005), in the UNESCO Convention and similar initiatives.

RL007106 - South South Exchange Ecuador 2006

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
 Business and trade

Location : Ecuador

Beneficiary : not relevant/other

Activity 1 : travelling workshop in Ecuador

Direct outreach : 25 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 200 - Intermediary level

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
 non-financial services/ information, advice
 capacity building/ organisational development (OD)
 ID/ network development within own sector
 information exchange/ knowledge sharing
 exchange, exposure visit

Contract total : 40.300

Contractperiod : 01-12-2005 until 01-04-2006

Expenditure in 2005 : 0

Together with Hivos and IICD, ALAI will organise a South South Exchange in Ecuador. The South South Exchange Ecuador travelling workshop's aim is: Catalysing community building and "South-South" networking amongst the practitioners of ICTs and livelihoods, through an exchange of experiences and expertise. During the workshop, participants will learn about knowledge sharing tools and methods that are relevant for their organisations. The South South Exchange has become a successful event that takes place annually on diverse continents. Hivos took part in the South South Exchange hosted and organised in 2002 in Pondichery, India and in 2003 in Kampala, Uganda. The Ecuador 2006 workshop is a follow up of the previous SSEs and focuses on Latin American initiatives for Latin American participants, especially ICT-enabled agricultural livelihoods initiatives for community development. The participants are selected from the partner-networks of the organisations Hivos, IICD, SDC, ALAI and IDRC. The participants include agricultural livelihoods partners working towards ICT-enabled community development, at project management level, with knowledge of operational issues of the centres but with leverage to influence management. A number of thematic resource persons and knowledge sharing experts are also invited to share their expertise and vision with the group. Hivos finds the South South Exchange important because it is a good opportunity to build a knowledge sharing community amongst partners in the Latin American and Caribbean region; and it offers the possibility for facilitating the use of knowledge sharing activities, tools and methods which add to the capacity of the organisations participating in this workshop.

APC - Association for Progressive Communication - Johannesburg

WW0571 <http://www.apc.org>

Organisation type : Membership organisation

Sector : Gender, Women and Development, ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing

Date foundation : 1987

Date first contract : 1999

APC is an international network of civil society organisations dedicated to empowering and supporting groups and individuals working for peace, human rights, development and protection of the environment, through the strategic use of information and communication technologies (ICT), including the Internet. Its vision is a world in which all people have easy, equal and affordable access to the creative potential of ICT to improve their lives and create more democratic and egalitarian societies. APC has a virtual office with staff members working in different parts of the world. It currently has 37 members world-wide working together to provide online organising and collaboration tools and skills for civil society. Since 2000 APC has been focusing on Internet Rights for Civil Society, Building APC Information Communities and Building APC Membership. Hivos chose to support this initiative, because it matches best with "Access for all: equal opportunities in cyberspace", the Hivos & ICT policy and action programme. As a part of the Internet Rights for Civil Society programme, APC enrolled the ICT Global Policy Monitor. It is this specific project - with a focus on internet governance - that Hivos will support for another two years. Hivos previous supported to other projects: Beijing + 5 in Africa: Women NGO's online (1999-2000) and Strengthening Women's Networking in Africa (2001-2003)

WW057103 - Engaging Policy and Practice

DAC-sectors : Legal and judicial development
Human rights
Strengthening civil society

Location : Wereldwijd

Beneficiary : not relevant/other

Activity 1 : Africa Women project: Capacity building, networking, lobby

Direct outreach : 30 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
Standard development/ gender quality
non-financial services/ information, advice
capacity building/ other
lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
ICT-based communication, virtual network
research, experiments

Activity 2 : Communications and Information Policy Programme (CIPP)

Direct outreach : 30 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 5 - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
non-financial services/ information, advice
capacity building/ other
ID/ network development within own sector
lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Contract total : 500.000

Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 31-12-2008

Expenditure in 2005 : 175.000

Hivos supports APC since 1999. From 2005 onward Hivos will support two parts of APCs overall programme: Engaging Policy and Practice: Internet and ICTs for Social Justice and Sustainable Development. The focus will be on the communication and information policy programme (CIPP) and on the women networking support programme (WNSP). The goal of CIPP is: To build more inclusive ICT decision-making processes by facilitating civil society engagement through building their capacity and supporting advocacy, at national and international levels. Civil society inclusion in policy-making will lead to their involvement in implementing and monitoring policies, and ultimately to societies in which there is greater citizen participation. Within CIPP the cooperation between Hivos and APC will aim to greater awareness by CSOs of ICT policy issues through for example content dissemination and promotion. The other aim is for APC to be a lead actor in global ICT policy processes that reflect regional and national priorities and contexts through linking global processes to local processes and vice versa. The goal of WNSP is: To promote gender equality and women's empowerment through gender and ICT advocacy at all levels and the strategic use of applications and tools by women's movements to strengthen their networking. Specifically, to support women's networking for social change through training, participatory research, evaluation, policy and advocacy in gender and information technology, information facilitation, and regional programme support. WNSP strives to challenge the inequities faced by women, especially in the South. With regards to the WNSP Hivos will only support the African activities. The African programme has defined its own particular goal: AAW is a network of organisations and individuals that work to empower African women's organizations to access and use ICTs effectively in their work for women's rights, gender equality and development. Activities planned within this context are:

- Training on digitization and in community wireless connectivity
- Training in strategic use of an application of FOSS
- Training in Gender Evaluation Methodology (in French and Arabic as well)
- Gender and ICT Policy portal developed, launched, actively updated with African content and evaluated
- 30 Women aware of and engaged in regional and national policy gender and ICT advocacy.

BELLANET AFRICA - Bellanet Africa - Kampala

RB0121 <http://www.bellanet.org>

Organisation type : Intermediary development organisation

Sector :

Date foundation : 2004

Date first contract : 2005

Bellanet Africa is a unique partnership arrangement between AITEC Uganda, Bellanet International and UNECA with the goal of accelerating, broadening and deepening organisational capacities in Africa to advance human development through better collaboration and effective use of ICTs. Bellanet Africa pursues closer collaboration among development partnerships and networks to share knowledge and to use ICTs to further their respective missions.

RB012101 - Harambee: reinforcing African voices through collaborative processes

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society

Location : Africa

Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities

Activity 1 : Training

Direct outreach : 36 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 90 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
capacity building/ other
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Activity 2 : Facilitation

Direct outreach : 36 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 360 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : capacity building/ other
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Activity 3 : Funding

Direct outreach : 500 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 650 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : capacity building/ other
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Activity 4 : Research

Direct outreach : 180 - Policy level/ institutional

Indirect outreach : 200 - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Contract total : 80.000

Contractperiod : 15-08-2005 until 31-10-2006

Expenditure in 2005 : 30.000

Working collaboratively, through mechanisms such as networks and communities of practice, is recognized as a necessity for organisations and individuals working in development. It is difficult to determine how widely recognized this is in the African context. Networks and communities, especially distributed ones, can enable diverse contributions and perspectives, resulting in solutions that are shared and applicable to a wider set of stakeholders, in decision-making that is better informed, and in shared learning that can promote dynamic adaptation to changing environments. Networks and communities, when supported well, are also being recognized as one of the best ways to capture

knowledge by connecting people who share a common goal or interest. The benefits and added value of working collaboratively - many of which have been demonstrated in the development of software by the open source community - have become clear. But how can networks and communities of practice leverage existing and new knowledge on processes and technologies in support of more effective collaboration? The Harambee project intends to build on existing research and experiences in designing and implementing collaborative processes and technologies. It proposes the implementation of network strengthening activities, included but not limited to capacity building, and opportunities for knowledge sharing as well as the development of research and training materials. It will identify and take advantage of opportunities to actively learn from existing development collaborations and share this learning in turn with its partners. As such, Harambee aims to reinforce African voices in the creation and implementation of their own development agenda. Harambee is a Swahili word for 'Let's work together'. It is intended to signify the uniting of a community around a common goal. Hivos supports this project because of its innovative character, there not yet being such initiatives in Africa despite an articulated need amongst development practitioners to improve knowledge sharing, peer-to-peer learning and more collaboration. With the Harambee project, Bellanet Africa is an important enabler for capacity development amongst development practitioners in Africa - including other Hivos counterparts - in the field of ICT-enabled knowledge sharing. This responds to the need of many of Hivos' counterparts, and matches Hivos' policy objectives in its ICT, Media & Knowledge Sharing programme 'Making Civil Voices Heard'.

Both ENDS

Organisation type:	Intermediary development organisation
Sector:	Sustainable Production
Founded :	1986
Counterpart since:	1992

Both ENDS is a non-profit organisation founded in 1986 by a number of Dutch environmental organisations to provide support to environmental organisations in the South on locating relevant information and to facilitate contacts with Northern organisations, policy makers and donors.

Both ENDS supports the work of environmental organisations, primarily in the South and the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries, through information, research, advocacy, campaigning, networking and capacity building. The core of Both ENDS' activities is in making connections, between South and North, environment and development, and between different sectors of society. Both ENDS functions as a go-between; to support individuals and social organisations all over the world whose specialisation is ecological sustainability and social justice. The main focus is the realisation of sustainable forms of natural resource management and to promote policymaking in the Netherlands as well as worldwide.

Both ENDS works with non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations and issue-related coalitions or networks. It supports inspiring, people-oriented examples of sustainable development; viable alternatives to often damaging mainstream approaches.

Hivos supports Both ENDS because both organisations share views on sustainable development and Both ENDS has proven to be an effective information-broker between organisations in the North and the South as well as between Dutch (non-governmental) organisations.

Project details

RZ042S01 - Dutch NGO Palm Oil Platform: a joint NGO strategy towards sustainable palm oil production 2004-2006	
DAC-sectors:	Environmental rights and safety Crop production Forestry
Location:	The Netherlands, Malaysia, Indonesia
Beneficiary:	indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
activity	Awareness raising and demanding tangible commitments from companies in the palm oil sector
Direct outreach	15 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	100 - Intermediary level
activity1	Political awareness raising and mobilisation of government support in the Netherlands
Direct outreach	50 - Policy level/ institutional
Indirect outreach	100 - Policy level/ institutional
activity2	Public awareness raising
Direct outreach	50000 - Policy level/ public opinion
Indirect outreach	100000 - Policy level/ public opinion
activity3	Support mainstreaming sustainable palm oil production on the ground

Direct outreach	15 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	100000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total:	19.781
Contractperiod:	01-08-2004 untill 30-09-2006
description:	

Europe is the largest importer of palm oil products in the world as is the Netherlands within the EU. Several Dutch NGOs share concerns about the negative social and environmental impacts of palm oil production. In order to coordinate and share individual activities, they have formed a temporary NGO Palm Oil Platform. Current members are: AIDEnvironment, Both ENDS, NC-IUCN, Milieudefensie, NCIV, Novib, Hivos, Profundo and WNF. Both ENDS has taken up the secretariat.

Palm oil is bound to become the most important vegetable oil in the world. In 2002 approximately 23% of the world production and 51% of global edible oil trade was based on palm and palm kern oil. In the same year Malaysia and Indonesia accounted for 84% of the global palm oil production. The production of palm oil is a serious threat to forests and biodiversity, as well as to indigenous peoples living in these forests. The creation of monoculture oil palm plantations often violates their land rights and leads to the loss of habitats for many species. The NGO Palm Oil Platform aims to mobilize the palm oil chain to adopt sustainable practices in order to reduce the negative social and environmental impacts of palm oil production.

This will be done by:

- Raising awareness, and demanding tangible commitments from companies in the palm oil sector.
- Raising political awareness and mobilising government support notably in the Netherlands, for legislative/regulating measures which ensure that corporations in the palm oil sector take responsibility.
- Raising public awareness regarding the social and environmental impacts of palm oil production, notably in relation to the (Dutch) corporate sector.
- Supporting the mainstreaming of sustainable palm oil production on the ground and pilot projects in particular.

It is expected that palm oil will become internationally more and more important. Hivos supports the secretariat financially and is a member of the Dutch Palm Oil Platform, because there is a need to jointly address the current unsustainable practices in the production of palm oil. The NGO Palm Oil Platform multiplies the effectiveness of its individual members. Hivos also supports a network of NGOs in Indonesia campaigning on palm oil plantations.

BROSDI - BROSDI - Kampala

WW119I <http://www.brosdi.or.ug>

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit
Sector : ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 2003
Date first contract : 2004

BROSDI, one of the umbrella organizations of AITEC Uganda, is an NGO operating in the Central and Busoga districts of Uganda since its birth in 2003. It has its offices situated on a self owned 2 acre piece of land in Mayuge district where it has constructed a large two roomed building, one as an office and another as a tele-centre.

BROSDI's approach to community development is through empowering the civil society to create and support a habitable environment through emphasis on effective use of ICT mediums (both traditional and modern) and use of sustainable open development mediums , in a socially just mode and system.

The organization aims at stimulating socio-economic development through her core program - ICT and closely linked and integrated subsidiary programs of Human Rights (Orphans project - Building Shattered Hope project), Sustainable Agriculture and Health program (HIV/AIDS Youth project and the PMTCT project).

BROSDI visualizes the region as being an open and tolerant community empowered to analyse its existing situation with the aid of ICT mediums through embracing sustainable information sharing and knowledge management in its major thematic areas of ICT its core program, and the subsidiary programs of Sustainable Agriculture, Human Rights (Orphans Project) and Health program (HIV/AIDS & PMTCT Projects), to derive amicable and practical means to steadily improve on their prevailing poverty status.

WW119I02 - Collecting and Exchange of Local Agricultural Content

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Crop production

Location : Uganda

Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities

Activity 1 : Collection of information from various initiatives deemed relevant for the programme.
Will be used as starting point for the forums (next component)

Direct outreach : - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Indirect outreach : - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
Ecological or sustainable agriculture
information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Activity 2 : Knowledge sharing forums for small farmers; supplemented by radio communications, partnered with gov't depts & university.

Direct outreach : - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Indirect outreach : - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : Ecological or sustainable agriculture
non-financial services/ information, advice
lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Activity 3 : Storage & processing of relevant information.

Direct outreach : - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Indirect outreach : - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : Ecological or sustainable agriculture

information exchange/ knowledge sharing
 Activity 4 : Dissemination of content
 Direct outreach : - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
 Indirect outreach : - Policy level/ institutional
 Keywords : Ecological or sustainable agriculture
 non-financial services/ information, advice
 information exchange/ knowledge sharing
 ICT-based communication, virtual network
 Contract total : 39.328
 Contractperiod : 31-03-2005 until 07-02-2006
 Expenditure in : 39.328
 2005

The project will be referred to as Collecting and Exchange of Local Agricultural Content (CELAC). BROSDI, using its expertise in knowledge sharing, will facilitate the collection and more so provide a platform for exchanging the gathered information to the farmer groups. This project will assist in bridging the agricultural knowledge divide and provide small farmer support services to compensate for the declining extension support in Uganda. Using its expertise in facilitation, networking and knowledge sharing, Brosdi will coordinate 5 farmers' knowledge sharing communities in different regions of the country. The proposed thematic topic is "Agricultural Livelihoods" and shall include Hivos partners in Uganda in five rural regions. The information/knowledge gathered will not only be from the grassroots, but also through projects that have the means to facilitate knowledge sharing and at the same time implement some of the ideas that are a result thereof. These initiatives include the farmers' federation - UNFFE, and other projects with offices across the country and have been a suitable channel for not only information dissemination but facilitation too. Whereas the federation offices exist to facilitate farmers, there is all the evidence they need information management skills that this project would provide. The farmers and focal persons, who will be nominated by the communities themselves, will create synthesis, adapt, and exchange valuable and potential income/wealth-generating local content, including appropriate knowledge from elsewhere.

BTM - Behind The Mask - Johannesburg

RC0661 <http://www.mask.org.za>

Organisation type : Social movement
Sector : ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 2000
Date first contract : 2005

Launched in May 2000 as a project by GALA, Behind the Mask (BtM) is a communication initiative focussing on the rights and affairs of gay, lesbian, bi- and transgender (GLBT) people in Africa. The main platform of Behind the Mask is their website which acts as a meeting point for GLBT communities from all over the continent. Through their debates, contributions, counselling, information and news sharing on-line the BtM website helps destigmatising GLBT people in Africa. BtM also becomes more and more active offline; providing counselling, job skills training, lobby activities and workshops to support GLBT communities. Currently BtM is acknowledged as the prime resource of reliable information on GLBT affairs in Africa; it draws a wide audience, not only from GLTB people in the region but also from media, researchers and non- African GLTB activists thus strengthening the network of the GLTB communities globally. Behind the Mask has become an independent organisation in 2004.

