### VILVOORDEN WOMEN’S GROUP

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<th>Date established</th>
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<td>Date and type of registration</td>
<td>2003, Friendly Societies Act</td>
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<td>Primary contact person</td>
<td>Dharmadai Ramjit</td>
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<td>Address, telephone and email</td>
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<td>Tel # 774-5362, Lot 4 Fairfield, Essequibo Coast</td>
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<td>Number of active members</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Number of paid staff</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Number of regular volunteers</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Estimated annual budget</td>
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<td>Main sources of funding</td>
<td>Fund Raising (BBQ, Tours, Raffles, Fun Day, etc.)</td>
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**Mission or primary goal of your organization:**

*Reduce poverty, working with literacy to create a better environment. Assist people to be self sufficient and socially interactive in their communities.*

**Main subject areas of activity or programmes**

- Economic/income generation
- Education/training
- Physical improvement of community
- Counselling
- Agriculture
- Advocacy
- Environment
- Women’s issues
- Consumer rights
- Employment
- Poverty reduction

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

**Project #1 Name/Goal**

**Networking for Ethnic Unity**

To have Ethnic Unity among the races and sustain the unity of races in Region 2

**Start date**

June 16 2003

**End date**

August 16, 2003

**Main activities**

1. Community meeting
2. Seminar, Relational Day
3. Exhibition
4. Group meeting.

**Main source(s) of funding**

The Carter Center

**Project theme or sector**

Democracy & Governance

**Project partners**

Pomona Women and Youth Reaching Out, Airy Hall
Women Development Group, PTA, NDC, RDC
Geographic scope  Region 2
Results of Project  A Race Relation committee was formed in Region 2.

Project #2 Name/Goal  Chicken-Rearing Project
Start date  July 20, 2003
End date  Ongoing
Main activities
1. Building of Pens
2. Group Meeting
3. Buying Chickens
Main source(s) of funding  Rice Producers Association
Project theme or sector  Small business development
Project partners  Rice Producers Association
Geographic scope  Region 2
Results of Project  Each member so far has been able to continue rearing chickens as an income-generating project.

Project #3 Name/Goal  Sewing Project
Start date  July 25, 2003
End date  September 25, 2003
Main activities
1. Meeting
2. Survey for Resource Personnel
3. Sewing
Main source(s) of funding  Rice Producers Association
Project theme or sector  Small business development
Project partners  Rice Producers Association
Geographic scope  Region 2
Results of Project  Each member was able to sew at least 5 five different items (e.g. school uniforms, dresses, skirts, blouse) used for income generating.

Project #4 Name/Goal  Literacy
Start date  Oct. 13, 2003
End date  January 8, 2004
Main activities
1. Hold community meeting
2. Identify Venue
3. Select facilitators
Main source(s) of funding  Women’s Affairs Bureau
**Project theme or sector**  
IDCE, Vilvoorden women’s Group, Residents of Neighbouring Community

**Project partners**  
Women’s Affairs Bureau, IDCE

**Geographic scope**  
Region 2

**Results of Project**  
Out of 18 students, 11 were able to complete the course and graduated on January 17, 2004.

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**Major projects planned for at least next two years**

**Project #1 Name/Goal**  
**Building Training Center**  
To have our own building and training venue.

**Start date**  
January 24, 2004

**End date**  
December 1, 2004

**Main activities**
1. Apply for Land
2. Identify Land
3. Select Donor
4. Hold meeting

**Main source(s) of funding**
Vilvoorden Women’s Group – NDC
RDC- members of Communities

**Project theme or sector**  
Vilvoorden Women’s Group – NDC
RDC- members of Communities

**Project partners**  
RDC, Members of Communities

**Geographic scope**  
Region 2

**Results of Project**  
So far the land has been identified but no funding has been obtained for building.

**Project #2 Name/Goal**  
**Literacy**  
To expose drop outs to a higher level of learning.

**Start date**  
January 1, 2004

**End date**

**Main activities**
1. Identify Venue
2. Hold Meetings
3. Select Facilitators

**Main source(s) of funding**
Funding agencies

**Project theme or sector**  
Members of different communities, IDCE

**Project partners**  
Members of different communities, IDCE

**Geographic scope**  
Region 2

**Results of Project**  
Students of the previous module are willing to continue at a higher level but this project has not been funded so far.
Project #3 Name/Goal: **Floral Arranging**
Women to be self-sufficient, earn income and build skills.

Start date: February 2004
End date: April 2004

**Main activities**
1. Identify Venue
2. Hold Meetings
3. Identify Resource Personnel
4. Buy Materials

**Main source(s) of funding**
Rice Producers Association

**Project theme or sector**
Small business development

**Project partners**
Members of Community
Resource Personnel
Rice Producers Association

**Geographic scope**
Region 2

**Results of Project**
Twenty-one women will participate from various communities to have skills in floral arrangement.

**Networking**
What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in your activities?
1. Essequibo Chambers of Commerce
2. Hope for All
3. Pomona Women & Youth reach out
4. Airy Hall Women’s Development Group