



What is progress?

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“Before this, we didn’t grow enough to feed ourselves. There were too many chemicals in our food and our diet was poor. Now we easily produce enough.”

... that’s progress

Faustino Reyes, Pico Bonito, Honduras



“Before we set up this restaurant, I worked at a flower plantation. It was hot in the greenhouses, and they used a lot of pesticides. This work is better for my health, better for my family, and better for me.”

... that's progress

Rosa Quimbiulco, Cayambe, Ecuador



“The leadership training gave me ideas for resolving conflicts and helped me think about different and better ways I can lead my community.”

... that's progress

Luis Dos Santos, Lao Hatan village, East Timor



“I used to struggle to provide enough food for my family. But now, with the help of Progressio development worker Hans, I have a fish pond that provides food and income.”

... that's progress

Eduardo Zavala, Chirilagua, El Salvador



In January 2006, CIIR – the Catholic Institute for International Relations – adopted a new name: Progressio.

It comes from *Populorum Progressio* (“On the development of peoples”), a document written by Pope Paul VI which calls on all people of goodwill to work for human development and fight injustice.

Populorum Progressio argues that “the development that leads to peace can come only when all peoples help each other”. It asks: “If development is now the name for peace, who can refuse such work?” (Quoted from *This is Progress*, an abridged translation published by Progressio in 2006)

Drawing on *Populorum Progressio*, the new name reflects our progressive Catholic roots. But the word *Progressio* on its own simply means development and advancement. We hope it will also strike a chord with everybody – of all faiths, and of no religion – who shares our aim of tackling poverty and injustice in developing countries.

Our values remain the same: integrity and respect; solidarity and justice; courage and commitment.

We work for sustainable development for communities and people in developing countries. We work in solidarity with groups and organisations fighting to tackle poverty and end injustice. And we are not afraid of challenging the powerful on difficult issues of global poverty.

“Disabled people are now realising that we have the capacity to work and to contribute to the development of Somaliland. Our increased visibility and growing confidence means we can call for changes which will benefit us.”

... that's progress

Jama Ibrahim Awed, Hargeisa, Somaliland



“The training helped me to acquire skill and develop my confidence in breaking the silence about HIV and AIDS. After delivering a *khutba* (sermon) on AIDS, several people came forward and praised my initiative. So I feel that the problem of AIDS is gaining people’s acceptance now.”

... that’s progress

Sheikh Hayel Saeed Mohammad, Hodeidah, Yemen



“Francisco (the Progressio development worker) has taught us a lot about protecting the water resources. We now know things we would never have known before. This is helping us regain our livelihoods.”

... that's progress

Heydi Amaya, Olancho, Honduras



Progressio's work is with people and communities in developing countries. We provide support and assistance to local organisations that work with, and promote the rights of, disadvantaged people and communities.

Organisations like ...

SEDAL in Ecuador, which helps women's groups set up and run small enterprises.

FUMA in El Salvador, which works with small farmers to help them safeguard their livelihoods through sustainable agriculture.

JAMIAT ABU MUSA a faith-based organisation in Yemen which promotes awareness of HIV and AIDS in this traditional Muslim society.

MAO in Honduras, which works with local communities in Olancho, an area devastated by illegal logging.

THE CENTRE AND NETWORK for Zimbabwean Positive Women, which provides support and advice on the prevention, care and management of HIV and AIDS.

REDE FETO the East Timorese women's network, whose member organisation Caucus provides leadership training to women – and also to male leaders, whose raised awareness of gender issues can help promote women's participation in decision-making.

FLOR DE PIEDRA which provides counselling, support, legal advice and political advocacy for sex workers in El Salvador ...

"I've suffered a lot. I had to live through much violence. But not any more, because of Flor de Piedra. It feels like a light on the path. It's taught me about self-esteem and my rights."

... that's progress

Angélica Quintanilla (known as Karla),
San Salvador, El Salvador



Progressio supports our partner organisations by providing development workers – skilled professionals who offer expertise and assistance that is not available locally.

People like **Mónica Calvo**, a communications specialist who works with Flor de Piedra in El Salvador.

