

GLOBAL RESPONSE

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MISSION

Global Response empowers people of all ages, cultures, and nationalities to protect the environment by creating *partnerships for effective citizen action*. At the request of indigenous peoples and grassroots organizations, Global Response organizes *urgent international letter campaigns* to help communities prevent many kinds of environmental destruction. *Global Response involves young people as well as adults* in these campaigns to develop in them the values and skills for global citizen cooperation and earth stewardship.

GOALS

- Help grassroots organizations and indigenous peoples *prevent environmental destruction*;
- Educate young people and adults about critical environmental issues and *motivate them to take personal action* as responsible global citizens and earth stewards;
- *Build an international network* of environmental activists and organizations that work together to preserve the environment and sustainable economies;
- Form a *new generation of environmentally conscious young people* who know how to *collaborate* with people of all countries and cultures to solve environmental problems.

Global Response issues printed and e-mail *Actions* to an international network of environmental organizations and to its letter-writing membership:

- **Global Response Actions (GR Actions)** for adults
- **Eco-Club Actions (ECA)** for high school students and youth environmental clubs
- **Young Environmentalist's Actions (YEA)** for elementary school students, families, teachers, and classrooms. A **Teacher's Packet** accompanies the YEA.

First they ignore you.
Then they laugh at you.
Then they fight you.
Then you win.

—Gandhi

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

In the short time I have been with Global Response I have learned firsthand the enormous power of non-violent action. Over the last year, thousands of Global Response members around the world have communicated their concerns for human rights and environmental protection to decision-makers in India, Guatemala, Kenya, Colombia, and Pakistan (only to name a few), and our campaigns have met with success in each of those nations. In an era when many would-be activists are asking, "what's the use?" it is clear that what we do at Global Response is working. It is also evident that the services we provide are in greater demand than ever, as natural resource protection and social justice continue to be overlooked while fossil fuel production and industrialization-at-all-costs are prioritized in the Global North and South.

Global Response is committed to supporting grassroots organizations and indigenous peoples in their courageous struggles to preserve vital biological diversity and the safety and sustainability of their communities. We owe the effectiveness of our letter-writing campaigns to the participation of members in 86 countries and strong partnerships with national and international activist organizations. While we take pride in accomplishing a lot on a very tight budget, we are determined to increase our revenues to be able to respond to more communities that seek our help. It is exciting to be gaining stronger support among businesses and private foundations who believe in our mission. I am honored to serve Global Response and work through our international network to bring about a world where environmental protection and justice prevail.

—David N. Pellow



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ACTION IMPACTS

GLOBAL RESPONSE members in 86 countries and in three age groups — adults, teens, and children — participated in the following Global Response Action Campaigns during the 2001 fiscal year. For the full texts of these Alerts, please visit the Actions Index on our website: www.globalresponse.org.



BANGLADESH

#5/00 Protect World's Largest Mangrove Forest

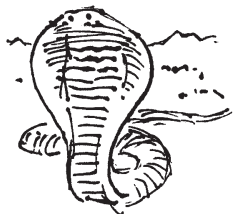
The Sundarbans are the world's largest mangrove forest and tiger reserve. Two million people depend for their survival on this biologically rich and fragile ecosystem. Our letters urged Bangladesh's Prime Minister and Shell Bangladesh to prohibit all oil and gas exploration in Block 5 to protect the Sundarbans.

Requested by the Institute for Environment and Development Studies (Friends of the Earth Bangladesh) and Mangrove Action Project.

Victory! The contract signed in July 2001 by Shell Oil Company and the Bangladesh government excludes explorations within the Sundarbans. Local environmentalists remain concerned, however, that explorations in adjacent inhabited areas may cause damage to the mangrove forest and coastal ecosystem.

"The Sundarbans campaign would never be successful without your full, active and zealous cooperation.... Let's celebrate for rescuing Sundarbans from Shell!"

— Mohammed Ali Ashraf, IEDS



PAKISTAN

#6/00 Stop Oil/Gas Development in Kirthar National Park

This letter-writing campaign urged Shell-Premier Oil Company and Pakistan's Minister of Natural Resources to abandon plans to explore for oil and gas in Kirthar National Park. Kirthar is important both ecologically and archaeologically; it is home to 20,000 tribal people, and provides water for Karachi and Hyderabad.

Requested by Citizens Committee on Kirthar and Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment, Pakistan.

Victory! In May 2001, Shell Oil announced its withdrawal from oil/gas explorations inside Kirthar National Park! Citizens' efforts now focus on persuading other oil companies to follow Shell's lead.

"Against heavy odds, the campaign to force Shell Oil Co. out of Kirthar National Park has succeeded! And it is mainly due to organizations like Global Response.... The dikes of Shell Oil could not withstand the flood of Global Response letters."

— Farhan Anwar, Coordinator
Citizens Committee on Kirthar

Victories! in Past Global Response Campaigns

This year we celebrated three major victories in previous years' letter campaigns:

COLOMBIA – #1/2000

In July 2001, after several years of worldwide protest against Occidental Petroleum Company's drilling in the traditional territory of the U'wa people, Oxy abandoned the drill site because it found no oil there. The U'wa believe Mother Earth hid the oil from Oxy in response to their prayers and the outpouring of support from world citizens.

CHILE – #2/1999

Global Response letters helped persuade U.S. logging giant Boise Cascade to withdraw from the Cascada Chile project, which threatened to destroy 5 million acres of ancient temperate rainforests in southern Chile.

"Thanks to all of you who made this possible. This is a big success!"

