



UPDATE

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40th Anniversary Kickoff Brings Us Together VGIF Travels to Nepal and India

by Fay Kittelson

The long-awaited and much anticipated trip to Nepal and India is now a few months in the past but the memories for the 24 participants truly linger on. With countless hours of planning and discussion from New York to Delhi to Kolkata and back again, the trip was an exceptional experience. It combined the high points of seeing the sights with the gratifying experience of meeting with our partners in Nepal and India and sharing strategies and dreams to help uplift and empower women worldwide.

The Friendship Tour, a celebration of VGIF's 40th Anniversary, included numerous opportunities to meet with women across the development spectrum. Our visit in Kathmandu included a meeting with members of the Nepal Association of University Women at their headquarters. In Delhi our team was hosted by the University Women's Association of Delhi at the Indraprastha College for Women where we heard from several highly placed women including the Minister of Women and Child Development. Our stay in Delhi also included a very interesting and helpful exchange with the Mission Director of USAID at the American Embassy. The high point of the trip was the conference in Kolkata which opened with a press conference and evening reception and continued the following day at the American Center. A welcome was given by the American Consul General followed by two excellent panels addressing the issues of "Women, Water, and Food Security." It was an exciting and stimulating day and concluded with a panel of project directors from four VGIF-funded projects. The conference officially concluded the following day with a trip to Project Five-O, funded in its first years by VGIF and successfully supporting a variety of projects including an elementary school for almost 30 years.

Our thanks go to the Indian Federation of University Women's Association for presenting the conference, and

individually to many of our Indian friends whose committed time and effort made the conference such a success.

And we did not lack for excellent sightseeing. From riding elephants in the Chitwan National Park to admiring the exquisite Mogul and Hindi architecture and artisanship represented by tombs, palaces, and forts in Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur, we tried not to miss anything along the way. No doubt everyone had his or her own personal favorite but I suspect the feeling was unanimous with the thrill of seeing the Taj Mahal arise out of the mist on a memorable Sunday morning.

The trip was truly a kaleidoscope of colors, sounds, tastes, sights, and indelible memories. Memories of places and the outstanding people we met along the way -- of friendships made and experiences shared. Our collective thanks go to all the people that touched us in so many ways and across so many miles. It truly did bring us together as one spirit and more committed than ever to pursue the mission of VGIF to help empower women and girls in developing countries.



Children in their classroom at Project Five-O in Kolkata.



The President's Perspectives

by Eileen Menton, President, 2008-2011

This has been a landmark year for the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund.

We approved a strategic plan for 2010 – 2014, began the celebration of our 40th year with a successful trip to India and Nepal, and funded 23 grants.

We received a bequest of 7-8 million USD from Ginny Palmer, which will allow us to expand our programs consistent with Ginny's wishes. In the coming months, the Board will be considering the various ideas that Ginny indicated were of interest to her. These include fellowships for graduate students, international conferences, discretionary grants, an award for excellence, a Peace Initiative, and an upgraded staff. Ginny's generous gift comes with a challenge to the organization. Because of its size relative to our other donations, VGIF may "tip" from public to private foundation status in 2010 under U.S. tax law. The change in our status does not affect our ability to accept donations, but it does mean that 1% of our income, including donations, will have to be paid to the U.S. Federal Treasury as an excise tax and we will have to spend significantly more on overhead to meet more stringent reporting requirements. If we "tip," we will be covered by those requirements for a minimum of 5 years. To keep this from happening, we need to raise at least 450,000 USD this year.

During our trip to India, we were reminded of the impact of our grants when we met with four directors of projects VGIF recently funded and visited the thriving Project Five-O Calcutta site, which VGIF funded in 1982 and 1983. One of the project directors was featured in an article in the Kolkata Mirror on November 23. Mrs. Leelavathi, President of the Rural Development Women Welfare Society (RDWWS) in Andhra Pradesh, said: "Had it not been for VGIF, we would not have been able to grow from a small group of 25 to an 850 member organisation. Help came from VGIF in 2006, 5,000 USD for a year, and since then there has been no looking back. We've been able to generate many self-funded programmes like pickling, tailoring, medicinal plants cultivation, a literacy programme and a small pre-school to name a few." *Wouldn't you rather spend our funds on projects like these than on paperwork and taxes?*

Our Annual Meeting in April this year will be at Barnard College, where we will cap off our 40th Anniversary Celebration. I hope you will be a part of a special day.

