

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE  
2006 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS**

**INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>\$261,946</b>
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**CAMEROON**

**RELUFA—Alternative Banking for the Poor** **\$50,000**

RELUFA is a national network comprised of 20 Cameroonian non-governmental organizations involved in poverty, hunger, socio-economic and environmental injustice issues. Through funds received from SDOP the network will provide low-interest loans to low-income community groups in Cameroon.

**CONGO**

**Action Pour Le Bien Etre Des Families** **\$15,000**

This project involves a group of fourteen families in Kinshasa, Congo that came together in their fight against poverty. The group works together to improve their lives by engaging in community farming through breeding animals and selling their produce. This project has enabled the families to become self-sufficient and maintain their human dignity.

**GHANA**

**Fraternity Cocoa Farmers Association** **\$7,000**

This is a community-based cocoa growing project in East Ghana comprised of 73 families. The families hope to achieve an increased income that will enable them to keep their children in school.

**KENYA**

**Women of Victory Capacity Building Group** **\$15,000**

A group of 13 poor rural Kenyan women, mostly widows initiated this project. The project will involve the construction of a Hotel and Conference facility that will serve as an income-generating project. The women will also learn short-term vocational training skills and learn how to operate a micro credit organization.

**KENYA**

**Kager Self Help Project, Kenya** **\$14,500**

This group consists mostly of 162 poor local village women and young people that decided to organize themselves to sell produce from their gardens. The project is an education and training program in food production. It is a community-wide cooperative farming enterprise production.

**KENYA**

**Radienya Widows Group** **\$6,000**

A group of widows came together to embark on a project that would entail sustainable farming including poultry breeding and cultivation of vegetables and crops. The project has helped the women increase their income and also provide a source of food.

**KENYA**

**People Now Self Help Group** **\$10,000**

A 20-member cooperative decided to go into dairy farming as a means of enabling them to improve their income. Dairy farming will provide dependable revenue through selling of excess milk and by-products, **such as manure. It will also provide milk and meat.**

**KENYA**

**Aguthi Help Self-Help Centre Group** **\$9,425**

Twenty-three women came together to construct five sheds to help in the processing of honey, mushrooms, chili, seed collection and confectionaries. The project will assist the women in moving out of their condition of poverty and improving their livelihoods as well as that of their families.

**SIERRA LEONE**

**Baypina Women's Development Association** **\$11,510**

A group of women that had suffered the ravages of war came together to initiate this project. By organizing themselves into small groups, they have been able to

undertake projects through putting their resources together for mechanical rice cultivation, vegetable production, and raising goats. The project will help the women generate an income and move out of poverty.

**SIERRA LEONE**  
**Community Initiative Programme** **\$12,821**

Several families returned to their village after the rebel war and came together to discuss their future. They decided to continue livestock farming of goats and sheep. The project has enabled the group to become economically empowered and self-reliant.

**SIERRA LEONE**  
**Association of the Blind and Handicapped** **\$8,500**

This project involves a group of blind and handicapped persons in the Lunsar community that came together to work on improving production in rice cultivation, vegetable gardening and use of micro-credit among its members. The project has enabled the group to become economically empowered and self-reliant.

**SIERRA LEONE**  
**Borna Rural Youths Development Association** **\$7,920**

Thirty youth living in rural Sierra Leone in the village of Boama came together to support themselves economically through food production. The group's village has suffered much destruction from the war in neighboring Liberia as it was under rebel control during the war.

**SIERRA LEONE**  
**Tainkamanda Farm Project, North, Sierra Leone** **\$8,500**

A group of 125 men and women that survived the war formed a communal farming project that would address their poor economic condition. The group decided to work together to cultivate cassava, potato and ground nuts. The project will assist the group members in moving out of their condition of poverty and improving their livelihoods.

**SIERRA LEONE**  
**Goderich Pig Farmers Association** **\$15,035**

Since farming in Sierra Leone was severely disrupted during the ten-year civil war, the Goderich's Pig Farmers Association embarked on a pig farming project. The project has helped to improve their income, diversify their food supply and provide much needed protein for their diet.

