GLOBAL RESPONSE

Environmental Action & Education Network

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

This year has been one of fast-forward change for Global Response. Building on more than a decade of effective advocacy, we substantially expanded our efforts—with more staff, enhanced advocacy efforts, and, importantly, more victories for the environment.

2003 began with the advent of Global Response's first Managing Director, Kathy Partridge. Under Kathy's leadership, the staff, the Board and volunteers launched a far-reaching organizational strategic planning process. The results were gratifying, informative and have helped us chart an exciting course for the future.

Our strategic plan for the future was informed by partners, program beneficiaries and peer organizations, all of whom applauded our lean, nimble, highly effective organization. We learned that our greatest asset is you—our dynamic network of activists and supporters. We also reconfirmed the enduring value of personal letters in service of advocacy efforts.

Global Response now has a 5-year vision for the future:

- Create a strong international presence and structure;
- Expand the depth of our campaigns and the tools we use to succeed;
- Dramatically grow our membership and network of citizen activists;
- Strengthen our successful, interactive youth programs;
- Make the organization more visible in the United States and around the world.

All of these efforts will help Global Response be a more effective partner with the local communities who request our assistance to secure social justice and protect the environment.

In this report, we are proud to outline last year's accomplishments —supporting communities from the Himalayas to the Amazon, and the Korean Peninsula to Patagonia—but already our sights are set on creating new chapters in our history, to the benefit of the local and global environment. This is a period of tremendous change at Global Response and around the world. Please join us as we move ahead, stronger and more confident in our ability to help create a better future.

—David Harwood

Global Response Board and Staff 2003

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 international letter-writing 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.

Global Response issues printed and e-mail Actions to an international network of environmental organizations and to its letter-writing membership in 93 countries:

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

In April 2003, Andrew Taylor joined our team as Youth Outreach Coordinator, greatly enhancing our ability to educate and motivate a new generation of globally conscious youth who know how to collaborate with people of all countries and cultures to solve environmental problems.

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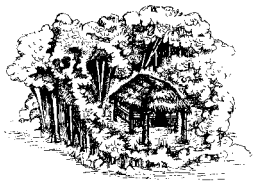
ACTION IMPACTS

Global Response members in 93 countries participated in these Global Response Action Campaigns during the 2003 fiscal year. For the full texts of the Action Alerts, please visit the Actions Index at www.globalresponse.org.



PERU #6/02 — Stop Funding for Camisea Gas Pipeline

Indigenous peoples organizations in Peru asked Global Response to help convince the U.S. Export-Import Bank to reject loan applications for the Camisea Gas Pipeline. The project threatens the survival of three indigenous tribes that live in voluntary isolation in Peru's Amazon headwaters. Conservation International says the Camisea region "contains a biological and cultural richness perhaps unparalleled anywhere else." *(Requested by the Consejo Machiguenga del Rio Urubamba, Centro para el Desarrollo del Indígena Amazónico, Amazon Watch and Friends of the Earth-US.)*

Victory! In August 2003, the U.S. Export-Import Bank denied funding for the Camisea project on environmental grounds. Our email-based Quick Response Network (QRN) pressed hard for similar action by the Inter-American Development Bank, but IDB directors approved funding for Camisea with the U.S. director abstaining.

"This is a significant victory….Global Response was instrumental in raising public awareness and mobilizing international action at critical points throughout the campaign."

— Amazon Watch, Institute for Policy Studies, Friends of the Earth and Oxfam America

RUSSIA #7/02 — Protect Tunkinskii National Park

At the request of environmentalists in Siberia, we urged the Russian government to reject a proposal to build an oil pipeline through Tunkinskii National Park to China. The project threatens taiga wilderness, snow leopard habitat, indigenous communities and eco-tourism, and violates Russian environmental laws. *(Requested by the Baikal Environmental Wave, the Buryat Regional Union for Baikal, the Buryat Center for Public Environmental Reviews, and Pacific Environment).*

Victory! In September 2003, Russia's Ministry of Natural Resources rejected the pipeline proposal submitted by oil giant Yukos, based on environmental concerns. The government is conducting further environmental studies and also considering an alternative pipeline route to Japan.

"At Pacific Environment, we consider Global Response an essential resource. Thousand of letters pouring in from around the world can have an astounding effect. Global Response letters also give grassroots activists needed moral support to continue their important fight."

