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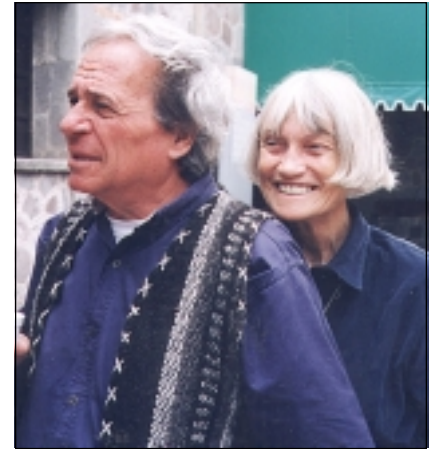
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SINTRAL Network

by **Rebeca Wild**

Mauricio and Rebeca Wild established the Pestalozzi School in Tumbaco, Ecuador in 1977. This school has provided an alternate approach to education for children and their families, and by example served as an inspiration for many people interested in social change. Rebeca Wild's book "Raising Curious, Creative, Competent Kids" was published in 2000 (USA: Shambala). SINTRAL is working to establish an alternate economy based on bartering.



Mauricio & Rebeca Wild.

EVER SINCE MAURICIO DECIDED TO SHARE OUR 7-YEAR experience at the Pestalozzi school with the LET-System (in Spanish SINTRAL), we have been asked if we have changed our interest in alternative education into alternative economy. In fact Mauricio has dedicated his efforts to the creation of SINTRAL groups all over the country in Indian communities and regions where mostly black people live, as well as towns and rural areas with mostly mestizo population. Since October I have accompanied him in this work using my sabbatical year after 23 years of intense and dedicated work

in the Pestalozzi school. In reality, we don't think of this development as a switch of interests, but rather as a logical consequence of our priorities. Let me try to explain:

With the pressures of dollarization and globalization imposed on the country, the

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Growing Susila Dharma Cuba

by **Kamil Ojeda**



Kamil Ojeda.

THE FIRST SEEDS OF SUSILA DHARMA were planted late in 1994 when Monica Ramirez, then SDIA's Director for Latin America, visited the island. She developed the first contacts with Cuban authorities, especially the Ministry of Education and the Institute for Economical Cooperation, as well to the Institute of People's Friendship to get authorized to begin SD projects on the island.

In 1995, during the National Congress, Afandi Ojeda was appointed the first SD Cuba representative, and he started the

first SD project in the Nueva Juventud Primary School of Special Education (for handicapped children). By that time, Afandi and his wife Hamidah were closely linked to the school, and developed a very interesting program of learning through music. Afandi and Hamidah are both musicians, playing the guitar and piano respectively. Although none of us are now directly involved with the school since Afandi and Hamidah moved to the USA, we keep giving direct material help to the school

In 1996, we received the first visit of Rosanna Hille, SDIA Chairper-

son. The links with SDIA office since then has been an invaluable help and definitely a steady support to the SD activities in Cuba. Rosanna has since visited the island in 1998 and in 2000, to hold meetings and develop an SD Workshop with all the members committed to SD activities in Cuba.

In 1997, a new National Project was begun at the Republic of Nicaragua High School. Three people are associated with Susila Dharma work at the school. This project has been developed in coordination with the Ministry of Education of Cuba, through the authorities at The Municipality of Cerro in Havana City. Even though the Ministry of Education makes a tremendous effort and allocates many resources to develop the Educational Programs for children and teenagers throughout Cuba, the lack of material resources has an impact on the schools at all levels in every part of the country. One must bear in mind that after the fall of the Socialist countries in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the Cuban economy was strongly shocked, and the new commercial conditions for the Cuban Foreign Trade, which had to turn to new and more competitive markets, brought about a crises that will require several more years to be overcome.

In 1999, members from other parts of Cuba presented their propos-

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SINTRAL ...cont'

Pestalozzi, with its social integration plus the economic difficulties characteristic for alternative schools, has little chance of surviving under these conditions, unless we manage to find creative solutions.

The quality of life for children and their parents has always been of utmost importance in our work. To witness the rapid and constant decline of the quality of life in our country has just become too much to endure. 10% of the adult population has emigrated to find jobs abroad. In many communities the children are deprived of their parents and left in the care of their grandparents, even babies as well as older children, sometimes 15 of them to one set of grandparents. In the year 2000 over a thousand children of poor families were "sold" to people who take them off for slave work in other countries (mostly Colombia and Venezuela). The "price" was generally \$100 per child, in some cases up to \$500!