RC066101 - Increasing LGBTI visibility in Africa

DAC-sectors : Human rights
Location : South Africa - Regional
Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
Activity 1 : Correspondents in Action
Direct outreach : 15 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach : 100000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Keywords : Sexual emancipation / education
Draagvlakvergroting
capacity building/ other
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network
Activity 2 : Outreach programme to SA rural areas
Direct outreach : 30 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach : 1500 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Keywords : Sexual emancipation / education
capacity building/ other
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
Activity 3 : BtM Printed versions
Direct outreach : 5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach : 20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Keywords : Sexual emancipation / education
Draagvlakvergroting
lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
Activity 4 : Human Rights monitoring
Direct outreach : 30 - Policy level/ institutional
Indirect outreach : 1000 - Intermediary level
Keywords : Sexual emancipation / education
capacity building/ other
Contract total : 57.000
Contractperiod : 01-12-2005 until 01-12-2007
Expenditure in 2005 : 20.000

Hivos is a strong supporter of human rights and encourages civil journalism and the application of ICT as means to monitor and lobby for these rights. Hivos supports four components of the work of Behind the Mask: the continuation and expansion of the portal, the Correspondents in Action programme, the South African Outreach Project and the Link. In these programmes BtM uses ICTs strategically and creatively to demystify the position of GLBT people in Africa. The Correspondents in Action and the South African Outreach programmes reach out to civil GLBT journalists in Africa and help them sharpen their on-line journalistic skills. These correspondents are then incorporated in the extensive pan-African on-line correspondent network that feeds the BtM portal with news on GLBT issues. The Link programme monitors and lobbies against violations of human rights against GLBT people in Africa and works with the broader civil society structure to increase understanding of and support for GLBT rights.

Business Information Services,

(WW152I) <http://www.bistanzania.com>

BIS aims at taking ICT services and their derived benefits to help rural communities to improve their participation in the national (and global) development processes. It aims at positioning itself as a role model in the sharing of knowledge that is of 'value' to rural development, that is designed to support national efforts towards poverty alleviation. BIS is different from interventions because it believes in and promotes:

- i. Inclusiveness: the forums are multi-sectoral and seek to harness synergies of Public Private Partnership in accelerating ICT uptake and utilisation in the development processes.
- ii. The mobilization, capacity building and planning processes are highly participatory, apart from all stakeholders being given equal opportunity.
- iii. Gender conscious: the project takes affirmative measures to ensure that any activity is gender inclusive and this is highlighted from the mobilization stage. As a matter of principle our forums require that women make at least 30% of the beneficiaries in case the 50% target can not be reached.
- iv. Home ownership: From the outset the BIS upholds home ownership of the processes, BIS plays a facilitative role only.

Main activities include ICT lobby in Tanzania, capacity building, specific support to farmers & enterprises, and networking.

In summary BIS vision is premised on the fact that "The new source of power is not in the money in the few hands but knowledge in the hands of the majority".

WW152I01

Enhancing C3NET for knowledge sharing at international level (C3NET)

The international network and community of practice C3NET (Community Content Creation) started in January 2003, following the first South-South Exchange travelling workshop (co-funded by Hivos). It has now grown to almost 200 members, mostly Southern practitioners of ICT-enabled development and many of whom have participated in subsequent South-South Exchanges (including other Hivos counterparts).

The main objective of the community is to enhance an international knowledge sharing tool, namely the C3NET community of practice. It's goal is to enhance sharing of knowledge on how ICTs can accelerate development in poor countries. Members share good practices in community knowledge management. The sharing takes place through a Dgroup and offline through face-to-face workshops at least once a year.

This project involves the development of a user-friendly web space for the community. Further, it involves the introduction of various outputs - including showcasing, recognition events and linkage to conventional media - which will promote the visibility of innovative rural ICT projects in developing countries in order to inspire others. Further, increase in activities means that the monitoring mechanism is strengthened, and as such consistent monitoring & evaluations are part of the proposed activities. This is to allow the community to respond more effectively to key issues and that resources are better used.

Hivos supports this project because it facilitates knowledge sharing specifically in the field of ICT, and enables networking between Southern (and Northern) practitioners. The C3NET community already comprises numerous Hivos partners, and Hivos has contributed to various community activities from its inception (both financially and in-kind). The topics addressed by this project - ICT and Knowledge Sharing - are priority themes for Hivos, as is reflected in its ICT, Media & Knowledge Sharing policy (IMK, 2005-2008).

Centro de Estudio de Desarrollo Agrario y Rural, Un. Agraria de la Habana, CUBA
(CU021)

CEDAR UNAH is an interdisciplinary working group of 22 scientists in the fields of environment, rural development, management, education and information technology. They are part of the Agricultural Department of the "Universidad Agraria Habana-UNAH". The UNAH was up-graded from Rural Institute to University in 1996.

CEDAR UNAH believes that rural development starts with the participation of the local population in decision-making processes regarding the use and management of their environment and natural resources. A good informed community will be able to develop fair sustainable development policies and food security strategies. Food security is a critical issue in Cuba due to the economic crisis.

CEDAR UNAH works together with other 5 similar groups in 5 other agriculture universities in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Las Tunas, Guantanamo, Cienfuegos and Granma. Their activities are directed to research, teach and develop an Information System Management for Rural Development. They work directly with the local municipalities.

CEDAR UNAH has got experience with projects in co-operation with Oxfam Canada, Food First en Global Exchange. In these projects the main focus was on all kinds of environmental courses. In Bolivia, Columbia and Ecuador they have comparable programs. They have published a variety of books such as "Transformado el Campo Cubano", "Avances en la Agricultura Sostenible" and "Manejo Ecológico de Plagas". CEDAR UNAH also played a role in the making of the law "Ley de Medio Ambiente". They are certain that local development has the future.

Hivos support CEDAR UNAH because it contributes to a sustainable Cuba and to the improvement of the decentralisation of decision-making processes in rural municipalities.

CU02101

Sist.Conocimiento & Informacio

This program wants to start sustainable development processes with a multi-stakeholder approach in which both the universities and municipalities participate. This will result in a technical ICT-environmental profile for each municipality. This environmental profile aims to integrate all the disseminated information available in the fields of geography, environment, agriculture, natural resources, etc. in order to develop an ICT-information-management system to be used in decision-making processes by (rural) municipalities.

The strategy is that these rural municipalities will work together with the local university to prepare an inventory of environmental and agricultural problems of the community, using ICT- instruments.

At that stage the community of each municipality will be involved again in the decision making about probable interventions and solutions. Important is that from the beginning till the end, the local municipalities are involved.

In each rural municipality a multidisciplinary education centre CCADAR will be created. This Centre will be in charge of providing training in sustainable development and in the developing of skills to use the ICT-information system. The main social actors, including municipal employees will be educated. Local teachers will be formed and will also play an active role in the gathering of information in the community.

CEDAR UNAH will also serve as a research and reference centre to support the work of the other 5 universities. CEDAR UNAH will collect and integrate all available information of former research and fresh information from the municipalities into one ICT-Knowledge Information System that will be accessible on municipal level.

This program has a five years time frame. Hivos is supporting the first two years.

Since the programme is running smoothly and positive results have been gained so far, this two-year period is prolonged with another six months, based upon a detailed project proposal for this period that is in line with the original project objectives. This provides CEDAR UNAH room to consult actors involved and work out a concrete plan for the coming years in participatory meetings. During the course of 2005 a new contract will be signed for a 2 or 3-year period.

Council for Economic Empowerment of Women, UGANDA

(UG050I) <http://www.ceewauganda.org>

Council for Economic Empowerment of Women (CEEWA) Uganda Chapter is a non-governmental, non-profit and non-partisan organisation whose mission is to promote the economic empowerment of women in the development process through advocacy, training, research and documentation. It was established in 1995 as a follow up to the Dakar African NGO preparatory meeting for the Fourth World Conference of Women (1995) in Beijing-China.

CEEWA's work focuses on four areas: agricultural extension, micro finance, decision-making and entrepreneurship development with the following objectives

- strengthen the capacity of key decision-makers to integrate gender concerns into economic planning and resource allocation at district and national levels;
- promote the entrepreneurial development and business management skills among women through the use of ICT;
- promote gender sensitive agricultural policies and programs
- advocate for effective and gender sensitive credit policies and programmes;
- build CEEWA-U into a strong advocacy organisation;
- effectively monitor, evaluate and publicise the impact of advocacy in promotion and acceleration of equal opportunities for women

With assistance from the International development Research centre (IDRC) and in collaboration with Acacia Initiative under the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST), CEEWA-U has implemented a two year information communications technologies project (1999-2001) whose goal was to enable 90 women entrepreneurs and women organisations that promote enterprise development to explore ways and means of exploiting ICT for community economic empowerment. The project has been undertaken in three sites: Kampala, Nabweru and Buwama.

During the two years of implementation the following achievements have been registered

- the establishment of a Women's Information Resource and Electronic Services (WIRES);
- the training of grassroots women entrepreneurs in enterprise development and ICT use;
- enhanced women's capacity to access and apply information communication technologies;
- information collection, repackaging and dissemination to project beneficiaries;
- on average 15 people per day come to the centre in Kampala. Average weekly total website hits are 18,888.

Hivos wants to support CEEWA because it integrates women, economic empowerment with ICT.

UG050I02 CEEWA-U ICT project 2004-2006

The specific objectives for the present phase are:

- Strengthen WIRES so as to enable women to access and utilise information communication technologies in their businesses
- Enhance skills acquisition in ICTs use and application in enterprise development and conduct training of trainers
- Advocate for implementation of government gender sensitive ICT Policy that caters for needs of both men and women
- Operationalise the business plan to make the ICT programme sustainable
- Monitor and evaluate progress and document challenges and successes

The target group is grass root women entrepreneurs running micro and small-scale enterprises (i.e. poultry rearing, vegetable growing, passion fruit growing, zero grazing, production of table mats) and women's organisations in Kampala, Nabweru and Buwama.

Hivos will provide funds for the running of three sites Kampala, Nabweru and Buwama, operational costs (training, publicity, monitoring, consultancies), advocacy including gender aspects in national ICT policy, and equipment.

CLIC Fundación Clic Arte y Nuevas Tecnologías

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	2002
Counterpart since:	2002

CLIC is a private Foundation established with the purpose of satisfying the technological needs of the artistic and cultural community in El Salvador, as well as to sensitize the population as to the use of new technologies through arts and culture. Although fairly new, the members of this organization had already begun to work on this issue with another Hivos counterpart in El Salvador, INFOCENTROS, a few years ago. This new space will allow greater independence for the work of alliances, for the construction of information and a more agile and flexible image for the web page, within a local framework. It is related to Hivos' politics as to the democratisation of the cyber space, but also contributes to the professionalization of artists, it contributes to generate new spaces for the circulation of artistic products and improves the access of the public to artistic expressions.

Project details

SV042I01 - Arte y Nuevas Tecnologías	
DAC-sectors:	Culture Strengthening civil society Education other (not BSS)
Location:	
Beneficiary:	
activity	Capacitación sobre ICT en comunidad artística
Direct outreach	600 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	5 - Intermediary level
activity1	Promoción y difusión actividad cultural por medio de ICT
Direct outreach	650 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	2500 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total:	95.000
Contractperiod:	01-11-2002 until 31-10-2004
description:	

The proposal consists in the construction of a hall containing art and culture information of El Salvador, and the strengthening of relations between artists and users, through the Foundation.

Specifically, the projects hopes to present the following results:

- The development of fourteen section within the hall.
- Four courses on the use of information technology for artists (40 assistants).
- One information bulletin per month during the second year (12 editions).
- One digital art exposition.
- One digital art contest.

Project details

SV042I02 - Reducción de la brecha tecnológica en el medio artistico cultural salvadoreño

DAC-sectors:	Culture Strengthening civil society Education other (not BSS)
Location:	El Salvador
Beneficiary:	artists
activity	Promocion y difusiòn de actividades culturales por medio de ICT
Direct outreach	1000 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	35000 - Policy level/ public opinion
activity1	Promocion uso de ICT en comunidad artística
Direct outreach	320 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total:	172.000
Contractperiod:	01-11-2004 untill 31-10-2007

Clic

Reduction of the technological gap in the cultural artistic environment in El Salvador

Clic Foundation received an initial support from Hivos for two years. In such a short period, the organization demonstrated that with clear goals and a few resources, they could disseminate the artistic creation of artist in El Salvador and also stimulate them to seek new forms of expression, using new information technologies (ICT).

Due to the good results obtained, Hivos will fund CLIC for three more years, in order to give continuity to the work they have been developing (Portal Cultural, the execution of exhibitions and digital art competitions), as well as incorporating new elements such as E-commerce of cultural products, generation of their own resources through the sale of technological support services and analysis of options to broaden the area of work for a wider sector.

Centre for the Study of Developing Society - CSDS

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	1967
Counterpart since:	1996

The Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) was founded in 1963 and registered in 1967 by a small group of scholars to create a capacity for theoretical and empirical research in social and political processes and to understand their implications for human choices. The Centre has recently added a new dimension to its ongoing programme (democratic politics and its future; politics of cultures and politics of knowledge; politics of alternatives and human futures; and violence, ethnicity and diversity) and that is an initiative on the new media. Through the years, CSDS has been at the cutting edge of the debate on social and political processes and has played a key role in stimulating that discussion and taking it to a higher level. CSDS' interest in the new media is timely. Sarai, CSDS' new media initiative, is an effort to understand, creatively intervene in and harness this new media culture for purposes of scholarship, creativity, and communication in the formation of a dynamic and critically-minded urban public life. A key part of Sarai is the setting up of a public access space, through which low-cost and no-cost access to new media technologies and forms of electronic storage can be provided. Sarai will be working in collaboration with Maatschappij voor Oude en Nieuwe Media/The Society for Old and New Media, which is based in Amsterdam. The Sarai initiative is closely related to Hivos' priority policy area, information and communication technology, and to Hivos' interest in democracy and governance.

Project details

IN065I03 - CSDS, Sarai 2003-2007	
DAC-sectors:	Culture Strengthening civil society Education other (not BSS)
Location:	
Beneficiary:	
activity	independent fellowship programme
Direct outreach	50 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	250 - Intermediary level
activity1	expansion of cybermohalla programme
Direct outreach	15 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	200 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total:	301.665
Contractperiod:	01-04-2003 untill 31-03-2007
description:	

CSDS/Sarai will carry on its existing programme and will continue to innovate. Broadly, in this phase, Sarai aims to make the idea of public research and collaborative networks a significant part of discourse in South Asia. Sarai also wants to make creativity an integral part of ICT and development debates. Sarai's main research areas will be Cybermohalla, free/open source software, old and new media in contemporary India, intellectual property law, and language.

Cybermohalla: At present, there are two media labs in two working class neighborhoods in Delhi, where Sarai, in collaboration with another NGO, Ankur, works with youth, exploring the potential of ICT. In

the next phase, the key activities in the Cybermohalla project will be:

1. Deepening of experiential sharing and technical training at and between the media labs by
 - Strengthening peer-to-peer networking;
 - Training of practitioners at labs as animators for newer labs/similar initiatives by other organizations/groups;
 - Deeper understanding of technology as something transformable and of working with it in a collaborative setting.
2. Documentation and circulation of experiences, principles and guidelines of Cybermohalla (for new labs that may emerge). Bilingual manuals that address technical operations as well as process-related concerns (e.g., ideas for innovative cross-media activities) will be prepared.
3. Deepening of the technological imagination:
 - Innovative experiments in optimizing combinations of low-cost digital technologies and low-tech practices.
 - Research on new communication platforms such as internet-based radio.
 - Development of an independent Cybermohalla website.
 - Re-thinking issues of design and aesthetics in response to local contexts.
 - Research on and experimentation with new software.
 - Intensive testing and development of free software desktops localized to Hindi and/or Urdu.
4. Exploration of new visions:
 - Enable some of the young people associated with the project to mature into researchers, ethnographers and chroniclers of the new urban contemporary, especially at the level of the street and the neighborhood.
 - Creation of content, both documentary and fiction, based on research that expresses the creative edge of the Cybermohalla project.
5. Assist in setting up new labs:
 - Hold workshops for other bodies that may be interested in setting up similar media labs in other locations.
 - Network the labs that emerge on a peer-to-peer basis.

Free/Open Source Software: Key areas of activity will be:

- Research on database solutions for media-rich archival content (e.g., setting up of the online archives of Indian labor, in collaboration with the V.V. Giri National Labor Institute, which will demonstrate the efficacy of free software in large online archival tasks).
- Research for Cybermohalla Media Labs (devising the combinations of free software and low-cost hardware, after trial and testing based on criteria such as 'ease of learning', 'ease of maintenance and troubleshooting', etc.)
- Software development for collaborative content generation (this will translate the ideas of the free software movement into general cultural and intellectual production; Sarai has already developed the Open Platform for Unlimited Signification [OPUS], an online application for sharing medias [text/audio/video/html]).
- History of Free Software in South Asia will be prepared under the Sarai Independent Fellowship Programme.
- Operationalization of distributed and shared research networks - fellowships, project resource centre (online peer-to-peer discussion and mentoring platform).

Old and New Media in Contemporary India: Sarai will continue to pursue this core research agenda, which looks at the way media forms converge through new electronic and digital technologies, their systems of reproduction, distribution and delivery. This project seeks to understand how these changes have provided new circumstances for consumption patterns and links to global economies in the highly stratified and unequal conditions of urban life in India. An important aspect of the agenda is to explore the frames of legality and illegality in legislation, surveillance, policing, and in the tactical maneuvers of media trade and consumer, in negotiating governmental constraints and the enforcement of proprietary regimes.

Intellectual Property Law Research: Sarai, in collaboration with ALF, will continue its research on Intellectual Property Law (IPL), while expanding its scope to include a detailed examination of media and ICT laws. Some key areas of work:

1. The emerging new areas of IPL namely traditional knowledge, trade secrets, design protection, etc. The arguments for a strong protection against misappropriation of unprotected knowledge and cultural forms (e.g., neem and basmati patents) often run counter to public domain arguments advanced to

secure lower IP protection in areas such as copyright law over computer software. These are some of the issues that Sarai will be looking at.

