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Eltham Echidna Ranger Guides
Girl Guides Australia, Asia Pacific Region



WINNER

Project Aim: To support the residents of Rah Island, Vanatu, and enable improved living conditions through better healthcare, educational supplies and protection of the environment.

Key Activities

- Fundraised for construction of a First Aid station, educational supplies and sand bags
- Enabled community to construct the First Aid station and train a young woman to provide care at the new facility
- Coordinated regular delivery of medical supplies
- Filled sandbags to protect a vulnerable part of the island from severe weather

Outcomes:

Residents of Rah Island now have access to medical care, improved conditions for maternity and post-natal care, new educational materials for the school and a vulnerable part of the island is being protected from severe weather. The group continue to support the community on Rah Island and those Guides now over 18 have started their own Olave group to continue supporting the community.



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The Solar Cooker Trainers

Lesotho Girl Guides Association, Africa Region



Project Aim: To empower disadvantaged members of the community in four districts to make and use solar cookers

Key Activities

- Identify communities to work with and set visit dates
- Organise public gatherings for solar cooker training
- Delivered trainings on the construction, use and care of solar cookers

Outcomes:

429 people participated in the project, learning to make and use solar cookers, reducing fossil fuel use and introducing a time effective and fume free cooking method. Guides benefited from training experience, and have been invited to revisit the villages to provide more training. Awareness of the Lesotho Girl Guides also increased and new members were recruited.



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Aquaculture Project

Nigerian Girl Guides Association, Africa Region

Project Aim: To educate Guides on Aquaculture production, empower members with entrepreneurial skills and raise funds for the Association

Key Activities

- Trained Guides on aquaculture and entrepreneurship
- Constructed artificial pond at state Guide Headquarters
- Sold fish to retailers

Outcomes:

100 guides have learned about aquaculture and are now producing fish, whilst 10 Guides have created their own artificial pond, generated funds and enabling increased financial self-reliance.



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Kisenso Unit

Les Guides de la République

Démocratique du Congo, Africa Region



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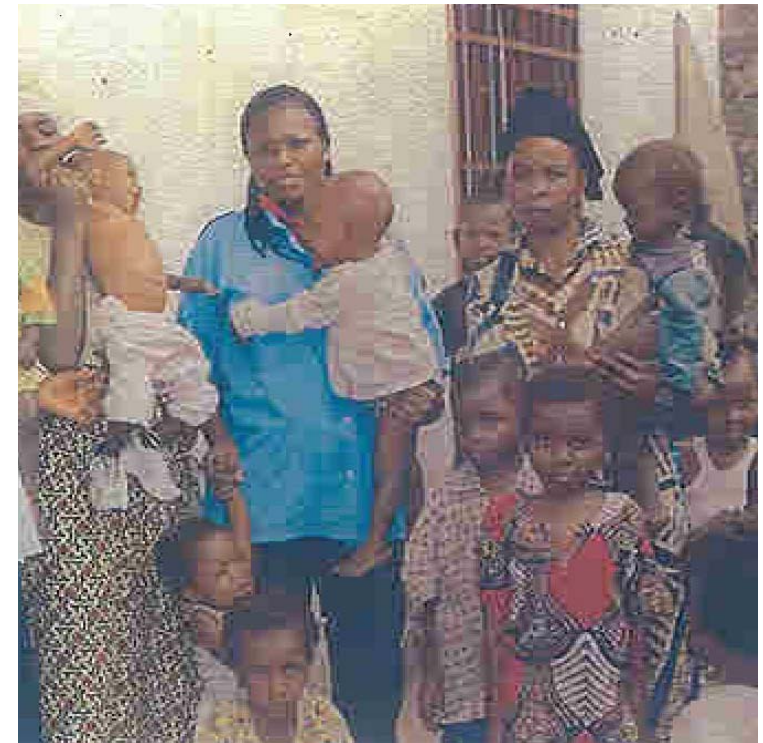
Project Aim: improve healthcare in the Kisenso community, create better facilities for maternal care, ensure education for all children in the community and improve living conditions for vulnerable people in the community.

Key Activities

- Used unit funds to create a health and maternity centre
- Set up an Early Learning centre for children from 3-5
- Established a school support centre to help struggling children at all stages of primary education
- Through a support group, parents made small weekly contributions to their savings, increased income-generating activities and improved conditions for their families

Outcomes:

Every month, more than 45 babies are now delivered in the community, an average of 272 new cases are received at the health centre, more than 250 children receive a pre-school check-up and more than 100 women attend a pre-natal consultation. For the year 2010-2011 346 children have attended the Early Learning and School Support centre. School enrolment rates have greatly increased.



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Alyssa Junior Guides Group

Scouts Tunisiens, Africa Region

Project Aim: Convert waste from palm trees into organic fertilizer to promote a cleaner environment and teach methods to farmers

Key Activities

- Conducted a theoretical study of the project
- Learned to use equipment provided by Development of the Dhafer and mastered method for producing fertilizer
- Practised method by collecting palm waste and processing into organic fertilizer
- Educated farmers about the importance of dealing with waste and explained economic and environmental benefits of the method

Outcomes:

Farmers learned a new method for disposing of palm waste and produced natural fertiliser, improving environmental conditions through a sustainable and environmentally friendly method.