Despair, criminality and repression are rapidly increasing together with the cost of life (Ecuador has now the highest rate of inflation in South America). What salaries can buy becomes less and less. According to official news, the rate of unemployment in the country is not increasing, because so many workers between 15 and 45 years have left the country.

Of course we are unable to solve any of these problems, but at least we try to share with those who are interested some of the instruments, which in our own experience at the Pestalozzi have proven valuable to improve a sense of capacity, autonomous problem solving, solidarity and a feeling of community. These instruments are "checkbooks" and tools for bookkeeping made for alternative economy. What we can also contribute are introductory explanations and further assistance: accompaniment in the organization of alternative markets, giving a first supply of products for basic

needs such as rice, potatoes or soap, so that people can make a first experience of buying with "self-made checks". In May 2000 a national congress of the coordinators of the first 80 groups was held, which was fundamental for the creation of an Ecuadorian network of alternative economy.

Now in Ecuador there exist over a hundred groups spread over 13 provinces. They meet in five regional markets to exchange products of the various climatic zones. Four collaborators assist this process on a voluntary basis, while 3 have to be paid a minimum salary so they can survive and three regional assistants receive some pocket money for bringing their talents into the network.

There are many needs for which we are seeking help from people who might spare some official money to be converted into this new currency of solidarity. These needs are basically: checkbooks and tools for accounting, salaries for assistants, for transport of products and for starting help for production (e.g. seeds, small rice and corn mills, sewing machines and materials for producing clothes, shoes and soap, carpentry tools etc.). Besides, we are investing money in transport for people to get to training programs in organic agriculture and other skills, as well as for intercultural gatherings.

Mauricio and myself have already spent most of what we have earned during our last summer work giving workshops on alternative education in various European countries. Susila Dharma International has offered to channel contributions for SINTRAL and we are hopeful that Ecuador, the first Latin American country being dollarized, will also become important in finding humane solutions for the inevitable consequences dollarization imposes on the people. *(To receive regular reports on the development of the SINTRAL network in Ecuador, contact the SDIA office.)* **SD**

SD CUBA ...cont'

als for new SD projects, as they were feeling themselves a bit out of the SD picture, since all the projects were located in Havana City. The new projects had been working very modestly with local resources, but since that year they began to receive money from sponsors abroad.

One of our most humanitarian projects has to do with a **Children's Home** located in one of the most beautiful houses in the City of Camaguey, 533 km east of Havana. Although it's properly speaking an orphanage, the children and social workers there don't like to call it that because this house is for them "their home". For the children living there, the Principal (a lovely granny) is their "mother" and the Trustee their "father". The members in the group of Camaguey show a real commitment, and the project goes beyond material help. Parties, excursions and medical care are part of this SD project.

Some miles east, in the outskirts of the city of Manzanillo, 800 km east of Havana, the members are closely linked to a religious community known as "Los Letreros". There, they have an **Elderly Care Center** where old men and women, many of them suffering sickness and most with no relatives, are taken care of by a group of devoted and committed workers. As this is a non-governmental institution, they lack material support from the official institutions belonging to the Government, so the material help coming from Susila Dharma is extraordinarily well received.

One of the SD representatives in Manzanillo, is a medical doctor, committed to giving direct attention to families in the community. She is really concerned about health problems, and as the economic situation is also severely affecting this part of the country, she has been giving help to some old people who live alone or have no relatives to take care of them, some motionless and suffering from different diseases. We are thinking of promoting this work as a new SD project soon, and will try to get funds for it.

We also need to mention that besides the work on the SD projects, SD Cuba is in charge of the administration of the "Susila Dharma Humanitarian Fund". This idea, developed for countries with especially difficult economic situations, is directed to help individuals who are suffering special hardships. This wonderful idea

has proved to be very effective, for all the groups can feel that they are part of the SD work.

We feel certain that the process of learning from our own mistakes as we carry out SD projects, will help us grow both inwardly and outwardly. We want to thank all of you who have contributed to support our SD projects, and also to all of those who have given contributions to the SD Humanitarian Fund. I'd also like to ask forgiveness if in this quick outlook of SD activities in Cuba I have forgotten the names of any of the people who have helped plant the seeds of Susila Dharma on our island to grow to the small tree it is at present. **SD**



Residents of the Elderly Care Center in Manzanillo.

