

GUYANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Date established	September 14, 1946
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Number of active members	18,500
Number of paid staff	25
Number of regular volunteers	98
Estimated annual budget	G\$16,000,000
Main sources of funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contract with Guyana Rice Development Board (GRDB) ▪ Funding agencies – CIDA, OXFAM, DFID, BCCP
Geographic scope of activity	Regions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

"To protect, promote and advance the interest of rice producers generally."

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- X Economic/income generation
- X Education/training
- X Agriculture
- x Advocacy
- x Poverty reduction

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal **Establishment of drying, cleaning and storage facility for seed paddy.**

Start date March 1, 2002
End date December 2002

Main activities

- Produced high quality seed paddy and sell to farmers at an affordable cost in Region 2.
- Reduced losses due to spillage and spoilage of seed paddy produced in Region 2.

Main source(s) of funding BCCP/CIDA/RPA

Project theme or sector Agriculture sector

Project partners BCCP – Partners in Rural Development

Results of Project 1800 rice farmers in Region # 2 have easy access to high quality, yield and income for farmers.

Project #2 Name/Goal **Rural development in farming communities.**
Start date July 2003
End date July 2004
Main activities Sewing, knitting, cake-decoration, poultry production.
Main source(s) of funding Donors - OXFAM
Project theme or sector Human Development, Education/Training
Geographic scope Regions 2 and 3
Results of Project Two groups of 70 women established and trained.

Project #3 Name/Goal **Establishment of GRPA Head Office building in Region 3**
Start date February 2004
End date August 2004
Main activities GRPA will soon establish its Head Office at Crane Village, West Coast Demerara, Region # 3
Main source(s) of funding OXFAM Canada
Project theme or sector Agriculture
Project partners OXFAM Canada
Geographic scope Region 3
Results of Project To be implemented shortly

Project #4 Name/Goal **To ensure uniformity of seed quality produced in Region # 2.**
Start date December 2003
End date July 2004
Main activities Installation of seed paddy mechanical dryer.
Main source(s) of funding Donors: CHF – partners in rural development
Project theme or sector Agriculture
Project partners CHF – Partners in rural development through CIDA.
Geographic scope Region # 2
Results of Project Installation of Mechanical Seed Paddy Dryer is in progress.

Networking

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

1. NGO's that work in rural communities