Or **Irfan Akhtar**, an HIV and AIDS coordinator/trainer who works with six partner organisations in Yemen, including Jamiat Abu Musa.

Or **Marvin Zavala**, an agronomist and organic farming expert, who works with the Pico Bonito Foundation in Honduras.

In 2005/6, a total of around 75 Progressio development workers were working with partner organisations in 11 countries – the Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Namibia, Nicaragua, Peru, Somaliland, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

“Progressio’s development workers are very important to us,” says Jama Ibrahim Awed of the Somaliland National Disabilities Forum (SNDF). “If we are going to make change in our country, we must first change ourselves and the ways we are involving ourselves.” SNDF is just one of several fledgling civil society organisations in Somaliland assisted by Progressio development worker **Yvette Lopez**, a capacity building and advocacy advisor.

“There are 26 member groups in the Somaliland National Youth Organisation (SONYO), most of them run by volunteers. They came without knowledge, experience, skills – but with a willingness to serve. Yvette (the Progressio development worker) built the capacity of the members and many are now able to carry out their own activities.”

**Mustafe Mo Khaise (near right),
executive director, SONYO**

... that's progress

“Yvette’s impact cannot be described in one minute. The difference in SONYO is enormous among staff and members. We know how to write reports, how to raise awareness, how to run campaigns...”

**Ibrahim Sulefan Abrahman (far right),
chairperson, SONYO**



Progressio aims to help our partner organisations find their own solutions to the problems faced by people and communities in their country. But we know that in itself this is not enough. People in developing countries are also struggling against many injustices that keep them locked in poverty. We campaign for people's rights, nationally and internationally, to help bring about real change.

In 2005/6, our environmental advocacy project highlighted how policy and practice in the global North contributes to environmental degradation and poverty in the global South. Our leaflet *Say No to Suicide Seeds* successfully supported efforts to oppose Terminator technology (developed for use in genetically modified seeds), which we believe threatens farmers' livelihoods and the environment worldwide.

Our inter-faith peace-building initiative in South-East Asia supported faith-based organisations and civil society groups to work for peace and justice in the region, and particularly in East Timor, Mindanao and West Papua.

We also spoke out about the desperate plight of people in Haiti and the situation in Zimbabwe. We added our voice to the Make Poverty History campaign, and drew on the experience of our partner organisations to raise awareness in the global North about issues of social justice in the global South.

At Progressio, we believe that progress is about people. We work with people to bring about change; we work for people to change the injustices that hold them back from a better future.

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Leaders of two youth groups in Outjo, Namibia, where Progressio works with the Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa



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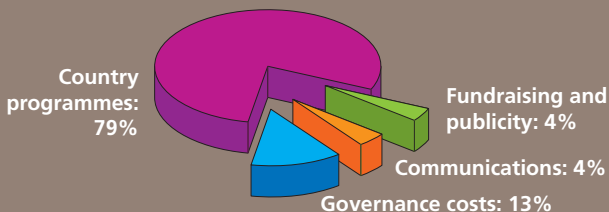
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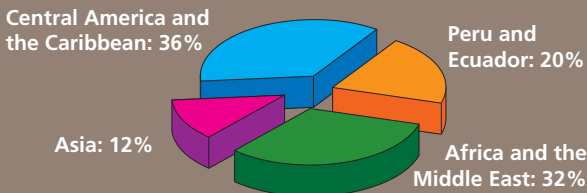
Total income: £4,925,298

Sources: Department for International Development (DFID) 57%, Comic Relief 7%, European Commission 6%, Christian Aid 4%, Big Lottery Fund 3%, DFID South-East Asia 3%, Irish Aid 3%, Unicef 3%, Cafod 2%, Cordaid 1%, Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation 1%, Social Fund for Development (World Bank) 1%, Membership subscriptions, donations, sales, legacies, sundry receipts 9%.

Total expenditure: £4,666,513



Expenditure on programmes



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**“It’s good because we poor people can now
earn some money. Before, there was no
way to earn much. Without this project, we
would be struggling.”**

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Rosa Portillo, Pico Bonito, Honduras

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