Touring Projects in Slums

by Rosanna Hille



Happy faces at the Mithra preschool in one of the slums. The "blackboard" in the background is a piece of corrugated metal.

India

The *Mithra Foundation* operates preschool programs and women's groups (*sanghas*) in 8 slum communities in Bangalore. Their main goal is to empower women and children to take a more active role in their future. They do this through programs that assist children to prepare for school since most come from homes that provide very little cognitive stimulus and therefore they drop out when they can't

keep up. Quickly they become child workers and the cycle of poverty continues. A new and unique feature of the *Mithra* Foundation is creative training for teachers. Teachers are trained to use creativity to develop cognitive skills rather than relying on rote learning. This innovation has been made possible by the volunteer efforts of Raphael Bate, an Arts Professor from Edinburgh University (Scotland) who recently spent 3 months working with the *Mithra* teachers. Already *Mithra* has been asked to deliver this teacher training in both government and privately run schools. Another program of *Mithra* is microcredit lending to the women members of the *Sanghas*, which enable them to begin small micro-enterprises that add to the family income so children can attend school rather than work. Human and children's rights education is another keystone of the *Mithra Foundation* work. The staff of *Mithra* has developed a teaching manual and they deliver human rights training in the government schools and in the slum communities where they work. *Mithra* Foundation has partnerships with SD Britain, Germany and France.

Sri Lanka

In 1984 a group of friends in Colombo, led by Lamaan and Helena Goonetilleke, who felt concern for the plight of some people in their community, began a social project called *Subadha*, which means "a good heart" in Sinhalese. This project grew over the years with the support of Susila Dharma Germany and Canada, UNICEF and other funding agencies to include a preschool, children's cultural program, improved community sanitation, vocational training program and elderly day care.

Now 17 years later, the project has been handed over to the community it serves. The vocational training center is run by the Govern-

ment Vocational Training Association and it has expanded the number of programs offered to students. One of the buildings serves as a community center on the Buddhist temple grounds and provides space for a pre-school and a dance program for children. Another adjacent building will again become an elderly day care center and a post office run by the Buddhist Priest.

A third *Subadha* building contains a municipally run pre-school and a public library, encouraging literacy skills in children, youth and adults.

Several of the teachers who were employed by *Subadha* now operate private pre-schools and tutoring centers in their homes, building their micro-enterprises on the knowledge they received working for the project. Today Helena Goonetilleke, past director of *Subadha*, is mentoring these teachers by offering pedagogical support.

Susila Dharma Foundation of Sri Lanka, the legal entity for *Subadha*, continues to be operated by a Board of 5 who manage a small trust fund. The income from the trust fund will be used to support other charitable activities in Sri Lanka.



'Rangoli' (chalk dust art) competition at Mithra Women's Day Celebration.

Visiting these two slum projects in March, I became aware of the practice of some aid agencies to offer social benefits to a community while harbouring another motive – that of religious conversion. This approach is not well received by the community being served and in fact sets up suspicion of all organizations offering aid. It is one thing to be motivated to offer assistance to people from a feeling of compassion, care and respect. It is another to use aid to seek converts to one's religious view. It was reassuring to see that the projects supported by Susila Dharma demonstrate respect for the local people, their cultures and religions. [SD](#)



The community library in "A" quarters is located in a building built by *Subadha* and is now financed by the municipality.

Member News

Clear Path International



A child's drawing of the effects of landmines.

Imbert Mathee, co-founder of Clear Path International based in the USA has become an associate member of SDIA. This organization sponsors the removal of landmines and unexploded ordnance left over from war, and provides assistance to victims of accidental explosions, particularly children.

This year, Clear Path International is launching the biggest clearance effort of its kind by an American humanitarian group in Vietnam. Vietnamese deminers trained and equipped through Clear Path's sponsorship, will remove deadly explosives on nearly 110 acres of land on the former Dong Ha Combat Base. The clearance will pave the way for much-needed housing, organic farming and aquaculture.

In central Vietnam and soon in Cambodia as well, Clear Path International also provides comprehensive victim assistance services to landmine survivors, including emergency medical care, hospitalization, nutritional support, special scholarships and rehabilitation. Please visit <www.clearpathinternational.org>

Bellur Village Project

SRADHA, a society created by Ramamoorthy, operates the Bellur Village Project in 3 villages in Tamil Nadu province, 60 km from Bangalore. They provide support for children's education and the creation of women's microcredit lending groups. This year they have received financial support from SD USA for their work.