2. The work on media laws will include

- A critical overview of the regulation of speech and privacy in India.
- The legal regulation of different media, ranging from traditional print media to broadcast laws and new media.
- Legal aspects of ownership and control of media in India.
- Law and cinema and the challenges of globalization.

Language: Various software packages are under translation (e.g., Gnome OS and desktop) into Hindi. Other initiatives include developing an Urdu desktop (with a Linux group in Iran), hosting a public digital dictionary project, and online hosting of a select body of publications. Sarai also puts out a Hindi reader every year. Future themes for the reader include City, Films, Technology, Labor and IPL.

The Sarai Media lab will

- Set up temporary and satellite 'pilot' media labs for executing specific creative projects and tactical media activities.
- Create satellite websites that mirror the growth of the different Sarai activities and processes.
- Step up diversification of media outputs and enter into new areas of production, which could range from audio works to photo novellas, games and databases.
- Support the Cybermohalla project (peer-to-peer models for generating streaming media content for internet-based radio; research on free software solutions for media editing (audio and video) and production; and experimentation with varieties of interface design of media products).
- Explore the interface between gender, communication and technology.
- Organize workshops and tactical media labs.

The Sarai Archive will focus on deepening of existing activities including collection of materials, cataloguing digitization, and bringing the demonstration archive online soon.

Simultaneously, Sarai will pursue the 'public architecture' of its collaborations, which rests on short-term independent fellowships, student stipends, and strategic collaborations.

In addition, Sarai will continue to host lists (20 so far), which have thousands of participants on subjects ranging from community radio to digital archiving and cinematography. Lists are administered by people who are involved in these online communities and are, in most cases, outside Sarai.

Sarai will interact with its diverse publics in diverse ways - weekly film series, seminars, workshops, conferences and large public events, readers and books, lists, websites, broadsheets and wall magazines, newsletters, installations, CDs, posters, and reading packets.

Hivos supports Sarai/CSDS for its innovative approach to ICT and its effort to take new media technologies beyond elitism.

Comet Media Foundtion , INDIA
(IN137I)

Comet Media Foundation (COMET) is an organisation that was registered as societies in 1985. The society was formed by a group of 12 social activists who came together to in 1985 to promote a Scientific Temper among children as opposed to superstitious and obscurantist teachings in public schools.

The aims and objectives are:

- To create educational items in media and communications
- To study the role of media and society, especially the impact of educational media.
- To conduct educational courses, seminars, workshops and other meetings in keeping with these aims.
- To identify and utilise various mechanisms, government or voluntary, and to create structures for the diffusion, expansion and multiplication of educational innovations/materials.

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IN137I01

Comet - COSMOS

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EKOWISA - E-Knowledge for Women in Southern Africa - EKOWISA - Harare

RA040I www.ekowisa.org.zw

Organisation type : Intermediary development organisation

Sector : Gender, Women and Development

Date foundation : 2004

Date first contract : 2005

E-knowledge for Women in Southern Africa (EKOWISA) is a non-governmental organisation whose aim is to generate, analyse, translate, repackage and disseminate locally relevant information and knowledge for sustainable development. This will be done through the promotion of effective use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). Before this can be done, there is need to create consensus and a collective platform for civil society organisations (CSOs) to participate and contribute to the formulation of a National ICT policy. The immediate objective, therefore, is to organise and strengthen collaborative work focused on ICT initiatives relating to ICT policy, capacity building in ICT uses and knowledge sharing, that is complemented by research activities in ICTs for development. Thus, the major activities include Open Research and e-primer documentation, and the training (ICT capacitation) of rural and urban communities in creating and disseminating information relevant to the community, in local languages. EKOWISA targets civil society in general, with a special focus at different level. For instance, at the higher level it targets (ICT) policymakers and implementing CSOs, while CBOs become the major target group at the community level. Within those communities, women and youths are the main target group for training and ICT capacitation. ICTs are playing an increasingly influential role in the day to day lives of the ordinary people the world over, including Zimbabwean citizens. EKOWISA is an organisation that focuses on ICT applications at community level, thus empowering disadvantaged women and youths in the rural and peri-urban areas with relevant information.

RA040I01 - EKOWISA- Civil Society Participation in the national ICT Policy making process

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society

Location : Harare, Zimbabwe

Beneficiary : small entrepreneurs: small business, trade, crafts, services

Activity 1 : Creation Fora for civil Society participation in ICT Policy Development

Direct outreach : 1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Indirect outreach : 10000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Literacy, numeracy and life skills training

Standard development/ gender quality
non-financial services/ information, advice
capacity building/ organisational development (OD)
capacity building/ business development
ICT-based communication, virtual network
research, experiments

Activity 2 : Provision of ICT facilities to women entrepreneurs

Direct outreach : 1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Indirect outreach : 3000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Literacy, numeracy and life skills training

Standard development/ gender quality
non-financial services/ information, advice
capacity building/ business development
ID/ network development within own sector
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Contract total : 80.000

Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 28-12-2006

Expenditure in 2005 : 40.000

The E-nable Project seeks to mobilise the broad range of CSOs to engage, actively collaborate, coordinate, and provide informed opinion in the crafting of the National ICT policy process. This comes from the realisation civil society is central to the development of an inclusive information society, and that CSOs can best serve the ICT needs of society at large. The major objective is to establish an CSO broad consultative forum, which will create general awareness of the demands and expectations that the sector should construct from the other stakeholders in the policy making dynamics. In addition to mobilisation, other activities which will lead to the achievement of the objective include organising and facilitating community workshops on e-commerce and local content. Community groups in the high population density suburbs of Highfield and Glen Norah have already been identified for this. Another important activity is Open Research, which, besides contributing to civil society's deeper understanding of ICT policy regulations, will also take a closer look at thematic and sectoral issues relating to ICT application. This will result in the writing of primer reports and policy alerts that contribute to the sharing of knowledge on policy issues. The target group for these activities in civil society in general, starting from the policy makers right down to community groups and individual entrepreneurs who would want to apply ICTs to their various activities. Hivos recognises that ICTs easily cross boundaries of time and distance, enabling ordinary people to reach many others at once, and thus strengthening networking and information sharing.

FAHAMU - FAHAMU

RA0471 www.fahamu.org

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit

Sector :

Date foundation : 2002

Date first contract : 2005

Fahamu is committed to serving the needs of organisations and social movements that inspire progressive social change and promote and protect human rights. It has played a pioneering role in using new information and communication technologies to support capacity building and networking between civil society and human rights organisations. Fahamu has offices in the UK and in South Africa. Fahamus' core tools to build capacity and engage civil and human rights organisations are the publication of Pambazuka News (on-line news and interaction on social justice and development), on-line distance learning courses on human rights and social justice and the application of new technologies such as SMS for information dissemination, lobbying and interaction purposes.

RA047101 - Trade Justice multimedia project

DAC-sectors : Legal and judicial development
Human rights
Strengthening civil society

Location : Southern Africa (regional)

Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities

Activity 1 : ICT for trade justice

Direct outreach : 400 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 100000 - Policy level/ public opinion

Keywords : Trade policy
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Contract total : 42.000

Contractperiod : 15-11-2005 until 30-09-2007

Expenditure in 2005 : 25.000

Trade Justice is more than policy development on a global level; trade (in) justice affects people everywhere in their daily lives. In general it is believed that globally regulated trade policies will increase prosperity amongst all people. Nevertheless these trade regulations and policies have also made it more difficult for the poor to gain access to primary resources thus leading to an increase of poverty. Through this project Fahamu aims at raising awareness on global trade policies and their impact amongst CSOs that work directly with the poor in the Southern African Region. It uses traditional and new media to disseminate information on and increase understanding of global trade regulations and their impact on vulnerable groups in society. Through these activities Fahamu aims to build capacity amongst CSOs to better lobby for inclusive human rights based global trade regulations. Hivos supports ICT based activities such as these in order to build the capacity of CSOs to make civil voices heard.

FOSSFA - Nairobi

QQ013I www.fossfa.net

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit
Sector : ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 2002
Date first contract : 2003

The Free Software and Open Source Foundation for Africa (FOSSFA) is the result of an initiative that was taken in November 2002 by the Open Source Task Force Africa during the African ICT policy and Civil Society workshop in Ethiopia. In February 2003 the foundation was launched in Geneva during the second preparatory meeting of the WSIS and in May 2003 has been endorsed by 53 countries. The main objective of FOSSFA is the promotion and use of Open Source Technology in Africa. FOSSFA maintains a portal on FOSS development, builds FOSS capacity through training and lobbies/raises awareness in national, regional and global events on FOSS. The portal, which was established with support from Hivos, hosts a comprehensive resource database for FOSS professionals and provides a platform for FOSS developers (men and women) for discussion and knowledge exchange.

QQ013I01 - Idlelo 2 discussion forum

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location :
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Contract total : 10.000
Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 28-02-2006
Expenditure in 2005 : 10.000

In February 2006, FOSSFA is organising the second IDLELO Conference in collaboration with UNECA and UNCTAD (IDLELO is a Zulu word for a common grazing ground). The conference will focus on achieving the Millennium Development Goals through community software/FOSS and Open Content. In preparation of this conference, several discussion forums are planned between May and December 2005. These discussions will seek to develop common position on the following issues: 1. FOSS & Gender. Role of FOSS in Civil Society - May 2005 2. FOSS & Education - June 2005 3. FOSS & E-Government - July 2005 4. FOSS & Health - August 2005 5. FOSS & Local Entrepreneurship - September 2005 6. FOSS Challenges related to Internet Governance, Access & Bandwidth - October 2005 7. FOSS Challenges related to Intellectual Property Rights & Copyrights. - November 2005 8. Stimulating a FOSS Industry in Africa - December 2005. The discussions will be implemented through the IDLELO Mailing List which has over 500 subscribers of diverse and expert opinion on FOSS in Africa. The expected outcome is a comprehensive status analysis of FOSS in Africa, with emphasis on addressing the Millennium Development Goals. All the discussions will be moderated and guided in cooperation with partners who have experience with the specific themes. The aim of this micro contribution is to finance the documentation of the feedback from the discussions, the final report and to strengthen FOSSFA's office with a person with gender specific knowledge to ensure the gender component in all discussions. Hivos has supported FOSSFA through an experimental fund between October 2003 and May 2004, to develop a web portal. This micro fund can be seen as another step towards a more sustainable cooperation between Hivos and FOSSFA in the near future.

QQ013I02 - FOSS capacity building for CSOs

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : Nairobi
Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
Activity 1 : Expansion of FOSSFA platform
Direct outreach : 500 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 5000 - Intermediary level
 Keywords : Patents/ intellectual property rights and biopiracy
 capacity building/ other
 ICT-based communication, virtual network
 Activity 2 : FOSS training workshops and contentdevelopment
 Direct outreach : 40 - Intermediary level
 Indirect outreach : 160 - Intermediary level
 Keywords : Patents/ intellectual property rights and biopiracy
 capacity building/ other
 ICT-based communication, virtual network
 Contract total : 29.715
 Contractperiod : 01-09-2005 until 01-09-2006
 Expenditure in 2005 : 24.715

It is well recognized that the application of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) provides civil society organisations in the South with an affordable tool for application and content development and management. It empowers local organisations to manage their own information needs and flows. Local capacity amongst CSOs to use FOSS tools to their advantage is still low. Through an on-line and off-line training programme, the FOSS Foundation for Africa (FOSSFA) will assist CSOs in the pan-African region to strengthen their technical and organisational capacity to use FOSS strategically and to their benefit. Civil Society capacity building in ICT in general and the use of FOSS in particular are two important elements of the Hivos Information Media and Knowledgesharing (IMK) programme. Hivos actively promotes the use of FOSS internally and externally; in particular in the South where FOSS is an affordable alternative to propriety software. The IMK policy 2005-2008 indicates that Hivos aims to achieve the creation of a training & capacity building programme on strategic ICT usage, identifying FOSS as one of the key ICT competencies. Hivos supports this project because it provides a tangible contribution to the achievement of this result.

Freedom Of Expression Institute, SOUTH AFRICA

(SA085I) www.fxj.org.za

The Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI) was established in 1994 to protect and foster the rights to freedom of expression and access to information and to oppose all forms of censorship. The Institute was formed from a merger of three organisations: The Campaign for Open Media, the Anti-Censorship Action Group and the Media Defence Trust.

The FXI undertakes a wide range of activities in support of these objectives, including lobbying, education, monitoring, research, publicity, litigation and the funding of legal cases that advance these rights.

FXI is linked and is part of a number of local, regional and international networks such as: The Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX), the Network of African Freedom of Expression Organisations (NAFEO), the Southern African Social Forum and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)

SA085I01 Freedom of Expression Institute

The current programme being funded by Hivos, the Anti-Censorship Programme, was initiated in 2002 after a process of substantive evaluation. It is a programme that addresses a key Hivos policy regarding the ability of communities to participate in decision making processes that affect their lives and the need for communities to have access to information for development and the process of democracy.

The current programme has the following objectives:

- to monitor the South Africa environment for freedom of expression violations
- to respond to instances of censorship in both the public and private sectors
- to lobby against censorship and its causes
- to initiate projects and campaigns to identify and redress censorious legislation still existing in the statute books
- to initiate education campaigns to increase levels of awareness of freedom of expression and the protection of free speech among the public.

I4D, INDIA

(IN184I) www.i4donline.net

i4d is an ICT for development and media initiative of CSDMS (Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies), an NGO based in India, which does advocacy and capacity building of local level organisations through training and workshops. It is also involved in grassroots projects in ICTs in rural areas in India. i4d has grown to become a collection of information and research services, which include: Print magazine; Portal (www.i4donline.net); Daily, weekly and monthly newsletters; Research projects; Field projects; Seminars and Training workshops

The print magazine was launched in May 2002. It provides a platform for exchange of information, ideas, opinion and experiences in the Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) sector. i4d magazine reaches 73 countries globally. Besides the regular publication of articles, case studies, news and thematic projects, i4d covers an 'interview' with an expert on the monthly theme, a page each on 'What's on' and 'In fact', and a section on rendezvous. The readers public consists of government departments, ministries, policy institutions, educational institutions and R&D organisations; grassroots organisations and NGOs; academics, students, researchers and administrators and donors, IT industry organisations and United Nations bodies. I4d magazine has an outreach of 4.000 print copies and over 15.000 unique online visitors to its online edition: www.i4donline.net

Hivos supports i4d magazine because it offers Hivos partners opportunities to share their stories from the field about experiences with ICTs in specific sectors to a worldwide public. Furthermore it offers the opportunity to contribute to debates and the distribution of the magazine to Hivos partners contributes to the improvement of knowledge on effective use of ICT and the sharing of this knowledge between Hivos partners.

IN184I01

i4d magazine - 3 issues

The present contract consists of the support of three thematic issues: ICT and Microfinance in May, ICT and Media in August and ICT and Gender in October. For each issue, one staff member of Hivos is asked to contribute an article on the activities Hivos undertakes on the specific theme and several partners, preferably from different regions, share stories from their practices. The printed copies of the specific issues are shared with all Hivos partners working in that specific field.

IIAV - International Information Centre and Archive for the Women's Movement, Amsterdam

(RD 011 / WW 045)

The IIAV is a national centre of expertise in the Netherlands providing information on the position of women and women's studies. This centre was established in 1988 out of a merger between the IAV (International Archives for the Women's Movement, established in 1935), the IDC (Documentation Centre for the Women's Movement), and the journal *Lover*.

The IIAV is financially supported by the Dutch government, the municipality of Amsterdam, the University of Amsterdam, and in the past also by Unesco and the Foundation Open Society Institute.

The IIAV aims to preserve the cultural legacy of the women's movement through its library/documentation centre, the archives and picture library. The IIAV collection is being made available in electronic form and a selection from its databases is available on the internet. The IIAV produces five regular periodicals and occasional publications.

Clients use the IIAV services through visits, by phone and internet. IIAV also endeavours to build capacities of women's organisations at home and abroad in the field of information technology (storage, processing, accessing and dissemination).

In the year 2000 IIAV received the Joke Smit award for its outstanding contribution to the improvement of the position of women in Dutch society. IIAV sustains a lectureship Gender and Ethnicity at the University of Amsterdam for a five-year period.

IIAV plays an active role in international networks of feminist and women's organisations, inter alia through its Knowledge Sharing Programme, in which organisations from the South are strongly involved. Major activities have included the organising of the international women's information conferences, 'Know How', in 1998 and 2002. Both these events were supported by Hivos.

Hivos supports IIAV for its strategic role in the international women's movement, sharing knowledge, skills and its unique information resource (archives), and training women's organisations in both the North and the South in ICT as tools for accessing and processing information and for enhancing their empowerment work.

www.iiav.nl

RD 011.03 Women Information Technology Transfer (WITT), 2004 - 2005

IIAV in partnership with women's organisations from Southeast Europe will implement the last two of a four year plan *Effective E-feminism* for Southeast and Central Europe, consisting of a training programme, information dissemination and the development of a multi-polar network of Women Information Technology Transfer.

Hivos supports a number of core modules of the overall programme.