Highlights from the October 2009 Board Meeting

- A new Strategic Plan was approved for 2010 - 2014.
- The Board formally accepted the Palmer Bequest.
- Because of the possibility that we may "tip" into Private Foundation status in 2010, we need to be in compliance with the IRS Private Foundation requirements next year. These changes should not be onerous.
- The Board voted to join Grantmakers without Borders (www.gwob.net) and the Association of Small Foundations (www.smallfoundations.org). They have extensive on-line resources.
- We will be able to continue to occupy office space at Marble Collegiate Church until at least the spring of 2012.
- The Board passed the 2010 budget. Conveners have been asked to provide additions to the 2010 budget for implementation of the Strategic Plan in early January for consideration by the Board at the conference call meeting.
- We received 437 grant proposals from 44 countries for consideration. They were distributed to the 25 previewers.
- The number of grant applications from the Americas was up significantly.
- Arrangements are underway for our Annual Meeting April 17, 2010 at Barnard College in celebration of our 40th anniversary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2010

VGIF Annual Meeting: April 16-17, New York, U.S.A.

IFUW Triennial Conference: August 3-9, Mexico City, Mexico

CFUW AGM: July 15-18, Ottawa, Canada

WG Meeting: September 25, 2010, Online Meeting

VGIF Mid-Year Board Meeting: October 29-30, New York, U.S.A.

2011

VGIF Annual Meeting: April 8-9, 2011, New York, U.S.A.

Deaths Noted Since June 2009

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Claire Stein, Convener



As we begin the second decade of the 21st Century, our world has become ever smaller. It is easier for the world to communicate. The computer and the media have made us neighbors in the literal sense. We cannot ignore what is happening to those in our world for every day we see and hear the cries of anguish from our less fortunate neighbors. VGIF is there to help improve their lives with

our various project grants.

Each year, more and more apply for our grants – the need is so great. We have a tremendous impact, but there is so much more we can do, if only we had an increase in contributions from around the world. It is the duty of each and every member of VGIF to seek contributors in any way you deem appropriate. Use our excellent materials available from the New York Office just for the asking. When your friends moan about the “shape of the world,” let them know that they can do something to change the situation as an individual, not wait for their government or politicians to make the changes. Tell them what VGIF is doing. If at all possible, increase your personal giving in 2010, and above all talk about VGIF and its mission every chance you have. We are doing big things, but we can do so much more!

Help make it happen in 2010.

VGIF at the United Nations

by Leslie Wright

This year celebrates the 15th anniversary since the Beijing 4th World Conference on Women, which created the Beijing Platform for Action. This Platform identified 12 areas that needed to be addressed for women to progress. Since the First World Conference was held in 1975 in Mexico City, these conferences and the followup meetings of ECOSOC's Commission on the Status of Women (held in March annually at UN Headquarters) have documented the progress of the world's women.

This year the occasion will be marked by a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forum, to be held the last weekend of February and two weeks of Commission meetings at the UN beginning March 1. VGIF President, Eileen Menton, will attend this forum. VGIF and other NGOs will sponsor parallel events during these meetings on a variety of topics, most of which are free and open to the public. Commission meetings are only open to official NGO delegates. VGIF will have a delegation in attendance.

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On Site Visits are Big Success

by Linda Sekiguchi and Fay Kittelson

The On-Site Visitation initiative reported on in last January's **VG Update** has gained momentum over the past year. Following visits to Sierra Leone by VGIF friend Alfred Sesay in December 2008, the spring of 2009 brought extended on-site travels by Jake Stern. After completing his work with an NGO in Ethiopia, Jake traveled to Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda not only visiting projects in progress, but also making stops at sites of prospective grantees.

Summer brought more on-site visits by Zoë Kelly-Nacht. She was a recipient of a grant from the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard for a summer internship with VGIF in Central and South America. With additional funding from VGIF, she traveled through rural and urban areas of Peru, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Argentina, and El Salvador, evaluating four recently funded VGIF projects and meeting with twenty-one other women's Non-Governmental Organizations. Her internship was intended to improve the quality and quantity of VGIF involvement in Latin America by collecting on-site insight into the factors contributing to or inhibiting the success of current projects, and expanding the applicant pool by increasing VGIF's Latin American visibility. We are happy to report that as a result of Zoë's travels and efforts, we received the largest number of submitted projects ever from these countries and hope that there will be a resultant increase in our funding to Central and South America.