**SIERRA LEONE**  
**Masemeneh Farmers Association** **\$13,000**

These 100 poor farmers are seeking a way to further their production and empower themselves economically. Their project focuses on food processing, animal restocking, and vegetable gardening. Funds will be used to purchase additional land to farm. The establishment of more working farms will help in generating long-term income.

**SUDAN**  
**Pajur Brick Making Initiative** **\$20,000**

Following years of war in the Sudan, a group of villagers from the Tonga area came together to organize themselves to sell bricks for use in rebuilding projects. The bricks will be used in rebuilding homes and businesses. Rebuilding will replenish villages that have been damaged or destroyed and ultimately result in employment and added income.

**UGANDA**  
**Jumadi Community Empowerment Project** **\$13,000**

This community poultry cooperative was set up with the intent to distribute "produce". The group is located in a part of Uganda decimated by civil strife. Poverty is rife and the Jumadi Community Empowerment Project sees establishing the cooperative as resulting in improved and more stable income.

**UGANDA**  
**Angwalusek Group** **\$15,000**

This project was initiated by a group of nine youth without a source of income. It includes buying, raising and selling piglets. The pig waste will be sold as manure and the project will provide the youth with much needed income.

**UGANDA**  
**Marginalized Women in Development** **\$9,735**

This group came together to work on ways to bring clean water to its community. The group members believe clean water will improve their quality of life, alleviate health issues, expand the food supply and ultimately result in increased income.

<b>ASIA</b>	<b>\$73,311</b>
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**INDIA**  
**Sri Satya Mahila Mandali** **\$2,214**  
This women's group came together to embark on a project that involves the processing of tamarind trees and production of hill brooms. The project will provide a means of sustainable income for the group.

**INDIA**  
**Lourdu Martha Group** **\$3,000**  
This self-help group of people are outcasts and poor. They came together in order to develop united efforts to enhance their difficult economic conditions by embarking on a project that will enable them to produce brakes and pedals made of rubber.

**INDIA**  
**Esther Women's Group Association** **\$5,000**  
Twenty-five women in a remote part of India where inadequate monsoon rains have brought the agricultural sector to a standstill organized themselves and collected palm sheaths and other raw materials from a nearby forest. They have used the raw materials to make brooms, brushes, carob cleaners and dusters for sale to improve themselves financially.

**INDIA** **\$19,567**  
**Mary Matha Mahila Podhupu Sangham**  
This group of widows with HIV/AIDS came together to purchase water buffaloes whose milk would provide much needed nutrition for the children and income for the women from the sale of the milk and calves. The income will enable the children to attend school, which in the long term will assist in breaking the cycle of poverty.

**INDIA**  
**Rural Women's Development, India** **\$4,330**  
These 20 women came together to use mangoes, lemon and ginger to make pickles. The income-generating project will increase family income and help them overcome poverty.

**LAOS**  
**Nongtha Looms Weaving** **\$5,500**  
A group of 10 unemployed women came together to begin a weaving business. Both the women and their families benefit from the income generated by the weaving business.

**MONGOLIA**  
**Mon-Goyol** **\$14,500**  
A group of local artists came together to make and sell their art works in one common place. The art includes traditional Mongolian clothes, hand made jewelry, leather and wooden crafts, sewed crafts and paintings. The project provides much needed income for the group members and their families.

**PHILLIPINES**  
**The Hanonoo Tribe Tennis-an** **\$5,000**  
Hanonoo tribe members came together to buy land for themselves and their families. They plan to build houses and live as a community on this land permanently.

**PHILIPPINES**  
**Upland Cavite People's Organization for Development** **\$14,200**  
These farmers organized themselves to form a united farming initiative concentrated around livestock farming, fruit and vegetable farming. The project will help alleviate poverty and provide a sustainable income-generating livelihood for the peasants within this community.

<b>Central America</b>	<b>\$243,282</b>
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**BELIZE**  
**Flower Water** **\$12,000**  
Fifteen co-op members came together to grow crops during the dry season. This project enables them to provide money for themselves and their families and thus sustain themselves.

**BOLIVIA**  
**Women Association for Development** **\$20,000**  
This group organized itself to purchase bakery equipment and provide training in the areas of the bakery process and sales strategies. Utilizing the bakery equipment will enable the group to increase production and result in increased income for the group members and their families thus improving their living conditions.

