

Human Rights Small Grants Scheme 2008-09: Successful Projects

Country	Title	Description of Project
Bangladesh	Help Acid Survivors Rebuild Their Lives	To empower victims of acid attacks (largely women and girls) to realise their economic and social rights. This will be done by providing them with social and vocational skills training, and job placements, and will assist them to reintegrate into society and live a life with dignity. It will also raise community awareness of acid attacks and address issues of discrimination of victims. \$150,000 over two years. Acid Survivors Foundation.
Cambodia	Empowering Disabled Peoples' Organisations to mainstream disability into development plans in Kampong Speu and Kampong Cham provinces	To empower people with disabilities to advocate for their human rights. People with disabilities are encouraged to become participants in shaping seven community development plans to promote inclusion in Kampong Speu and Kampong Cham provinces. \$69,200 over one year. Handicap International.
Egypt	Legal Empowerment and Aid: Improving Access to Justice Watchdog Unit	To provide legal consultation to women in Egypt and raise awareness of women's legal rights. The focus will be on data collection, advocacy and strengthening current mechanisms which support women's human rights by lobbying for legal reforms. \$70,481 over one year. Egyptian Center for Women's Rights.
Fiji (Regional)	Human Rights Training for Pacific Churches	To provide human rights training and capacity building for leaders and members of Pacific Christian Churches. This program will promote awareness of human rights issues, and will develop a module of study on human rights in their Bachelor of Divinity Program. The project will cover Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Fiji. \$151,427 over two years. Pacific Conference of Churches.
Ghana	Production of Educational Booklets, and Advocacy on the Rights of Arrested Persons in Ghana	To conduct an awareness and advocacy campaign across five regions of Ghana about the rights of arrested persons. This campaign will work to improve the treatment of detainees, raise awareness among police and the community of the rights of those in detention, and build capacity of civil society advocates. \$75,762 over one year. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.
India	Peacebuilding / Coexistence Initiative in Schools in Ahmedabad (Gujarat)	To raise awareness and build capacity of students and teachers in Gujarat, which was the location of the 2002 communal riots which killed around 2,000 Muslims. The aim is to promote social reconciliation, pluralism and harmony. This will involve training of children on peace and coexistence, training of teachers in conflict resolution and peace-building, and will establish 46 'peace clubs' in schools across Gujarat. \$41,845 over one year. Samerth Charitable Trust.
Indonesia	Strengthening the Capacity of the Islamic Local Leaders on Gender Equality and Human Rights in Jombang, Lamongan, and Kediri, East Java	To build capacity of Islamic local leaders. This program will focus on gender equality and human rights. It will also focus on strengthening the civil society networks dealing with these issues in Muslim communities. \$70,000 over one year. Rahima Foundation, Centre for Education and Information on Islam and Women's Rights Issues.

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Jordan	The Jordanian Parties and Human Rights	To enhance human rights skills and their value in the working of the Jordanian political parties. This will be done by conducting a study of the extent to which Jordanian parties have adopted human rights principles into their programs and activities. \$56,385 over one year. National Centre for Human Rights.
Madagascar	Towards the Full Recognition of the Rights of People with Disabilities	To build the capacity of disability associations and key institutional players. These groups will advocate for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into national policy. This program aims to achieve recognition of equality of people with disabilities, and to better include them in economic and social life. It also aims to put in place a data collection system to monitor violations of the rights of people with disabilities and disseminate a report on these findings. \$69,555 over one year. Handicap International.
Maldives	'I Choose to Know My Rights': Strengthening Democracy in the Maldives through Human Rights Education	To undertake a human rights awareness and civic education program. The main goal of this program is to provide Maldivian citizens, especially youth and rural communities, with the knowledge required for positive engagement in the country's emergent democracy. \$70,488 over one year. Transparency Maldives.
Mongolia	Hands Up for Your Rights: a youth empowerment project	To empower youth in Mongolia. This program aims to educate young people about human rights, democracy and gender equality. It will also support human rights training of youth by youth, and will raise community awareness of their civil and political rights. \$73,510 over one year. National Network of Mongolian Women's NGOs.
Papua New Guinea	Peace Initiatives in Tambu / Nebilyer, Western Highlands Province	To empower major communities in the Tambul / Nebilyer district. This program aims to improve their lives through developing conflict resolution skills and strategies which improve local decision-making and reduce crime. \$65,670 over one year. Peace Foundation Melanesia Inc.
Philippines	Promoting Independent, Impartial and Effective Investigation of Human Rights Violations	To build the capacity of investigators and medical doctors in the Commission on Human Rights. This program will work to monitor and report on human rights violations, in particular, extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances. \$69,995 over one year. The Asia Foundation.
Philippines	Park Avenue Initiative: Community Based Pro-Child Governance	To promote and protect the rights of children and youth in eight parts of Pasay City, through capacity building of the area councils responsible for the protection of children; adopting certain preventative measures; and education and training of youth about their human rights. \$64,809 over one year. Community and Family Services International (CFSI).
Solomon Islands	Community Land Rights Awareness Project	To protect the social and economic rights of people living on Gizo Island (Western Province, Solomon Islands). These people have been displaced as a result of the April 2007 tsunami. The program will increase victims' awareness of their rights, as well as increase women's participation in decision-making on land rights issues. \$75,000 over one year. Oxfam International, Gizo.

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Sri Lanka	To create a system of local human rights defenders, focusing on the Child Rights Convention, in 15 villages in Batticaloa District, eastern Sri Lanka	To support and strengthen community awareness of child rights violations in 15 villages in Batticaloa District; promote and build the capacity of 15 Village Child Rights Monitoring Committees (VCRMC) to investigate and manage human rights abuses against children; increase VCRMC's visibility and forge closer links with government authorities for effective functioning of the Child Protection Case Management System; and develop best practice guidelines for VCRMC. \$69,552 over one year. Terre des Hommes Foundation
Vanuatu	Promoting the Implementation of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities through Training and Awareness Raising	To raise awareness of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This will be promoted primarily to people with disability, government agencies, donors, media and the community. The program will translate the Convention into Bislama, and will develop a pictorial version. It will also assist the Shefa Provincial Council to advance persons with a disability in the province. \$63,000 over one year. Disability Promotion and Advocacy Authority.
Vietnam	On the defense: protecting the rights of children in conflict with the law	To protect the rights of children in direct conflict with law enforcement agencies. This program will work with the police to create a 'good practice' model of detaining, questioning, and protecting these children. It will also train police, social workers, and local government officials to promote their rights. \$60,000 over one year. Blue Dragon Children's Foundation.