- A series of workshops for training in the use of ICT in communication and campaign strategies and design of web sites. These workshops are hosted and co-implemented by local women's organisations. Participants, activists from women's organisations in the region, will develop technical skills and discuss information policies using internet technology. An estimated 50 women activists will take part in the training each year.
- Advanced training of (approx. 12) trainers, to strengthen the regional trainers pool and contributing to the establishment of a regional ICT infrastructure in the hands of women.
- The establishment of a Women Information Technology Transfer for Central and Southeast Europe. This will be a virtual network based on 5 focal points, i.e. NGOs and senior trainers. These focal points will rotate among participating women's NGOs. Besides providing training they participate in policy development w.r.t. ICT and women in Southeast Europe. The first 3 are foreseen for 2004, and by 2005 all focal points will be in place.

IIAV is part of ENAWA, European and North American Women Action, a network of women's NGOs pursuing feminist policies. ENAWA was founded in 1999 and operates on a principle of exchange and apprenticeship. A survey by ENAWA in Central and Eastern Europe has mapped the role that ICT plays in the women's movements in that region and registered their requests for becoming more skilled in the use of ICT for campaigning, archiving, public outreach and lobbying on gender issues.

This Women Information Technology Transfer programme was motivated by that survey and adjusted on the basis of experiences in the first phase of the E-feminism project.

www.witt-project.net

Hivos supports this project as it combines women's empowerment and ICT proficiency in Southeast Europe, and so in a participatory manner.

IICD International Institute for Communication

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	1997
Counterpart since:	1999

The International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD) is an independent non-profit foundation, established by the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation in 1997. IICD's mission is to assist developing countries to realise sustainable development by harnessing the potential of information and communication technologies (ICTs).

IICD's strategy has the following goals:

- to empower local organisations and stakeholders to make effective use of ICTs
- to catalyse lessons learning and knowledge sharing on ICTs by local organisations and the international community.

IICD is a small organisation, based in The Hague. The staff consists of 28 members.

IICD works with partner organisations in 8 countries: Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Jamaica, Mali, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia

Hivos started working with IICD in 1999, signing a strategic co-operation agreement in 2000.

The main reason is that IICD -being a specialized organization- can support Hivos with the implementation of its ICT policy. Hivos and IICD work together in so-called Round Tables and in follow up projects.

Project details

WW059I02 - ICT Programme in Zambia and Ec	
DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society Environmental rights and safety Human rights Culture
Location:	
Beneficiary:	not relevant/other
Contract total:	700.000
Contractperiod:	01-01-2003 untill 31-12-2006

IICD and Hivos decided to work together for another period of 4 years, 2003-2006.

The agreement will focus on two Country Programmes :

1) Zambia

2) Ecuador

The main objectives as part of this agreement are:

- Hivos partners will be supported in their efforts to integrate ICTs in their development programmes and projects, thus enabling them to strengthen the reach and effectiveness of their development activities.
- As part of each Country Programme, project partners will receive the needed training in ICT skills to carry out their activities. This training will be done through workshops and courses conducted by local training partners.
- As part of each Country Programme, local Information and Networking (IN) partners will generate publicity and awareness around the project partners' activities and serve as a mechanism to influence national level policy discussions. To do so, they will make use of various building blocks such as local newsletters and events.

Selected project partners emerging from these Country Programmes will be invited to participate in

Thematic Networks (e.g. on e-business for agriculture), in which they will meet with their project peers across the countries and experts from the North and South.

INSTITUTO DEL TERCER MUNDO (ITEM) - Instituto del Tercer Mundo (ITeM) - Montevideo

WW149I <http://www.choike.org>

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit

Sector :

Date foundation : 1989

Date first contract : 2005

Instituto del Tercer Mundo (ITeM), www.item.org.uy, founded in Montevideo (Uruguay) in 1989 is a non-profit, non-partisan and non-religious research and advocacy organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. ITeM is one of the few NGOs with global reach based in the South and it focuses on information, communication, research and advocacy. ITeM's leading publication "The World Guide", a reference book on countries and global issues with a Southern perspective, is published every two years in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian and sold commercially in more than 50 countries. ITeM hosts the international secretariat of Social Watch, an international network informed by national citizens' groups aiming at following up the fulfillment of the internationally agreed commitments on poverty eradication and equality. ITeM publishes the Social Watch Report, a yearly publication with reports from national groups. ITEM also hosts the Latin American secretariat of Third World Network and publishes its monthly magazines in Spanish.

WW149I01 - Choike: using the web to empower Southern civil societies

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society

Location : Uruguay

Beneficiary : not relevant/other

Activity 1 : Information for, by and on NGO campaigns and activities

Direct outreach : 3500 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 6000 - Intermediary level

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Activity 2 : Develop a decentralised model for Choike

Direct outreach : 3500 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 3500 - Intermediary level

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
capacity building/ organisational development (OD)
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Activity 3 : Improve Choike's coverage of key topics, processes and events

Direct outreach : 3500 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 6000 - Intermediary level

Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Contract total : 167.000

Contractperiod : 01-09-2005 until 31-12-2006

Expenditure in 2005 : 67.000

A tool for knowledge sharing, networking and capacity building. The portal site www.choike.org originated with the aim of enhancing information and knowledge sharing among Southern civil societies, strengthening citizenship and stimulating participation in the design and implementations of local, national, regional and global development policies by promoting the use of ICTs for South-South

information exchange, to strengthen NGO participation and to improve the visibility of Southern content. Today Choike functions as a virtual bridge between thousands of civil society organisations, promoting knowledge sharing between them and contributing to the creation and strengthening of knowledge networks in the South. The collaboration between Hivos and ITeM brings together actors and beneficiaries of www.choike.org and www.civilsocietybuilding.net. As such, the initiative will promote exchanges and foster knowledge sharing between civil society organisations that are presently making use of each website, broadening their respective scopes and enriching their contents.

Inter Press Service International Associa, ITALIë

(WW104) <http://www.ips.org>

Inter Press Service has been established in 1964 as a non-profit international co-operative of journalists. The first objective of the organisation was to fill the information gap between Europe and Latin America. It gradually developed broader objectives: to cover news from the third world, give a voice to the voiceless, promote information on developments issues and help to create a better balance and flow of international news. At the moment Inter Press Service is one of the leading alternative information providers. IPS specialises in reporting on global issues through inter-cultural communication. IPS seeks to bring together civil society, the print and broadcast media and policy makers at international level. The IPS news service focuses on daily coverage on events and global processes affecting economic, social and political development of people and nations. IPS pursues the objectives of equal gender representation and balanced representation of ethnic diversity and geographical distribution. The headquarters are in Rome, Italy. They have several regional centres as part of the IPS group located in Africa (Johannesburg), Asia (Bangkok), Latin America (Montevideo), Europe (Bonn) and North America (New York). As well as associated bodies in other countries in Europe.

WW10402 Towards Tunis 2005: Multi-Media Reporting

This is the second contract with IPS. The first cycle (WW10401) has shown that IPS is a professional well established news agency which is well equipped to cover the WSIS and make news available for the civil society involved/interested. The main objective of the project is to use the internet and other multi-media tools to make news and background articles about issues debated during the WSIS Tunis phase immediately available to southern audiences (especially civil society). The module that Hivos supports (virtual newspaper) is part of a larger programme including a printed newspaper on WSIS II at Tunis, a series of background articles in the immediate run up to the summit and translation of content into French and Arabic.

Iran-Gooya Media Group, FRANKRIJK
(IRO07)

IR - Iran-Gooya Media Group, Paris

The Iran-Gooya Media Group (IG) has been formed in Europe in late 2004. It consists of a group of 8 well-known Iranian journalists, who have left Iran after 2003 and are currently living in Europe and North-America. All of them have been editors or members of editorial boards of the most important independent Iranian newspapers during the past ten years. Many of them also have long-time professional experience in radio and television. The group has started to prepare the way towards founding an independent satellite TV station in Farsi. Iran Gooya is a non-profit organisation, officially registered as a cultural association in France (since January 2005).

IG is governed by a Board of Trustees and a Board of Directors. The Board of Trustees consists of all 8 members of IG. The Board of Directors consist of 3 members, elected by the Board of Trustees. In addition, IG has created a Monitoring Board, which is responsible for safeguarding the independence and pluriformity of the satellite TV programmes. This Monitoring Board will consist of 5 independent people with different backgrounds and functions in society, both from inside and outside Iran. None of the members of the Monitoring Board is involved in the production process of the TV programmes. Hivos supports IG, because it has a strong focus and a relevant strategy for an independent news broadcasting. The satellite TV channel is an ambitious, but very relevant and realistic initiative.

IR00702

News website 2005-06

02 News website, 2005-06

IG plans to set up an independent website and a satellite TV station. This project relates to the establishment and operation of the website. The longer term goal of the website and the satellite TV station is to promote modern human values, such as human rights, democracy, tolerance, gender equality, pluralism, and good governance inside the Iranian society and in Iranian communities all over the world. IG does so by disseminating reliable and independent information on the actual situation in Iran from different points of view, based on professional journalism. Although all members of IG live in exile, the website and the TV channel base their news and information on journalists, who live in Iran.

The website offers news, reports, interviews, satire, articles, and a review of the Iranian media. Also it has an interactive section, to enable readers to give feedback. IG has the ambition to become a reliable source of information for the Iranians inside and outside Iran, with different tastes and ideas, and to become a reliable source of information about Iran for the international community. IG claims to introduce a new form of journalism in the Iranian mass media, characterised by the high level of professionalism, its strong links inside and outside Iran, and multi-language productions.

In the first year (2005-06), in addition to the launching and maintenance of the news website, IG focuses on development of (1) a system to improve co-operation among different media, (2) a system of checks and balances to ensure the accuracy, professionalism and independence of the published news and information, and (3) a network of Iranian journalists and civil society activists inside Iran, as the organised basis of the website and the satellite TV channel. Also, IG establishes contacts with societies of Iranian specialists inside and outside Iran, with a view to involve them in the website and satellite TV channel.

ISS - Institute of Social Studies - Den haag

WW142I

Organisation type : Other
Sector : Not sector specific, ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : -
Date first contract : 2005

The collaboration between Hivos and ISS brings together practitioners and researchers to share information from their experiences and points of view, thereby enriching each other and contributing to the accumulation of knowledge that may also be beneficial for others. The collaboration will provide ISS with interesting research material and case studies from Hivos and partner organizations, and it will provide Hivos with a unique opportunity to draw on skills at the ISS for analysing almost forty years of development experiences. "Civil society building" will be the central theme of the collaboration between Hivos and ISS. Civil society is understood in its most basic meaning as the sphere located between individual citizens and the state, representing all organised interests of society. The development or "building" of civil society is viewed by Hivos and ISS as an autonomous and endogenous process where external actors under particular conditions can play a facilitating role. The network is open to those involved with or interested in CSB and/or CSB related issues. Both individuals and organizations can participate. The network will build first and foremost on individuals, whether they represent or belong to certain organisations or simply sign up because of their individual interest. These are likely to include: ·Development agencies' staff; ·CSO and NGO staff in developing countries; ·Researchers and students at academic institutions in both the North and the South; ·Policy makers at governmental and political bodies; ·Journalists / development media; ·Other stakeholders. The general goal of the Knowledge Network is to create a platform for exchange of knowledge and information on the theme of civil society and civil society building, and in particular, i) accumulate knowledge, ii) enhance learning, and iii) improve the performance of actors in South and North in their efforts to strengthen civil society. The specific purposes of the initiative are: ·To collect and extract existing (dormant) knowledge from Hivos' practices and experiences in CSB-related activities; ·To foster new and innovative research, including evaluation, that will lead to improved policy and programmes for civil society building; ·To disseminate the results of current and new research done at ISS and other academic institutions on CSB related topics; ·To intensify the links between practitioners and researchers, and to stimulate dialogue and debate among members of the network.

WW142I01 - Civil Society Building Knowledge Network

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : World Wide
Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
Contract total : 9.167
Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 01-01-2006
Expenditure in 2005 : 9.167

Activities A network is more than the sum of its activities. It cannot be created on paper or by just simply announcing it. The CSB-network will need nurturing and organising, developing incrementally around the four main activities mentioned below. The activities should feed each other: the network will catalyse discussion; the website will mobilise and present a platform for a network; the discussions will help formulate research questions and help identify training needs; research results and training opportunities can be distributed again through the website and network, and outcomes can be presented and discussed in seminars. As such, an incremental development and expansion is envisaged, whilst maintaining a clear focus. Component 1: Research programme The ISS research programme on civil society building intends to make active use of Hivos' experiences in the field, which are largely documented in project files and evaluation reports. ISS students and researchers will be offered the opportunity to do research on CSB activities supported by Hivos. Results will be jointly published and disseminated in the Knowledge Sharing Network. Component 2: Training courses The new ISS course "NGOs and Civil Society Building" will serve as the point of departure for ISS to train students (possibly

including those related to Hivos' partner organisations) in the understanding of concepts and strategies as well as in analysing the practice of civil society building in a multidisciplinary way. This component can form the basis for tailor-made initiatives. Component 3: Annual seminar or symposium An annual seminar or symposium about a topical issue will be organised. The motive could be a network discussion, an outcome of the research programme, a recent evaluation, the publication of a specific study of network members or a policy paper from a multilateral/bilateral agency. Face-to-face meetings are indispensable for filling the network with real life. The members of the network (specified above) are the general participants of the event but - dependent on the specific issue - other stakeholders will be invited. The event will be organised biennially in The Netherlands and in the South. Component 4: Website A knowledge website will be created with such features as: ·Resources: in-depth reports/studies/evaluations, information resources (annotated links), ·Directory (references to and profiles of CSOs), ·News (using RSS feeds with news from relevant news sources), ·Ongoing research (preliminary results), ·Agenda, bibliography, etc., ·Discussion platform (integrated with Dgroups). The name of the website will be www.civilsocietybuilding.net. It is likely to have two layers: first, an opening page with unlimited and public access, and second - accessible after user login - member areas with additional features such as uploading content forms, an archive with all electronic network messages, a member list with profiles and photos. The website should function as the permanent and main communication and exchange platform of the member-based network (primarily using e-mail to communicate with each other and with the website as common meeting place).

WW142102 - ISS-Hivos Pilot Research in Uganda

DAC-sectors : Education other (not BSS)
 Location : Uganda
 Beneficiary : not relevant/other
 Activity 1 : research: role of donors in strengthening CPs organisational sustainability
 Direct outreach : 30 - Intermediary level
 Indirect outreach : 100 - Intermediary level
 Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
 non-financial services/ information, advice
 publication
 research, experiments
 Contract total : 3.000
 Contractperiod : 01-07-2005 until 31-12-2005
 Expenditure in 2005 : 3.000

Lenka Cerna, from the Czech Republic and doing a MA in "Politics of Alternative Development Strategies" will conduct a research in Uganda. The research deals with the role of donors in strengthening the Southern NGOs financial sustainability. The research will be executed partly at Hivos Head Offices where a case study will be prepared and partly in Uganda, where 6 Hivos partners are involved. The case study at the Head Office exists of interviews with Hivos employees and reading characteristics of chosen NGO partners. Furthermore, the 6 Hivos partners are: VEDCO, NOGAMU, AMFIU, AMWA, WOUGNET and FHRI, of which staff will be interviewed. In addition, Ugandan academics dealing with the topic of Southern NGOs organisational sustainability are questioned. The main research objectives are: - To explore the concept of organisational sustainability in the north-south NGO relations - To analyse ways of systematic cooperation of both the donors and the recipients in strengthening the sustainability of the Southern NGOs - To analyse alternative ways of strengthening organisational sustainability of Southern NGOs - To research the viewpoint of Ugandan NGOs about the organisational sustainability and the role of donors Hivos supports this research because it contributes to Hivos partners' efforts to identify ways of NGOs financial sustainability in order to increase independency of NGOs.

ITFORCHANGE - IT for Change

IN183I www.ITforChange.net

Organisation type : Intermediary development organisation

Sector :

Date foundation : 2000

Date first contract : 2006

Information Technology for Change (ITfC), a registered society founded in 2000, seeks to interpret the fast evolving paradigms and issues of the Information Society in a manner that serves the development needs of the South. It does this by undertaking research, advocacy, demonstration projects and building capacity. ITfC sees the lack of conceptual understanding and articulation of Information Society issues as the key missing link in the process of harnessing the opportunities of the Information Society for development. At the local level, ITfC has worked with partner NGOs to develop ICT strategies for their activities as well as in demonstration projects for system and process design. For instance, ITfC is collaborating with Mahila Samakhya to explore the use of video, community radio, helplines and computers to strengthen the information and communication processes of women's self-help groups. At the national level, ITfC has been involved in researching and advocating alternative ICT-for-development and e-governance models and frameworks that are based on principles of social justice and equity. Internationally, ITfC cooperates with organizations like the Association of Progressive Communications, Instituto del Tercer Mundo, and Communication Rights in the Information Society. ITfC was active in advocating pro-South perspectives at the World Summit on the Information Society. ITfC served as the regional node for WSIS Gender Caucus activities in the Asia Pacific and was an active part of the Informal Coalition on Financing at the WSIS. In 2004, ITfC wrote the BRIDGE Cutting Edge Pack on Gender and ICTs, in which it critiqued dominant ICT models and proposed alternative gender-sensitive models. It also documented and analyzed three case studies on pro-poor ownership models for ICT for Development. These case studies and a policy brief based on them fed into the WSIS Task Force on Financial Mechanisms. Thus, though ITfC is a young and small organisation it has already made some significant contributions. Of ITfC's 13 staff members, eight are women. ITfC's 10-member Board has five women. Hivos support ITfC for its objectives, which are in agreement with the priorities of Hivos' Media, Information and Communication for Development Programme.

