

Asia

India

Development Promotion Group (DPG), India \$50,000

To assist primarily women, children and neglected minorities in South India with projects ranging from development to sanitation, housing and education. (2010)

Stone Breaking and Gravel Making Activity, Indira Mahila Self Help Group, Cuddapah District \$8,945

This project is simple, but not easy. This group of women will gather rocks, stones and boulders. They will break them into small pieces of gravel and then sell the gravel that is used to build roads, foundations, buildings and cement. Funds from this grant will go toward purchasing equipment to make the task easier and safer. (2004)

Kamala Nehru Group, Gudipatipalli \$5,750

By purchasing, tending and reselling sheep the members of this group can now become more independent and develop a sustainable income. (2004)

Indira Mahila Group, Kattakrindhipalli A.P. \$5,020

This grant will assist this group purchasing 24 milk buffalo, insurance, feed and fodder for their families' survival. This will provide them with food and income and get them started along the path of self-sufficiency. (2004)

Women's Action Team, Neyyardam \$3,500

This group joined together to fight for equal rights and eradicate unemployment and poverty. Since bananas are in abundance in this area the group decided to make banana chips. The women will make and market this product. (2005)

Swathika Fishworker's Group, Ongole \$15,000

This group came together to replace its boats and fishing gear lost during the December 2005 Tsunami. As the group's only livelihood is fishing, they do not own land from which

to get loans from the banks. Borrowing from middlemen involves high rates of interest and selling their fish to these middlemen at a lower price. The fishing gear will allow them to sell directly to anyone. (2005)

Depressed Women's Leprosy Group

\$10,000

A group of women with leprosy decided to get together to rear white pork. The group hopes sales from the pork will assist them in becoming economically independent. (2005)

Foundation of Rural Development

\$15,975

This group of villagers seeks to renovate old wells and ponds that serve as supplementary water resources during the dry season and to equip them with a pump set. Farming is dependent on wetland crops, since forest animals destroyed the dry land farming; therefore, it is essential to overcome water shortages when the rainfall is erratic in order to have good crops. (2005)

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. (2006)

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. (2006)

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 their financial situations. (2006)

Mary Matha Mahila Podhupu Sangham

\$19,567

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. (2006)

**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. (2006)

**Garment Making and Marketing, Self-Development of People Committee, Prakasam District
\$10,110**

This 50-member group has started a garment-making training/production center that will increase their ability to earn income and improve nutrition and healthcare in their community. (2003)

**Buffalo Raising, Chaithany Women's Group, Podili, Andhra Pradesh
\$5,413**

A group of widows, living in an oppressive society, formed a self-help group to raise buffaloes for milk and dung sales to neighbors and nearby communities. (2003)

**Rajeswari Yuvathi Mahila Mandali, Pulivendula
\$1,900**

Regular employment, a decent status in society and social change are now within the reach of this group of 20 women who will purchase machinery and raw materials to produce "ready-made" garments. (2003)

**Tamarind Processing, Puthuyugam Women's Group, Pachal, Tamil Nadu
\$6,000**

Providing employment opportunities for destitute women is just one of the goals of this project. Through the creation of a tamarind processing plant, this group of 15 women will now be able to overcome dehumanization and gain the respect they deserve in their community. (2003)

**Manufacturing of Traditional Lambadi Dresses and Toys, Nomadic Tribal Women's Group (The Indigenous People), Chengam Taluk
\$6,075**

In order to generate income and sustain the cultural tradition of Lambadi, this community group will make and sell hand-made traditional Lambadi-Pattiy-Kali (lime petticoat skirts) and toys. (2003)

Varalakshmi Group of fishermen of Pallepalsm, Village, Varalakahmi Fishermen Group, Kothapatnam A.P.

