

GUYANESE ORGANISATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (GOIP)

Date established	July 29, 1990
Date and type of registration	March 5, 1994, Companies Act 89.01
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Number of active members	20
Number of paid staff	
Number of regular volunteers	5
Estimated annual budget	\$25,000.
Main sources of funding	Fund-raising and members' contributions.
Geographic scope of activity	All 10 regions of Guyana

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To facilitate the development of our peoples through indigenous peoples' institutes, promote the recognition of the internationally recognised rights and interests of our peoples through partnership with other NGO's, stakeholders and agencies.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| X Health | x HIV/AIDS |
| x Sports | x Welfare and relief |
| x Culture and art | x Environment |
| x Student/youth issues | x Agriculture |
| x Women's issues | x Advocacy |
| x Indigenous peoples issues | x Poverty reduction |

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Consultations on Revision of the Amerindian Act</u>
Start date	January 2003
End date	May 2003
<u>Main activities</u>	Provide platform for feedback from indigenous communities on how present Amerindian Act should be changed.
Main source(s) of funding	The Carter Center
Project theme or sector	Towards a new Amerindian Act
Project partners	The Carter Center, Amerindian Peoples' Association (APA)

Geographic scope
Results of Project

Region 2
Generally successful

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Increasing indigenous women's political participation and leadership.</u>
Start date	April 1, 2004
End date	April 30, 2004
<u>Main activities</u>	Provide training for indigenous women leaders who are interested in standing as candidates for Local Government bodies within Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9. These bodies include village councils, RDC's, NDC's and other similar institutions.
Main source(s) of funding	Canada-Caribbean Gender Equality Programme (CGEP)
Project theme or sector	Increasing indigenous women's political participation and leadership.
Project partners	(1) Guyana Women's Leadership Institute (GWLI) (2) National Democratic Institute (NDI) (3) Amerindian Peoples Association (APA)
Geographic scope	Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9.
Project #2 Name/Goal	<u>Lokono Language Revival Project</u>
Start date	August 2004
End date	July 2006
<u>Main activities</u>	Provide lessons for (preferably younger, aged 15-40) Lokono indigenous persons in all aspects of Lokono (now on the verge of extinction).
Project theme or sector	Lokono indigenous nation 15-40.
Project partners	Lokono linguists, Toshaos and village councils, school teachers of Moruka, Kabakaburi, Santa Aratak, Pakur, Moraikobai and Orealla
Geographic scope	Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Project #3 Name/Goal	<u>Sustainable indigenous-based agriculture.</u>
Start date	August 2004
End date	July 2005
<u>Main activities</u>	Transform traditional agricultural practices to an area were this is extinct or on the brink of extinction. "Model" indigenous village to be created, to survive on sustainable basis.
Project theme or sector	Agriculture
Project partners	Partners for First Peoples Development (PFPD), Arima, Trinidad, WI

Networking

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

1. Volunteer Youth Corps (VYC)
2. Partners for First Peoples Development (PFPD, Trinidad)
3. Youth Challenge Guyana
4. Guyana Women's Leadership Institute (GWL)