— Defensores de los Bosques Chilenos

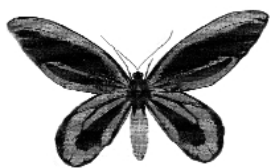
INDIA – #6/1999

A Global Response letter campaign helped convince U.S. power utility Ogdan Corporation to drop its 49% share in the construction of the enormous Maheshwar Dam on India's Narmada River. The dam would submerge 1,100 hectares of rich agricultural land, destroy the river ecosystem and displace 50,000 people in 61 villages.

"It is a major victory for the people of the valley and for friends and supporters like you."

— Narmada Bachao Andolan

ACTION IMPACTS



PAPUA NEW GUINEA #1/01 Protect Forests and Forest Peoples

Almost half of PNG's remarkably diverse forests are already slated for industrial logging. To protect the remainder, forest peoples and environmental organizations asked us to help them convince the World Bank and the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea to maintain a ban on new industrial logging concessions. We also urged them to help forest communities develop alternative eco-forestry projects. Forest peoples charge logging companies with human rights abuses including intimidation, death threats and rape.

Requested by PNG Eco-Forestry Forum and Forests.org, Inc.

"The moratorium on industrial logging is the last chance for our forests."

— *Sasa Zibe Kokino, Chairperson
Papua New Guinea Eco-Forestry Forum*



TIERRA DEL FUEGO #3/01 Protect Gondwana Forest

The world's oldest tree species originated on the Gondwana super-continent that split up to form southern Chile and Argentina, Australia and southern Africa. The Trillium Corporation wants to clearcut ancient Gondwana tree species in Tierra del Fuego. Our letters asked Trillium to sell these ancient forests back to the governments of Chile and Argentina, so that they can be permanently protected as the cornerstone of the Gondwana Forest Sanctuary.

Requested by Finisterrae; Defensores del Bosque Chileno; Native Forest Network; ForestEthics; Ancient Forest International; and American Lands Alliance.

"Thanks for your support! It makes us feel accompanied in our long struggle to save our forests. The Global Response strategy is very creative; we hope it will also prove very effective."

— *Graciela Ramacciotti, President
Fundación Finisterrae, Argentina*



COSTA RICA #2/01 Stop Oil Development on Caribbean Coast

A coalition of indigenous, environmental and community development organizations asked us to write letters to the President of Costa Rica and to Harken Energy Company, urging them to cancel offshore oil/gas explorations along the Caribbean coast. Oil development threatens coral reefs, dolphin and sea turtle habitat, the Manzanilla-Gandoca Wildlife Refuge, and the local eco-tourism economy.

Requested by Acción de Lucha Antipetrolera (ADELA) and the Talamanca Dolphin Foundation.

"If you could see this paradise – our beautiful ocean and mountains and animals – I know you would help us stop this oil company. Oil could destroy everything here."

— *Maythemi Salazar, age 17, Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica*

EMERGENCY ACTIONS

Global Response issues Emergency Actions by e-mail to our Quick Response Network (QRN) when the lives and safety of environmental activists are threatened, and in response to urgent requests from collaborating organizations. To join the Quick Response Network, visit the Global Response website: www.globalresponse.org/join.html. This year we issued 40 Emergency Actions. QRN members called on authorities to:

Release unjustly imprisoned environmental and indigenous activists in Belarus, China, Mexico, India and Ecuador.

Stop police/military mistreatment of non-violent environmental protesters in Chad, Venezuela, Guatemala, China, India, Ecuador and Colombia.

Investigate rapes, kidnappings, disappearances and murders of indigenous rights and environmental activists in Colombia, Honduras, Papua New Guinea.

Stop construction of destructive dams in Portugal, Thailand and China, and stop construction of hotels on a turtle nesting beach in Mexico.

Stop industrial logging projects that threaten valuable forest ecosystems and indigenous peoples in Russia, Peru, Papua New Guinea, and Nigeria.

Prevent oil development in Pakistan and in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Reserve.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Global Response makes a few dollars go a long way – and their impacts are felt around the world. Global Response is a 501c(3) organization; all contributions are tax-deductible, *and 87% of your money goes directly into programs.* Please make a contribution today. Global Response needs your support, and we appreciate it.

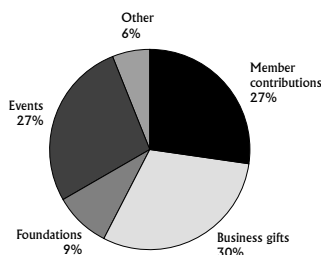
Cash Accounts	\$ 27,085.75
Property and Equipment (net)	701.29
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 27,787.04

Liabilities	\$ 278.00
Equity	27,509.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 27,787.04

Revenue

Member contributions	\$ 28,824.29
Business gifts	32,500.00
Foundation, NGO grants	10,161.61
Events	28,990.28
Other	6,541.38
TOTAL REVENUES	\$107,017.56

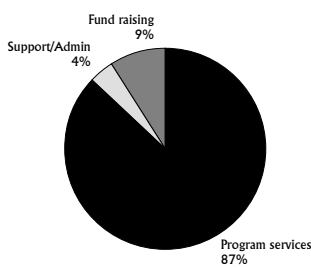
Revenue



Expenses

Program services	\$100,492.47
Support services/Admin	5,183.63
Fund Raising	9,858.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$115,534.97

Expenses



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Student Interns bring youthful enthusiasm to Global Response. Many thanks and good wishes to:

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Please contact Global Response if you'd like to help build our international network for environmental action and education. Ways YOU can help:

- Recruit new members by sharing Global Response materials and our 5-minute video with your family, schools, churches, clubs, and at public events
- Become a Global Response organizer in your area
- Write articles about Global Response for newsletters, email listserves, etc.
- Volunteer in the Boulder, Colorado office
- Raise funds to support Global Response