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National Guide Association of Guinea, Africa Region

Project Aim: Raise awareness of the effects of poverty and hunger and provide information on various strategies which could help reduce poverty and hunger

Key Activities

- Talks held in three districts in French and local languages
- Two orphanages identified to visit on a rota basis
- Donations in cash and kind made to orphanages
- Twenty Guides trained to conduct outreach in the districts
- Revenue generating activities were taught to help combat poverty

Outcomes:

Over 500 people were educated on the impact of poverty and hunger and methods to tackle these problems.



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Third Ciceron Guide Company

Girl Guide Association of St Lucia, Western Hemisphere Region

Project Aim: To build showers at the Ciceron RC Combined school to facilitate better health standards for students

Key Activities

- Raised funds to enable shower construction
- Purchased necessary materials for the shower block
- Spent six days preparing the foundation for the block
- Hired professionals to install plumbing systems

Outcomes:

\$6760 dollars were raised to fund the project. With showers, students who need to clean themselves can do so without having to return home and consequently miss lessons. The showers also enable increased attendance at camp outs.



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Peace Messenger, Osaka Council

Girl Scouts of Japan, Asia Pacific Region



WINNER

Project Aim: Conduct activities linked to world peace through learning about the Union of Myanmar (a military state) and find effective methods for supporting women and children to improve their lives.

Key Activities

- Visited orphanages in Yangon and Mandalay and a centre for the disabled in Naung Cho, interacting with children and understanding their needs
- Collection of items needed at the centres
- Conveyed knowledge about HIV in Myanmar through presentations and publications and fundraised for the purchase of drugs
- Conducted fundraising for the centres

Outcomes:

Over three years, 2,500 children living in Myanmar received support goods, 900 women received support in learning how to be more independent, 400 polio vaccines were provided for children living in other developing countries and awareness of issues such as HIV increased in Myanmar.



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Jeunes en Marche

Association Des Guides Du Liban Arab Region



WINNER

Project Aim: To provide support to women in Lebanese prisons and raise community awareness of their living conditions.

Key Activities

- **Campaigned to enable families of prisoners to meet face to face to celebrate Mother's Day (March 20, 2010) and group attended five prisons, taking flowers, gifts and personal kits to each prisoner**
- **Worked with prisoners to paint walls of prison rooms in Tripoli (North Lebanon)**
- **Formed a partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.**

Outcomes:

The group worked with more than 300 women, creating a better environment for them and increasing understanding within the group of prisoner's rights. The work inspired community members to raise funds towards improving conditions in the prisons.



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Distrito Centro and Distrito Aldebaran
Guías de México, Western Hemisphere Region



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Project Aim: Two districts working together to improve living conditions in the area and bring the local community together

Key Activities

- Establish a good relationship between Guides and the local community through activities and donations
- Demonstrated how to build Patzari stoves and helped the community to build and use them
- Donated blankets and clothing to help prepare for the winter
- Arranged for dental checks and taught children personal hygiene skills
- Invited Girl Guides/Girl Scouts from the UK and Canada to participate in the project

Outcomes:

150 Mazahua families now have Patzari stoves, received instruction on health techniques and dental care and received clothes, toys and blankets. Patzari stoves enable off the floor food preparation, reduce smoke inhalation, and use 70% less wood.



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Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Asia Pacific Region



WINNER



Project Aim: Focussing on fish raising and vegetable production, the project aimed to support the development of the local community whilst raising funds for the Girl Scouts and teaching the participants new entrepreneurial skills.

Key Activities

- Sold empty bottles and old newspaper to raise funds to buy three kilos of fingerlings to start the project
- Presented project proposal to school principle, District Supervisor and Barangay Officials to enable the project to take place
- Conducted a survey to identify the beneficiary community
- Launched the project and cared for the fish and their environment
- Included external consultants, such as the Bureau of Fisheries
- Produced craft products from recycled items and sold the harvested fish

Outcomes:

An initial provide of P2,735 was earned, and the community became more aware of the possibilities for earning extra income. Skills in craft making, vegetable gardening and entrepreneurship were developed in participants, enabling them to raise further money for community development projects. The project is ongoing.



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Development of Youth Efficiency to Change the Community

The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand, Asia Pacific Region



Project Aim: Raise awareness of environmental issues within the community, teaching methods for resource conservation and improving methods of growing nutritious foods,

Key Activities

- Brought together Girl Guides from four different villages
- Learned about more efficient gardening techniques to increase crop production and quality, then demonstrated these in the community
- Learned and then demonstrated better food preparation and preservation practices to improve nutritional balance of diets in the community
- Learned to cook products and make craft items to supplement family incomes and pay for educational expenses

Outcomes:

Approximately 1500 people benefited from this project, as the knowledge gained spread in the villages and more people learned to use their natural resources more effectively. The Girl Guides who attended have become young leaders in their community and the number of young people wishing to attend future lessons has increased.