Local women leaders of the 'sangha' from one of the villages served by the Bellur project.

Roda Viva Update

Daniela Bita administrator of Roda Viva-Alfragide project in Lisbon writes: *We have rebuilt half the main floor of the Education Centre, which is 50m2 by 100m2 and we still need more donations to upgrade the building. Unfortunately, due to the expected cuts of the government financial aid, and the disastrous economical situation of Portugal, we need the support of everyone to keep up the good work of this project. The Education Center offers a kindergarten, after school program and training and recreation for youth from community who really need to improve the prospects for their future life.*

We have re-organised the administration of this project and are now very proud to operate a financially transparent organization. We request any financial help you can arrange to assist us and we can provide you with the 2000 accounts for the project and any other information you need to make a decision to support us. For more information about Roda Viva Project contact Daniela Bita at <assubud@esoterica.pt>



Children at the Roda Viva education centre in Lisbon.

Projecto Sossego do Meio Ambiente: Peace in the Environment Project

Illene Pevac is ending her volunteer work with CeLuAn Project in Brazil. They have created a children's environmental project and now the challenge remains to keep it going after Illene leaves. Illene writes: *"This will be the week of politics for me. I have to work with as many people in the community as possible to set up a web of people who will invest time, energy and some money to keep our project going. I feel if I can get some public money pledged, then I can go outside the country to get pledges of support.*

My dream is to have an environmental education program that bridges the social-economic classes and brings kids together to plant trees, make parks, care for the earth together instead of in their separate and unequal worlds." A video documentary on this project will be made.



Planting the first tree in front of the community center.

Kalimantan Refugees Relief - IRDN

The Indonesian Relief and Development Network (IRDN) is collecting donations to help Kalimantan refugees. Some 50,000-60,000 people have already been evacuated from Central Kalimantan to East Java and, as the situation remains tense, it seems unlikely they can return to their homes any time soon. In the meantime, these refugees are added to the one million internal refugees who left other conflict areas for a safer place and are all living in precarious conditions.

The funds IRDN collects are channelled to the refugees through reliable organizations working directly with the refugees. We have opened an account especially for receiving donations for Kalimantan Relief, as follows: BANK MANDIRI (ex BDN), Jakarta Bintaro Jaya, Indonesia. A/C No.: 128-0001020921 in the name of: Eliane R./Ismana H.S. (IRDN).

Please email us at <olvia@link.net.id> c.c. <irdn2001@yahoo.com> and <info@susiladharma.org> or fax 62-21-7590 6926 or 62-21-7373539 will the following information: 1) under which name the donation was sent 2) through which bank 3) how much was transferred, and 4) on what date so that we can check that your donation has been received, have clear records, and acknowledge receipt.

Thank you, Olvia Reksodipoetro.

Susila Dharma Germany

Susila Dharma Germany has put out an appeal to other funding organizations who might be interested in collaborating with them on helping Mithra Foundation obtain funds to build a Vocational Training Centre for youth from the slums of Bangalore. Contact Lawrence Fryer email <tdlfryer@t-online.de> if you would like to join them.

Education for Creativity Workshop

Mithra Foundation (India) sponsored a three-day workshop March 16-18 for teachers from other grassroots organizations to learn how to teach creativity to children. Raphael Bate, Art Professor from Edinburgh University, delivered the workshop to 23 enthusiastic learners who will take this information back and apply it to their work in the classroom.



Small group discussion and active learning were part of the 'Education for Creativity' workshop.

My Experience of an SD Training Session

by Sebastiano Salas - "La Obra Madre" Project

I DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE in any SDIA workshops until the Mina Clavero meeting in Argentina where I was able to attend 2 of them. The experience turned out to be very energizing, internally as well as externally. With your permission I would like to share my impression of it.

I clearly felt that we, the projects associated with SDIA, are not alone. The feeling of loneliness we often have is mostly a sense of personal, psychological isolation, and therefore it is something common among people who work surrounded by the sorrow and suffering of the others. I felt that we have to learn to channel and overcome that feeling in order to improve our work.

