

**2014 Grants Funded from Gifts to Presbyterian Hunger Program
thru CentsAbility and the General Hunger Fund**



In 2014 \$450,000 was raised for the Presbyterian Hunger Program through CentsAbility (H00107) and the General Hunger Fund (H999999). Those funds were transformed into action, Nationally and Internationally.

National work:

Hunger is complex in the USA. If it were simply producing enough food, we would have more than enough. We rely on jobs to pay for food yet we know that not everyone has work – unemployed, some handicapped, elderly, and children.

- If you don't have a job, you have to rely on government and other assistance (filling the poverty gap).
- If you do have a job but it is in the agricultural or food sector, you are among the hardest working and yet are not paid enough to feed your family (reform within food chain).
- If you do have a job, but it is minimum wage or less, you are not paid enough to feed your family (workers and immigrants rights)

Our agro-industrial system produces but it doesn't produce healthy food. Many concerned people are creating local and regional food systems where food is produced and traded using more sustainable and ecological methods and creating wealth that stays in communities (regional food system and local food systems). Finally, our systemic appetite for resources has created global concerns for earth care and sisters and brothers who are on the wrong side of economic winners and losers and we need to do our part in addressing that.

Your gifts made possible it possible for PHP to support the following holistic work in the USA:

Filling poverty gaps which include advocacy as a tool:

Ecumenical Poverty Initiative	\$3,000
Community of the Beloved, Asheville, NC	\$10,000

Working towards reform with agricultural and food workers, minimum wage workers, and immigrants so that they are paid living wages:

Farmworker Assoc. of Florida	\$14,000
Food Chain Workers Alliance	\$13,000
Idaho Community Action	\$ 12,000
Interfaith Action of Southwest FL	\$11,000
ILRF Sweat-free Communities	\$12,000
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement	\$ 8,000
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance	\$11,000
Real Food Media Project	\$12,000
Rural & Migrant Ministry, Inc.	\$12,000
United Workers Assoc.	\$12,000
Workers' Dignity Project	\$ 8,000

Advocating for and developing local and regional food systems:

National Family Farm Coalition	\$11,000
Dakota Rural Action	\$8,000

Missouri Rural Crisis Center	\$13,000
New Roots, Inc., Louisville, KY	\$10,000
Recirculating Farms Coalition, New Orleans, LA	\$10,000
World Hunger Relief, Inc.	\$7,500

Advocating for Global Economic Justice and Earth Care in the USA:

Jubilee USA Network	\$10,000
Creation Justice Ministries	\$ 5,000

International work:

Internationally PHP works in two ways: 1) addressing the causes of poverty that go beyond projects, and 2) development projects which are operated by and benefit the people in the communities they are designed to impact.

Partners say they can more easily get funding for projects but rarely does it address why there is poverty. They cite transparency and democratic process as key to empowering communities to ending poverty. PHP addresses causes of poverty primarily through its Joining Hands program which connects Presbyterians to a partner’s local or national campaign in which Presbyterians can add needed advocacy complement in the USA).

Addresses causes of poverty through campaigns, capacity strengthening and movement building (long-term work)

- Joining Hands Praja Abhilasha, Sri Lanka \$10,451.50 – land grab
- Joining Hands Red Uniendo Manos Peru, Peru \$22,500 TPP, extractives
- Joining Hands RELUFA, Cameroon \$22,500 – land grab, extractives
- Jubilee South Asia Pacific Movement on Debt and Development \$5,000- Educational materials about climate change and its impacts on food security and help 200 organizations engage in food and climate change policy issues at local, national and international levels.
- Grassroots International \$8,000 –Leadership training of women, youth and indigenous farmers in agroecology, food sovereignty and leadership skills in Central America
- Philippine Movement for Climate Justice,\$9,500 - To solicit active participation of farmers and fisherfolk, and their communities of member organizations in the process of developing the Peoples’ Agenda on Food Security in the Context of Climate Change and Hunger in the Philippines and to raise awareness of communities and agricultural sector on food security in the context of climate change and hunger situation.
- Southern Cape Land Committee, South Africa \$8,000 - Support to the Baviaans Land & Agrarian Reform Form (BLARF) representing 17 small-scale farmer associations with 227 members to strengthen their voice to impact new policies that are making it more difficult for smallholder farmers to produce and distribute food.

