

THE BINA HILL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH, TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Date established	October 1999.
Date and type of registration	We operate as a part of the North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB). This body is registered as a Trust.
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Number of active members	25
Number of paid staff	9 – full time
Number of regular volunteers	12
Estimated annual budget	7,000,000
Main sources of funding	British Lottery, CIDA
Geographic scope of activity	North Rupununi District. Region 9.

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To facilitate local development initiatives offering contacts and networking with all other local leadership, other local and international development organisations and ensuring future development of the North Rupununi District and Region 9.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| x Economic/income generation | x Health |
| x HIV/AIDS | x Sports |
| x Education/training | x Culture and art |
| x Human rights | x Professional |
| x Physical improvement of community | x Environment |
| x Student/youth issues | x Agriculture |
| x Women's issues | x Advocacy |
| x Violence | x Employment |
| x Indigenous peoples issues | x Poverty reduction |

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Agricultural Program</u>
Start date	October, 2002
End date	Ongoing

Main activities

1. Establish garden & farm.
2. Cattle rearing
3. Carry out agricultural research to rediscover traditional agricultural knowledge and develop new practices.
4. Provide training for youths in new and old techniques.
5. Maintain a nursery and living herbarium where traditional crop varieties will be preserved.

Main source(s) of funding British lottery

Project theme or sector Agriculture

Project partners

Geographic scope North Rupununi District

Results of Project

- Farm & garden established.
- Cattle herd.
- Youth have been involved in acquiring skills
- Drip irrigation system started.

Project #2 Name/Goal

Youth Leadership Program

Start date

September, 2002

End date

Ongoing

Main activities

1. Training youth in the areas of;

- Self-development
- Environmental issues
- Cultural traditions and rediscovery
- Basic academic skills training
- Information technology
- Indigenous issues

2. Cultural exchange with Canadian Aboriginal youth – Ghost River Rediscovery.

3. Youth-Elder Conference

4. Agricultural skills training

5. Sports.

Main source(s) of funding CIDA, HRDC-Canada, Wildrose foundation – Canada.

Project theme or sector Empowering Indigenous Youth

Project partners

Ghost River Rediscovery – Canada, The Carter Center

Geographic scope

North Rupununi District

Results of Project

1. Two youth exchanges in 2002 & 2003.
2. Agricultural training
3. Two youth-elder conferences
4. Monthly sports activities
5. Participation in workshops & training sessions focusing on the above mentioned activities & more.

Project #3 Name/Goal	<u>Makushi Research Unit</u>
Start date	November 2003
End date	Ongoing
<u>Main activities</u>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institutional strengthening of the unit. 2. Makushi Literacy in communities and schools. 3. Production and dissemination of bi-lingual gender sensitive materials. 4. Workshops & outreach programmes. 5. Documentation of Makushi culture & production of video and audio programmes. 6. Publication of second edition of "Makusipe Komanto Iseru" book. 7. Production of Makushi Women's Embroidered Documentaries as visual counterpart to the book. 8. Domestic Violence workshops
Main source(s) of funding	Gender Equity Fund - Guyana
Project theme or sector	Women
Project partners	NRDDB, Guyana Book Foundation, Iwokrama,
Geographic scope	North Rupununi District, Karasabai
Results of Project	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved status of Amerindian women 2. Increased capacity for research 3. Improved literacy in Makushi 4. Radio programme. 5. Community outreach.

Project #4 Name/Goal	<u>Tourism Programme</u>
Start date	January, 2004
End date	Ongoing
<u>Main activities</u>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community tourism centre 2. Broadband satellite service 3. Surama Eco-Lodge 4. Aranaputa Mountain/Nature Trail 5. Rupertee Mountain Conservation Trail and Paurine handicraft products. 6. Wowetta cock-of-the Rock Bird Sighting Tour. 7. Annai handicraft centre.
Main source(s) of funding	CIDA-Iwokrama Community Tourism Grant
Project theme or sector	Community based tourism
Project partners	CIDA, Iwokrama
Geographic scope	North Rupununi District
Results of Project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Centre established at Bina Hill • Broadband Satellite Service installed.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal

Start date

Ongoing

End date

Main activities

1. Extension of program activities into other sub-districts in Region 9.
2. A national conference for indigenous youth.

Main source(s) of funding

UNESCO, CIDA

Project theme or sector

Empowering indigenous youth

Project partners

Ghost River Rediscovery, CIDA, UNESCO

Geographic scope

Guyana

Results of Project

Project #2 Name/Goal

Tourism Programme

Start date

Ongoing

End date

Main activities

Continuation of current activities and striving to become self-sufficient in operation.

Main source(s) of funding

CIDA-Iwokrama community based tourism grant

Project theme or sector

Community based tourism

Project partners

CIDA, Iwokrama

Geographic scope

North Rupununi District

Results of Project

Project #3 Name/Goal

Makushi Research Unit

Start date

Ongoing

End date

Main activities

As mention before.

Main source(s) of funding

Gender equality programme-Guyana

Project theme or sector

Women

Project partners

CIDA, Iwokrama

Geographic scope

North Rupununi District

Results of Project