I understood that there is a clear concern from SDIA to develop tools and ways with which we can move on, and that those tools come from other projects as well as from the international community in general. And this shows that SDIA itself is not alone, also. I realized that SDIA is the associated projects and not the other way around, which would make SDIA a bureaucratic or controlling body, without life. In the SDIA workshops one can feel the vibration of the projects supported by the organization.

I found very enriching the SDIA workshop on the "Healthy Wheel of a Project" given by Kohar Parra (SD USA). Ask for it, I recommend it to you. It opens ways in our process, because it helps us to define what comes "from heaven" and what "from earth" and not mix up things.

For me the experience of Mina Clavero was useful to learn to value the communication and interaction among different projects. I believe we should ask SDIA to go deeper into it because it's good for all of us to learn from each other. This is because among all of us there is an inner common feeling, which belongs to each of us and therefore it is necessary to share it. And surely, doing that will help us to reduce our ego and arrogance. [SD](#)



Sebastiano Salas.

...if the world was a village

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.

There would be:

**57 Asians
21 Europeans
14 from the Western Hemisphere,
both north and south
8 Africans**

**52 would be female
48 would be male**

**70 would be non-white
30 would be white**

**70 would be non-Christian
30 would be Christian**

**89 would be heterosexual
11 would be homosexual**

**6 people would possess 59% of
the entire world's wealth and all
6 would be from the United
States.**

**80 would live in substandard
housing**

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

**1 would be near death; 1 would
be near birth**

**1 (yes, only 1) would have a
college education**

1 would own a computer

(source unknown)

Here are two stories of women who began drug prevention programs for young people as a result of their personal experience of helping their own children with drug problems. "Coming Back" in the Ukraine is a new associate member of SDIA.

DESPERTAR

by Regina Bianchi, Mina Clavero, Argentina

After my personal experience of having my son in treatment and going together through two years in a rehabilitation program in Córdoba city, I realized there was a lack of this kind of programs in our valley. I felt a strong need to start a place where kids and parents could find guidelines, information and orientation about drug diseases.

We started nearly a year ago with 25 teenagers between 13 and 18 years old. As they all belonged to the same school and they knew each

knowledge and behavior is remarkable. This is very rewarding for us and has been noticed not only by the kids themselves but also by their parents.

Future plans: We need to register *Despartar* officially so that we can receive grants. We want to establish a permanent professional team so that in the near future we can start treatment of drug addicted children. We want to continue our work with the teenagers and to create a new support group for kids at high risk. We want to perform the prevention work in churches

also self-help groups for the drug addicts themselves. For a month, thanks to the financial support of Susila Dharma USA, I spent a period of training in Al-Anon groups in Kiev. My son Andre and Lilia, one of the girls from Cherkassy who are in need of help, also participated in the training with me. The knowledge and experience that we acquired brought all three of us great satisfaction. But most important it allowed us to create a self-help group immediately on arriving home and to start to work in it.

The training program is based on the principles of the AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) movement, which began in the USA in the 30's. These principles are embodied in the "12 Step" program, which helps develop skills of social interaction, and encourages appeals to a higher force for help. Today this movement is world-

DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS

other, the group turned out to be too homogeneous without the necessary richness that kids from different schools, backgrounds and social status could bring. Adding new members to the group brought a different dynamic, which helped the program develop.

The youth meet once a week for two hours as a reflection group where they talk about drugs, aids, sexuality, school and family difficulties and future activities they want to do together. A skilled adult facilitates the group to freely express their ideas, concerns and doubts letting them find conclusions in a positive way by themselves.

Prevention work is done in the schools through talks, videos and theatre. Every Friday during the summer, we organized a "murga" (band of street musicians) that performs in the downtown pedestrian street. We hand out brochures with information about *Despartar*, why to say no to drugs and how to help someone who is drug dependent. After our first performance we were approached by the National Office of Drugs Prevention and now we are working together during this summer campaign.

Results: After a year we know that the prevention work is long term and needs to be carried out together with teachers, parents, health departments, police authorities, the municipality etc. For this reason our aim is to work together with all these institutions. As to our group's development, the changes in the kids' attitudes,

(where social activities take place), in marginal neighborhoods and sports clubs. We hope to keep on receiving professional training for the project staff. Next March we want to start a Murga School in Mina Clavero mainly for kids

who are not in school because due to their spare time, they are the ones at higher risk.