IN183I01 - IT for Change, Information Society for the South

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society

Location : Bangalore

Beneficiary : not relevant/other

Activity 1 : information society watch portal

Direct outreach : 20000 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 100 - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : ICT-based communication, virtual network

Activity 2 : research on information society

Direct outreach : 300 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 1500 - Intermediary level

Keywords : publication

research, experiments

Activity 3 : capacity building of grassroots NGOs, CBOs and government officials

Direct outreach : 60 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 300 - Intermediary level

Keywords : capacity building/ other

Contract total : 149.690

Contractperiod : 01-01-2006 until 31-12-2007

Expenditure in 2005 : 15.250

IT for Change (ITfC) will focus its research, advocacy and capacity building work on - The political economy of the Information Society; - The new production, ownership and collaboration paradigms of the Information Society; - The changes in the relationship between the citizen and the state as a dimension of the Information Society; - The manner in which gender issues in the Information Society play out through the institutions of the state, market and the community; - The changing nature and role of civil society in the emerging Information Society; and - WSIS Implementation and follow-up. ITfC's research activities will investigate the following areas: - possibilities of providing connectivity as a public provision / regulated utility and other pro-poor alternatives; - content-sharing practices of those who produce development content; - best e-governance practices at the district level; - empowerment-based gender and ICT frameworks; and - use of Open Source software for developmental initiatives. Annually, 15 research papers will be produced by ITfC staff, young researchers and experts. These papers will be evaluated by an expert group. ITfC will conduct three workshops / seminars annually on issues such as Open Content paradigm for digital content for development, and financing ICTD as social investments. These will be conducted in partnership with other organisations. It will also organize two capacity building workshops in the first year, one on building participatory knowledge systems with community radio and video for grassroots organisations, and the other on identifying institutional bottlenecks to e-governance for government officials. ITfC will launch a portal, Information Society Watch (ISW), which will have linkages to all other components of the programme. Besides disseminating research and advocacy outputs, ISW will be an online space for advocacy, capacity building, and for creating learning and knowledge-sharing platforms. As a result of its work, ITfC expects that understanding of Information Society issues will improve among development actors, leading to a more purposeful use of the opportunity offered by ICTs to strengthen development interventions. Hivos supports ITfC for its multi-layered intervention strategy, which speaks to the priorities identified in Hivos' Media, Information and Communication for Development Programme.

JET/TOXICS LINK - Just Environment (Charitable) Trust - New delhi

IN099I <http://www.toxicslink.org>

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit
Sector : Sustainable Economic Development,ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 1998
Date first contract : 2000

The Just Environment (Charitable) Trust (JET) was formally registered in April 1998. The main activity of the Trust, an initiative called Toxics Link (TL), was initiated in March 1996. JET/TL's goal is to develop an information exchange and support mechanism, along with research and advocacy, that will strengthen campaigns against toxics pollution, help push industries towards cleaner production, and link isolated groups working on toxics issues in India. It works towards this goal by generating knowledge products and conducting applied research and policy advocacy at national and international levels on toxics free health care, communities and waste, clean industry, and chemicals and health. JET/TL's has a member database of 1580 individuals and organisations. Besides its members, the audience for its knowledge products includes policy makers and media. JET/TL has nodes in Mumbai and Chennai, besides its main office in Delhi. JET/TL has released the first national report on mercury usage in health care. It has implemented two decentralized community waste management systems in partnership with other NGOs. JET/TL is the South Asian hub for the implementation of the International Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Elimination Program in the region. JET/TL sits on key advisory groups: Advisory Committee on Biomedical Waste Management in Delhi, Central Pollution Control Board Peer and Core Group on Technology Approval, National Committee on Immunization Waste under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, National Working Group on Electronic Waste. JET/TL has 28 staff members, of whom 14 are women. JET/TL's six-member board of trustees has two women. JET/TL has been a partner of Hivos since 2000. Hivos supports JET/TL for its strategic use of ICTs, for its stance on sustainable development, and for its method of functioning.

IN099I03 - Enhancing Participation in Environmental Decision Making through Knowledge Systems

DAC-sectors : Environmental rights and safety
Strengthening civil society

Location : New Delhi

Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities

Activity 1 : Increase member database

Direct outreach : 2100 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 210000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Pollution and urban waste
ID/ network development across sectors/ institutions
awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries

Activity 2 : Develop three new knowledge products on toxics

Direct outreach : 5000 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 2500 - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : Pollution and urban waste
publication

Activity 3 : Create integrated database on toxics

Direct outreach : 12000 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 6000 - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : Pollution and urban waste
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Contract total : 147.840

Contractperiod : 01-06-2005 until 31-03-2008

Expenditure in 2005 : 34.960

During the next three years, JET/TL will work to enhance toxics-related information exchange among all actors, especially those who are worst affected by toxics pollution, to enable their informed participation in decision-making processes. It will accomplish this by

- ☿ Increasing its member database to 2,100. JET/TL will identify geographic gaps in its outreach, and make focused efforts to identify grassroots groups that can make use of its outputs. It will also establish links with other groups and networks that whose area of work is complementary (e.g., health, livelihoods).
- ☿ Increasing its outreach to groups where there is no primary constituency (e.g., informal sector workers, trade unions, women's groups).
- ☿ Creating an integrated database that makes credible, quality information on toxics readily accessible.
- ☿ Publishing 16 periodic newsletters and factsheets.
- ☿ Increasing circulation of its regional language publications to 3,000. In response to growing demand, JET/TL will also bring out more of its regular publications in regional languages, possibly Tamil and Hindi.
- ☿ Increasing circulation of its English language publications to 2,200.
- ☿ Developing training materials - possibly a training manual on hazardous waste and municipal solid waste, and a film on solid waste, bio-medical waste, hazardous waste and food safety.
- ☿ Handling at least 15 queries every month.
- ☿ Developing three new knowledge products, such as a toxics digest or a bi-monthly magazine (to be determined after demand survey).
- ☿ Managing five e-discussion lists.
- ☿ Filling existing gaps in website (e.g., environmental law, map of toxics hotspots in India).
- ☿ Increasing traffic to its website (6000 hits/month; 2.0 GB/monthly volume of traffic)

JET/TL expects that as a result of its work, there will be improved participation in environmental decision-making, as more informed publics emerge who will increasingly recognize linkages between impacts of haphazard industrialization and their lives and see clean development as a part of sustainability. Hivos supports JET/TL for its strategic use of ICTs, which strengthens the hands of community groups and others campaigning to prevent toxics pollution, and enables informed decision-making on environmental issues. JET/TL's decentralised mode of operation, and its emphasis on capacity building of its constituency are also valued.

KCR - Katutura Community Radio

NA0271

Organisation type : Community based organization

Sector :

Date foundation : 1992

Date first contract : 2006

Katutura Community radio is a community radio station that broadcasts from Katutura a largely poor community in Windhoek. The station reaches the whole City of Windhoek but largely focuses on Katutura and Khomasdal where the majority of the capital's residents live. KCR mission is encourage the communities of these two focal towns to take part in producing ethical, creative and responsible radio. By doing this KCR wants to encourage them to participate in decisions that affect their lives, promote communication and celebrate their own cultures. Through KCR communities can affirm their own dignity and identity and promote social responsibility and critical thinking. KCR was initiated in 1992 and launched in 1995 by a group of NGOs including NANGOF. The station closed briefly in 2001 and was revived through Sister Namibia and Legal Assistance Committee in 2003. The station broadcasts 18hours a day and maintains a policy of 70% issued based and 30% entertainment broadcasting. 9 NGOs currently use KCR to promote their variuos develop agendas.

NA027101 - Katutura Community Radio

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society

Location : Namibia

Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities

Activity 1 : Your Rights Today - Radio Programme

Direct outreach : 10000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Indirect outreach : 15000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Reproductive rights

Violence against women

Property and inheritance rights

Land and/or water rights

Consumer rights

Child labour

Sexual emancipation / education

HIV/ Aids care/ access to treatment

HIV/ Aids mainstreaming

Decentralisation/ local governance

Elections (monitoring , education)

Corruption

Impunity

Conflict and reconciliation

awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries

lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions

lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign

information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Activity 2 : Talking Pink - LGBT Radio Programme

Direct outreach : 10000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Indirect outreach : 15000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Sexual emancipation / education

HIV/ Aids care/ access to treatment

HIV/ Aids mainstreaming

awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries

lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
 lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
 information exchange/ knowledge sharing
 Activity 3 : Women's Voices Radio Programme
 Direct outreach : 15000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
 Indirect outreach : 20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
 Keywords : HIV/Aids care/ other than treatment
 Reproductive rights
 Violence against women
 Property and inheritance rights
 Land and/or water rights
 Sexual emancipation / education
 capacity building/ gender analysis, planning
 awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries
 lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
 lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
 information exchange/ knowledge sharing
 Activity 4 : Youth Parliament Radio Programme
 Direct outreach : 15000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
 Indirect outreach : 20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
 Keywords : Child labour
 HIV/ Aids care/ access to treatment
 HIV/ Aids mainstreaming
 Conflict and reconciliation
 awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries
 lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
 lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
 Contract total : 90.000
 Contractperiod : 01-03-2006 until 31-12-2008
 Expenditure in 2006 : 15.000

The community radio station seeks to ensure that plurality of voices in the Namibian community is maintained. Further the station encourages the dissemination of ideas and programmes that would otherwise not be reflected on the national radio stations, such as programmes that promote the rights of LGBTI. The radio station also provides a strategic link with other Hivos partners in Namibia to ensure that their programmes gain wide coverage through the radio station. In Southern africa the advent of independent radio and TV has been slow and KCR offers an opportunity for the community to understand the importance of community radio in general and the importance of alternative voices in particular. In this contract KCR will be producing a variety of radio programmes designed to both inform the community and to provide a platform that will facilitate debate in the community around a variety of issues that directly affect the communities. KCR will produce radio programmes from a variety of organisations such as Sister Namibia, The Rainbow Project and the Legal Assistance Committee among others. The issues to be dealt with under this contract include, LGBTI matters, democracy and governance, HIV/AIDS, Art and Women's programmes. These are all matters of great concern to Hivos and which form the essence of Hivos policy in Africa.

Kubatana Trust

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	2001
Counterpart since:	2004

Kubatana is a registered Trust organisation based in Harare Zimbabwe. The organisation was established in 2001 and its main objectives are to assist civil society organisations and NGOs to be present on the internet.

This has been achieved primarily through providing technical expertise in developing web pages, as well as hosting the web page/s on the Kubatana site. This has also included providing back-up services and off line updating of organisational information. The organisation is now also providing training for civil society and NGO organisation in information management and the use of ICTs in human rights, gender and HIV/AIDS.

The training also encompasses updating of web-sites. The organisation is providing opportunities for collaboration, cooperation and development of linkages of a south-south and north-south nature. Its strongest point is the ability to provide alternative media outlet in an environment where the traditional media is dominated by the state and heavily regulated. The Kubatana web site has become a premier choice of many local, regional and international organisations (and embassies) in accessing information on the issues prevailing in Zimbabwe.

Project details

ZI093I01 - Kubatana - ICT Training Centre	
DAC-sectors:	Human rights
Location:	Harare
Beneficiary:	not relevant/other
Contract total:	100.000
Contractperiod:	01-12-2004 until 31-12-2006

The project seeks to enhance work already begun by Kubatana Trust in the area of providing an alternative media outlet in Zimbabwe. The project envisages increasing the number of organisations that will be represented on the Kubatana web-site as well as providing additional skills in information management and the use of ICT in areas such as human rights, gender and HIV/AIDS. It is envisaged that increased participation by rural based organisations will be encouraged and increased. Further Hivos support to this project is targeted at increasing the internal management capacity of Kubatana over the funding period as well as create opportunities for sustainability.

KUNZWANA TRUST - Kunzwana Trust

ZI099I www.mulonga.net

Organisation type : Community based organization

Sector :

Date foundation : 1981

Date first contract : 2005

Kunzwana Trust is a non-profit community based organisation operating in the Binga area. The organisation was founded in 1981 primarily as a arts & culture organisation seeking to promote the music and art of the marginalised TONGA people. Over the years the focus has broadened to include capacity building and training with particular emphasis on skills development, and in this case ICT skills development. Kunzwana Trust is one of the few organisations organisations working with the historically displaced and marginalised people of the TONGA. The current project is referred to as the TONGA Online project, to which the organisation has already passed on 15 computers based at three schools in the region. The project reflects a key policy position of Hivos with regard to empowering marginalised communities and also providing the access to information and skills that will allow the communities to participate in decision making processes thereby deepening the democratic where it exists, or creating the demand for it where it does not. The Tonga Online project also envisages providing the community with the access that will allow them to improve the income from their livelihoods and thereby providing a potential for decreasing poverty, a key Hivos mission.

ZI099I01 - Tonga Online Project

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society

Location : Binga, Zimbabwe

Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities

Activity 1 : Training of Students, Teachers and the Community

Direct outreach : 200 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Property and inheritance rights
Land and/or water rights
Other/ Multidisciplinary
capacity building/ other
awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Activity 2 : Gender workshop

Direct outreach : 20 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 500 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Preventive health care
Reproductive rights
Violence against women
Child labour
Sexual emancipation / education
HIV/ Aids mainstreaming
capacity building/ organisational development (OD)
capacity building/ gender analysis, planning
ID/ network development across sectors/ institutions
awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries

Activity 3 : Financial Management Workshop

Direct outreach : 50 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 1200 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : financial services/ savings
capacity building/ business development
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network

Contract total : 30.000

Contractperiod : 02-08-2005 until 31-12-2006

Expenditure in 2005 : 10.000

LA CHISPA - LA Chispa

RL036I

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit
Sector : Not sector specific,ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 1999
Date first contract : 2005

LA Chispa, magazine on Latin America and the Carriben, was founded in 1999 after a merge of the Dutch magazine Alerta and its Flemish counterpart América Ventana. These magazines and their predecessors originated in the seventies out of the Latin America solidarity movement. Meanwhile, LA Chispa developed into an independent and professional journalistic magazine. It is published eight times a year and around one thousand subscribers, including libraries and institutions. As well the magazine can be bought in specialised bookstores in Amsterdam and Utrecht, and free issues are distributed or sent to potential subscribers. Therefore, the actual number of readers is much higher than the number of subscriptions. The objective of LA Chispa is to inform in a journalistic way on Latin America and its relation with the Netherlands. Contrary to the mainstream media, LA Chispa writes consequently and consistently about the continent, and this is not concentrated on "big" events, but on analysis and deepening of news facts. The redaction sees LA Chispa as the medium to put and keep Latin America under the attention of the Dutch public, and as a platform for ideas and initiatives related to the continent. In this way, the publishing of LA Chispa contributes to the aim of all CFO's to encourage public attention for international cooperation in general and for Latin America in particular.

RL036I01 - Latam eigen beheer: ondersteuning LA Chispa

DAC-sectors : Education other (not BSS)
Location : Nederland
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Activity 1 : oplage (1200) en abonnees (1000) LA Chispa op peil houden
Direct outreach : 1000 - Policy level/ public opinion
Indirect outreach : 200 - Policy level/ public opinion
Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
publication
Contract total : 64.000
Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 31-12-2007
Expenditure in 2005 : 18.500

LA Chispa fulfils a need in the Netherlands, but it is not possible to generate enough income to be economic self-sufficient. The number of subscribers is not expected to grow, neither is the magazine attractive enough for advertisers due to the its low circulation. Next to this, the local governments' subsidy for the salary costs will end in 2006. To ensure the existence of LA Chispa in the near future, the co-financing organisations, lead by Hivos, will support LA Chispa so that they are able to publish and distribute the magazine and invest in the sustainability of the magazine.

MISA - Media Institute of Southern Africa - Windhoek

RA0101 www.misa.org

Organisation type : Membership organisation

Sector : Human Rights

Date foundation : 1992

Date first contract : 1995

MISA was established in 1992 as a regional network for journalists to protect and advance their rights. MISA promotes the development of independent and free media for their role in achieving transparent and democratic societies. MISA has been Hivos' counterpart since 1995. The target group of MISA are journalists, civil society organisations and policy makers in the Southern African Development Community. Each country has a MISA chapter that presses for human rights, freedom of expression and democracy. Activities include media training, designing of campaigns, monitoring of the media, press statements and advocacy for human rights. Hivos supports MISA for its continuous promotion of freedom of expression and access to free media as a condition for transparent and democratic societies.

