

AMERINDIAN PEOPLES ASSOCIATION (APA)

Date established	April 1991
Date and type of registration	14 January 1998, Friendly Society
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Number of active members	3,500
Number of paid staff	6 full time, 1 part time
Number of regular volunteers	15
Estimated annual budget	G\$40 million
Main sources of funding	Rainforest Foundation US, NOVIB, OXFAM GB, OXFAM Canada, COICA
Geographic scope of activity	Regions 1,2,7,8,9.

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To promote the social, economic, political and cultural development of Amerindian communities in solidarity with each other and to promote and defend their rights.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- x Education/training
- x Human rights
- x Environment
- x Women's issues
- x Advocacy
- x Indigenous peoples issues
- x Legal services

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Community Rights Education and Training Workshops</u>
Start date	Ongoing
<u>Main activities</u>	Carry out awareness activities and training for communities regarding local legislation and policy governing Indigenous Peoples of Guyana and using such legislation and policy in advocacy work to address issues of concern to communities.
Main source(s) of funding	NOVIB, OXFAMGB/Canada, Rainforest Foundation
Project theme or sector	Indigenous rights

Project partners In-house APA
Geographic scope Region 1, 2, 7, 9
Results of Project Project is ongoing but persons are expected to be able to make informed representation to government and other regarding issues affecting them. Some communities and leaders have already been doing so.

Project #2 Name/Goal **Training of trainers in the use of local and International policy and legislation governing the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Guyana and in general.**

Start date Continuous
Main activities Carry out training for a select group of not more than 20 persons regarding local and international legislation and policy governing Indigenous Peoples and using such training to work with communities to advance legislation and policy development in Guyana and to seek redress for issues affecting indigenous communities.

Main source(s) of funding NOVIB, OXFAMGB/Canada, Rainforest Foundation

Project theme or sector Indigenous rights

Project partners In-house APA/Forest Peoples Programme

Geographic scope Regions 1,2,7,8 and 9

Results of Project Project is ongoing but trainees have worked with communities with regard to a number of legislative and policy reform including the revision of the Amerindian Act and the National Development Strategy

Project #3 Name/Goal **Technical Capacity Building for Indigenous Women**

Start date March 2003

End date September 2004

Main activities Training Indigenous women in fundraising, proposal writing, project management, advocacy, communication and leadership skills.

Main source(s) of funding Rainforest Foundation US

Project theme or sector Capacity building for indigenous women

Project partners Rainforest Foundation US

Geographic scope Regions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Results of Project Project is ongoing

Project #4 Name/Goal **Amerindian Act Workshops**

Start date March 2002

End date February 2003

Main activities Work with communities in an effort to provide an understanding of the Amerindian Act, its benefits as well as its shortcomings with the aim of making recommendations for review.

Main source(s) of funding NOVIB, Rainforest Foundation US

Project theme or sector	Indigenous rights in Guyana
Project partners	Forest Peoples Programme
Geographic scope	Regions 1,2, 4, 7, 8, 9
Results of Project	The communities that the APA worked with were able to make sound recommendations to the government team when they visited the regions to receive recommendations for review of the Act.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Training to monitor the environmental and social impacts of mining</u>
Start date	2005
End date	2006
<u>Main activities</u>	Train a group of 6 persons to carry out environmental monitoring on water quality <i>re</i> sedimentation and siltation, mercury contamination, quality of marine life, health impacts, social impact of mining.
Main source(s) of funding	Not secured
Project theme or sector	Environmental monitoring
Project partners	North South Institute, Canada
Geographic scope	Regions 1, 7,8, 9 & 10
Results of Project	Project has not yet started

Project #2 Name/Goal	<u>Leadership and Institutional Strengthening Workshops for Tshaos and Councillors</u>
Start date	May 2004
End date	December 2004
<u>Main activities</u>	Train indigenous leaders in aspects of village and general administration such as financial and general accounting, conduct of meetings, recording of minutes and record keeping, reporting on village matters to community, responsibility to community, development of community regulations, etc.
Main source(s) of funding	Rainforest Foundation, NOVIB (only part funding)
Project theme or sector	Capacity building for indigenous leaders
Project partners	In-house APA; to secure technical consultants
Geographic Scope	Regions 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
Results of Project	Project yet to begin

Project #3 Name/Goal	<u>Workshops Against Domestic Violence</u>
Start date	March 2004
End date	December 2004
<u>Main activities</u>	Make indigenous women aware of the various forms of domestic violence, trying to find ways of dealing with the problem, trying to find ways of making women less dependent on spouses.
Main source(s) of funding	Rainforest Foundation (Only part funding)
Project theme or sector	Protecting women against domestic violence
Project partners	Help and Shelter
Geographic scope	Regions 1, 2, 7, 8 & 9
Results of Project	Project to begin

Networking

What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in your activities?

1. Human rights
2. Environmental
3. Communicable diseases
4. Women's rights and domestic violence