— David Gordon, Pacific Environment

ECUADOR #1/03 — Support Sarayacu People vs. Oil Development

In the Ecuadorian Amazon, the Kichwa people of Sarayacu are forming human chains along their territorial boundaries, barring ChevronTexaco and CGC oil exploration teams and their military escorts. Global Response members urged the president of Ecuador and the CEO of ChevronTexaco to respect the human and territorial rights of the Sarayacu people, cancel the oil exploration permit, and declare permanent environmental protection for Sarayacu territories under indigenous management. *(Requested by the Kichwa Tayja Saruta Sarayacu Community.)*

Progress On May 5, the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights (ICHR) ordered the Ecuadorian government to protect the life, safety and territories of the Sarayacu people. When the provincial governor threatened military intervention on behalf of the oil companies, we called for two more rounds of letters through the QRN. The ICHR meets again in October.

"We call on all communities and nationalities to come together and seek better alternatives for development that assure our life and future."

— Marlon Santi, President of the original Kichwa nation of Sarayacu

Victories! in Past Global Response Campaigns

CHILE #5/02 — Destructive vs. Sustainable Development

When the Canadian company Noranda announced its plan to build an aluminum smelter on Chile's southern coast, local people declared the region the "Aisen Reserve of Life" and asked Global Response to help them defend their pristine temperate rainforest and coastal fjords. After a year of intense public pressure, President Lagos publicly criticized the project's potential for environmental destruction, and Noranda immediately withdrew its application.

"A hug and many thanks to all of you who contributed to this victory!"

—Peter Hartmann, Citizens' Coordinating Committee for the Aisen Reserve of Life

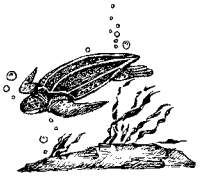
INDONESIA #4/02 — Stop Financing Forest Destruction

Indonesian environmental organizations asked Global Response to help them persuade Citigroup, the world's largest financial institution, to stop financing oil palm companies that are destroying forests. Our letters contributed to Rainforest Action Network's campaign calling on Citigroup to establish guidelines for environmental protection and human rights. In April, Citigroup and other top financial institutions adopted the Equator Principles, a very significant step forward.

"...it's really been the overwhelming grassroots support we've received from groups like Global Response that has made it possible for us to reach this point. Thanks again for your great work."

—Dan Firger, Rainforest Action Network

PACIFIC OCEAN #2/02 — Save Sea Turtles; Stop Longline Fishing

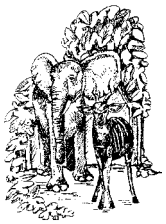


The Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle and 23 species of sea birds face imminent extinction, largely due to the wasteful practice of industrial long-line fishing. In May, Global Response and the Sea Turtle Restoration Project delivered over 1,300 letters to the office of U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, urging the U.N. to declare a moratorium on long-line fishing in the Pacific. *(Requested by Sea Turtle Restoration Project and Asociacion PROTEMA, Costa Rica.)*

"The decline of the leatherback is nothing short of catastrophic, and it is imperative that the global community eliminate the most destructive forms of industrial fishing before it is too late."

— Dr. Sylvia Earle, National Geographic

GHANA #3/03 — Protect Forest Reserves; Keep Mining Companies Out



Only 2 percent of Ghana's forests remain, and now mining companies are pressuring the Ghanaian government to let them mine inside the country's protected forest reserves. Our letters urged Ghana's president to uphold environmental laws. In collaboration with Project Underground, Global Response testified at Newmont Mining Company's annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, and we issued QRN alerts urging Newmont to stop trying to gain access to forest reserves in both Ghana and Indonesia. *(Requested by the Wassa Association of Communities Affected by Mining, Ghana)*

Progress In September, the Minister for Mines said the government will permit only 2 mining companies to mine in forest reserves, down from 5 that were previously announced.

"I think the campaign has been effective in pressurizing the government to reduce the number of companies…even though our aim is to ensure that no company mines in the forest reserves. We are very appreciative of the support of Global Response for your solidarity with our struggle to save the last vestiges of our forest from corporate greed."