RA010104 - MISA SPP2

DAC-sectors : Legal and judicial development
Human rights
Strengthening civil society

Location : Windhoek, Namibia

Beneficiary : people living with HIV/AIDS

Activity 1 : Media violations monitoring

Direct outreach : 500 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 10000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Corruption
Impunity
capacity building/ organisational development (OD)
awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries
lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Activity 2 : Journalists Training Workshops

Direct outreach : 200 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 10000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Corruption
Impunity
Conflict and reconciliation
capacity building/ other
ID/ network development within own sector
information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Activity 3 : Research

Direct outreach : 20 - Policy level/ institutional

Indirect outreach : 500 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Corruption
Impunity
Conflict and reconciliation
capacity building/ organisational development (OD)
ID/ network development within own sector
ID/ network development across sectors/ institutions
awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries

lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
Activity 4 : Media Freedom Campaign
Direct outreach : 2000 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Keywords : Corruption
Impunity
Conflict and reconciliation
capacity building/ organisational development (OD)
ID/ network development within own sector
awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries
lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions
lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
Contract total : 510.000
Contractperiod : 01-06-2005 until 31-12-2007
Expenditure in 2005 : 135.000

Nature & More foundation

Organisation type:	Service organization /non-profit
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	2004
Counterpart since:	2004

Nature and More (N&M) is being created as a Dutch Foundation. Its objectives are to stimulate traceability and transparency and to promote consumer awareness. The initiative to create N&M came from EOSTA and from EOSTA's main shareholder: the Triodos Bank. In fact EOSTA did already set up an important part of the work of N&M with support of Hivos. And EOSTA already created a substantial turn-over in the N&M system. So N&M will not start from zero. The initiating parties will continue to play a dominant role in the Board of N&M during the initial 3 years. In that period N&M should be recognised by at least another 20 importers of tropical products. EOSTA made a good start with N&M: it got special attention from the Dutch and German Ministers at the Biofach 2004; it got a Dutch award for this excellent initiative in corporate social and environmental responsibility; and it organised a successful symposium in October 2004, where many potential customers were present. N&M should be competitive in its service rendering. N&M will have two Directors and will remain located in the office of EOSTA in Waddinxveen NL. The core business of N&M is building websites and developing supporting software in such a way that it is easy accessible also for small producers and producer groups, and in such a way that consumers can easily obtain information on the origin of the products they are buying. N&M provides producers the possibilities to profile themselves on (standardized) social, environmental and hygienic qualities and even on unique additional qualities for which bonus points can be claimed. Regular revisions of the system are planned with stakeholder participation.

Project details

WW118I01 - Nature & More Foundation	
DAC-sectors:	Business and trade Crop production Banking and financial services
Location:	Nederland
Beneficiary:	industrial or plantation workers
activity	ranking of producers on quality scales
Direct outreach	1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	20 - Intermediary level
activity1	software development for tracking and tracing
Direct outreach	1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	20 - Intermediary level
Contract total:	601.000
Contractperiod:	01-11-2004 until 31-12-2007

This is a follow-up to RC05301. The N&M plan contains the further development of different elements: the development of a ranking system on top of the standardized qualities already obtained by the producers; the development of a rewarding system related to ranking; the further perfection of a year round supply of fresh fruits and vegetables; promotion of convergence between the related standardized quality systems such as organic, EurepGAP, Utz Kapeh, HACCP, Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance; and finally "initial auditing including training of new potential participating producers and producer groups. The latter activity is not part of the core business and may become more independent from N&M.

During the project period the amounts for the core business of N&M will decrease and from 2007 onwards N&M is supposed to become cost covering. Trainers in the producer countries might increasingly use the amounts for initial auditing. N&M plans also a further investment in software. EOSTA's products are mostly unprocessed and go straight to the consumer, which makes the tracing and the corresponding software simple. Processing and compounding in an production chain makes it more difficult. Different options are open. N&M plans to further discuss these options with potential clients of the N&M services and to test and experiment at consumer and producer level.

NIASD - Nederlands Instituut voor Academische Studies Damascus (NIASD)

QM002I www.niasd.org

Organisation type : Network

Sector :

Date foundation : 2001

Date first contract : 2006

The aim of the Dutch Institute in Damascus (Nederlands Instituut in Damascus, NIASD) is to promote science concerning civilisations of Syria. In 2006 the institute makes a new start (doorstart) with the University of Leiden. Hence the institute wants to maintain and promote cultural and scientific relations between Syria and the Netherlands. Niasd will in future also work together - among others - with the Finnish Institute in Damascus. Besides research and science the Institute will organize exhibitions, debates and language-courses. The institute gets structural support of the department of OCW and the university of Leiden.

QM002I04 - Minifestival

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : Damascus
Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
Activity 1 : intercultural communication
Direct outreach : 50 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 500 - Intermediary level
Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
Activity 2 : masterclass journalism
Direct outreach : 50 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 500 - Intermediary level
Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
Contract total : 6.450
Contractperiod : 03-04-2006 until 17-07-2006
Expenditure in 2006 : 0

Masterclasses on intercultural communication and journalistic skills. And an public programme on Middle Eastern and European mass media. The minifestival (8,9 and 10th of June) in Damascus will combine practice and theory of mass media. Goal is to enhance journalistic and intercultural communication skills of young Syrian journalists and students of journalism. NIASD is a Dutch foundation administrated by Leiden University and funded by the ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) and the Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs. Hivos supports this festival because it will strenghten civil media platforms and will broaden mediadiversity in Syria

ONEWORLD

Organisation type:	Membership organisation
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	1995
Counterpart since:	2000

OneWorld International is the leading global internet gateway for human rights and sustainable development organizations. Founded in 1995, its partnership currently comprises over 700 organizations worldwide.

OneWorld is an international network of co-operative centres, held together by OneWorld International. OneWorld International is divided into OneWorld International Foundation and OneWorld International Ltd. OneWorld International Foundation wholly-owns OneWorld International Ltd. The latter is a not-for-profit company, which covenants back to the Foundation any balance it makes.

There are 10 Oneworld co-operative centers, of which three are located in the South: Africa, Latin America and Sout-Asia. Each centre is responsible for partnership management and editing of the local editions. Each OneWorld centre nominates a local trustee for the OneWorld International Foundation Board.

After five years of operation OneWorld has become a truly internet 'webbased' movement and a firm platform for a worldwide partnership. The portal site - www.oneworld.net - deploys a comprehensive search engine that automatically spiders its members' website and indexes thousands of new pages daily. The growing database of more than one million documents provides a range of services, including daily news pages, thematic guides, radio/TV programs and weekly reports from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Using this extensive network, its reputation as the leading umbrella organization as well as its expertise in the field of strategic use of ICTs, since 1999 OneWorld started expanding its activities towards the Balkan countries in cooperation with Hivos. At the same time Hivos invited OneWorld as a strategic partner in the implementation of Hivos' own policy and action programme in the field of ICTs.

Project details

WW053102 - Southern Voices Online 2	
DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society
Location:	
Beneficiary:	not relevant/other
Contract total:	620.000
Contractperiod:	31-12-2003 untill 31-12-2006

Southern Voices Online 2 is a three-year follow up of a four-year programme Hivos and Oneworld started in 2000. The overall objective of the programme is to make the OneWorld centres in Africa, South Asia and Latin America more effective as ICT-enabled communication platforms for Southern-based civil society organisations.

Specified in four different project purposes:

- Editorial: to increase the audience and visibility of southern partner content on the web dealing with issues within the broad framework of achieving sustainable development and respect for human rights;
- Partnership: to provide appropriate services to southern partners that helps them to improve their use of ICTs, and thus expand the southern partnership base, and to deepen and consolidate the relationship with key partners;
- ICT Networking, Advocacy and Capacity Building: to improve the capacity of southern CSOs to take advantage of the new possibilities of ICTs for advocacy, networking and organisational development;
- Programme Management and Network Development: to assist Southern Centres to become autonomous members within the OneWorld Network, fulfilling their role as full OneWorld Centres.

The co-operation in this programme between Hivos and Oneworld will focus specifically on the 800 Hivos partner organisations worldwide.

OSI - Open Society Institute - Information Program - Zug

WW1471 <http://www.osi.hu>

Organisation type : Other
Sector : ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 1993
Date first contract : 2005

The Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grant making foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, OSI works to build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as combating corruption and rights abuses. OSI was created in 1993 by investor and philanthropist George Soros to support his foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. OSI has expanded the activities of the Soros foundations network to other areas of the world where the transition to democracy is of particular concern. The Soros foundations network encompasses more than 60 countries, including the United States. Since July 2005, Hivos and OSI cooperate in the field of Information, Communication, Technology and Media, concerning the OSI Information Program and Hivos' Media, Information and Communication program. Within this cooperation, Hivos and OSI regard and treat each other as preferred co-funders and support each other in realising the goals of both the programs. The mission of OSIs Information Program is to promote equitable deployment of knowledge and communication resources - providing access to content, tools and networks for civic empowerment and effective democratic governance. Furthermore OSI supports systemic change and innovation in civil society through support of networks and through building capacity of civil society groups to interface with governments through effective use of information tools in monitoring analysis and advocacy. The Information Program has 4 core areas: 1. Information Policy (access to internet, freedom of expression and communication, reforming global intellectual property rights) 2. Access to Knowledge (EIFL consortium, Open Access Publications, East-East/South-South translation projects) 3. Toolsets (development of software for unmet social needs) 4. Technology Support for Civil Society (enhance communication and network potential of civil society organisations and institutes with a systemic impact on their capacity)

WW147101 - NGO in a Box - Tactical Tech

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : worldwide
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Contract total : 47.265
Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 31-12-2005
Expenditure in 2005 : 47.265

NGO in a Box is a project within OSIs Information Program component "Toolsets". It is a physical box set of CDs containing peer-reviewed, stable open source software, manuals, and instructions for NGOs to use for a variety of activities. The boxes will be organized thematically, and range from the "original" NGO in a Box set which provides basic tools and instructions to migrate a small NGO office to a complete open source platform, to boxes for advocacy, security and open publishing. The NGO in a Box project attempts to provide useful, practical, reliable, and legal software solutions for NGO activities, as well as to reduce the amount of time that NGOs spend attempting to understand and filter the ever-growing software market. The NGO in a Box project is hosted by Tactical Tech (a Dutch registered Stichting (foundation) focusing on new technology use by civil society groups in developing countries). Tactical Tech has been establishing regional hubs (existing non profit organisations established in the local technology non profit space) to promote the project and distribute the CD pack at a local level, and intends to close in 2006 with seven active hubs. Hivos will match OSIs funding of the Tactical Tech project "NGO in a Box" and together cover the full cost of the project. In the Media, Information and Communication policy, Hivos set the goals to improve the strategic use of ICTs of citizens and NGOs and to develop and make available innovative tools by and for partnerorganisations. NGO in a Box

addresses these goals and Hivos is eager to share the tools that will be developed in the project with Hivos partners.

WW147I02 - WITNESS programme

DAC-sectors : Human rights
Strengthening civil society
Location : Houston, USA
Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
Activity 1 : training for human rights documentation by video
Direct outreach : 300 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total : 42.000
Contractperiod : 01-11-2005 until 31-12-2006
Expenditure in 2005 : 42.000

Witness is an organisation that helps human rights defenders to use video and video tools to register human rights abuse. These videos are then used on- and offline to support lobby, advocacy, communications, media presence and legal procedures that human rights defenders initiate. Hivos and the Open Society Institute jointly support two core projects of the Witness organisation: 1) Seeding Video Advocacy, which trains human rights groups in professional use of video as an advocacy and lobby tool and 2) the multi lingual translation and distribution of the Video for Change Book, a "self help" book on use of video as a tool in human rights protection. Hivos partners with OSI in support of these projects because Hivos believes that the way Witness helps human rights defenders to use video technologies as " vehicles of change" is strengthening the capacity of human rights defenders to make their case on the global stage. This is in line with the Hivos IMK strategy which focusses on the use of media to make civil voices heard and to stimulate community and citizen journalism as part of democratization processes.

oneworld - platform for southeast europe,
(RD029I) <http://see.oneworld.net>

In 2003, oneworld southeast europe (OWPSEE) began as a portal initiative of text and audio news online linking the countries of the region. Today, it has grown into a recognized information service organization and partner for social change, collaborating with around 200 partner organizations across the region and the world.

Registered as a foundation in 2005, oneworld - platform for southeast europe (owpsee) envisions an active and efficient online community in South East Europe, unified in efforts to impact faster democratic developments and positive social change within civil societies of the region, and cooperating through interactive platforms at local, national, regional and international levels.

Two cross-cutting issues are an integral part of all the work: 'Information and Communication Open Policy' and a 'Gender Sensitive Approach'.

OWPSEE is a member of the OneWorld global network. Hivos and OneWorld work together in similar projects in Asia, Africa, Latin America and The Netherlands.

RD029I01

OneWorld - platform for Southeast Europe

Hivos will the next three years support OWPSEE in the institutional strengthening of the organisation as well as in three programmatic areas:

- Local content in local languages - further developing the multimedia and multi-language portal, promoting and facilitating the production of local content by civil society organizations (CSOs) using new technologies
- Capacity Building, Knowledge-Sharing and Transfer - strengthening the abilities, role, and engagement of civil society organizations in Information Communication Technology (ICT) through projects and collaboration on other organizations' programs
- Networking, Regional Cooperation Models - expanding and strengthening the network(s) of CSOs, and promoting and generating sustainable regional cooperation models, aiming to create and offer an accessible, dynamic environment where communities, civil initiatives, and individuals can take part in knowledge exchange and transfer.

The overall aim is to set up a sustainable regional on-line organization that assists and supports the southeast Europe civil societies. The project will contribute effectively to the way civil society in the Balkans network, communicate and lobby together, addressing social and political issues, sharing knowledge and best practices, and using on-line and face-to-face advocacy tools that link the SEE region to the international civil society communities on global issues.

Hivos supports OWPSEE through its ICT, Media and Knowledge Sharing programme as it directly supports its core aim of making civil voices heard and in creating local content and knowledge. Furthermore it strengthens the ability of civil society organisations in using ICT in their core activities.

Press Now, THE NETHERLANDS
(RD027I)

Press Now was established in 1993 with the aim to promote democratic, human rights based and open societies, through support to the development of free and independent media in their target countries. Press Now supports over 100 projects throughout Eastern Europe and the Balkans in community radio, independent TV and radio broadcasting, printed press and journalism. Press Now provides financial support combined with technical assistance, expert advice and consultation regarding financial management, editorial policy and cooperation in regional networks. Press Now has offices in Amsterdam, Belgrade, Prishtina, Skopje and Tirana.

RD027I01

Strengthening Independent Media in Eastern Europe

Hivos supports Press Now to strengthen the professional and business capacity of two media organisations in the former Yugoslav Republic because these media organisations contribute significantly to the development of a varied media-scape and the implementation of the freedom of expression in these countries.

Radio Vati (Macedonia) and Media Trio Srebrenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina) are two media outlets, using radio, print media and the Internet to actively support the democratisation process in their countries. They have a wide audience and through their unbiased, free and professional journalism and programming they provide an important channel for civil voices to be heard. Through stories, columns, news items and interaction with their audience, these two media organisations contribute significantly to the pluriformity and independence of media in these countries.

R D S - Red de Desarrollo Sostenible/Honduras - Tegucigalpa

HN034I www.portal.rds.org.hn

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit
Sector : Sustainable Economic Development,ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 1994
Date first contract : 1999

The RDS-HN Sustainable Development Network) was created in 1994 as a United Nations' program, but as a result of its work it achieved its sustainability and became a non governmental organization, and holds an outstanding place in information content areas in regards to the environmental situation in Honduras. The network has direct links with the tasks carried out by different civil organizations in Honduras and it is characterized by its democratic, participation and equality standards. The indicator used to name the before mentioned qualities is the quantity of institutions and persons that are members of the network and the quantity of services offered. Currently, the network has 600 active members that interchange information according to their areas of interest. This makes the RDS'HN an important strategic organization for Hivos' program in Honduras. Hivos supports the RDS due to its novel contribution to the information activities in the field of environment. The organization has developed new communication techniques and designs developing instruments such as Web pages, information magazines and electronic mail services.

HN034I03 - Portal de Portales de Honduras "Recursos y Herramientas en Línea"

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Activity 1 : Alianzas y mecanismo cooperativos de intercambio de informacion
Direct outreach : 70 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 7000 - Policy level/ institutional
Keywords : capacity building/ business development
Activity 2 : Estructuración del Portal de Portales del Desarrollo en Honduras
Direct outreach : 2000 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 20000 - Policy level/ institutional
Keywords : non-financial services/ information, advice
Activity 3 : Sistematización para la incidencia y desarrollo local
Direct outreach : 5000 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 20000 - Policy level/ institutional
Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign
Contract total : 141.000
Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 31-12-2007
Expenditure in 2005 : 47.000

HN034I03 Portal de Portales de Honduras Resources and Tools on Lines The proposal pretends to contribute to the humanization of information technologies and communication to the service of development, through its decentralization, work, promotion and use as tools for the reduction of poverty. It also includes the establishment of cooperative alliances and mechanisms for information exchange with national and international institutions which will allow the specialization of contents, its use and sustainability; to structure the Portal de Portales de Desarrollo de Honduras, making available specific tools that can trigger development actions; to create systemized knowledge for influencing and action for the local development of urban and marginalized rural sectors; also, to link the offer and demand of jobs. This proposal emphasizes Portal as a key component in the systematization, up-dating, interchange and access to the content of information based on national and local experiences for influencing and action of sustainable human development. The project presented has been conceived as

one of execution in steps, evaluating the results of each one of the three phases foreseen, in order to carry out the corresponding adjustments: 1) Establishment of strategic alliances with the platform of Portal de Portales; 2) Consolidation of a policy toward the developing communities' TICs; and 3) Transition toward sustainability. The beneficiaries of the project will be the current and future members of the Network, the institutions and organizations that work in development at the national and international level, with interests in Honduras; it will also travel to marginalized rural and urban communities, as well as other person that carry out virtual visits to Portal or visits to the offices of the Network. The current proposal clearly coincides with Hivos' ICT policy to take advantage of opportunities and possibilities of information for Honduras' sustainable development. The RDS takes into account for its job, important aspects that are coincidental with Hivos' political instruments: Access, Strengthening of User Capacities, Contents, Economic and Influencing Opportunities through Ciber rights.