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1st Olds Girl Guides

Girl Guides of Canada, Western Hemisphere
Region



WINNER

Project Aim: Work with peers in their community to manage a community garden which delivers food to the food bank, learning how to garden in a low waste and environmentally friendly manner

Key Activities

- Guides purchase seeds with the funds raised from Girl Guide cookie sales each year
- Guides plant seeds and weed garden, helped by leaders to water regularly, and harvest from August to September
- Vegetables are weighed and delivered weekly to the local food bank.
- When families in the community are identified as struggling, participants make a secret delivery of vegetables to their homes.

Outcomes:

Hundreds of kilograms of vegetables are delivered to the food bank each year, serving residents of the town of Olds (8,000 pax) and the surrounding area. The project has been running for six years and the community has worked to make the project sustainable.



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Dakota Horizons, Southwest District,
Troop 72603

Girl Scouts of the USA, Western Hemisphere
Region



WINNER

Project Aim: Recognising the high rate of teen drug use in their local area, Troop 72603 set out to create a safe space for teens to gather without peer pressure.

Key Activities

- Promoted teen nights at the local recreational centre, organising monthly events such as dances, movies nights, a rock band tournament, swimming and skating evenings
- Campaigned for free admission to the teen nights, which was granted by Spearfish City Council
- Developing a leadership board to oversee the activities, the recruitment of volunteers and fundraising for the project

Outcomes:

Free admission for teen nights has been granted, and the Spearfish Police Department have reported a drop in teen suicide rates over the months when these events took place. A safe, teen-owned space has now been created.



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1st Pitt Meadow Rangers, Lougheed Area

Girl Guides of Canada, British Columbia Council, Western Hemisphere Region

Project Aim: In partnership with Free the Children, the Girl Guides set out to increase access to free education for children in China

Key Activities

- Planning lessons and activities for the children according to age
- delivering lessons to children at the Adopt-a-village project in Wujiazhuang and the Shaolin Kung-Fu Orphanage, China.
- Distribution of personal sanitation and first aid supplies (ongoing)

Outcomes:

Students at the Adopt-a-Village Project have an increased interest in learning English whilst the Shaolin Kung-Fu Orphanage has improved resources and receives regular supplies through the project, helping to enable expansion of facilities to cater for 200 children.



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Let's Talk Charity Language Group
Kuwait Girl Guides Association, Arab Region

Project Aim: To improve communication between Kuwait Girl Guides Association and the local community and develop the voluntary work skills of the participants

Key Activities

- Introduced project concept to chairwoman of the Association
- Publicized project, meeting with supporting entities, directors and young women involved
- Prepared and implemented activities through 13th annual peace camp

Outcomes:

One hundred boxes of produce were put together included basic food supplies and distributed through the Kuwait Red Crescent and other charitable organisations



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3rd Nunthorpe Guides
Girl Guiding UK, Europe Region



WINNER

Project Aim: Increase gender equality, raise awareness of gender issues and raise funds to support girls' education in Liberia.

Key Activities

- Partnership with Plan UK through the “Because I am a Girl” project
- Raised funds to support girl's education in Liberia
- Took photos which reflected their lives as girls in the UK
- Organised a fundraising exhibition of the photos for members of the local community
- Delivered a Because I am a Girl petition to Downing Street to lobby UK government

Outcomes:

200 people attended the exhibition and they attracted local media interest, raising £430 for Plan UK which has been used to construct a girls' school in Liberia. 90 pledges were collected for the petition and the group secured a meeting with 2 Members of Parliament. The UK Government Department have now changed their international development priorities, putting gender quality in conflict situations and education at the top of their priorities, and the Guides hope their work contributed to this.



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Fazilah Binti Muda (Pahang Branch)

Girl Guides Association of Malaysia, Asia Pacific Region

Project Aim: Support single mothers in the local community and increase their independence

Key Activities

- Twenty single mothers were identified and invited to participate in the project
- Training given in bread making and curtain sewing
- Houses repaired and renovated to make living conditions more comfortable

Outcomes:

The mothers involved gained skills needed to generate their own income, increasing their economic independence. The participants continue to receive support both from the Guides and partner agencies.



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District of Kuala Lipis (Pahang Branch)

Girl Guides Association of Malaysia, Asia Pacific Region

Project Aim: Increase number of female aborigine students able to attend school

Key Activities

- Career planning given to two aboriginal teachers
- Personal hygiene skills were taught to students
- Organised a career dress up contest
- Held a used clothing donation drive
- Held an opening ceremony for work on MDG 2

Outcomes:

179 aboriginal girls participated in the programme and received support to enable their increased participation and independence



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Special Girl Guides of Bukit Harapin

Girl Guides Association of Malaysia, Asia Pacific Region

Project Aim: Support children with special needs to increase their self confidence

Key Activities

- Helped children with activities to improve their dexterity
- Played games with a focus on increasing memory skills
- Gave the children opportunities to increase their confidence through singing and participation in ceremonies
- Group performed to the Prime Minister's wife during her visit to the state headquarters

Outcomes:

Some visible improvements have been made with the children who have gained self confidence, personal skills and opportunities to interact in their local community. The guides continue to mentor the project participants.



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