GUYANESE ORGANISATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (GOIP)

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<th>Date established</th>
<th>July 29, 1990</th>
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<td>Date and type of registration</td>
<td>March 5, 1994, Companies Act 89.01</td>
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| Number of active members | 20 |
| Number of paid staff | |
| Number of regular volunteers | 5 |
| Estimated annual budget | $25,000. |
| Main sources of funding | Fund-raising and members’ contributions. |
| Geographic scope of activity | All 10 regions of Guyana |

**Mission or primary goal of your organization:**

To facilitate the development of our peoples through indigenous peoples’ institutes, promote the recognition of the internationally recognised rights and interests of our peoples through partnership with other NGO’s, stakeholders and agencies.

**Main subject areas of activity or programmes**

- Health
- Sports
- Culture and art
- Student/youth issues
- Women’s issues
- Indigenous peoples issues
- HIV/AIDS
- Welfare and relief
- Environment
- Agriculture
- Advocacy
- Poverty reduction

**Major projects in last two years, including current projects**

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<th>Project #1 Name/Goal</th>
<th>Consultations on Revision of the Amerindian Act</th>
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<td>Start date</td>
<td>January 2003</td>
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<td>End date</td>
<td>May 2003</td>
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<td>Main activities</td>
<td>Provide platform for feedback from indigenous communities on how present Amerindian Act should be changed.</td>
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<td>Main source(s) of funding</td>
<td>The Carter Center</td>
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<td>Towards a new Amerindian Act</td>
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<td>The Carter Center, Amerindian Peoples’ Association (APA)</td>
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Major projects planned for at least next two years

**Project #1**

**Name/Goal**: Increasing indigenous women’s political participation and leadership.

**Start date**: April 1, 2004  
**End date**: April 30, 2004

**Main activities**: Provide training for indigenous women leaders who are interested in standing as candidates for Local Government bodies within Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9. These bodies include village councils, RDC’s, NDC’s and other similar institutions.

**Main source(s) of funding**: Canada-Caribbean Gender Equality Programme (CGEP)

**Project theme or sector**: Increasing indigenous women’s political participation and leadership.

**Project partners**: 
(1) Guyana Women’s Leadership Institute (GWLI)  
(2) National Democratic Institute (NDI)  
(3) Amerindian Peoples Association (APA)

**Geographic scope**: Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9.

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**Project #2**

**Name/Goal**: Lokono Language Revival Project

**Start date**: August 2004  
**End date**: July 2006

**Main activities**: Provide lessons for (preferably younger, aged 15-40) Lokono indigenous persons in all aspects of Lokono (now on the verge of extinction).

**Project theme or sector**: Lokono indigenous nation 15-40.

**Project partners**: Lokono linguists, Toshaos and village councils, school teachers of Moruka, Kabakaburi, Santa Aratak, Pakur, Moraikobai and Orealla

**Geographic scope**: Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

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**Project #3**

**Name/Goal**: Sustainable indigenous-based agriculture.

**Start date**: August 2004  
**End date**: July 2005

**Main activities**: Transform traditional agricultural practices to an area were this is extinct or on the brink of extinction. “Model” indigenous village to be created, to survive on sustainable basis.

**Project theme or sector**: Agriculture

**Project partners**: Partners for First Peoples Development (PFPD), Arima, Trinidad, WI
Networking

What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in your activities?

1. Volunteer Youth Corps (VYC)
2. Partners for First Peoples Development (PFPD, Trinidad)
3. Youth Challenge Guyana
4. Guyana Women’s Leadership Institute (GWLI)