

A Special Message of Thanks and Endorsement from our Principal Partners



War on Want NI and the poor communities we work with rely a lot on the continuous support we receive from NIPSA members. Over the last seven years you have contributed almost £80,000 to our work in Guatemala, Uganda and Malawi.

After a visit to WoWNI projects in Malawi including the NIPSA funded Songani Community Care, in April 2007, Noel Thompson made the following comment:

“War on Want doesn’t hand out money to anyone who asks for it. It works with 15 carefully chosen partners in Malawi, on Aids related projects which it nurtures through training, education and financial support until they can stand on their own feet”.

War on Want NI and our partners rely on individuals like NIPSA members to support our work, to enable our partners make a difference to their own lives and that of thousands of people in the surrounding communities. Thank you for your support in the past and in the future. Please continue to help them.



ANN McCANDLESS
Overseas Development Manager



Re: NIPSA Developing World Fund

Trocaire would like to take this opportunity to thank NIPSA members who donated to the NIPSA Developing World Fund. With your help a banana workers trade union in northern Nicaragua has been able to promote workers rights and as a result access to health care has greatly improved and alternative income generation activities have been explored. Also in Honduras your funds have been used to improve the working conditions and labour rights of female workers in free trade zones. Your continued support demonstrates solidarity with workers around the world so that their rights are respected and upheld.

Yours sincerely

Eithne McNulty
Regional Manager
Trócaire NI

These are
some
of the
projects,
big and
small,
that you
supported



Where the money goes

NIPSA members have donated over £440,000 to projects in the developing world since the union's Developing World Fund was established in 1993.

NIPSA's Global Solidarity Committee, who manage the NIPSA Developing World Fund, have responsibility for assessing all applications and all grants are given at the discretion of the General Council on the recommendation of the Committee. All recipients must give the Union audited

accounts or verification that the funds have been spent as agreed. They must also provide the Union with regular progress reports on the project.

Most of the money goes to short and medium term projects with a strong trade union ethos. They aim to educate and organise workers in the developing world, particularly public sector workers. Other projects support human and trade union rights and the development of democratic, independent trade unions.

We also support projects which educate and empower marginalised groups in the developing world including women, children, the disabled and aids sufferers.

This show of solidarity is possible because of the regular contributions we receive from our members on a monthly basis through Give As You Earn (GAYE). To date less than one per cent of members contribute to GAYE which only goes to show how much we could do if more members agreed to contribute to this charitable fund.



“ NIPSA has allowed our organisation to evolve from a small community protest group to a self-build housing project giving new homes to 42 families over the last three years. Thank you NIPSA for your financial support ”

Zulia Mena from the Organisation de Barrios del Choco in Columbia

HOW can you help?

BY RAISING MONEY

The challenge is there for members and branches to work up fund raising ventures.

BY DONATING

We encourage members, if they can afford it, to give **regularly** by either taking out a covenant or authorising a Give As You Earn (GAYE) payroll deduction. If you would like to do this, please complete the deduction slip below, and make a real difference to the lives of the poor people of the world.

NIPSA/Developing World Fund Payroll Donation Form

I want to give to the NIPSA Developing World Fund, direct from my salary the following amount per month:

(please tick box)

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|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| £5.00 | cost in take home pay | £3.90 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| £10.00 | cost in take home pay | £7.80 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| £15.00 | cost in take home pay | £11.70 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| £20.00 | cost in take home pay | £15.60 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Above figures are based on standard tax rates.

Weekly paid staff should indicate
amounts in panel below

£
Minimum donation £1.30
Cost in take home pay £1.00

Name

Address

may be omitted
if necessary

Postcode

Staff No

Employer's Name

Work Location

Signed

Date

Please tick if
you already
use GAYE

Please return this form to NIPSA Headquarters



Dear NIPSA

I would like to put on the record the marvellous support over the years that Oxfam Ireland has received from your Global Solidarity Committee. The interest shown in global poverty - and the tangible initiatives taken, both financial and in terms of campaigning - have been substantial.



It's easy for us, who live comfortably in the rich world, to overlook the plight of the millions of profoundly poor people still struggling for basic subsistence. At Oxfam Ireland we believe that global poverty is a moral challenge on the same scale as the dreadful working conditions and economic exploitation that moved the pioneer trade unionists to action 200 or so years ago. We are delighted that the NIPSA's Global Solidarity Committee and its numerous supporters throughout your branches share this view.

Over the years NIPSA has provided funds to support Oxfam Ireland's work. I think immediately of the money for the Girl Guides of Kenya for their valuable work amongst teenage girls. Undoubtedly, lives were changed as a result as these young women grew to adulthood, for we know that education and training for girls is probably the most productive investment that can be made in the Developing World today.

Again in 2004, £10,000 from the NIPSA Developing World Fund helped our rural development programme in Rwanda. Ostensibly this is all about improved agricultural techniques, and better seeds and tools, all of which have done much good. But it is also intended to help bring the Hutu and Tutsi communities back together. Here at home we are familiar with community strife and breakdown. Fortunately, we have not had to cope with the scale of killing experienced by Rwanda just over ten years ago.

More recently, in 2006, the NIPSA Developing World Funds were used for humanitarian relief. In 2006 Kenya experienced yet another drought, with failed food crops and the deaths of much livestock. The Masai nomadic herders, with whom our partner organisation, MPIDO, works in the south of the country, were devastated once again. An invaluable £7,742 from NIPSA enabled us to provide emergency feeding for an entire community.

These are some examples of the very considerable, beneficial, impact that NIPSA Developing World Fund supporters have had upon the lives of many extremely poor and vulnerable people. For the price of a couple of beers, a packet of cigarettes, or a visit to the pictures, we as individuals can give hope to families overseas. So, on behalf of those families, I want to thank NIPSA for what you have done for them.

I cannot finish without also thanking NIPSA for supporting our campaigns, which are trying to make the world a fairer place. The way globalised economies now work - bringing us baby vegetables from Zambia, clothes from China, etc etc - means that our ordinary everyday decisions can affect the lives of others profoundly. Indeed, sometimes we may be making life and death decisions. Your solidarity in this area, translated as it is into positive action, is an inspiration to others to follow your example.

Again, on behalf of those whose lives you have touched for the better, I thank you.

Yours sincerely

DR BRIAN SCOTT
Chief Executive