THE BINA HILL INSTITUTE
FOR RESEARCH, TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Date established | October 1999.
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Date and type of registration | We operate as a part of the North Rupununi District Development Board (NRDDB). This body is registered as a Trust.
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Region 9
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Number of active members | 25
Number of paid staff | 9 – full time
Number of regular volunteers | 12
Estimated annual budget | 7,000,000
Main sources of funding | British Lottery, CIDA

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To facilitate local development initiatives offering contacts and networking with all other local leadership, other local and international development organisations and ensuring future development of the North Rupununi District and Region 9.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- Economic/income generation
- HIV/AIDS
- Education/training
- Human rights
- Physical improvement of community
- Student/youth issues
- Women’s issues
- Violence
- Indigenous peoples issues
- Health
- Sports
- Culture and art
- Professional
- Environment
- Agriculture
- Advocacy
- Employment
- Poverty reduction

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

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<th>Project #1 Name/Goal</th>
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Main activities
1. Establish garden & farm.
2. Cattle rearing
3. Carry out agricultural research to rediscover traditional agricultural knowledge and develop new practices.
4. Provide training for youths in new and old techniques.
5. Maintain a nursery and living herbarium where traditional crop varieties will be preserved.

Main source(s) of funding  British lottery
Project theme or sector  Agriculture
Project partners
Geographic scope  North Rupununi District

Results of Project
- Farm & garden established.
- Cattle herd.
- Youth have been involved in acquiring skills
- Drip irrigation system started.

Project #2 Name/Goal  Youth Leadership Program
Start date  September, 2002
End date  Ongoing

Main activities
1. Training youth in the areas of:
   - Self-development
   - Environmental issues
   - Cultural traditions and rediscovery
   - Basic academic skills training
   - Information technology
   - Indigenous issues
2. Cultural exchange with Canadian Aboriginal youth – Ghost River Rediscovery.
3. Youth-Elder Conference
4. Agricultural skills training
5. Sports.

Main source(s) of funding  CIDA, HRDC-Canada, Wildrose foundation – Canada.
Project theme or sector  Empowering Indigenous Youth
Project partners  Ghost River Rediscovery – Canada, The Carter Center
Geographic scope  North Rupununi District

Results of Project
2. Agricultural training
3. Two youth-elder conferences
4. Monthly sports activities
5. Participation in workshops & training sessions focusing on the above mentioned activities & more.
### Project #3 Name/Goal: Makushi Research Unit

**Start date**: November 2003  
**End date**: Ongoing

**Main activities**
1. Institutional strengthening of the unit.  
4. Workshops & outreach programmes.  
5. Documentation of Makushi culture & production of video and audio programmes.  
7. Production of Makushi Women’s Embroidered Documentaries as visual counterpart to the book.  
8. Domestic Violence workshops

**Main source(s) of funding**: Gender Equity Fund - Guyana

**Project theme or sector**: Women

**Project partners**: NRDDB, Guyana Book Foundation, Iwokrama,  

**Geographic scope**: North Rupununi District, Karasabai

**Results of Project**
1. Improved status of Amerindian women  
2. Increased capacity for research  
3. Improved literacy in Makushi  
4. Radio programme.  
5. Community outreach.

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### Project #4 Name/Goal: Tourism Programme

**Start date**: January, 2004  
**End date**: Ongoing

**Main activities**
1. Community tourism centre  
2. Broadband satellite service  
3. Surama Eco-Lodge  
4. Aranaputa Mountain/Nature Trail  
5. Rupertee Mountain Conservation Trail and Paurine handicraft products.  
7. Annai handicraft centre.

**Main source(s) of funding**: CIDA-Iwokrama Community Tourism Grant

**Project theme or sector**: Community based tourism

**Project partners**: CIDA, Iwokrama

**Geographic scope**: North Rupununi District

**Results of Project**
- Tourism Centre established at Bina Hill  
- Broadband Satellite Service installed.
### Major projects planned for at least next two years

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