

Human Rights Small Grants Scheme 2009-10: Successful Projects

Country	Organisation	Title	Project Description	Funding Amount (AUD)
Afghanistan	Children in Crisis	Promoting the rights of women and children in Afghanistan	The project will train teachers and police and hold community activities to raise awareness about violence against women and children in order to promote the rights of children, particularly girls, to enjoy an education free from violence.	\$99,750 over one year
Argentina	The Environment and Natural Resource Foundation (Fundacion Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN))	Environmental Justice for the Poor: Building Citizenship and Protecting Rights through Law and Public Participation Tools	The project will to build the capacity of the poor living in 16 local municipalities to participate in decision making about the uses of the Riachuelo and Matanza–Riachuelo rivers and so protect the environmental rights of local citizens.	\$58,000 over one year
Bangladesh	Bangladesh legal Aid and Services Trust	Rights of worker and consumer safety and public accountability in Bangladesh	The project will safeguard the rights of workers and consumers by assessing the capacity of Bangladeshi government bodies involved in worker and consumer safety and by consulting with government and civil society to bring about legislative and policy change.	\$80,600 over one year
Belize	United Belize Advocacy Movement	Legal Empowerment: Improving Advocacy Power of Sexual Minorities to lead a Watchdog Unit for Justice	This project will build the capacity of people living with HIV and sexual minorities to become human rights defenders and provide legal advice to these groups who are suffering rights abuses in Belize. The project focuses on data collection, advocacy and strengthening the capacity of these groups to participate in legal reform mechanisms.	\$66,000 over one year
Burkina Faso	Handicap Solidaire Burkina	Promoting the rights of disabled people in Burkina Faso	The project will raise awareness of the UN Convention on the Rights People with Disabilities, recently ratified by Burkina Faso. This will be done through training of people with disability, civil society organisations and local government in 45 provinces.	\$42,694 over one year
Cambodia	Community Legal Education Centre	Public interest litigation and advocacy project	The project will promote the rule of law and democratic institutions in Cambodia by using the legal system to assert and protect citizens' rights, particularly focusing upon land rights and ownership.	\$147,400 over two years

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Cameroon	InterFaith Vision Foundation Cameroon	Lobbying and Advocating for the Revision of Obnoxious Traditional Laws and Practices that Marginalise Young Widows and Orphans	Widows and orphans will be educated on their rights to land ownership, micro finance, gender equality, protection from violence and forced marriage. Traditional councils will be trained in how to meet their obligations to ensure these rights.	\$75,000 over one year
Chile	Observatorio de Derechos de los Pueblos Indigenas (ODPI)	Monitoring the implementation of United Nations recommendations regarding Human Rights in Chile	This project will promote and monitor the implementation of recommendations made to Chile by the UN Human Rights Council in the Universal Periodic Review and by UN Treaty Bodies. Activities include awareness-raising, monitoring progress, advocacy and support for legal action against human rights abuse.	\$100,000 over two years
China	Chinese Women's Research Society	Facilitating Chinese NGOs Role in the CEDAW Shadow Report Process	The project will facilitate preparation of the shadow report to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women. The capacity of Chinese NGOs to monitor and report on the Chinese Government's implementation of CEDAW will be built through training and workshops.	\$100,000 over two years
East Timor	Judicial System Monitoring Program	Strengthening the capacity of police, health professionals and lawyers to understand and apply the new Penal Code and Domestic Violence Law	The project will promote the rights of women and children by building the capacity of policy, health professionals and lawyers to understand their responsibilities under the new East Timor Penal Code and Domestic Violence Law. Up to 20 doctors, 20 lawyers, 30 nurses and midwives and 30 police officers will undertake training to better understand the implications of domestic violence and their legal responsibilities.	\$110,834 over one year
Egypt	Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights Association	The Empowerment of Women for Governance in the Egyptian Village	The project will promote the political empowerment of women to participate in local council elections by running capacity-building workshops for women and establishing support centres for women in local councils.	\$66,951 over one year
Ghana	Women in Law and Development	Women's Access to Justice Through Legal Literacy	Empowering women to have access to justice in the Ahanta West District of Western Region, through public education, capacity-building of paralegals, Community Reconciliation	\$98,135 over one year

