

## South America

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### Argentina

**Ecumenical Fund for Support to Small Projects, Centro Regional Ecumenico de Asesoría y Servicio (CREAS), Buenos Aires**  
**\$75,000**

In partnership with Self-Development, this organization adheres to Self-Development criteria and guidelines in allocating resources throughout Argentina. (2001)

**Ecumenical Coordination of Service (C.E.S.E)**  
**\$50,000**

The Ecumenical Coordination of Service is an ecumenical organization working in Brazil. It uses the SDOP funds to provide small grants to poverty groups that present their own projects for funding. (2007)

**Centro Regional Ecumenico de Asesoría y Servicio (CREAS) \$50,000**

CREAS supports actions taken by local churches and community groups in the context of the social realities in Argentina. The „Ecumenical Fund for Support to Small Projects“ focuses on strengthening and nourishing grassroots initiatives. (2008)

**Regional Ecumenical Center for Consulting and Service, (CREAS)**  
**\$50,000**

To support small projects focused on strengthening and nourishing grassroots initiatives. (2010)

### Brazil

**Coordenadoria Ecumenica de Servico (CESE) Intermediary Partnership for the Small Project Fund, Salvador-Bahia**  
**\$300,000**

In partnership with Self-Development, this organization adheres to Self-Development criteria and guidelines in allocating resources throughout Brazil. (2001)

**Ecumenical Center for Consulting and Service (C.R.E.A.S) \$50,000**

In partnership with Self-Development of People, this organization adheres to Self-Development criteria and guidelines in allocating resources throughout Argentina. (2007)

**Coordenadoria Ecumenica de Servico (CESE) \$50,000**

The SDOP partnership with CESE has been concentrated in their „Small Projects Fund.“ This fund is for one time only grants aiming to encourage and complement the efforts of

communities, popular organizations, and support groups. The emphasis is on training, promotion of organization, equipment, and small-scale production projects. (2008)

**Ecumenical Fund to Support Small Projects (CESE), Brazil \$50,000**

To assist grassroots groups in the areas of training, organizing, equipment purchase and small-scale production. (2010)

**Boliva**

### **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. (2006)

## **Chile**

### **Arca del Pacto Home Committee, Tenuco, Cautin**

**\$26,000**

Several families formed the Arca del Pacto Home Committee to find and purchase land to construct homes to live in. The families could not afford to purchase land individually but by joining together to purchase the land, the Chilean State government will build the homes with no annual payment for 20 years. (2005)

### **Indigenous Community "Maria Yaupe," Paicavi Chico, Arauco**

**\$9,455**

This project involved construction of greenhouses to produce vegetables in order to provide income for several families. The project will also help improve the diet of children and the elderly and train members of the community in income producing vegetable production. (2005)

## **Colombia**

### **Koinonia Sustainable Farm**

**\$20,000**

A group of 14 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. (2006)

## **Ecuador**

### **Chimbenas Women's Association in Action, San Jose de Chimbo, Bolivar**

**\$5,885**

This micro-business will help this community better utilize their skills and experience in making dresses and handicrafts. With the purchase of at least three sewing machines, they are now able to make and sell work, sport and bed clothes. (2004)

### **Association of Social Participation Los Purahaes**

**\$20,000**

Many indigenous poor from the agricultural communities of the Riobamba area have moved to larger cities for economic reasons. Construction of a building for association members will provide educational and cultural services to the community. Indigenous craft sales to tourists will support the Center and provide income for the members. After

completion of the building the group plans to install weaving machines provide veterinarian services, training in community development and opportunity recovery of ancestral Purahaes culture for youth. (2005)

#### **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. (2006)

## **Peru**

#### **Quintay Peasant Community**

**\$20,000**

This project involves the construction of a micro hydro power plant for a region with 1,080 people. They need the electricity to develop their peasant community, develop new jobs, improve their children's education and for use in their houses and work places.

#### **Producers Association 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. (2006)

#### **Small Farmers Association "Victor Raul Haya de la Torre", Humaya**

**\$27,000**

This irrigation project will build and connect channels to other cemented channels in the desert, enabling the farmers to irrigate their land and grow food for their families. (2001)

#### **Train Women With AIDS, Lima**

**\$11,312**

Thirty women living with AIDS have organized to make and sell leather handbags and ceramic crafts, to help care for themselves and their families and buy much needed medication. They also have begun a campaign to educate the community about AIDS. (2001)