At this writing we are expecting reports from five recent on-site visits. These include a trip to a 2009-funded project in the Ranchi District of India by VGIF member Renee Prasad; an off-site meeting with the project director of a 2009-funded project in the southern islands of Bangladesh by VGIF friend Naseem Ahmed (visiting the actual site became impossible because of prolonged bad weather); an off-site meeting with the leadership of a project in Indonesia by VGIF member Bonnie Lincoln while in port on a cruise; and two site visits in Ghana made by colleagues from the International Federation of Women Lawyers. More details of these visits will be reported in upcoming issues of the *Flash* or the *VG Update*.

As you can see from these descriptions, we have utilized a wide array of members, friends, and colleagues for these visits which are extremely valuable and validating both to VGIF and to our grantees. If you intend to travel to countries where VGIF has funded projects and are eager for a unique experience, please contact the VGIF office (vgif@vgif.org) to discuss locations and site-visit details. Funds are not available for extended travel and VGIF is not liable for travel undertaken on a volunteer basis.

UPDATE OF GRANTS FUNDED IN 2009

Taylor Garrabrant and Fay Kittelson

Thanks to your contributions, VGIF funded 21 projects in 16 countries in 2009 in countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and South America. The projects have impacted thousands of women and girls in both rural and urban settings.

Your continued generous contributions assist women and girls who need not only our financial support but our consideration and encouragement to make positive changes in their lives.

#3781 Kikumu Agriculture Research Centre, UGANDA

This project, was initiated in the rural slums of Kasese in Uganda. Involvement stretching across the border to the Democratic Republic of Congo has empowered impoverished women by bringing the taboo subject of sexual violence into a community discussion. The area has been subject to prolonged armed conflict resulting in millions of displaced civilians and a high illiteracy rate. A total of 80 women and girls and 20 men were engaged in sex rights education training, gaining knowledge and raising awareness on issues of rape, abuse, and child marriage. A local police authority and policy makers joined in the training program, allowing the community to embrace the subject with greater ease. In addition, dramatic presentations and radio talk shows have spread the message to an estimated listening audience of over three million people.

#3783 Wahanda Women Development Group, KENYA

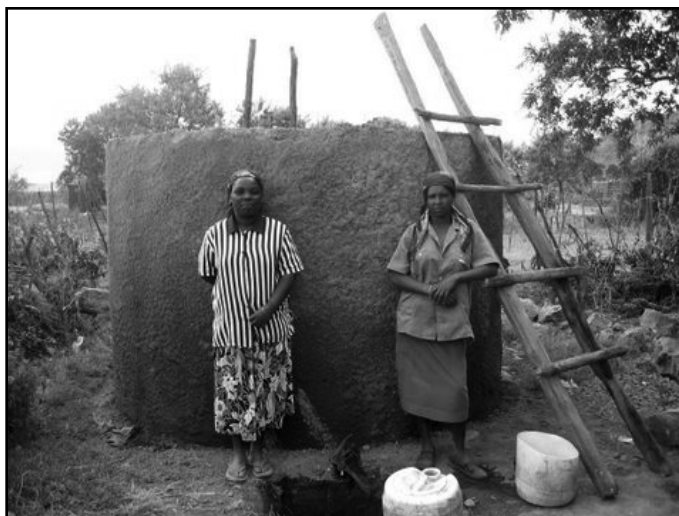
This previously funded group faced a difficult start to implementing a horticultural project during a period of drought. However, with the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides, 40 women engaged in farm plot preparation, plowing, weeding, and transplanting of kale, spinach, sukuma wiki seeds, and onions. The project raised great interest within the community as the Wahanda Women Development Group works toward its goals of providing employment opportunities for women and ensuring sustainable food production through improved horticultural practices.

#3805 Women's Center, GEORGIA

Physicians are often the first to come in contact with domestic violence victims. The Women's Center has effectively trained 60 physicians from three hospitals in the Tbilisi area on how to identify, assess, and care for victims of domestic violence. Doctors of all backgrounds gained awareness of the issues as well as the establishment of a follow-up support system. Meetings provided opportunities to jointly work with the State Fund for Protection of Victims. This is VGIF's second funding of the Women's Center to prevent gender-based violence in Georgia.