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			Committees, and engagement with state agencies and traditional leaders. Over 2000 people will be reached through radio discussions, posters and community outreach seminars. 25 community members will be trained as legal literacy volunteers.	
Guyana	Society against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD)	Human Rights Education for the Protection of Sexual and Gender Minorities in Guyana	This project will provide human rights education to sexual and gender minorities in Guyana, and to providers of social and health services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and transsexual persons. SASOD will produce awareness raising materials and host a series of discussions and training sessions with various stakeholders and service-providers.	\$23,390 over 11 months
India	Association for Voluntary Action	AusAID Child Friendly Village Project	The project will promote the right of children to an education and to end the practice of child labour. Up to 20 child friendly villages will be created in Rajasthan, India, and the project will raise awareness in these villages of education and human rights, and assist them to improve their local governance systems.	\$149,000 over two years
Indonesia	Centre for Study and Child Protection	Prevention of trafficking in children and women for sexual purposes through theatre show in North Sumatra	The Centre will undertake an innovative campaign to raise awareness about the trafficking of women and children in North Sumatra, Indonesia. The Centre will hold, in conjunction with a local theatre group, shows in 5 cities and districts which will educate viewers about preventing trafficking as well as distributing recordings of the shows to the wider community.	\$50,000 over one year
Iraq	Handicap International	Strengthening self advocacy capacities for rights and equal opportunities of Persons with disabilities in Iraq	The project will work with Iraqi people living with disabilities to become active disability stakeholders. By providing training and micro-grant support, the project will enable these groups to advocate and lobby for their rights and will help legitimise their role in the development and implementation of disability related policies. \$100,000 over one year.	\$100,000 over one year
Jamaica	Jamaica Association for the Deaf	Public Education Campaign on the	This project will develop linguistically accessible materials for the Deaf and build the capacity of advocacy teams to	\$100,000 over two years

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		CRPD for the Deaf	sensitise key stakeholder groups to engage in a rights-based approach to development for the Deaf community.	
Kenya	Kenya Human Rights Commission	Human Rights Accountability Project	This project will provide support to the Commission to increase its interventions to prevent human rights violations and integrate human rights and accountability within legal, policy and institutional reforms, through research, monitoring, reporting, and international advocacy at the United Nations.	\$100,000 over one year
Lebanon	KAFA (enough) Violence and Exploitation	Legalizing the Protection of Women and Girls from Family Violence	This project will promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in Lebanon. It will provide social support and counselling for victims of family violence, and will lobby and mobilize decision-makers to formally adopt a draft law that protects women from family violence.	\$99,540 over one year
Liberia	National Human Rights Centre of Liberia	Consolidating Human Rights and Rule of Law Culture in Rural Committees	To educate rural populations in six political sub-divisions on their human rights and undertake judicial advocacy and monitoring campaigns to ensure the rights and fair treatment of defendants and prisoners.	\$88,625 over one year
Maldives	Hoadedhdhoo Association for Development	Empowering youth human rights organisations: mainstreaming human rights into development plans of NGOs based in the Southern Atolls	This project will raise awareness of, and empower youth about, their human rights, particularly their civil and political rights, their economic, social and cultural rights and also the relationship between climate change and human rights. Six workshops will take place in the four most southern Maldivian atolls to build the capacity of NGOs in the area of youth rights.	\$37,915 over one year
Mexico	Colectivo para la Atención de la Salud Integral de la Familia A.C. – Cifam (Collective for Family Health)	Advocating for Sexual and Reproductive Rights as Human Rights for the Social Development in Chiapas, Mexico	This project seeks to reduce personal, social and political Human Rights Violations based on discrimination in Chiapas. It will focus on advocacy training, awareness raising and promotion of social participation in the prevention of discrimination.	\$97,094 over one year
Mongolia	Open Society Forum	Strengthening Human Rights NGOs in Mongolia	The capacity of human rights NGOs in Mongolia will be strengthened by this proposal. They will be trained to identify violations of human rights, particularly civil and	\$39,350 over one year