For more information about *Despartar* and its needs, or to set up a partnership to help this project, contact Regina Bianchi at <reginab@traslasierra.com>

FOR GOD, THERE ARE NO BAD PEOPLE

Taisa Demakova, Cherkassy, Ukraine

I want to express enormous gratitude to Susila Dharma in the form of Alla Magidson (SD Ukraine chair) and Renata Dunn (Canadian SD advisor living in the Ukraine), for giving me the possibility of taking one more real step towards realizing my dream, my cherished wish – to create help-groups for co-dependents (the relatives and friends of young drug addicts) and



Some of the youth participants in the *Despartar* project, Argentina.

wide and accounts for millions of people who are living without dependency on drugs or alcohol thanks to this program. With time, the AA movement gave rise to the Drug Addicts Anonymous movement, and Al-Anon, for the co-dependent families and friends of alcoholics and drug addicts.

Rehabilitation centers based on the 12 Step program are being set up in the USA and other countries of the world, including Ukraine. The 12 Step program provides the possibility to many drug addicts and alcoholics to return to sobriety and to feel themselves as full members of society, and enables co-dependents to learn to live in peace and love with those close to them. Indeed for God there are no bad people...



Taisa Demakova, Ukraine.

God certainly does move in mysterious ways – my own difficulties with my son turned my life around by 180 degrees, from being an engineer to becoming a psychologist-counsellor. Now I am studying myself, and helping others. I enjoy this and it brings me satisfaction. In our town I have become a founder of the social organization “Poverneniya”, which translated from Ukrainian means “Coming Back”. I am working with a group of parents of drug addicts. Incidentally, in our country, including in our town, to completely realize such a dream is not so simple because of the material problems. But God is merciful – thanks

to Susila Dharma people, responding to someone else’s problems, one of my dreams has come true.

How do we carry out self-help sessions? Every session begins and finishes with a prayer, although these groups are not from any one religious denomination. The observance of the principles of anonymity and confidentiality is very important, as is mutual support. “If you’re feeling bad, you need the group – if you’re feeling good, the group needs you.” This approach really is present in the self-help groups. In relating to each other, people learn from the example of others’ experience, more deeply understanding themselves and others. They learn to submit their problems to the Will of God, but at the same time to not run away from taking responsibility for themselves and their own lives i.e they learn to live consciously.

So thank you, Alla and Renata, for believing in me. I will gladly share with everybody what I know and what I find out. Thank you to Almighty God for the trials that befell me, which have taught me so much. It is better to get to know oneself, and not to skimp on love to our closest ones. Now, helping others, I am able not only to feel their suffering but also to feel the joy of life. And receiving gratitude from people inspires me to even more compassion and love.

*Note: In 2000 Taisa received less than \$150 US from an unallocated grant sent to SD Ukraine from SD USA. The SD committee chose this project for assistance. If anyone would like to provide further help to Taisa’s project **Coming Back**, contact SD Ukraine through Renata Dunn at <renata@a.teleport.com>. **SD***

Susila Dharma Conference - Bali, Indonesia July 2001

Susila Dharma International will organize a Susila Dharma Conference and use the knowledge and expertise around the world to deliver the program. Plans include:

- Presentations, slides and videos about the work of the members of SDIA.
- Workshops lead by project leaders who have become experts in their field
- Skills training for national SD organizations and project leaders.
- Issues Workshops such as participation in the United Nations, and the direction of SDIA for the next 4 year.

from the office

SDIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting SDIA will be held in Bali, Indonesia in July. A new chairperson and Board will be chosen. Members of SDIA can submit their nominations for Directors to the office.

THANK YOU GUERRAND HERMES FOUNDATION!

SDIA has received a grant from the Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace (UK) to assist us to bring representatives from developing countries to the Susila Dharma Conference in Bali. SDIA will participate in the UN sponsored World Conference Against Racism in Durban South Africa at the end of August, thanks to the financial support of GHF.



AFRICA REPORT AVAILABLE

The SDIA Africa Report ,summarizing all the activities of SD members on that continent, is available on the SDIA website or by contacting the office.

SDIA ENDOWMENT FUND

The SDIA Endowment Fund was started in 2000 and is managed by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in

California. The goal is to provide an income stream to support the work of SDIA. To make inquiries about the benefits to Americans if you contribute, please contact Howard Smith at <smythe@ojai.net> for information.