**COLOMBIA** **\$20,000**  
**Koinonia Sustainable Farm**  
A group of fourteen people came together to work on this project which involves sustainable farming including poultry breeding, cultivation of

vegetables, crops, fruit bearing trees and worm composting. The project will benefit both the group members and their families economically.

#### **COSTA RICA**

**Women Association of Guaitil de Acosta** **\$9,582**

A group of 15 poor and low-income housewives organized themselves to construct a building that will serve as a training place, therapy center and site to pack organic vegetables for sale. The project will contribute to the group members income base and enhance marketing of organic products.

#### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**Women Federation Marcelina de los Santos** **\$20,000**

This group of women came together to develop a block-making factory. The SDOP grant enabled the group to buy materials (sand, gravel, concrete,) with which to make the blocks and a truck to be used in delivery of the blocks. The factory will generate income for the members and thus help decrease unemployment.

#### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**Women Federation of Guerra** **\$20,000**

These 15 women came together to embark on a project that involves making blocks. The grant enabled the group to buy needed materials to make the blocks with and a truck to be used in transporting the blocks. The project allows the women to have an income.

#### **ECUADOR**

**Kichiwa Indian Artist Association** **\$20,000**

This is a project focused around ecotourism that integrates the experiences of the visitor with the daily lives and traditions of the native people of Ecuador. The project involves textile weaving and is self-sustaining and generates desperately needed income.

#### **EL SALVADOR**

**Octavio Ortiz Community** **\$12,000**

A group of people organized themselves to sell their produce directly to the consumer by purchasing a used 5-ton truck. The truck will be used to transport cattle, grains and vegetables and thereby improve the standard of living of the community members.

#### **EL SALVADOR**

**Community Development Association** **\$25,000**

This project is focused in a community that lacks a working water system that produces clean drinking water for everyday use. The creation of a potable water

system for the entire community will have a tremendously positive impact on the everyday quality of life in Cabanas.

**GUATEMALA** **\$15,000**

**Development Association**

This is a project comprised of 216 women from 4 communities that came together to farm and thus produce, consume and sell quality food. Group members also raise chickens and rabbits. The members received training in organization, administration and accounting. The project will help the women, their children, and other family members move out of poverty.

#### **HAITI**

**Chache Lavi** **\$20,000**

A group of vendors came together to purchase inventory and transportation equipment. Available money to replenish inventory insures sustainability of their business.

#### **NICARAGUA**

**Families from El corozo, El Jicaro, El Zarzal, Santa Teresa and El Castillo** **\$17,700**

A group of poor families lacking basic services and access to schools, health services and markets came together to build wells, repair roads and construct a pedestrian bridge. The roads and bridge will link their community to markets for their agricultural products and thus help to increase the families' incomes.

#### **NICARAGUA**

**Young People Achieving their Dreams** **\$10,000**

This group of eleven women came together to establish a cooperative "cleaning" service. The project will provide them an opportunity to get out of extreme poverty.

#### **PERU**

**Producers Assoc. from Santa Barbara, Peru** **\$22,000**

This group from the province of Huancavelica, one of the poorest provinces in Peru came together to fight poverty by breeding alpacas in order to create clothes and other products from the fine alpaca wool for sale. The group plans to build a craft center where these clothes can be made and marketed. This project will help to improve the quality of participant lives.

## DOMESTIC PROJECTS

<b>MIDWEST</b>	<b>\$79,500</b>
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<b>Esfberzo Hispano Kansas City, KS</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>
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This group of seven organizers and approximately fifty Latino immigrant families came together to build a local community safety net. The project involves building positive relationships with those who have influence and power over the systems and structures that oppress them.

<b>Campaign for Human Dignity Kalamazoo, MI</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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The Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN) is working towards ending the systemic discrimination against those perceived to be poor and / or homeless in the Kalamazoo area. This project involves advocating the stopping of Kalamazoo law enforcement officers abusing, harassing and targeting homeless persons in public spaces and business places, and advocating for improving relationships.

<b>Urban Teen Magazine Project Chicago, IL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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These teenagers came together to produce an Urban magazine project. The project provides education in magazine publishing, interactive programming, development of writing skills and needed tools for owning and operating their own future business. The project keeps these youth from engaging in illegal activities like drugs and street gangs.

