

Activity Report of specific accomplishments funded by used prepaid card donations (2001)

Thank you for supporting us by participating in our used prepaid card campaign. For the 8th term of our program, we amassed a total of \8,858,673 for our activities in various countries. The following is a breakdown of our distribution of funds.

1. Tanzania \2,577,173

- 1) Provide training for 20 grassroots family planning community volunteers

1 Region: Kilimanjaro State

- 1 Activity: Residents of this area chosen to be trained as family planning volunteers are crucial to their villages in terms of saving people's lives, as in many cases they provide the only source of medical care in the area. However, because the volunteers themselves become sick and sometimes die, some areas are lacking sources of medical treatment. This has left other volunteers with the burden of a large workload, and has negatively affected their group effectiveness as a whole. Therefore, in order to fill this gap and to continue service, JOICFP will train new volunteers.

- 2) Purchase twenty bags of cement for the construction of a daycare

1 Region: Magu, Mwanza State

- 1 Activity: Even among the various regions in Tanzania, Mwanza State suffers from an especially poor socioeconomic state and a high infant mortality rate. In an effort to improve this situation, the residents of Magu have begun to build a daycare. Village children may go to the daycare and receive balanced meals, which will help to combat malnutrition. This daycare will also serve as a place to exchange information about family planning, maternal and child health, and environmental sanitation. As construction is not yet complete, JOICFP will present the villagers with an additional twenty bags of cement.

- 3) Present building materials for construction of an examination center in a village without medical facilities

1 Region: Morogoro, Morogoro State

- 1 Activity: Although the activity conducted by family planning volunteers has helped to heighten awareness of health and sanitation issues among community members, facilities to support their activity are still extremely poor and insufficient. In some cases, volunteers must walk distances of 20 kilometers one way to reach health centers in order to procure necessary supplies. To respond to this need,

4) Villagers

l **Region:** Mukula, Magu, Mwanza

l **Activity:** Even within Tanzania, Mwanza has a high occurrence of malnutrition, and therefore a high infant mortality rate. In an effort to give the people of this region a means to help themselves better their circumstances, JOICFP will present them with two manually-operated seed oil extracting machines. Also, in order to process corn, a staple food in Mwanza, JOICFP will purchase a flour grinder for use there. This will decrease the manual labor usually performed by women in the area, and the money villagers spend to operate the machine will eventually be ploughed back into the community for the promotion of family planning activities.

5) Activity Monitoring

l A representative of Tanzania IPPF will periodically monitor the progress of the projects and administer guidance for their improvement.

2. Zambia \3,031,500

1) Promote reproductive health service for youth by providing community members with teaching and guidance on the subject

l **Region:** Fiwale and Kabba, Copperbelt State

l **Activity:** Until recently, family planning service provided in this area has been directed at adults, where service catered to youth has been extremely insufficient if not nonexistent. In particular, there is a great need to address the issue of HIV/AIDS. JOICFP will introduce youth-oriented service into the community by explaining that it is for the benefit of the entire community. In addition, JOICFP will establish teaching and information centers for adults at community elementary schools, churches, and meeting places.

2) Train sixty peer educators

l **Region:** Fiwale and Kabba, Copperbelt State

l **Activity:** The issue of HIV/AIDS cannot be handled successfully by administering examinations and treatment alone. Therefore, JOICFP plans to implement a program for the prevention of HIV/AIDS, to be taken on by peer educators. These peer educators will be given thorough training in HIV/AIDS prevention methods and other related issues, and in counseling. Expected success of this program is based on the assumptions that youth would easily open up to people of their own age, and that young trainees would have a better grasp than adults of the issues and problems that trouble their peers.

3) Train forty traditional midwives, present forty safe delivery kits

1 **Region:** Musocotowane, Sauzan State, and Fiwale and Kabba, Copperbelt State

1 **Activity:** In villages where doctors and medical facilities are unavailable, many pregnant women are forced to have home deliveries. Because many of the midwives who oversee deliveries in such cases lack proper knowledge and skills, the newborn infant mortality rate is high. In response to this problem, JOICFP will train traditional midwives to arm them with the skills necessary for overseeing safe births, and for providing pregnancy and post-partum care. In addition, JOICFP will distribute delivery kits equipped with the necessary tools for safe delivery.

4) Provide leadership training for thirty members of the area project administration association

1 **Region:** Fiwale and Kabba, Copperbelt State

1 **Activity:** To ensure smooth operation, JOICFP will provide training for newly-elected members of the area project administration association, Health Advisory Committee (HAC).

5) Present 20,000 deworming pills and 3,800 bottles of deworming syrup

1 **Region:** Copperbelt State, Ruapla State, and Sauzan State

1 **Activity:** JOICFP will administer insecticide pills and deworming syrup to village children to help restore their health. In addition, in cooperation with their teachers, JOICFP will teach children about habits for good sanitation and the importance of environmental sanitation.

3. China \2,000,000

1) Supplies assistance for the construction of a village elementary school library

1 **Region:** Dabo village of Huishui county, Guizhou province

1 **Activity:** In this region, people of the minority ethnicities Myao and Pui account for 58.3%, and the standard of living is extremely low. There are 631 students and thirty-six teachers at the Dabo village Central Elementary School, but due to its extreme budget limitations, there is no library. In support of the construction of a library, JOICFP will present thirty-five desk/chair sets, ten bookshelves, and necessary

- 2) Assistance in constructing ten biogas toilets in villages
 - 1 **Region:** Dabo and Qianchang village of Huishui county, Guizhou province
 - 1 **Activity:** Because people in this region use firewood for fuel, many of the forests are being destroyed by clearcutting. In order to combat what is a growing problem for the ecosystem and the environment, JOICFP will assist these areas with the construction of biogas toilets. Methane gas produced by these toilets can be used in households as an alternative energy source to wood, thereby helping to preserve the ecosystem.
- 3) Scholarship assistance for ten children of extremely poverty-stricken families
 - 1 **Region:** Dabo and Qianchang village of Huishui county, Guizhou province
 - 1 **Activity:** Even within China, this is an extremely poverty-stricken area. JOICFP will provide scholarships for basic education to ten children who would otherwise not be able to attend school.

4. Vietnam \1,250,000

- 1) Retraining for thirty community family planning volunteers
 - 1 **Region:** Tuien, Damdein, Lonan, Bindion, Lamdon, Hanoi, Ho Chi Min
 - 1 **Activity:** While there are presently family planning volunteers working in these areas, many are unable to address certain needs and concerns of patients, and as a result have requested retraining. However, within their limited budget, such retraining is not feasible, and the service continues to worsen. Therefore, JOICFP will conduct volunteer retraining to meet the community's reproductive health needs and to improve the overall program.

Note: the content of the activities described above is subject to change based on fluctuating Japanese yen rates.