

REGION 9 INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Date established	1998
Date and type of registration	Non- governmental – Registered under the friendly Societies Act of Guyana
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Number of active members	4
Number of paid staff	1 – part time
Number of regular volunteers	4
Estimated annual budget	N.A
Main sources of funding	The Carter Center
Geographic scope of activity	Region 9, Guyana

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

Improving the social and economic status of the people of Region #9.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Economic/income generation x Sports x Culture and art x Agriculture x Poverty reduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x HIV/AIDS x Education/training x Student/youth issues x Indigenous peoples issues |
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Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal:	<u>Rehabilitating the Benab at St. Ignatius</u>
Start date	September 2002
End date	September 2002
<u>Main activities</u>	Accessing materials and construction of building.
Main source(s) of funding	Fund Raising
Project theme or sector	Institutional strengthening
Project partners	Local ranches, business people
Geographic scope:	For regional meetings, etc.
Results of Project	Building completed but needs equipment, office resources and staff.

Project #2 Name/Goal: **Coordinating the Annual Regional Amerindian Heritage Month's activities, 2002, 2003.**

Start date August

End date October

Main activities

- Education workshop
- HIV/AIDS awareness
- Conservation Report
- Agriculture planning
- Cultural showcasing
- Indigenous competitions
- Meeting with donor agencies

Main source(s) of funding The Carter Center, UNICEF, Conservation International

Project theme or sector Strengthening the indigenous culture of Region 9

Project partners

- South Central Indigenous Peoples Association
- North Rupununi District Dev. Board
- Village councils

Geographic scope: Participants come from all communities

Results of Project The people of the region assessed work done previously and plan for the following year. The culture of the people is highlighted.

Project #3 Name/Goal: **Consultations on revision of the Amerindian Act.**

Start date September 2002

End date December 2002

Main activities Community and group workshops
Preparing and providing relevant information/documents.

Main source(s) of funding The Carter Center

Project theme or sector Advocacy

Project partners: Amerindian Peoples' Association
Ministry of Amerindian Affairs

Geographic scope: Regional

Results of Project: The Indigenous people were made au fait with the contents of the old Amerindian act and able to make informed proposals for inclusion in the new act.

Project #4 Name/Goal: **Improving Agriculture in Region #9**

Start date September 2003

End date February 2004

Main activities

- Monthly newsletters as an advocacy tool
- Conducting agri. base line survey
- Updating agri. plan of the region
- Targeting RDC and Ministry of Fisheries crops and Livestock to make policy changes.

Main source(s) of funding The Carter Center

Project theme or sector Advocacy
Project partners Regional Democratic, Council Region 9
Geographic scope: Regional
Results of Project: Still to be determined

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal: **Institutional strengthening of the Region 9 Indigenous Development Association.**
Start date Ongoing
End date
Main activities

- Office space
- Office equipment
- Communication equipment
- Office staff: volunteers, etc.
- Transport

Main source(s) of funding CIDA , BCCP
Project theme or sector Institutional strengthening
Project partners:
Geographic scope Central Rupununi but will service the Region
Results of Project: Hope to have the organisation fully equipped to achieve the goal of improving the social and economic status of the people of this region.

Project #2 Name/Goal: **HIV/ AIDS awareness in the North, Central, South Pakaraimas sub-regions in Region 9**
Start date April 2004
End date August 2004
Main activities Workshops in the targeted areas.
Main source(s) of funding UNICEF or others
Project theme or sector Health
Project partners: Village councils
Department of Health
Geographic scope Same as above
Results of Project: Hope to have the people of region become aware of HIV/ AIDS.

Project #3 Name/Goal: **Improving small livestock production in Region #9**
Start date August 2004
End date Ongoing
Main activities

- Accessing sheep for revolving flocks
- Training
- Providing breeding rams

- Integrated agriculture

Main source(s) of funding Not determined

Project theme or sector Food and economic security

Project partners

- NARI
- Ranchers and farmers.
- Rupununi Livestock Producers Association

Geographic scope Regional

Results of Project: Region 9 becoming the top mutton producing region in Guyana and the Caribbean thus creating jobs and social and economic upliftment.

Networking

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

1. BCCP
2. Other hinterland groups
3. VSO
4. Peace Corps