#3820 Rise and Shine Women's Group, KENYA

At the midpoint of their funded project, the Rise and Shine Women's Group has successfully built eight water tanks. Each beneficiary gathers local materials to aid in the assembling of cement water tanks and is assisted by a *fundi* (supervisor) assigned to each woman throughout the construction process. This collaborative project not only serves to assist basic water needs in the community but allows freedom for other chores as the women no longer need to walk long distances for water. An added benefit is the agreement that with each tank that is built, the family will plant 100 seedlings to provide future trees for firewood.



Members of the Rise and Shine Women's Group in front of their almost-completed water tank.

#3831 Bongeh Women Common Initiative Group, CAMEROON

This is the second year VGIF has provided project funding to prevent malaria through the distribution of mosquito nets in the Ndu district of Cameroon. The successful distribution and installation of over 1,500 mosquito nets to 901 homes was nearly double what was proposed, with the majority distributed to homes with either a pregnant woman or children. This dramatically increased interest came as a result of the first completed distribution of nets from VGIF in 2008. Each recipient will be credited with a free re-dipping of insecticide from the Ndu hospitals.

#3854 Akpafu Traditional Birth Attendants Women Association (ATBAWA), GHANA

20 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) were trained in pre- and post-natal care and sexual reproductive health and provided with medical kits and supplies. These TBAs receive continual guidance from the Ghana Health Service System through monthly supervision and contact with local midwives and nurses in their communities. A decrease in infant and mother mortality rates will be obtained through continuing education and dialogue for the TBAs.

#3855 Kids Hope School, NIGERIA

The Quintessence Theater (QT) was established to promote knowledge and awareness among young women on issues of economic empowerment and girls' human rights. Drama, discussions, games, debates, and displays were all used to advocate against gender-based violence. Local police were involved in one memorable session which allowed girls to question authorities on sexual harassment laws and regulations. Each QT graduate will mentor another girl currently in the program. News of the project was broadcast by the Radio Nigeria National Network which reaches over one million listeners. Community response has been overwhelmingly positive. One mother said, "My girl has changed so much with QT experience. I am grateful."

#3862 Women's Participation in Grassroot Development (WOPGRADE), SIERRA LEONE

In Tikonko, Sierra Leone, women are "seen and not to be heard." WOPGRADE trained 65 women in the income-generating skill of gara tie-dyeing. Currently participants sell their garments in the market in Tikonko. Since this initiative began, there has been a shift in attitudes toward women. The entire community better understands that women play an integral and equal part in economic development.

#3880 Bibbo Women's Association in Development (BWAD), UGANDA

Excellent strides to improve the socio-economic condition of 58 women through pig-keeping and organic farming are underway. Thus far, workshops have been held on all phases of pig-keeping, construction completed on a pig sty, and six pigs purchased. Participants visited a nearby thriving farm, both motivating and inspiring them about the possibilities of their livestock and farming efforts. While the pig raising is in its early stages with anticipated cross-breeding to improve local stocks, the scheduled organic farming has run into difficulties because of a long drought. The women replanted a portion of their crops in hopes of better rainfall.

#3934 Leklebi Women's Initiative (LWI), GHANA

64 women participated in capacity-building workshops, learning about the importance of land inheritance and ownership. The women were empowered through weekly meetings, the distribution of an abridged copy of the Land Title Law, and the support of change agents such as queen mothers, religious leaders, and assembly representatives. Large strides are being made, not only in empowering these women, but changing the view of the community and corporate farmers, some of whom have agreed to give back land that was unrightfully sold to them. The Project Director anticipates that the next harvesting season will witness increased food supplies, both for consumption and for sale, as the number of acres available for cultivation will

increase to participant households as a result of these actions.

#4011 Prampram-Obemla Co-Operative Farmers and Marketing Society Ltd, GHANA

Devastating floods in Prampram, Ghana damaged a large portion of planted crops (maize, soybeans, groundnuts, and cassava), followed by a period of drought. Fortunately the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) agreed to support the cooperative with replacement seeds. So far, nine acres of drought-resistant cassava have been replanted and 269 participants have been trained in farming techniques by facilitators from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The women's cooperative will carry on with the loan schemes and long-term food production when the project becomes fully operational after replanting, harvesting, and marketing of crops.

#4079 Vocational Training Center for Youth in Distress, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

90 teen and young mothers have been trained in the income-generating skills of soap and bread making. These products are in high demand in the DRC but must be imported from neighboring Rwanda and Burundi. In addition to community support, the head of Uvira territory personally donated 100 USD to print certificates of completion for the trainees, validating their accomplishments. The project has been so successful that additional training is planned for 97 more young mothers in January. The young women are now able to send their children to school and contribute to medical health expenses for themselves and their families. A portion of the monies loaned to the participants will be paid back, providing project sustainability for the next group of trainees.