Radio Dialogue

Organisation type:	Community based organization
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	2001
Counterpart since:	1901

Radio Dialogue is a community based initiative that seeks to provide community radio services for the people in Bulawayo. The organisations commenced work in 2001 and is registered as a Trust.

The organisation has a ten member Board of Trustees representing a wide section of the community. The Board is tasked with providing strategic direction and management oversight for the organisation. The principal task of the organisation currently is the acquisition of a community radio license.

The organisation takes note of the general concern in Bulawayo regarding a sense of alienation of the province nationally. The radio project will seek to bolster the local development and governance programme and promote the local culture and language.

Project details

ZI097I01 - Radio Dialogue	
DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society Human rights
Location:	Zimbabwe
Beneficiary:	indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
activity	Tape production
Direct outreach	5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity1	Newsletter Production
Direct outreach	2000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	10000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity2	Membership Workshops
Direct outreach	250 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	2000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity3	Awareness Raising Road Shows
Direct outreach	5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	20000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total:	100.000
Contractperiod:	01-06-2005 until 31-12-2007

No description

Satu Dunia

Organisation type:	Other
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded : Counterpart since:	2004

No description

Project details

ID072101 - Satu Dunia - Phase 1	
DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society
Location:	Indonesia
Beneficiary:	indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
activity	Get-to-know and keep-in-touch workshops
Direct outreach	35 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	500000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity1	ICT training and Capacity building
Direct outreach	6 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	75000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
activity2	CSO content aggregation and distribution
Direct outreach	6 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach	75000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Contract total:	248.880
Contractperiod:	03-12-2004 untill 02-12-2006

No description

Servicio de Información Mesoamericano Agr, NICARAGUA

(NIO14I) www.simas.org.ni

SIMAS was launched in 1992 as a program of the Center for Cultural and Technical Exchange (CICUTEC), created in 1989. SIMAS serves as a clearinghouse for the exchange, dissemination and production of scientific and technical information on sustainable development issues for the Middle American region (Central America and Mexico). It has three main program areas: (1) state decentralization and local sustainable development; (2) frontier farming in the humid tropics; and (3) the fight against desertification in the dry tropics. Its mission is to support farmers, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and universities in the search for environmentally sustainable development models that are economically viable and socially just. SIMAS is affiliated with the Advisory Council of the FAO Trees, Forests and Rural Communities Program, with the INFORAT-CATIE Network, with the Sustainable Development Network (RDS), and with the Ecological Agriculture Promotion Group (GPAE).

As part of the institutional strengthening process, SIMAS promoted a process of strategic restructuring and planning which began in the year 2002 with Hivos' and ICCO's support, and also the support of CICUTEC. In February 2003, SIMAS became a civil non profit organization, legalized and with its own statutes. With this new judicial figure, SIMAS became part of an Alternative Communications Group together with EDISA, Editorial Enlace, Fundación Luciérnaga and GAAS; it's also part of the Grupo Interinstitucional de Género y Agricultura GIIGA, Red Nicaraguense de Comercio Comunitario RENICC, Coordinadora Civil, Red de INFORAT-CATIE, Red de Desarrollo Sostenible (SDN) and main caster of the Grupo de Promoción de la Agricultura Ecológica (GPAE).

NIO14I06 rural

Plan Estratégico 2006-2008: Comunicación para el desarrollo sostenible del mundo

La actual prouesta enmarcada en el Plan Estratégico 2006-2008 está orientada a consolidar a Simas como un organismo de segundo nivel que estimula la agricultura sostenible y el desarrollo rural por medio de su sistema de manejo de información y conocimientos y la facilitación de espacios para que grupos de agricultores, ONG, redes e instituciones se encuentren, conozcan, intercambien, se asocien e incidan en la definición de políticas y de un comportamiento social favorable a sus intereses.

Simas se destaca por ser una organización especializada en el manejo de información y conocimientos, que facilita espacios de comunicación, capta insumos formales e informales, los procesa y distribuye electrónicamente hacia actores que resultan claves para la promoción de modelos sociales rurales alternativos y para sensibilizar a la sociedad sobre la importancia de la agricultura sostenible.

Lo que distingue a SIMAS de otros centros de documentación es la comunicación electrónica, que comprende el fortalecimiento de las capacidades propias y de los usuarios de la red en uso de la TIC para ampliar y acelerar el acceso a la información y conocimiento del desarrollo. La estrategia la realiza en dos direcciones, a lo interno de la organización para procesar y distribuir eficientemente comunicación oportuna; y hacia fuera con los usuarios para dotarlos de destrezas y capacidades de manejo y uso de información de los productores, organizaciones y redes.

SIMAS Promueve el uso de ICT para el desarrollo de capacidades y para la promoción de redes de usuarios que amplíen y aceleren el acceso a la información y conocimiento del desarrollo sostenible. Por ello, puede contribuir de manera relevante a la configuración y articulación de sujetos económicos y políticos capaces de generar una nueva propuesta de desarrollo económico y social para el mundo rural.

El trabajo de Simas es valorado positivamente por las asociaciones campesinas y ONG's relacionadas con el tema de desarrollo rural. Los temas abordados y el enfoque institucional son importantes para las contrapartes. Y se reconoce como la única entidad nacional orientada a satisfacer las necesidades de información y conocimientos de los actores y sujetos de la agricultura sostenible.

SOMA - Social Organisation for Mental-Health Action, INDIA

(IN160I) www.somaindia.org

Social Organisation for Mental-Health Action (SOMA) is a registered society established in 1992 with the mission of 'transforming dreams into deliverables' and providing services of project management in the social sector. SOMA will cooperate with the Society for Promotion of Alternative Computing and Employment (SPACE) for the creation of a two-year programme that will promote and advocate Free, Libre, and Open Source Software.

The Society for Promotion of Alternative Computing and Employment (SPACE) is a society registered in December 2003 to act as the driving force behind a multi-pronged approach for the strengthening of Free/Libre/Open Source Software (FLOSS) in Kerala. The society intends to facilitate the use of FLOSS for popular use in Kerala, ensure that technological decisions in the public sphere have FLOSS alternatives (including e-governance and education), provide technical human resources via capacity building and promotion of a model of self-employment, create a critical mass of FLOSS developers in 3-5 years, and provide information of Kerala's achievements in FLOSS in on-line and off-line forms. The society's Board of Directors includes two representatives of the Kerala State IT Mission (selected for their potential contributions and serving in their personal capacity), representatives of professional societies (e.g., the Computer Society of India), and the Department of Technical Education.

IN160I01 SOMA / SPACE, Strengthening FLOSS for IT Development & Employment Generation

With the support of SOMA, SPACE will oversee and coordinate a multi-pronged intervention to strengthen the use of FLOSS in Kerala. The key components of this intervention are

- Setting up a FLOSS Centre of Excellence (FCE) at a premier institution like the Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management- Kerala. The FCE is guided by SPACE and would
 - a) Create a blueprint for FLOSS training in select engineering colleges as well as conducting direct training to enhance the quality of FLOSS human resources;
 - b) Advice and support FLOSS projects in the Government (including coding support);
 - c) analyse and disseminate trends in FLOSS use;
 - d) Plan, design and implement FLOSS projects
- Setting up FLOSS Cells in engineering colleges. Facilitators of the FLOSS Cells would be trained at the FCE. Students associated with the Cells would participate in workshops by FLOSS experts and participate in software creation for local agencies (e.g., school, college, library, hospital, etc.)
- Fostering the growth of Virtual Micro-Enterprises (VMEs). The VME is visualized as a small, decentralized enterprise for software development and IT-Enabled Services where the owner-participants are not necessarily co-located but work as a virtual enterprise over the network. The VME model assumes the feasibility of downscaling IT to the level of a 'cottage' industry, a level where local groups are able to manage both the technological and managerial dimensions of the enterprise.
SPACE will train educated youth to reach a minimum level of competence; there will be a dynamic certification process. These certified youth will then set up VMEs (without subsidies, loans will be possible). Participant-promoters will share computers, working in shifts. They will use free software wherever possible for legal and economic reasons. VMEs will take on local work (e.g., software development for local applications, installation and maintenance of software, hardware support, data entry) and assignments 'farmed out' by SPACE (e.g., software projects, components of projects, pilot projects). After a VME reaches a certain size, it could liaise with SPACE for obtaining incubation and venture capital support. SPACE will perform a 'handholding' role vis-à-vis the VMEs. It will provide its services to the affiliated VMEs (marketing and market development services, providing market intelligence, acting as a unified market interface, client interfacing, signing contracts and legal documents, ensuring deadlines and quality, installing software, porting data and providing training and after-sales support) at cost. SPACE will also train members of VMEs in emerging technologies, create a repository of software for local applications, and identify new areas for creation of new VMEs or new directions for existing VMEs.

SPACE will organize periodic meetings for addressing common problems. SPACE will maintain links with government, incubation service providers, venture capital providers, industry associations, professional societies, and infrastructure providers. SPACE will act as a two-way communication channel between the community of VMEs and the rest of the industry. 'Young' VMEs will begin by handling the 'tail end' processes of software projects. As their capabilities improve, they will take on more sophisticated aspects. SPACE anticipates that only 20-30% of the VMEs will eventually survive as enterprises but those that do will have a demonstration effect as they evolve into big players, drift away from SPACE and continue to promote FLOSS. The VMEs will not be confined to urban areas. In fact, it is hoped that the development of VMEs will promote pervasive computing in Kerala by breaking cost barriers and strengthening the availability and accessibility of technical support for FLOSS.

- Providing advocacy support to Kerala's FLOSS initiatives by setting up a web portal, developing a software repository, producing a newsletter, and organizing conferences

SOUTHERN AFRICA MEDIA AND GENDER INSTITUTE (SAMGI) - Southern Africa Media and Gender Institute (SAMGI)

RA046I

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit

Sector :

Date foundation : 2003

Date first contract : 2005

SAMGI was founded in 2003, based in Cape Town. It was set up to fulfil the communication, gender awareness and critical media consumption needs of women in the Southern Africa region. The main program run by the organisation is the Women's Media Watch program, which was initiated in 1994 and seeks to ensure that media fairly represent women. An additional programme is Gender and Communications course initiated to teach skills required to deconstruct the media, develop critical media awareness skills, monitor the media, develop information technology skills and develop writing skills to a wider audience. The main target for training and skills equipping are disadvantaged grassroots women, particularly those in the rural areas. Currently the organisation interacts with 400 organisations and individuals, membership subscription is open to all people and organisations committed to using the media to deepen democracy and support human rights issues. Regionally the organisation has strategic partnerships with ASSERCO (Associacao de Servicos Comunitarios), Souther African Media Services Organisation Zimbabwe, SAIMED, Southern African Media Development Botswana, MISA (Media Institute of Southern Africa) and SAMTRAN (Southern Africa Media Trainers Network)

RA046I01 - Southern Africa Media and Gender Institute

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society

Location : South Africa

Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities

Activity 1 : Monitor gender issues in the media and disseminate the information

Direct outreach : 100 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 1000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men

Keywords : Sexual emancipation / education

Conflict and reconciliation

awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries

lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions

lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign

information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Activity 2 : Workshops for editors, journalists & media practitioners

Direct outreach : 50 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 500 - Policy level/ institutional

Keywords : Violence against women

Sexual emancipation / education

Conflict and reconciliation

capacity building/ gender analysis, planning

ID/ network development across sectors/ institutions

awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries

information exchange/ knowledge sharing

Activity 3 : Skills building workshops for members

Direct outreach : 120 - Intermediary level

Indirect outreach : 1000 - Policy level/ public opinion

Keywords : Reproductive rights

Violence against women

Sexual emancipation / education

Conflict and reconciliation
capacity building/ other
awareness raising/ mobilisation of beneficiaries
lobby/ advocacy > public opinion, media, public campaign

Contract total : 150.000

Contractperiod : 01-07-2005 until 31-12-2007

Expenditure in 2005 : 25.000

STAR PROGRAMME - Star programme

RC072I

Organisation type : Other
Sector : ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : -
Date first contract : 2005

The capacity building programme is a joint initiative of Hivos and KPN. KPN is the largest Dutch telecom company, with a strong interest in corporate social responsibility. Both organisations share the vision that information communication technologies can greatly contribute to the effectiveness of civil society. The combination of the different skills of both organisations adds significant value to the programme. KPN is an experienced telecommunications company with in-depth ICT knowledge and experience and a wide range of skilled staff. Hivos will contribute expertise on organisational development within civil society organisations to the programme, as well as ICTs & Development expertise, knowledge on the digital divide and country specific knowledge. The role of KPN in the partnership is two-fold: KPN will supply technical infrastructure where this is necessary, and it will play an important role in the capacity building elements of the programme by providing volunteers. This will occur via an internal programme for KPN staff to volunteer as advisors, trainers and consultants in the capacity building programme. The volunteer scheme will be managed by a KPN "Young Potential" team identified within KPN. Hivos will function as overall programme coordinator for the programme, with tasks including partner identification, project formulation, and the facilitation of exchange between the different partner organisations involved in this programme. Monitoring and evaluation will be the responsibility of participating partners and of the programme coordinator. Participating partner organisations will be responsible for initiating, designing and implementing specific ICT specific projects.

RC072I01 - STAR Programme

DAC-sectors : Reproductive and sexual health (BSS)
Strengthening civil society
Location : Africa
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Contract total : 23.500
Contractperiod : 01-03-2005 until 01-05-2006
Expenditure in 2005 : 13.637

The STAR capacity building programme in Eastern and Southern Africa aims to increase the capacity of civil society organisations (Hivos partners) working on HIV/AIDS and micro-finance issues to effectively apply ICTs to attain their goals. Increased ICT capacity among the organisations working in these fields will lead to improved communication with the different target groups, increased access to up to date and relevant information, and increased knowledge sharing among the different stakeholders. Organisations participating in the programme are expected to increase both their efficiency and their effectiveness. The programme will focus on the sectors HIV/AIDS and microfinance. These sectors have been selected as both sectors are Hivos specialties, and organisations active in these sectors have the potential to have a significant impact on the course of African development. For this reason, it is essential that the impact of these organisations be maximised. HIV/AIDS is the greatest threat to development progress in the African continent at the moment. The pandemic's impact on society is enormous. Unfortunately, HIV/AIDS organisations are not making optimal use of the potential of ICTs. The organisations in the programme will develop their ICT skills towards increased efficiency and effectiveness. Unlike the organisations working in the HIV/AIDS sector, the microfinance organisations do generally make a strategic use of ICTs to increase their efficiency. Nonetheless, there is an important potential role for ICTs to improve service to clients, particularly in rural areas. One example of this is how Hivos microfinance partners in India have used palm pilots to increase transparency and efficiency when visiting rural clients. Furthermore micro finance is an important sector for Hivos, and Hivos has a large network and many years of experience in this sector. The programme aims to implement 8 specific ICT projects at the rate of 2 per year over the course of 4 years. Each specific ICT project will

be supported with a tailor-made ICT training. The programme will also include four regional activities: two regional workshops to increase awareness about the strategic use of ICTs, and two regional gatherings for learning and sharing among the participating organisations. Workshops and gatherings will be separated by sector. The programme will begin in 2005 and end in 2009. The participating countries are Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya in Eastern Africa, and Malawi, Mozambique and Namibia in Southern Africa.

RC072I02 - STAR Programme Year 1

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : Regional: Southern Africa
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Contract total : 272.772
Contractperiod : 01-10-2005 until 31-12-2006
Expenditure in 2005 : 33.098

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SW Radio Africa, VERENIGD KONINKRIJK
(WW150I)

SW Radio Africa is a not for profit radio broadcasting organisation based in the UK but with outreach to the South African region. Its' main aim is to broadcast credible and respected information and news and to give support and voice to individual Zimbabweans and Zimbabwean CSOs. Last but not least SWRA aims to be an excellent example of a free media. SWRA broadcasts on shortwave and medium wave.

SW Radio Africa began broadcasting on 19th December 2001. Their programmes covered three hours in the evening and programs were also streamed live and archived through their website. The main beneficiaries are the estimated four million Zimbabweans living in exile as a result of the deterioration of the political situation in Zimbabwe. SW Radio Africa is the main channel of information exchange and a key platform for civil voices from Zimbabwe to be heard.