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			political rights, and engage with government and official human rights bodies to improve their accountability.	
Nicaragua	The National Human Rights Institution	Strengthening the Human Rights of the Indigenous People and Afrodescendents	The Nicaraguan NHRI will work with Indigenous People and Afrodescendents to strengthen their capacity to provide key social services and assume responsibility for their own communities.	\$50,000 over one year
Nigeria	Centre for the Right to Health	Building the capacities of civil society groups and media organisations on issues relating to sexual and reproductive rights in Nigeria	Capacity building of civil society groups and media organizations through a series of workshops on issues relating to sexual and reproductive rights in Nigeria.	\$104,690 over two years
Nigeria	Human Assistance Initiative	Judicial and Human Rights Training of Sharia and Customary Court Judges on Integrating Human Rights in the System of Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria	This project will enhance the understanding of judicial officers in Nigeria, especially Sharia and customary court judges, of the principles of human rights within the system of administration of criminal justice. This will be done through a series of training workshops.	\$83,030 over one year
Palestinian National Authority	Women Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)	Consolidating	This project will contribute to the development of the legislative and institutional policies which support women and will raise community awareness of women's rights. It will also document violations of women's human rights and prepare studies and reports to be disseminated locally, regionally and internationally.	\$100,000 over one year
Philippines	Balay Alternative Legal Advocates for Development in Mindanaw	Enhancing human rights advocacy in Lanao through legal and paralegal support program	Human rights violations in Lanao Province in the Philippines will be documented as part of this project. Paralegals will be trained to understand international human rights so they can work with local communities to monitor and report on violations and to present their findings to relevant organisations.	\$54,202 over one year

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Solomon Islands	Save the Children Australia	Our Views in News	The rights of children will be encouraged by participation of children in media initiatives using print, radio and television. This project will also establish children's clubs to conduct community activities on children's issues and train media personnel on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. \$70,000 over one year.	\$70,000 over one year
Somalia	Disability Action Network	Promotion of Equal Human Rights and Elimination of All Forms of Barriers against People with Disabilities in Somaliland	Raising public awareness of the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities through media, publications and events; building advocacy capacities and sensitisation of government officials, teachers, community leaders, police and other change agents on disability rights.	\$55,155 over one year
South Africa	Centre for Conflict Resolution	Human Rights and Conflict Management Project	Training of officials from national human rights commissions in West and Central Africa, representatives from the African Union human rights mechanisms, and civil society organisations on human rights and conflict management to enhance human rights protection in post-conflict contexts.	\$94,987 over 2 years
Sri Lanka	Council for Public Policy	IDP Land Documentation Program – Jaffna Legal Aid Project	The right of internally displaced people in Sri Lanka's Jaffna District to return to their previous homes is impinged by a lack of evidence about their land ownership. The project will increase legal efforts to secure such evidence and facilitate the return of war-affected persons, especially women.	\$97,765 over one year
Sri Lanka	Women in Need	Justice for women, protection of human rights and women in need, intervention in combating violence against women in Sri Lanka	This project will combat domestic violence against women and empower women to enjoy the rights afforded to them by the Sri Lankan constitution. Counselling and legal services will be provided to victims of domestic violence, along with community awareness raising programs which target government officials, the judiciary and men to address this issue.	\$99,625 over one year
Sudan	Sudanese Human Rights Monitor	Supporting Rights and Democracy for	Promoting democratisation in Sudan through awareness raising of human rights including the rights of citizenship	\$42,292 over 18 months

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		Effective Participation in Elections	and building the capacity of civil society to play a role in election monitoring.	
Togo	Handicap International	The International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – Making it work in Togo	Building the capacity of institutions to incorporate the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into legislation in the education, health and employment sectors.	\$99,741 over one year
Tuvalu	Tuvalu National Council of Women	Tuvalu Women's Crisis Centre	The Tuvalu National Council of Women will establish a women's crisis centre to provide free, confidential counselling to women and provide advice on domestic abuse and legal rights. The Council will work closely with the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre to train Tuvalan counsellors.	\$68,222 over two years