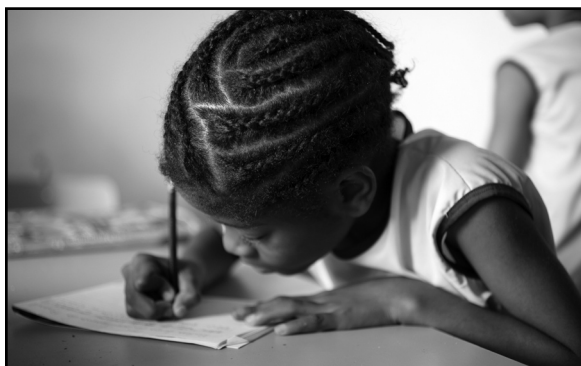


A vocational student examining the soap she has just made.

#4133 Bahia Street, BRAZIL

The Bahia Street program was developed by African-Brazilians who live in shantytowns in Salvador on the east coast of Brazil. Its goal is "to break cycles of poverty and

violence through quality educational opportunities for economically impoverished young women and girls in Brazil.” 60 young girls are receiving ongoing education with VGIF funds. New reading materials, reference books, maps, flash cards, game materials, and clocks have been provided. The girls are also given leadership training as well as health and nutritional services. As of this year, 12 Bahia Street graduates are in college and return to the school to volunteer and serve as role models to the other girls. Through the program’s commitment and focused education, these girls are gaining empowerment and self respect.



One of the young students in the Bahia Street program

#4225 Lifeline Health and Development Foundation (LHD Foundation) BANGLADESH

After one month’s training, 50 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) gained a basic functional foundation of pre- and post-natal care in addition to access to delivery kits needed to improve the lives of mothers and babies in three remote islands in southern Bangladesh. Training was given to identify risky pregnancies that should be referred to hospitals for safe delivery. Iron and folic acid tablets are being distributed to pregnant women, improving the mothers’ health and enabling the TBAs to be welcomed into the communities they are serving. TBAs submit monthly reports to an LHD supervisor who monitors and evaluates their activities and sets the schedule for subsequent months. This project continues to have a significant impact on health care in rural Bangladesh.



Food preparation class at the Vocational Training Center for Youth in Distress in the DRC [#4079 previous page]

TREASURER’S REPORT

Margery Sullivan, Treasurer

In 2009, VGIF disbursed 97,400 USD to 23 grant recipients in 16 countries. In addition, Virginia Palmer left a remarkable bequest to VGIF. We received 4,917,500 USD in 2009 and expect to receive an additional amount in 2010.

Due to the size of this bequest, we are working with attorneys to determine if and when we must revise our status to a private foundation. While this change has no impact on the deductibility of donations, it does have an impact on our costs.

The improvement in the financial markets this year has greatly benefited our investments. The 2009 return for the VGIF Investment fund is 13.9% and +31.2% for the Palmer Administrative Fund.

We successfully completed the audit of our 2008 financial statements. A copy is available upon request to the Office.

Consolidated Statement of Net Assets for 2009

December 31, 2008

Palmer Administrative Fund	1,528,143
VGIF Investment Fund	323,637
Cash	28,537
Less: Grant Commitments	(11,329)
Total Net Assets	1,868,988 USD

December 31, 2009

Palmer Administrative Fund	1,836,999
VGIF Investment Fund	5,379,205
Cash	25,585
Less: Grant Commitments	(10,000)
Total Net Assets	7,231,789 USD

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Our contribution to parallel events includes “Turning Dollars into Action,” an event to be held at the UN Foundation to introduce women’s organizations to the world of funders for their projects. The venue is limited to 35 participants. We expect organizational representatives to find information about how to research and apply for funds needed for their in-country projects. The event is co-sponsored by the International Women’s Tribune Center, which was established just after the Mexico City World Conference.

VGIF will also co-sponsor another event with the International Sociological Association entitled “Safety, Security and a Just Peace: Analyzing Programs and Policies.” We will report on these meetings in the next issue.

VGIF Event at the United Nations “Turning Dollars into Action”

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 1-3 p.m.

The UN Foundation

801 Second Avenue - 13th floor Conference Room

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