SWRA aims to:

- Broadcast credible and respected information and news 365 days a year.
- Provide access to this programming through the website and for the site to be a reputable and trusted vehicle of information for those interested in Zimbabwe.
- Give support to the opposition and civic society and provide open access to SWRA for these organisations.
- Give Zimbabweans a voice. SWRA maintains a mobile phone in Zimbabwe that listeners can call and leave a voice/text message so that they can be called back to take part in discussions.
- Provide an excellent example that a free media is possible, while maintaining responsibility, honesty and credibility in its news gathering.
- Open minds to a true understanding of democracy and the role of individuals in this process.
- Create discussion over contentious issues and emphasize that dialogue, not violence, is the way forward. The collapse of the economy and social structures is creating a dangerous possibility of a descent into total chaos, with negative effects for the whole region.
- Encourage exiled Zimbabweans to use the democratic spaces they live in to pressure internationally for change.
- Provide hope to Zimbabweans in the country through the programming use of positive messages and humour and encourage them to stand up for their human rights.
- Maintain discussion and a focus on HIV. As nutrition levels fall more people are suffering from full blown Aids and it's devastating consequences.
- Ensure that Zimbabwean information is widely distributed to ensure an international media spotlight.

WW150I01 SW Radio Africa

Hivos supports the work of SWRA through a bridging fund. Through its' broadcasting activities SWRA actively promotes the establishment of a democratic pluriform Zimbabwe in which all people, no matter their political colouring, have equal rights and opportunities. Due to the political situation in Zimbabwe the radio station was forced to move physically but also on air: from short to medium wave. To ensure that SWRA finds the long term (financial) support to be able to continue under these new circumstances, Hivos supports SWRA with a bridging fund.

Tactical Tech, THE NETHERLANDS

(WW159I) <http://www.tacticaltech.org/>

The Tactical Technology Collective (Tactical Tech), a Dutch registered Stichting (foundation) focusing on new technology use by civil society groups in developing countries, aims to strengthen social technology movements and networks in developing and transition countries, as well as promote civil society's effective, conscious and creative use of new technologies.

Tactical Tech stands at the crossroads of the civil society and technology sectors. Through building links between them, Tactical Tech aims to help establish an accessible baseline of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) needed by all civil society organisations and their integration beyond rudimentary usage into an integrated strategic tool for planning, advocacy & campaigning.

WW159I01 Africa Source II: FOSS for local communities

Africa Source II will be an eight day hands-on workshop aimed at building the technical skills of those working with and within NGOs on the continent.

Africa Source II will focus on how technology, in particular Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) can be integrated into the project work of NGO's. Over a hundred NGO Support Professionals and NGO Staff working at the local level across the region are expected at this meeting. Together with a handful of field leaders from Africa, Europe, North America and Asia, they will explore how technology can best serve the non-profit sector in Africa both in terms of access and content.

Africa Source II is organised by The Association for Progressive Communication APC (regional network), Fantsuam Foundation (Nigeria), Schoolnet Africa (regional network), Translate.org.za (South Africa), WOUGNET (Uganda), Creative Commons South Africa, Aspiration (US) and The Tactical Technology Collective (the Netherlands). Some of the mentioned organisation are Hivos Partners. Another project with a spinn of to Africa Source is the NGO in a Box project, supported by Hivos (projectcode ww147I01), and hosted by Tactical Tech.

In the Media, Information and Communication policy, Hivos set the goals to improve the strategic use of ICTs of citizens and NGOs and Africa Source II will contribute to this because it will help NGO's plan and implement FOSS applications in order to increase their capacity, help to use FOSS applications to handle information, publish content using citizen's media tools and engage supporters and shows how FOSS can increase accessibility through localisation, translation into local language and dialects.

TRANSITIONS ONLINE - Transitions Online (TOL)

RD025I <http://www.tol.org>

Organisation type : Service organization /non-profit

Sector :

Date foundation : 1999

Date first contract : 2005

Transitions Online (TOL) is committed to strengthening the professionalism, independence, and impact of the news media in the 28 post-communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and the former Soviet Union by working with like-minded journalists, media outlets, and other local partners. Training by doing: Through its flagship program, the Correspondent Network for Independent Journalism, TOL acts as an incubator for up-and-coming talent by offering local journalists ongoing, intensive training. On a daily basis experienced editors work with correspondents to improve the content, sourcing, structure, and language of their stories. TOL also encourages its correspondents to adapt the skills they have learned in the correspondent network to the work they do for their own local media. Worldwide and local impact: As a public-service media outlet, TOL covers themes often neglected by mainstream media-topics such as minorities, gender issues, human rights, the nongovernmental sector, and many more. These articles then reach an international audience through the TOL site and through its syndication partners, and a local audience through reprints or references in the region's media. And in addition to raising the knowledge and awareness of the key issues of post-communist transition, TOL provides the region's journalists with a crucial outlet for their work on issues ignored or censored by their local media. Model For Change: TOL is a pioneer in Internet publishing and has become a model for other independent media in the region that are seeking self-sustainability, the only true independence for any media. From its founding, TOL has sought to break the mold of grant dependency and, though a nongovernmental organization, has developed a business plan to diversify its income.

RD025I01 - Building blogging in the post-communist world

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : Central Asia
Beneficiary : indigenous peoples, ethnic/religious/cultural minorities
Activity 1 : 1. Preparation of software & training material
Direct outreach : 40 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 80 - Intermediary level
Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
ICT-based communication, virtual network
Activity 2 : 2. Bridge-bloggers workshop
Direct outreach : 38 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 250 - Policy level/ public opinion
Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
capacity building/ other
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network
Activity 3 : 3. Bloggers workshop
Direct outreach : 20 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 500 - Policy level/ public opinion
Keywords : Other/ Multidisciplinary
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
Contract total : 63.715
Contractperiod : 01-10-2005 until 31-12-2006
Expenditure in 2005 : 50.000

A blog (or weblog) is an Internet journal. The phenomenon of 'blogging' has given voice to individuals with no journalism or publishing experience. Bloggers are now part of the public discourse and find their opinions and observations debated by thousands of others in the 'blogosphere'. Blogging has already proven its ability to shake up the political and media establishments, and its potential to provide an alternative form of self-expression worldwide is now being tested. Bloggers increasingly play a key role on getting information to the public from countries suffering under repressive regimes: countries such as China and Iran have legions of bloggers. Yet, with a few exceptions, the blogging phenomenon remains largely unknown in the post-communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the former Soviet Union. Through this project, TOL wants to 'jumpstart' the spread of blogging in this region, especially in semi- or fully authoritarian countries where the need for diversity of information is most urgent. An underlying assumption is that blogging, if properly nurtured, can become a cost-efficient, powerful instrument of free speech, free press and self-expression. Hivos' support to this project is based on its recognition of the objectives expressed above and their subsequent interest for counterparts, initially in Central Asia but further down the road far broader. Through its support, other Hivos counterparts can take advantage of the tool developed by TOL to share their knowledge, stories and perspectives, to express their voices in repressive societies.

Since 1999 Unimondo is the Italian branch of the international network OneWorld International, which is the leading global internet gateway for human rights and sustainable development organisations. Founded in 1995, the OneWorld partnership currently comprises over 700 organisations world-wide. There are 10 OneWorld co-operative centres, of which three are located in the South: Africa, Latin America and South-Asia. Each centre is responsible for partnership management and editing of the local editions. Each OneWorld centre nominates a local trustee for the OneWorld International Foundation Board.

In less than a decade OneWorld has become a truly “web based” movement and a strong platform for a world-wide partnership. The portal site – www.oneworld.net – deploys a comprehensive search engine that automatically spiders its members’ website and indexes thousands of new pages daily. The growing database of more than one million documents provides a range of services, including daily news pages, thematic guides, radio/TV programs and weekly reports from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Southeast Europe (SEE). The latter was added in 1999, when OneWorld started expanding its activities towards the Balkan countries in co-operation with Hivos. At the same time Hivos invited OneWorld International as a strategic partner in the implementation of Hivos’ own policy and action programme in the field of ICTs.

Unimondo became a Hivos partner in practice when it was invited to join the SEE project in 2002, for two principal reasons. In addition to being a regular OneWorld centre it has a substantial Balkans expertise, as it has been present in the region for a number of years, with a network of correspondents and *antennas* (contacts) who report on those countries, with special focus for civil society development. This 'Balkans Observatory' services the Italian public in general, and Italian NGOs in particular, as many are engaged in projects in SEE.

In addition to being a OneWorld centre and running the Balkan Observatory, Unimondo carries out other civil society programmes. It formulates its main aim as to provide a pluralistic and credible information platform for civil society on global themes (human rights, sustainable development, participatory democracy, environment) and to facilitate dialogue and collaboration ('networking civil society on the net'). Areas of work include democratisation of the media, the freeing of technology (e.g. promoting open source software) and stimulating the use of ICT by local communities and for human development. It offers free web-space on its server for civil society groups and campaigns. It participates in Social Forum work and cross-Mediterranean dialogue programmes, among others. One of the constituent partners of Unimondo is Banca Etica.

Hivos and Unimondo are partners because their philosophies on human development and their choices of instruments have much in common.

RD 015.01

A multimedia portal for Civil Society in Southeast Europe, 2003 - 2005

In the past three and a half years the OneWorld Southeast Europe Initiative has worked along two complementary lines. A network of radio stations in all countries of the region has been established. They have been introduced to the use of internet for exchanging radio programmes among the participants in the project. Parallel to this, NGOs in the region have been introduced to the OneWorld approach ("ICT as a power-tool for development"). Early 2003 a OneWorld SEE Portal was launched. - see.oneworld.net - This has facilities for text and for audio. It is based on open source software.

This project has two main aims: to develop the OneWorld SEE multimedia portal, and to establish a OneWorld SEE Centre that will take over the ownership of the portal.

The project aims to fully merge the radio and the NGO components of the portal. And as it evolves, video may become part of it too. Unlike most other portals, in the Balkans or elsewhere in the world, this portal will function in at least three regional language versions (Albanian, Macedonian, and

South-Slavic which incorporates Serbian, Bosnian and Croatian) and English. A pilot with Romani may lead to one more language.

In line with OneWorld and Unimondo philosophy, the SEE portal is meant to be more than just another information platform. It aims to build a community of NGOs, radio stations, other media organisations and grassroots organisations who will support the project by using it as a networking and communication facilitating instrument for their work and strategies. The project staff in each country will interact with NGOs and radio stations, for training, campaigning and networking, plus feedback on content and functioning of the portal. Currently there are just over 150 members of OneWorld SEE. The number of participants is expected to increase by an average 10% per year, in each of the 4 language versions.

The OneWorld SEE portal will become a regular partner in the world-wide OneWorld.net, thus fortifying the participation of SEE civil society in the global network.

Establishing a OneWorld Centre SEE is a delicate matter, as conflicts are of a very recent past and as legislation varies across the region. Unimondo will approach this through establishing a consortium of key participants from the different countries, on the basis of demonstrated interest and capacity. The consortium should be established by 2005 and take over responsibility for the SEE Portal by the end of that year.

Hivos supports this project because of the combination of strengthening civil society groups, linking SEE NGO and other communities in SEE among themselves and to international networks, and using the internet as a tool for information and communication.

WAI - WAI

IR005I -	
Organisation type:	Network
Sector:	ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Founded :	2004
Counterpart since:	2005

Project details

IR005I01 - TARAA Communication Web of Women in Iran, 2005-06	
DAC-sectors:	Strengthening civil society Adult/Youth education (BSS)
Location:	9 provinces of Iran
Beneficiary:	not relevant/other
activity	publications
Direct outreach	2000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach	5000 - Policy level/ public opinion
Contract total:	72.000
Contract period:	01-01-2005 untill 31-07-2007

01 TARAA Communication Web Women in Iran, 2005-06

The Communication Web of Women in Iran or Tarname-ye Ertebat-e Zanan-e Iran (TARAA) is aimed to function as an internet-based network/platform for exchange of information, ideas, opinions and goods between women all over Iran. The communication web exists of a mother website and 9 linked sister websites in different provinces (3 sister websites set up in the first year, 6 additional sister websites in the second year). Ultimately WAI wants to have 28 sister websites in all Iranian provinces. The website is in Farsi and English.

TARAA has a project staff of 5 people (3 full-time, 2 part-time). The staff has expertise in the field of journalism, internet technology and gender. They are not the people creating the content of the web though, because that comes from volunteers all over Iran (target: 10-25 volunteers in the first year, up to 45 volunteers in the second). TARAA trains volunteers in the field of journalism and Internet technology.

The years 2005-06 are the first years, needed for preparation, creation of the required infrastructure, and training of people. In concrete, WAI is busy setting up an office and recruiting staff, developing the required internet software, and creating the web. Also WAI is busy preparing training materials, training volunteers via workshops, helping establish sister websites, and organizing a national summit for the trainees. Furthermore, it translates information from Farsi into English, maintains the mother website, and establishes working relations with webs in other countries.

The expected output of the project is threefold. First of all, a group of volunteers will be prepared to use TARAA properly and to publish accurate and well readable info on this communication web. WAI organizes 9 training workshops in 9 provinces in 1,5 years time, which is 3 training workshops in the first year, and 6 in the second year. All training workshops are 2-3 days with 2-3 months of follow-up support. The series of training will be finalized by a national summit. Target after 2 years: 45 volunteers prepared and active for TARAA.

Secondly, a functioning communication web will exist, consisting of a mother website and 9 linked sister websites in different provinces. Target: 3 sister websites in the first year, 6 additional sister websites in the second.

And thirdly, there will be publications about issues, which are important for women in Iran. In addition to the publications, the website offers the infrastructure for online discussions on women's issues, with participants from different parts of Iran, and for sale of products, made by women

Intake change of periodcontract: 26-9-2005

WOUGNET - Women of Uganda Network - Kampala

UG0611 <http://www.wougnnet.org/>

Organisation : Network
type
Sector : Sustainable Economic Development, Gender, Women and Development, Not sector specific, ICT Media & Knowledge Sharing
Date foundation : 2002
Date first : 2004
contract

Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET) was initiated in May 2000 by several women's organisations to promote the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as a tool to share information and address gender issues collectively. In Uganda, the barriers for women to access and use ICT are much larger as compared to men. Despite the efforts made by government and different organisations challenges remain in terms of lack of capacity to explore and utilise ICTs, accessibility, affordability, illiteracy, language barriers, and limited ICT infrastructure especially in the rural areas. In addition there is need for continuous efforts to advocate for the integration of gender equality in ICT policies and programmes. WOUGNET addresses the identified constraints to enable women to benefit more from the use of ICTs. Presently, the membership of the network consists of 80 women organisations and individuals. The majority is located in urban areas and/or district towns where there is Internet access. Its goals are to strengthen the use of ICTs among women and women organisations, to build capacities in ICT application, as well as to expand activities to reach out to rural women. Main strategies are providing opportunities for sharing knowledge, giving technical support, ensuring gender related issues in government and institutions' ICT policies and implementing special projects for rural women. During the past years member organisations received technical support in order to make better use of ICTs. WOUGNET assessed the impact of ICTs on social change for women, trained women entrepreneurs and women in the health sector in the application of ICT, disseminated relevant information on the website and mailing list, created a pool of web designers and Tech Tip volunteers, and spearheaded ICT policy advocacy initiatives. Another result is the WOUGNET website that profiles Ugandan women organisations and their activities. The Website was awarded the African Information Society Initiative (AISII) Media Award. Hivos supports WOUGNET because it addresses the need for increased access to and use of information by women through modern communication technologies.

UG061102 - Programme to promote the use of ICTs among women and women's organisations

DAC-sectors : Strengthening civil society
Location : Kampala
Beneficiary : not relevant/other
Activity 1 : Information sharing and networking
Direct outreach : 5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach : 10000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Keywords : ID/ network development across sectors/ institutions
information exchange/ knowledge sharing
ICT-based communication, virtual network
Activity 2 : Technical support
Direct outreach : 50 - Intermediary level
Indirect outreach : 50000 - Intermediary level
Keywords : capacity building/ other
Activity 3 : Advocacy for gender in ICT policies
Direct outreach : 100 - Policy level/ institutional
Indirect outreach : 500000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Keywords : lobby/advocacy > policy makers, authorities, institutions

Activity 4 : Rural access to ICT
Direct outreach : 5000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Indirect outreach : 25000 - Beneficiaries: poor and/or marginalised women and men
Keywords : information exchange/ knowledge sharing
Contract total : 150.000
Contractperiod : 01-01-2005 until 31-12-2007
Expenditure in 2005 : 50.000

The network's programme is divided into four main areas namely: - Information sharing and networking: This program aims at facilitating access to relevant information by WOUGNET members in urban and in rural areas. - Technical support: This programme aims at supporting women organisations to access, utilise and apply ICTs in addressing their development problems. - Gender and ICT policy advocacy: The programme aims at building capacity of network members to effectively influence the formulation and implementation of gender sensitive ICT policies and programmes. - Rural access: This programme will address the information gap in the rural areas and access to ICTs. WOUGNET members without access to Internet facilities are targeted. Specific activities include administering of a mailing list for members, a monthly electronic newsletter and a WOUGNET website; online events such as discussions/online forums; web design for WOUGNET members; refurbished computer shipments; a gender assessment of the government's Rural Communications Development Fund; participation in review meetings and dialogues with ICT policy makers; training in ICT use and application for WOUGNET members and Hivos partners; and strengthening ICT access for rural women through the set up of two rural information centres and repackaging of information. WOUGNET continues its participation in the national task force of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and spearheading the Uganda Women Caucus on ICT (UWCI). UWCI is a platform of gender and ICT experts aiming at making ICT policies more gender sensitive. Hivos supports this programme because the activities are relevant to women and women's organisations' ICT capacity and it will contribute to knowledge sharing on gender issues in Uganda and beyond.