\$16,562

Through the purchase of motors, boats and better nets, this group of fishermen will be able to dramatically increase their productivity and safety, while decreasing costs when fishing. (2003)

**Brick Making Programme, Kurnool Dist.
\$2,000**

To extract themselves from the bondage and indebtedness from landlords 10 women of this community have organized to produce bricks which will improve their living standards, eradicate poverty and ensure community development. (2002)

**Anbulagam-Federation of Women's Groups, Thanganu-Tamilnadu
\$9,300**

To raise community assets and get away from the government welfare programs this group has started a revolving fund with 30 cross breed cows which will provide employment for themselves and their families. (2002)

**Kariandal Vil Kondam Gipsy Coloney, Kariandal
\$3,200**

This group of homeless people have established a way to address their living situation and generate income by selling their handmade crafts. (2001)

**Women Development Through Dairy, Thadoore Village, Tamil Nadu
\$14,250**

Thirty women of this community have organized and developed a small dairy project for personal income, as well as nutritional needs. The milk products and manure will be sold to improve their families living standard and health. (2001)

**Dairy Development Project, Jeevan Jyothi Women's Group, Ongole
\$7,089**

A group of 15 widowed Dalit women and dependents have developed a project whereby they own 30 buffaloes, sell the milk and receive suitable income for their labor. This project enables the women to take charge of their lives and provide stability for their families. (2001)

**Dalith Stone Crushing Programme, Suguna Mahila Mandali, Hyderabad
\$1,760**

These part-time farm laborers have developed their own stone crushing business. With this new business they have gained new skills, increased their income, provided community employment and needed services and products. (2001)

**Sustainable Development of Women Through Dairy Project General Committee of Vempadu Village, Varikuntapadu Mandal
\$16,543**

This group consisting of 45 Dalit families have organized to free themselves from exploitation by their current employers and to become self-reliant thus improving their standard of living. (2001)

**Utilize Power Looms Instead of Country Looms, Production and Sales Society Ltd., Cuddapah
\$20,080**

To produce a higher quality of "silken cloth" the women of this weaving project will replace their old country looms with power looms, which will enable them to stay abreast of the market demands and increase production. With the new power looms they will become more competitive thereby enabling them to generate an income for themselves and their families. (2001)

**Housing and Income Generation for the Homeless Narikurava Sect, Welfare Association of Narikuravas Welfare Action, Thiruthuraipoondi, Tamil Nadu
\$14,155**

This group of homeless people are working to improve their situation by constructing a shelter to live and purchasing raw material to make and sell ornaments/jewelry to generate income. (2001)

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. (2006)

**Mongolia
\$14,500**

Mon-Goyol

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. (2006)

Nepal

Women Association for Development Effort (WADE) Dhankuta Koshi
\$13,600

The Magar, one of the poorest castes in Nepal, has little economic, social or political power within their community. Most caste members lack access to healthcare, education or a source of water. The women face discrimination from men within their own community and from members of higher castes. WADE, a cooperative of 50 Magar women farmers organized to build a community center. The women want to learn carpentry skills so they can build the center themselves. The center will provide a location for members to receive training and sell their products. (2005)

Philippines

Christian Furniture Project
\$9,500

The project involves starting a furniture-making business to improve the lives of the members. Income is needed to improve housing, provide electricity, healthy food, children's education and medical care. (2005)

Bepad Transport Association, Carmen, Agusan del Norte
\$14,000

Poor and rural people have decided to form a group to address their low economic opportunities. They plan to purchase vehicles that can accommodate 20 people and their cargo for the transportation of goods and farm products between farm sites and the marketplaces. In between harvest season, the vehicles will transport workers and passengers from their communities to work sites. (2005)

The Hanonoo Tribe Tenis-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. (2006)

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. (2006)

Vietnam

Vietnam Dried Fish Production Project, Thien-Thien Phu (God's Giving), Ho Chi Minh \$10,000

A group of 29 people from poor families have joined together to produce dried, instant food such as squid, shrimp and spring rolls to sell in local stores. This cooperative venture will generate employment for an entire community where previously, there was very little. (2003)