

VILVOORDEN WOMEN'S GROUP

Date established	1997-08-27
Date and type of registration	2003, Friendly Societies Act
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Number of active members	16
Number of paid staff	None
Number of regular volunteers	16
Estimated annual budget	1,500,000.00
Main sources of funding	Fund Raising (BBQ, Tours, Raffles, Fun Day, etc.)
Geographic scope of activity	Region 2

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

Reduce poverty, working with literacy to create a better environment. Assist people to be self sufficient and socially interactive in their communities.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Economic/income generation x Education/training x Physical improvement of community x Counselling x Agriculture x Advocacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Environment x Women's issues x Consumer rights x Employment x Poverty reduction |
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Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Networking for Ethnic Unity</u>
	To have Ethnic Unity among the races and sustain the unity of races in Region 2
Start date	June 16 2003
End date	August 16, 2003
<u>Main activities</u>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community meeting 2. Seminar, Relational Day 3. Exhibition 4. Group meeting.
Main source(s) of funding	The Carter Center
Project theme or sector	Democracy & Governance
Project partners	Pomona Women and Youth Reaching Out, Airy Hall Women Development Group, PTA, NDC, RDC

Geographic scope Region 2
Results of Project A Race Relation committee was formed in Region 2.

Project #2 Name/Goal

Chicken-Rearing Project

Start date

To have income generation for the members of the group
July 20, 2003

End date

Ongoing

Main activities

1. Building of Pens
2. Group Meeting
3. Buying Chickens

Main source(s) of funding

Rice Producers Association

Project theme or sector

Small business development

Project partners

Rice Producers Association

Geographic scope

Region 2

Results of Project

Each member so far has been able to continue rearing chickens as an income-generating project.

Project #3 Name/Goal

Sewing Project

Start date

Women must be able to build skills while earning their own income.

End date

July 25 2003

September 25 2003

Main activities

1. Meeting
2. Survey for Resource Personnel
3. Sewing

Main source(s) of funding

Rice Producers Association

Project theme or sector

Small business development

Project partners

Rice Producers Association

Geographic scope

Region 2

Results of Project

Each member was able to sew at least 5 five different items (e.g school uniforms, dresses, skirts, blouse) used for income generating.

Project #4 Name/Goal

Literacy

Start date

To build skills for success to assist persons to function better in society.

End date

Oct. 13 2003

January 8, 2004

Main activities

1. Hold community meeting
2. Identify Venue
3. Select facilitators

Main source(s) of funding

Women's Affairs Bureau

Project theme or sector	IDCE, Vilvoorden women's Group, Residents of Neighbouring Community
Project partners	Women's Affairs Bureau, IDCE
Geographic scope	Region 2
Results of Project	Out of 18 students, 11 were able to complete the course and graduated on January 17, 2004.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Building Training Center</u>
Start date	To have our own building and training venue. January 24, 2004
End date	December 1, 2004
Main activities	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply for Land 2. Identify Land 3. Select Donor 4. Hold meeting
Main source(s) of funding	Vilvoorden Women's Group – NDC
Project theme or sector	RDC- members of Communities
Project partners	RDC, Members of Communities
Geographic scope	Region 2
Results of Project	So far the land has been identified but no funding has been obtained for building.
Project #2 Name/Goal	<u>Literacy</u>
Start date	To expose drop outs to a higher level of learning. January 1, 2004
End date	
Main activities	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify Venue 2. Hold Meetings 3. Select Facilitators
Main source(s) of funding	Funding agencies
Project theme or sector	
Project partners	Members of different communities, IDCE
Geographic scope	Region 2
Results of Project	Students of the previous module are willing to continue at a higher level but this project has not been funded so far.

Project #3 Name/Goal

Floral Arranging

Women to be self-sufficient, earn income and build skills.

Start date

February 2004

End date

April 2004

Main activities

1. Identify Venue
2. Hold Meetings
3. Identify Resource Personnel
4. Buy Materials

Main source(s) of funding

Rice Producers Association

Project theme or sector

Small business development

Project partners

Members of Community

Resource Personnel

Rice Producers Association

Geographic scope

Region 2

Results of Project

Twenty-one women will participate from various communities to have skills in floral arrangement.

Networking

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

1. Essequibo Chambers of Commerce
2. Hope for All
3. Pomona Women & Youth reach out
4. Airy Hall Women's Development Group