“DOLLAR A DAY CLUB” GROWING

There are now 22 members of the Dollar a Day Club who contribute \$30 per month to SDIA as an automatic deduction from their credit card. This monthly donation provides much needed financial stability to SDIA. Consider joining the Club through the SDIA website or by contacting the office.

2001 Budget Progress

Each year SDIA’s activities and accomplishments have increased.

Please help us continue this trend!

The 2001 projected expenditures are:

Grants: 53%

Services: 35%

Administration: 12%

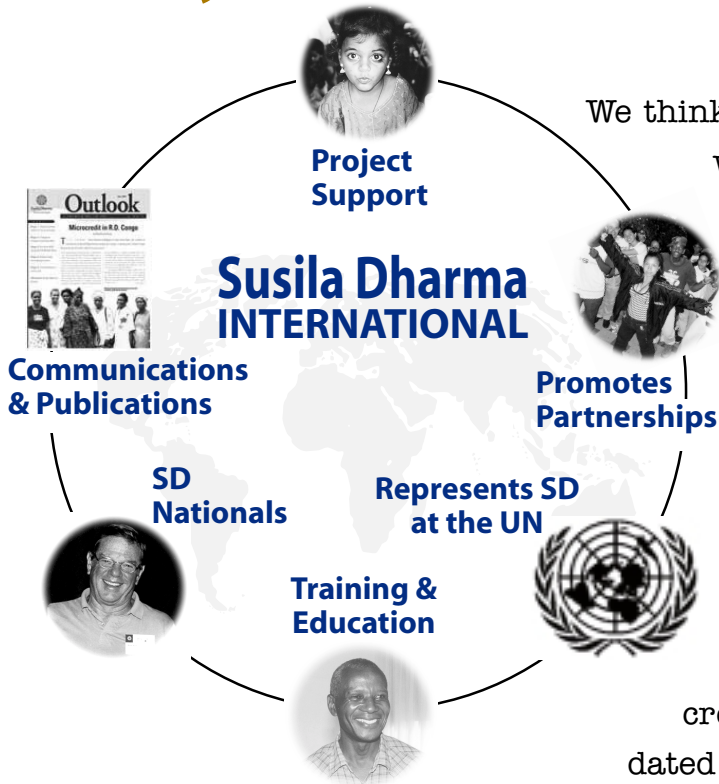
You can make your donation through the SDI website at

www.susiladharm.org

2001 budget: \$279,000

Received to March: \$32,283

Only a Dollar a Day!



We think of Susila Dharma as a wheel of activity and Susila Dharma International as the **hub**. Let's keep it moving! The **Dollar a Day Club** makes it easy to support the hub of this work by donating a dollar a day for one year, **deducted monthly** from your credit card, or by post-dated cheque.

Yes! I would like to join the Dollar a Day Club.

With your minimum donation of \$30/month for 1 year, you will receive 4 issues of SDI Outlook yearly and the SDI Annual Report.

You have 3 ways to join the club:

- Please find enclosed 12 monthly post-dated cheques in \$US (drawn on a \$US account)
- I will give my credit card donation through the SDI website at www.susiladharm.org
- Please accept my credit card information below and debit my credit card monthly for 1 year.

My donation is for: \$US30 per month \$US60 per month \$US _____ per month

Card No. _____ VISA Mastercard Expiry Date (mm/yy) ____ / ____

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. _____ Email _____

Signature _____

SDI is a registered charity in the U.S. Please check if you would like a US tax receipt.

Did you know that... • In 2000, SDI distributed \$132,000 in grants to projects.

- Since 1997 SDI has organized 6 international Susila Dharma training sessions.
- SDI works with 68 projects and 22 national SD committees.



Susila Dharma
International

All activities of the Susila Dharma Network are locally initiated, and cover five broad programs areas:

EDUCATION

To provide traditional and innovative education services for children, youth and adults in the areas of formal and informal education.

HEALTH

To provide innovative health services and health education, to patients as well as practitioners, and to recover traditional knowledge about health.

WOMEN AND CHILDRENS' DEVELOPMENT

To offer a range of activities such as maternal and early childhood education, drug prevention programs, orphanages, and support to families.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To support local economic initiatives which benefit the community such as microcredit programs, micro-enterprise development, food security, infrastructure and environmental improvements.

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF

To collaborate with other agencies to provide relief to populations in need.

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