Community development programs strengthening agroecology (production) and rural livelihoods projects (income and distribution)(mid-term work).

- West Africa Initiative, Liberia and Sierra Leone \$5,557.53 – Cooperative farming and livelihoods in over 30 communities and 600 families
- ARCOM, Guatemala \$10,000 – 40 organic gardens plus peach tree improvement and small dried fruit business
- Chaco Project (Church World Service), Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay \$16,793.67 – Land ownership for indigenous people without title
- ECHO Asia Impact Center, Cambodia \$10,000 work with 2 communities of small farmers in rural Cambodia with local seed saving and sharing
- Improvement & Development for Communities Center, Palestine \$11,905 – Agricultural productivity and water saving in Gaza.
- Symbiose, Senegal \$7,300 – Construction of seed storage warehouse for communities to generate improved, locally adapted seed for changing climate.
- Nature for Life Conservation Initiatives, Uganda \$7,000 – Work with 200 rural women in promoting women-led initiatives to increase agricultural productivity through the practice of climate smart agriculture, sustainable land management, increased access to extension services, reduction of crop waste and increasing women's access to and control over agricultural related assets.
- Nanakor-Joku Women Cooperation Rice farmers Society, Ghana \$5,000 - Train 30 members in rainwater harvesting so they can produce rice twice a year to increase output by 10 - 16 metric tons per hectare and move the farmers from the subsistence level of farming to that of commercial rice farming.
- Programme d'Appui à la Lutte Contre la Misère, DR Congo \$2,617- This project is aimed at the multiplication of healthy and reliable seeds in vulnerable households where there is no access to agricultural inputs. Training in seed selection and storage in this area of Eastern DRC with high agricultural potential will help widows and orphans have more control over food security.
- Send a Cow Uganda \$5,000 - The project will work with 221 households (80% are women-headed households) in northern Uganda to provide seeds and sustainable organic agricultural training to become food secure and generate an income.

Community development programs addressing specific need by trusted organizations (short-term):

- Diocesan Charitable Trust Khammam, India \$5,500 -latrine construction for 30 households
- Ecological Development Fund, Guatemala \$8,000 – work with 348 families in 13 communities to use more fuel-efficient cooking technologies and care for natural resources
- Ecumenical Development Foundation, Zambia \$5,000 organic farming in a woman's prison in which each are trained and leave with seed capital

- Food for the Hungry (FH) Nicaragua \$5,000 – 50 families equipped and trained with beekeeping business to supplement farming income.
- Lambi Fund of Haiti \$2,196.88 will expand four new commercial boilers to increase production of processed sugar cane and to establish a small micro-credit fund to expand business opportunities for women in the community.
- SAF/FJKM, Madagascar \$4,983 – This project complements partner church work with farmers in the village of South Mahatsinjo by installing a new water system in the local school to supply people with safe drinking water, a latrine, shower and spigots to improve health and water available for crop production, especially fruit production.
- Smallholders Foundation, Nigeria \$5,000 – This project establishes a 3,000 capacity catfish and 1,000 pineapple stands farm with 60 rural women in Ihitte-Okwe Community in Imo State. The women will be trained in fish and pineapple farming with fish feed making as added value and practice managerial and business skills needed to own and run the farm.
- Sustainable Investments and Development Initiatives, Tanzania \$7,377 - The project empowers 250 fisher women on the potentials of integrated aquaculture to increase the sufficient food, income and ensuring environment sustainability. Along with training, it includes 5 fish ponds with 5,000 fingerlings .

Thank you to the PW groups and congregations who support our church's witness and engagement in this work. The organizations and communities that PHP works with know that PHP funds do not come from government or large institutions. They know PHP funds come from individuals in pews, women in Bible studies, and children in Sunday school classes. They are grateful for this connection and know that along with this support comes prayer.

To see the full list of grants given in 2014 please visit www.pcusa.org/hunger/grants If you would like more information on any of these programs or if you would like PHP staff to come and speak, please contact PHP.

Blessings and Peace,
Ruth Farrell, Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program