<b>Wisdom Steps Marketing and Outreach Project Marshall, MN</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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This is a project centered at addressing and improving the health of Minnesota Native American Elders. This innovative health project includes screenings and exercise.

<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>
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<b>Community Leadership Institute Philadelphia, PA</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
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This project is focused on training, organizing and empowering grass roots leadership. It is centered on organizing primarily non-English speaking and poor residents over the unjust use of eminent domain. Extremely low prices are paid to residents whose houses are being acquired and residents are excluded from the planning/redevelopment process.

<b>Schenectady Youth Boxing Club Schenectady, NY</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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Several youth that are economically challenged came together to organize around this boxing club. The boxing club helps them experience both physical and mental disciplines through exercise and formal boxing instruction and coaching as well as providing a social support system that holds them to high standards in their daily life in school and work situations.

<b>Haitian Community Development Project Niverville, NY</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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This group of lower income Haitian immigrants and Haitian-Americans came together to provide language skills training; employment referrals; temporary emergency assistance; immigration services and promotion of Haitian art and culture to the Haitian community in the Hudson, New York area. The project provides an opportunity for the people to integrate into the non-Haitian community.

<b>Portland Organizing to Win Economic Rights Portland (P.O.W.E.R.), ME</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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P.O.W.E.R. is a grassroots anti-poverty group that organizes around issues of homelessness, low wages and very limited access to healthcare for the poor and uninsured. P.O.W.E.R. members educate and learn about issues of poverty. They also advocate for, document and lead protests when necessary on the above conditions.

<b>The People's Downtown Master Plan Lewiston, ME</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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This project was created by the disenfranchised, poor and low-income residents of Lewiston to reflect the needs, desires, and voice of the community. The process of including the community in strengthening the planning process will include door-to-door canvassing of residents and businesses and holding community-planning meetings to identify emerging needs.

<b>Griffin Park Environmental Health Project</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
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**Bangor, ME**

These low-income residents came together to identify sources of pollution in the air, water and streams in Griffin Park. Residents have been afflicted with high levels of physical and medical ailments including asthma and cancer. The group plans to develop strategies to deal with the problems and give low-income residents a strong voice in the local government decision-making process. They also plan to test, analyze and evaluate procedures to clearly demonstrate the contents of the air and water in Griffin Park.

**Movimiento por Justiciadel Barrio** **\$20,000**

**Bangor, ME**

This project comprised of low-income residents and people of color is centered on advocating for just living conditions in three buildings owned by the same landlord. Group members have lived under deplorable conditions for months with no heat or hot water, falling ceilings, electrical fire hazards, broken appliances and exposure to poisonous lead paint.

**SOUTH** **\$312,700**

**F.A.C.T Families Actively Coming Together** **\$20,000**

**Gainesville, FL**

This project comprised of a racially diverse group from a very low-income area of Gainesville is organizing to overcome their own sense of powerlessness and neglect by public officials. The group is learning how to organize around and present issues that negatively impact their community such as high crime, run down rental housing and unreliable garbage collection.

**Parents in Action** **\$20,000**

**Newport News, VA**

These low-income single parents organized to work on a project that would provide parental development and guidance in academic tutoring, social and cultural improvement. The project will help them learn how to increase their income and to work within the system to improve their children's academic success as well as social and cultural improvement.

**Skills for Successful Futures** **\$10,700**

**Homestead, FL**

A group of about sixty low-income and at risk youth came together to develop skills in entrepreneurship. They are involved in learning activities that teach them business skills and how to compile business plans. They developed a work plan that focuses on entrepreneurship skills in managing a lawn service and computer services.

**Successful Living** **\$20,000**

**Naranja, FL**

A group of sixteen low-income senior citizens came together to combine their skills in arts and crafts, sewing and food preparation. They plan to sell their goods in a flea market to improve their income and standard of living.

**Job Training & Literacy for Hispanic Immigrants** **\$20,000**

**Homestead, FL**

This is a project initiated by a group of fifty young adults to develop English skills and trades skills. Their inability to speak English has kept them out of the job market and. Learning English and trades skills will help them overcome social and economic barriers by enabling them to compete in the job market.

**Kids in Motion** **\$20,000**

**Apopka, FL**

Parents of children in *Kids in Motion*, a child day care facility for low-income children came together to develop their financial literacy skills. The financial literacy training will help the parents obtain sustainable financial literacy.