— Daniel Owusu-Koranteng, WACAM

SOUTH KOREA #4/03 — Save Saemangeum Wetlands

The government of South Korea is building the world's longest sea wall, promising to convert the vast Saemangeum tidal flats to agricultural land. The rich resources of Saemangeum support 25,000 Korean families and provide critical stopover habitat for millions of migratory birds. In April and May, Buddhist and Catholic clerics undertook an arduous 195-mile protest march from Saemangeum to Seoul, taking three steps followed by kneeling and touching their foreheads to the ground. *(Requested by Korean Federation for Environmental Movement and Green Korea United).*

Progress In July, a South Korean court ordered a temporary halt to construction of the sea wall citing environmental concerns. The Ministry of Agriculture appealed the decision.

"KFEM would like to express our deepest gratitude towards Global Response for sending more than 2,000 e-mails and letters to President Roh Moo Hyun. The alliance with Global Response was a great encouragement and had a huge impact on saving Saemangeum so far."

— Secretary General Seo, Joo-Won, KFEM

HONDURAS #5/03 — Protect Forests and Environmental Activists

In June, thousands of citizens in the Olancho region of Honduras undertook a 7-day "March for Life," petitioning the president to declare a 10-year ban on logging and to halt dam construction in Sierra de Agalta National Park. In response to death threats against leaders of the march, Global Response and Amnesty International issued a QRN action alert. In spite of our appeals, a 23-year-old activist was murdered in July. We then mounted a major campaign supporting the demands of the "March for Life" and safety guarantees for environmental activists. *(Requested by Committee of Families of the Detained and Disappeared, COFADEH; and Olancho Environmental Movement, MAO.)*

Progress ***"Something new and noteworthy has been born in Olancho, a feeling capable of uniting the voices of non-violent resistance for life. And this means that in the face of the chainsaws and trucks, no longer will anyone stay quiet, even if we have to give up our lives…"***

— March for Life statement by COFADEH, June 27, 2003

QRN EMERGENCY ACTIONS

Global Response issues Emergency Actions by email 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 QRN, visit **www.globalresponse.org**. This year, QRN members participated in 15 Follow-up Actions on past campaigns and 12 Emergency Actions for new campaigns in Ecuador, Indonesia, United States, Siberia, India, Turkmenistan, Honduras, South Korea, Brazil and Chile.

The QRN helped win these Victories! in the 2003 fiscal year:

- U.S.-based AES Corporation discontinued construction of the Bujagali dam on the Nile River in Uganda.
- The World Bank opposed a new highway network that threatens the Leuser ecosystem and orangutan habitat in Indonesia.
- Boise Cascade committed to eliminate logging and purchasing of wood and paper products in endangered forests.
- Chile's Supreme Court rejected permits to convert temperate forests to tree plantations on the Bosques SA property.
- Turkmenistan anti-oil activist Farid Tukhbatullin was released from prison.
- Rio Tinto closed the Jabiluka uranium mine in the Kakadu World Heritage Area, Australia.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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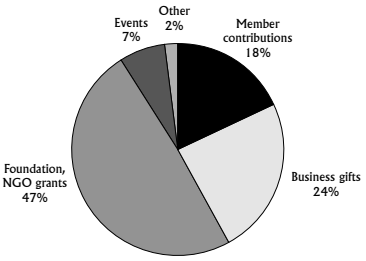
Cash Accounts	$ 87,053.03
Property and Equipment (net)	9,515.51
Other Assetts	466.71
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 97,035.25
Liabilities	$ 1,034.55
Equity	96,000.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	$ 97,035.25
Revenue	
Member contributions	$ 33,551.70
Business gifts	45,778.10
Foundation, NGO grants	92,130.00
Events	12,833.50
Other	4,239.77
TOTAL REVENUES	$188,533.07
Expenses	
Program services	$144,211.28
Support services/Admin	18,315.12
Fund Raising	20,228.72
TOTAL EXPENSES	$182,755.12

Revenue



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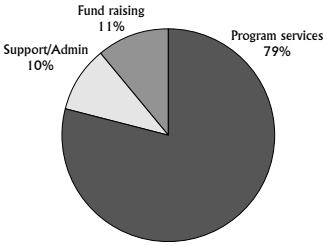

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Please contact us if you'd like to help promote Global Response among children, teens and adults in your community. Ways YOU can help:

- Recruit new members. Show our video to your family, organization, and at public events.
- Become a regional contact for outreach and publicity.
- Volunteer in the Boulder, Colorado office.
- Contribute needed funds. Organize a fund-raising event or house party.

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