**Time to Care: Family Flexible Policies for Low Wage** **\$20,000**

**Atlanta, GA**

These low-income women have children with disabilities, health and behavioral issues and need flexible work policies to be able to care for their children. The women came together to advocate for flexible work policies to increase their availability to address their children's health, childcare and school issues.

**Comunidad Especial El Vigia, Inc.** **\$20,000**

**Arecibo, PR**

A group of low-income individuals organized by pooling their food preparation skills to form a moveable food service cooperative. Group members by partnering with SDOP were able to obtain equipment and participate in needed ongoing culinary training.

**Hurley Community Development Inc.** **\$10,000**

**Hurley, VA**

Residents of this rural low-income coal mining community were once employed as coal miners but today there are very few mining jobs. Most of the people in Hurley today are below poverty level. Community members came together to engage in a project that involves providing supplemental food, clothing and home repair to residents.

**Alliance Internationale Humainitaire Pour Haiti, Inc.** **\$14,000**

**Miami, FL**

This group came together to learn English language skills. Being unable to speak and write English fluently is a barrier to securing employment and / promotions. Improving their English language skills will enable them to return to college, get better jobs and provide for their families.

**CASA DBA Community Property Alternatives \$17,000**

**Raleigh, NA**

This group of individuals with disabilities including mental illness, developmental disabilities and HIV/AIDS came together to earn a living through training in lawn maintenance.

**Community Recovery Project \$20,000**

**Biloxi, MS**

This group of women organized to educate themselves as residents of East Biloxi, MS about available resources in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, locate transportation to secure those resources and secure temporary housing. They will also advocate with city officials for the needs of the community.

**East Baker County Historical Society \$61,000**

**Newton, GA**

This group in the poorest county in Georgia came together to work on a project focused on the development of a commercial kitchen. The kitchen will facilitate entrepreneurship training and provide an income for group members and their families.

**M.M.W.M.C. Institute of Second Chance \$20,000**

**and God Given Talent****Atlanta, GA**

This community group of 23 people came together to develop a series of film productions on poverty to educate the general public on issues poor people face. The film also created a source of income for group members.

**Kentucky Care Professional House Cleaning \$20,000**

**Lexington, KY**

These eight immigrant single mothers came together to form a house-cleaning cooperative. The SDOP partnership will enable the women to develop skills in the house cleaning business and help move them out of the poverty conditions they live under.

**WEST \$115,000**

**Time Dollar Community Connection \$20,000**

**San Antonio, TX**

This is a neighborhood revitalization project in which community members formed a network of support that builds on the strengths, talents and skills of its members. Time Dollar is a community building tool and form of currency. Members earn the currency by helping others and spend it by getting help. The SDOP partnership will enable them to hire a time dollar member to coordinate the volunteer hours.

**Aero Dance \$15,000**

**San Antonio, TX**

Twenty-five Latina women came together to create a support group around issues of emotional and social well-being. Through the education component of the project the group addresses issues of violence, alienation, depression and poor health.

**Eagle Design XIV \$20,000**

**Prineville, OR**

These 7 low-income persons decided to establish an embroidery and hand painted products business that includes machine-embroidering logos on hats and sweatshirts. The project will employ and lift the group members out of poverty.

**Filipino Project \$20,000**

**Oakland, CA**

Twenty members of the Filipino Immigrant Workers Association organized to provide support services for themselves and other immigrant Filipino workers. The project will involve developing awareness of workers' rights and social justice consciousness, organizing skills training and developing the capacity of Filipino workers to organize for improved working conditions.

**Acquire Health Care for Uninsured Lupus Patients \$20,000**

**Inglewood, CA**

Persons with Lupus organized to advocate for themselves by receiving training at the Cedar Sinai Medical Center in becoming intake counselors as well as how to research social services available to uninsured patients. The SDOP grant will help in educating themselves and others about this debilitating disease.

**Comunidad en Movimiento (Community in Action) \$20,000**

**Los Angeles, CA**

Twelve community members initiated this project focused around training members to develop skills in advocacy, public speaking, agenda building and strategy planning. The community benefits by having residents on an ongoing basis who are at the forefront of projects that shape their environment.